

PRESS RELEASE FOR CANADA'S YEAR OF THE GARDEN (YOTG) 2022

In June of 2021 Parliament declared 2022 **Year of the Garden** in Canada. The Canadian Garden Council (CGC) proclaimed 2022 as YOTG in honor of the Centennial of the ornamental horticulture sector, and marked by the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA). Canadians from coast to coast are being asked to: 1) reflect on Canada's rich garden heritage, 2) celebrate today's vibrant garden culture, and 3) create legacies for a sustainable future.

Guelph- Wellington Master Gardeners with their mission of "*providing advice and inspiration to the local gardening community*" have planned many events throughout 2022. **A series of free on-line garden talks by local experts will be presented every month on the second Wednesday of each month.** You will also get to meet some of our local MG's who will provide timely tips on gardening. See the Master Gardeners' website www.gwmastergardeners.ca for details and to register for talks.

Other Planned Events in 2022

- GWMG's will team up with the Guelph Public Library during March Break to offer a seed workshop for children
- Local public and community gardens will be highlighted over the summer months
- Private gardens in the city and the surrounding county will be open for viewing
- Roots and Shoots Garden at the U of G's Arboretum is maintained by the GWMG's and will be on display in June (date TBA)

Important Dates in the YOTG

- **Sunday, March 20th** -- the first day of Spring and the **public launch of YOTG**
- **June 11th to June 19th** – official **Garden Days in Canada**
- **Saturday, June 18th** -- **National Garden Day** in Canada.

Get Involved in the YOTG

- Plant red to show your pride as a gardener in Canada
- Sign up your garden on the national website
- Celebrate your municipal Proclamation of Year of the Garden
- Celebrate your Garden Heroes – local, provincial or national
- Visit local public and community gardens or private gardens in and around Guelph
- Participate in one of the many events happening locally

ALL EVENTS WILL BE ADVERTISED ON THE MASTER GARDENERS WEBSITE www.gwmastergardeners.ca