



London Middlesex Master Gardeners

Presentation Library – 2021

We do online talks too! All presentations are now available as webinars with time for Q & A. In the interest of staying 'green', audience handouts may also be provided on the London Middlesex Master Gardeners website www.londonmiddlesexmastergardeners.ca

* New Presentations

** Presentations in Development (let us know if one interests your group and we'll get it ready sooner)

General Garden Knowledge

Attracting Pollinators – must haves for our gardens!

Your garden needs pollinators so we will tell you how to attract these wonderful creations which will benefit your garden and provide enjoyment too!

Garden Maintenance – don't make it harder than necessary.

Some of those garden chores are not so fun. This presentation will tell you how to maintain your garden the easy way.

Latest Dirt on Soil – key facts and how to amend it.

Healthy soil is the key to having a successful garden. You must build on a good foundation so we will tell you how to do this.

Dealing with insects – Integrated Pest Management.

No one likes to deal with pesky insects in their garden. There is an approach to creating a healthy balanced garden.

Growing from Seed – how to succeed!

Growing from seed is a fun activity that not only provides wonderful plants for your garden, but it also gives you the satisfaction of knowing you can bring life to your garden and reap the benefits! We will provide tips on how to do this successfully.

Vegetable Gardening – grow something edible!

There is much satisfaction in growing your own vegetables that you and your family can enjoy. We will provide tips on how to do this so you can have a successful harvest.

Weeds! New ways to manage old problems!

A presentation about how to manage weeds successfully. Weeds are an age-old problem in the garden, and we will show you effective ways to manage them.

Lawns, Shrubs and Trees

Healthy Lawns... or Alternatives.

This presentation talks about everything you need to know to have a lush green lawn. We will also tell you about some good alternatives to having a lawn.

Pruning techniques and timing.

We will provide you with the who, what and when to prune your trees and shrubs. Let's take the mystery and anxiety out of pruning.

Shrubs for Design. Add landscape bones and seasonal interest.

Shrubs are part of the essential 'bones' of a landscape. Learn how to design your beds, hedges and borders with them. Choose the right shrub for your yard for size, shape, colour, eco-friendliness and even winter interest. Also includes some basics of planting, pruning and maintenance techniques.

Living under a Walnut Tree – tips on what to grow and know about Walnut Trees.

If you have Walnut Trees on your property or within 50 feet of your property, you're going to want to hear this presentation. We will fill you in on these unique native trees and tell you what to plant so your garden will thrive in harmony with these wonderful trees!

Specialty Gardening

Container Gardening...there is no limit!

This presentation covers everything there is to know about container gardening. No space is too small to have a thriving garden and there is no limit to the containers you can use!

Botanical Delights – growing flowers you can eat.

This presentation provides insight into the flowers you can grow that are edible. You may be surprised to learn some of your favourite flowers you can eat!

Growing Cannabis – tips to grow well and do it legally!

A presentation all about growing Cannabis legally. Lots of history of the plants, types of plants and tips on how to be successful growing this newly legalized plant.

Holiday Plants – enjoy longer, renew for next year.

You buy yourself a special plant for the holidays and like it so much you want to continue to have it thrive in your house. This presentation covers all the key tips to enjoy it longer and renew it for next year.

Rain Gardens – tips for problem areas and helping the environment!

We will talk about tips on how to create a functional rain garden. If you have an area that has lots of water we will show you how to manage this and create a rain garden with many benefits.

Every Garden Needs Water – for sound, movement, and the environment. Learn why & how.

The focus of this talk is creating a place for water in your garden. Learn how to plan, design, and stock your water feature or garden. Tips for what to grow, placement, and maintenance. The sound and movement of water will add so much to your garden space - Awesome environmental benefits too!

Climate Smart Gardening - tips for gardening in our changing climate.

In this presentation, we discuss the challenges of our changing climate and the effects on your garden. We also talk about climate-smart planting, design and practices which will help your garden adapt to changes in the climate.

Hate Your Garden? – Let's do a makeover!

We will talk about recognizing what to change in your garden; identify current and future problem areas based on your desired use of space. Design and maintenance concepts will be discussed. Plan on what to do and when as well as a step-by-step approach including techniques for rejuvenating shrubs and perennials.

Growing Fruit! Tips on how to grow fruit and reap the rewards.

This presentation will provide tips and techniques for growing fruit in your garden. Learn how to reap the rewards for growing your own fruit.

Growing Native Plants in your Garden...close look at the benefits of growing native plants.

We will provide you with the who, what and why of planting native plants in your garden. This presentation is specific to Southwestern Ontario. We talk about trees, flowers and grasses which will benefit your garden and the environment!

Creating Naturalized Gardens

Highlighting plant selections for all types of gardens from woodland to prairie to wetlands. So many beautiful options for biodiversity in your urban garden!

Melons! Everything there is to know about these amazing fruits!

This presentation will discuss everything you want to know about growing melons and discusses ALL kinds of melons you can grow to enjoy a huge variety!

Hybrid, Heirloom and GMO! What's all the fuss?!

A presentation that talks about hybridization, artificial selection, and modern plant breeding. We will delve into this topic and will help you determine what seeds you need to get for your garden.

Facts, Fables and Fallacies from the Garden

We will go through all the myths, facts and fallacies you've heard about gardening and discuss what's beneficial versus what is just a myth. This presentation is interactive and informative!

*** Weeds - friend or foe!**

An in-depth look at weeds; some are invasive, but others can be beneficial!

*** My Favourite Things include beautiful native plants**

We will discuss a selection of favourite colourful and reliable choices for those interested in adding some native plants to their gardens.

****Presentations currently under development**

- Indoor plants for every home
- Best Trees for urban lots in Southwestern Ontario
- Crop Rotation Best Practices