

City of Brantford

2018 March Gardening Seminar Series

FREE to Brantford residents

What to do with a Downpour?

Presented by Sean James, Fern Ridge Landscaping & Eco-Consulting

Thursday March 1st, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street

Flooding has become the #1 insurance claim in Canada. Large storms have devastating consequences for homeowners, where flood waters enter their basements. Landscaping techniques will be discussed that guide stormwater away from your foundation and aid in soaking it into the soil, while adding value and beauty to your home. Come and learn how to design and build a rain garden, including placement, construction, and interesting plant choices.

Raised Bed Revolution

Presented by Tara Nolan

Monday March 5th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Northridge Golf Course, 320 Balmoral Drive

Whether you have a teeny tiny patio or a big yard, raised beds are a great gardening solution that allows you to garden almost anywhere. Learn how it's done along with multiple benefits ranging from covering up poor soil, and better accessibility to suitability for edibles and extending the growing season.

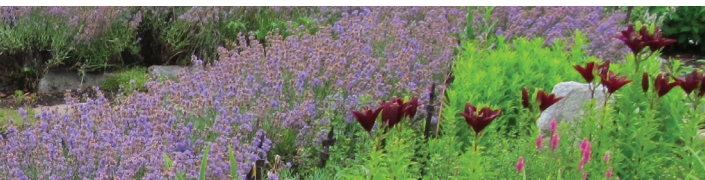
Kitchen Gardens - Today's Hottest Trend with a Historical Perspective

Presented by Victoria Bick, Dundurn Castle Gardens

Wednesday March 7th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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In the Victorian era, kitchen gardens provided the homes of the wealthy and powerful with fruits and vegetables, flowers for fresh use and drying, herbs, medicinal plants, as well as beautiful pleasure grounds. The restored two-acre kitchen garden at Dundurn Castle in Hamilton includes over 200 different varieties of heirloom fruits and vegetables grown according to historic methods. Come learn about the methods for recreating the historic garden, sources for restoration, and the trials and tribulations of historic gardening.



Lawns You'll Love

Presented by Aileen Barclay, Resource Management Strategies Inc.

Wednesday March 21st, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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Learn how to manage your lawn so it successfully pulls through the dry times of our changing climate.

Growing Succulents in a Waterwise Garden

Presented by Paul Zammit, Toronto Botanical Gardens

Thursday March 22nd, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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Join a passionate plants-man and avid container gardener for an enthusiastic presentation as he shares his experience and passion for making every drop of water count - growing winter hardy and tropical succulent plants both in the garden and in eye-catching container combinations.

Water-wise Gardens Designed with Curb Appeal in Mind

Jeff Mason, Mason House Gardens

Sunday March 25th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street

Save time and money with a water wise garden that adds curb appeal to your home. Come learn about design ideas and plant selections for an attractive, easy care, water conserving landscape.

Water Your Garden, Not Your Basement

Sue Brocklebank and Lindsay Campbell, GRCA

Tuesday March 27th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street

Climate change is making weather more unpredictable. Wondering how to manage water from heavy rains? Learn about how raingardens, comprised of native plants, use and absorb the overland flow of stormwater on your property.

To register, email your name, address & phone number to: waterconservation@brantford.ca or call 519-759-4150

*Space is limited. Walk-ins on day of may be possible. Check website for space availability: brantford.ca/waterconservation
Master Gardeners and Garden Club members may be on hand to answer questions before and after presentations.*

