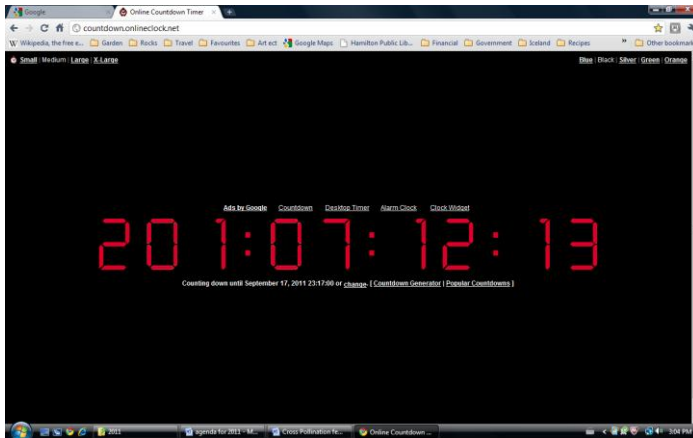




Cross Pollination

March 2011

Coordinator's Corner



I just checked our countdown clock and as I am writing, there are 201 days, 7 hours, 12 minutes and 13 seconds until our Halton MG Tech Update on September 17th! There will be a meeting of our Tech Update committee just before our March meeting. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun and planning. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 1 & 2.



At our December social, members were asked to bring a non-perishable food to donate to a local food bank. I am happy to say that you responded generously and I've have included a picture of the donations. The donations were brought to Hamilton Food Share and they in turn sent us a thank you letter.

Claudette Sims

RBG & Garden Events

- **March 27 1-Day Hosta Forum** at the RBG 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$55. Includes five fabulous speakers and a light lunch. Topics include Hostas in the English Garden, Flip This Garden, Photographing Gardens, The Book of Little Hostas and The Beauty of the Woodland Garden. For more information, contact Cindy Deutekom at (905) 986-4363.
- March 3rd to 6th **Stratford Garden Festival** Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford. Wander through gorgeous display gardens, shop the tempting Marketplace, and learn from garden gurus such as Carson Arthur, Frank Ferragine, Lorraine Johnson, Paul Zammit and more. \$9. For more information visit <http://www.stratfordgardenfestival.com/>
- March 4-6 **Designs for Living Home & Garden Show** Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton. For information, call 905-522-6117, ext 318 or visit thehomeshow.ca
- March 11-20 **Spring Tide** Gage Park Tropical Greenhouse
- March 15th to 20th **Canada Blooms** Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto <http://www.canadablooms.com/>
- Laurence Packer, author of *Keeping the Bees*, and melittologist at York University, will be speaking on Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm at our Central Branch. Tickets are \$7 and available at all of our branches (dessert and coffee is included in the ticket price)
- March 31-April 3 **International Home & Garden Show/Successful Gardening Show** International Centre, Toronto www.internationhomeshow.ca

Workshops & Technical Updates

- **M.G.O.I. Summer Workshops** at Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture Saturday, July 16th and Sunday, July 17th www.mgoi.ca for details
- **Halton Region MG Technical Update, *All Things are Connected***, September 17th, 2011
- **International MG Conference: *Color it Green in a Wild and Wonderful Way*** October 11th -14th, 2011 Charleston, WV <http://imgc.ext.wvu.edu/>



Halton Master Gardener Meetings

- March 2nd Bronwen Buck, Canada Carolinian Coalition
- March 30th TBA
- May 4th Frank Kershaw
- June 1st TBA

Check our website for details of future meetings at www.haltonmastergardeners.mgoi.ca/Meetings.php