

Cross Pollination

Newsletter of the Halton Master Gardeners

The following was written by a potential member who came to a meeting!

Warm & Welcoming Halton Master Gardeners is a rare find!

Rarely, in my experience, do you find a group who is as genuinely welcoming as Halton Master Gardens. While most groups look for new recruits, have special committees and membership drives, the HMG's difference or 'special sauce' if you will, seems to me that inclusiveness comes from the heart – a true desire to share, teach and embrace newbies with potentially similar interests.

My story:

I've known about Master Gardeners and have spoken with members at various venues for many years. As I'm just moving to Burlington from Toronto and have a new yard that's a completely blank slate for gardening, I approached an HMG member at a recent RBG event to ask about resources for hire. She took the time to learn about my project and ended up inspiring me to consider relying on and developing my own skills. 'Come out to our next meeting' she advised.

At that first meeting, I felt at home right away. A number of members helped me feel comfortable right from the start. Their greetings were easy and casual in a way that seemed not to be anyone's job but rather simply an expression of genuine interest in who was behind the new face. A great speaker, some snacks and more chit chat and I'd had a wonderful evening.

There was no question that I was going to try a second meeting. At that evening, everyone from the first meeting remembered me, others introduced themselves and suddenly I found myself part of the group – not officially yet, mind you, but I am inspired and feel as though I've found a knowledgeable, open group I'm definitely excited about joining.

If you have the least inkling to join a group and have an interest in gardening, don't miss your chance to be part of this exceptional group of Halton Master Gardeners.

I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about my experience. Email haltonmastergardeners@gmail.com and ask for Jo-Anne!

Interested in “” coming a Master Gardener?

You don't need a “Masters”, just a passion for gardening!



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