



District 9 Fall Forum
Saturday, September 26, 2026
Host Society Pelham Garden Club
Meridian Community Centre
100 Meridian Way, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E6
Accursi Room, 2nd Floor
Theme "The Healthy Gardener"

Doors will open at 8:30 am for registration
8:30 – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast
Competition entry placement closes at 9:45 am
Judging will start at 10:00am

Tickets are \$20 (at the door)
Light Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Speaker: Heather Gallagher
First Aid in the Garden

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Kelenic
Ergonomics in the Garden

Speaker: Catherine McGill
Health Benefits of Gardening

Wear your comfiest clothing/footwear & enjoy the programme.

Reminder each D9 Society/Club to bring a door prize valued \$25.
Additional Prize Table Tickets 1 Sheet of 26 tickets for \$10 will be for sale.

Please note that this event will be scent free - thank you.
We are also asking you to Lug a Mug, to help reduce waste.



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“The Healthy Gardener”

AGENDA

8:30 am	Registration
8:30 - 9:45 am	Competition Entries In.
8:30 – 10:00 am	Continental Breakfast
10:00 am	Competition Judging starts
10:00 am	Welcome Lisa DeYoung, District 9 Director
	Introduction to the District Board
	'O Canada'
	Welcome Barbara Botden Pelham Garden Club
	Land Acknowledgement
	Greetings: Pelham Mayor Marvin Junkin
	Wayne Olson, Regional Councillor
	Roll call of District Societies: Maggie Corner
	Motion to accept 2025 Fall Forum minutes: Maggie Corner
	Treasurer's update: Susan Lusted
	Old/New Business: Lisa DeYoung
10:30 am	Speaker: Heather Gallagher, “First Aid in the Garden”
11:15 am	Speaker: Dr. Kevin Kelenic “Ergonomics in the Garden”
12 noon	LUNCH
	Provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #613
1:15 pm	Awards & Presentations
	Competition Winners
	Presentation of Basil Schumacher Trophy to Best Floral Design Judges' Choice
	Presentation of the Eloise Schumacher Trophy to the society/garden club with the highest combined attendance from both the Annual Meeting and Fall Forum
	Convention Update: Deena Errampalli
1:30 pm	Speaker: Catherine McGill, 1 st Vice President, Ontario Horticultural Association
	“Health Benefits of Gardening”
2:30 pm	Society Door Prizes
	Additional Prize Table Winners
3:00 pm	Acknowledgements and Adjournment





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COMPETITION SHOW RULES

Entries can be placed between 8:30 am and 9:45 am. Judging will start at 10 am.

Each exhibitor must fill out a Competition Registration Form, and each exhibit must have a Completed Entry Card placed with the entry on the table. Entry cards are available at time of show, on the District 9 website or by email.

ENTRY RULES

- In Good Standing of Garden and/or Horticulture Club members of District 9.
- Judge's decision is final.
- OJES (2019) will apply unless otherwise stated
- Each entry needs an entry card, please fill out before event.
- Please read rules and schedules in each class carefully.
- Completed Competition Registration Form to be handed to Show Chair.

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION RULES

- All Horticultural entries must be grown by the exhibitor
- One entry per class-no exceptions
- Please read the schedule carefully to understand what is expected in each class
- Please do not touch or move another exhibitor's entry. Please ask the show chair for assistance.
- Protected, invasive and endangered species are strictly forbidden. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to educate themselves. (OJES pg. 138)
- Containers are to be provided by the exhibitor.

DESIGN DIVISION RULES

- Plant material may be obtained from any source.
- Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
- You may submit only one entry per class.
- Fresh plant material, fruit, branches, decorative wood or any dry or treated plant material may be used in designs unless otherwise stated.
- Accessories permitted.

Judging standards are in accordance with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture (OJES 2019 Edition). Judge's decision is final.



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Section A - Design

1. **Rooted in Wellness** – a design using fruit, vegetables, and flowers in max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions.
2. **Natures Medicine** – a design using herbs max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions.
3. **Peaceful Retreat** – Reflective Design- Water-viewing Design max. size 30.48cm (12”) in all directions
4. **Stretch and Flow** – A modern line design emphasizing movement, balance and flexibility – inspired by yoga or exercise max. size 38.1cm (15”) in all directions
5. **Nature's Energy** – A small design – 14 cm to 25.4 cm (5½” to 10”) colours of the sun

Section B – Horticulture

6. **Zinnia** - 1 stem
7. **Rose in a suitable bowl** - 1 specimen bloom
8. **Sunflower under 6”** - 1 stem
9. **Marigold** - 3 stems, same cultivar
10. **Dahlia** – 1 stem

Competition Prize List

1 st	\$7
2 nd	\$6
3 rd	\$5

Definitions for Show

Cultivar (pg. 134 OJES 2019): A coined term meaning “Cultivated Variety.” Varieties of plants originated and maintained only in cultivation, which when reproduced retain their distinguishing features. Includes most named cultivated garden plants. e.g. Petunia ‘Sugar Daddy’, Geranium ‘Cardinal’, and Rose ‘Peace’.

Modern Line Design (pg. 144 OJES 2019) – a design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by a minimum of plant material and other (optional) components. Line is strongly defined and either vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Lines may extend from more than one area of interest, and in different directions. Plant material used to form the line has bolder forms than used in Traditional Line Design. Focal area should not destroy the strong linear thrust.

Small Design (pg. 150 OJES 2019) – from 14 cm to 25.4 cm (5½” to 10”) and which must not exceed 25.4 cm (10”) in height, width, and depth, including any container, base, and/or accessories.

Water-viewing (pg. 156 OJES 2019): A traditional line design, adapted in Canada in the 1960s, with a dominated line of plant material and great use of space, in a shallow container with ½ to 2/3 of the container surface showing water. Modern line design does not fit this definition but could be used in a design calling for Visible Use of Water.





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Competition Show Registration Form

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**Please hand to the Show Chair
on the day of the Fall Forum**

Name: _____ **Society/Club:** _____

Section	Number	Description

Thank your for taking the time to enter.



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