

The Garden Club of Old Ottawa South Program 2026-7



Tuesday
8 September 2026
7.00 PM

THE ABCs of IPM—most gardeners already practice some Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategies. In this talk, Master Gardener, Rebecca Last, will offer a practical introduction to the topic, and a suite of strategies for preventing, monitoring, and controlling pest- and disease-challenges in the wildlife-friendly garden.

Tuesday
13 October 2026
7.00 PM

The Square-foot Garden—always keen to embrace new ideas, Beth Tilbury, read an article in the Ottawa Citizen in 2010 that piqued her interest in square-foot gardening. The rest, as they say, is history, and now Beth is much sought-after to present her Square-foot Gardening Seminar at garden centres and horticultural societies.

Tuesday
10 November 2026
7.00 PM

The Art of Composting—Master Gardener, Odette McIntyre, will demystify the world of composting, the dos & don'ts, the greens & the browns; she'll go in the field to meet experts, and learn how to use this "gardener's gold"—see the models, the options, and the pricing.

Online
Tuesday
12 January 2027
7.00 PM

Building Biodiversity with Native Plants—Paul Laporte, a specialist in the propagation of Ontario's native woodland-plants and ecological gardening, will give a presentation on the definitive role that native plants have in the life cycle of insect pollinators and the food chain that is supported by this relationship. Also, he will show how to establish a native-plant garden.

Online
Tuesday
9 February 2027
7.00 PM

Nature's Turf: Cultivating Eco-friendly Lawns—Master Gardener, Maryanne Ambroziak, maintains you don't have to get rid of your lawn to be eco-friendly! Learn about turfgrass species, how to care for your grass properly to keep it healthy, how to manage resources wisely, and to use few inputs.

Tuesday
9 March 2027
7.00 PM

Planting Under Trees—one of the biggest issue with respect to planting under trees is rarely the shade but rather the depletion of water and nutrients in the soil by the trees. Ways to overcome these issues, along with what can be planted under various types of trees will be discussed by James Wilson, a long-time professor of horticulture at Algonquin College.

Tuesday
13 April 2027
7.00 PM

Fire-resilient Residential Landscaping—Jana Freeman, a horticulturalist at Ritchie Feed & Seed, will discuss wildfire ecology, and what tree, plant, and landscape-design choices can help minimize fire contagion in our yards as climate-related weather extremes become the new normal.

Tuesday
11 May 2027
7.00 PM

Colour through the Seasons—using perennials to give colour in the garden throughout the year. Master Gardener, Candace Dressler, will focus on perennials (native and exotic) that introduce colour to your gardens throughout the year, that are hardy in the Ottawa area, and that you can count on to be robust and colourful.

Meetings: Old Ottawa South Community Centre (The Firehall), 260 Sunnyside Avenue (except where noted).

Membership: \$25 per year; \$40 for a family; drop-in fee—\$7 per meeting.

Information: Old Ottawa South Community Centre at 613 247 4946 and <https://oldottawasouth.ca>