

## Summary of 'Great Gardens' Programme Feb.7<sup>th</sup> '22 – Lois Bennett

*(I promised to send some form of a report to those who were not able to join us on ZOOM)*

Since OHA has named 2022 as the 'Year of the Garden', I thought it appropriate to have our own members share pictures/comments of their own gardens. I entitled it 'Great Gardens', because in my opinion, any garden that you can enjoy, is a Great Garden.... whether it is sunny/shady/wet/dry/rocky/clay/loam etc. It can be tiny, huge, or anything in between...

14 members (plus me) provided photographs for the meeting.

Each of these members talked about their garden, some had had a problem area and they told how they had overcome that problem, others talked about plants that they had inherited from other gardeners, advice that they had received at our Horticulture Meetings, plans for the future etc.

We saw how an arbour and a winding path is a wonderful way to greet people to your garden.... how a very bad part of your property can be made beautiful....how an old building had been replaced with a very creative sitting area... how an intensive care area had be turned into an 'easy to care for' part of your garden... some new varieties of bulbs/tubers/perennials/annuals to add beauty to your garden... how raised flowerbeds, gravelled pathways etc. can ease the workload....how large expanses of walls can be broken up visually by adding some hanging containers.... discussed the successes of growing veggies in containers.... etc.

We even discovered that one of our new members became certified as a Wildlife Friendly Habitat by the Canadian Wildlife Federation in 2021.



These are just a few of the 48 photos that were presented.

It was an enjoyable evening... nice to see and talk to everyone.

Next month's programme will be 'Propagation of Houseplants'.

Members will be asked to bring a houseplant to our ZOOM

Meeting and we will actually do the propagating during the

meeting. Please take as active a part as you are able.

