

News



“Clarice’s Lambs Ears” are now Giants!

The small transplant of Lambs Ears taken from Clarice’s own garden, and planted at the Garden Grand Opening in September 2023, have taken off! They are now to the point that they have crowded out their space and need to be split.

This will be done in the Fall with a second planting on the left side of the central Garden area to balance off the first. Perhaps Clarice is giving her seal of approval to the Contemplative Garden!



The original Lambs Ears purchased at the Club’s Perennial Plant Sale.



Original planting for the Grand Opening.

Three New Trees in the Garden



Thanks to the efforts of BGIS (the company managing the hospital building), the Niagara Health St. Catharines Site and the Niagara Health Foundation, three new trees have been planted in the Garden since our last issue of the newsletter. These new trees enhance the southern reaches of the Garden.

Rotarians Keep the Garden Weeded

It's a team effort keeping the weeds down around the hospital. Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore members, as part of their on-going hands-on commitment to maintaining the Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden for staff, patients and families, completed the first weeding of the season in early June. Spring's gigantic weeds were tamed and the Garden made ready for mulching. Thanks also to the Hospital's landscaping team for the initial pruning of the bushes throughout the site.



To Donate

Donations in any amount are welcome!

Tax Receipts will be provided for all donations over \$10.



Please [click HERE](#) to donate
via Credit Card in support of the
Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden.

If you would prefer to e-transfer the funds,
please send your e-transfer to the Rotary Club
of St. Catharines Lakeshore at:

treasurer.rotarylakeshore@gmail.com

Garden Mulched and Ready to Go for 2025!

The Garden was fertilized and mulched by Gauld Nurseries on June 20th!

Thanks to the Gauld team once again for a great job!



Two Additional Sitting Rocks Dedicated

Doug (and Else) Weeks is by far the longest serving Rotary Club of St. Catharines Rotarian with 45 years as a member of the Club and Rotary overall. The list of Doug's contributions to the Club and the Community over the years is enormous, along with always being the first with a generous contribution for any project our Club has ever undertaken. Else was always there right beside Doug in his Rotary and community service endeavours.



Bob Morningstar was a more than active member of the Club for 30 years until he passed away in 2024. A proud "Paul Harris Fellow", he was always ready to step up to the plate for the Club. In particular, as an avid gardener himself, Bob was an enthusiastic supporter of the Contemplative Garden effort. The Morningstar family directed donations towards the Garden in Bob's memory, more than exceeding the \$1500 required to dedicate a Sitting Rock. The Club was pleased to hold a ceremony to recognize Bob and his family in May of this year.



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