

## Bath Gardening Club Newsletter Survey: 33 respondents

Below are the questions and responses to our recent survey regarding the use and usefulness of our newsletter. Thank you to the 33 people who took the time to respond to the survey. Thank you also for sharing your ideas and suggesting topics for future newsletters.

<b>Question 1</b>	How often do you read the newsletter during the year?
	a) I don't read the newsletter ( <b>1 response</b> )
	b) I occasionally read the newsletter ( <b>12 responses</b> )
	c) I read all of the newsletters ( <b>20 responses</b> )

**Question 2:** If you do read the newsletter, what types of articles do you enjoy most?

- All of them (**8 responses**)
- Articles that relate to the soil in Bath, shade plants, trees that grow in our area
- Bed planning, current issues in the communities, picture from our community (**2 responses**)
- Photos and articles about of activities that we have done (**8 responses**)
- How to care for plants and trees in our area
- Historical gardens
- Items that address organizational importance – newsletter perhaps twice/year
- Composting
- Gardening tidbits: suggestions on plants for the area, tips on fertilizer/weeding/pests (**7 responses**)
- Community Information
- Interviews (**3 responses**)
- Climate Change (**2 responses**)
- Invasive species
- Perennials
- Ontario gardening

<b>Question 3</b>	If you do not currently read the newsletter, please check those statements below that apply
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No internet</li> <li>• No time</li> <li>• I don't have a computer</li> <li>• Other (please specify) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 responses indicated below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wasn't aware of it</b></li> <li>▪ <b>A bit of time &amp; lack of interest</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Computer signal not always consistent</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Question 4:** If we continue to publish the newsletter, what type of articles or topics would you be interested in reading about.

- Invasive plants information
- Joint ventures with the Township
- Large group activities
- Plants that flourish in different planting zones in Ontario and the rest of Canada
- Specifics about our Club and others in Ontario
- Place more articles on the website. Too many emails from BGC – no time to open them
- Garden tips on pest, invasive species and current garden ideas for our area
- Informative, science related, gardening problems we might see in Eastern Ontario,
- Insects, soil, invasive species issues.
- Articles from other Gardening Clubs
- A buy, sell and/or trade free site for members for garden related activities.
- Small garden ideas for “food” planting ie beans, peas etc.
- Vegetable gardening and recipes
- Pesticide use
- Watering – best times, how much water is best for grass and gardens
- Garden and colour design

- Native and drought tolerant plants
- Pruning
- Climate change (2)
- Personal Composting (2)
- Dead heading
- Trees that flourish in our zone
- Helping our birds survive our new climate
- Invasive plants and pests
- How to help our plants survive heat and drought
- New plants and trees that can flourish here
- Local interviews of our resident gardeners (2)
- Attracting birds and insects
- Club activities
- Local initiatives
- Tips and articles on growing
- Landscape design
- Mushroom composting
- Seed collection
- Seed Libraries
- How to grow lilies
- Gardening in cooperation with squirrels and other critters