

Ornamental Grasses – September 4, 2013

On September 4, Edythe Falconer Master Gardener presented an illustrated talk on the topic of ornamental grasses which she titled “Whispers in the Wind”. Edythe began by telling us that she was in fact new to the subject but had spent some time researching the topic. Her talk was very informative starting with a brief history and background on grasses and acknowledgement of their desirable characteristics; including that they are hardy, relatively disease resistant and require little maintenance.

She made the distinction between grasses, sedges and rushes and talked about invasive and non-invasive grasses as well as native grasses. Her talk also dealt with the principles and elements of design and the value of grasses in practically all elements of garden design.

Her presentation was well illustrated with examples of grasses and use of grasses in different garden designs. At the end of her talk she handed out a copy of her presentation as well as a list of ornamental grasses. A general overview of the three different sizes of grasses can be found at: <http://www.landscapeontario.com/ornamental-grasses>

Edythe also brought along a few grasses that were given as draw prizes to GGG members.



