

MOUNT HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



**Chedoke Presbyterian Church
865 Mohawk Road West
7:30 P.M.**

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News

Effective January 2010, guests at evening meetings will be asked to pay \$4.00 for the evening.

Below are the names of the winners of our Mini Spring Flower Show on April 16, 2010. There were 25 entries in total. The categories are:

Narcissus: 1st. Marjorie Cooke; 2nd , Margaret Verbeek; 3rd. Yasmeen Minocher; 4th (honourable mention) – Liz Kuske

Perennial: 1st Kay Suzuki; 2nd, Margaret Verbeek; 3rd, Rita Bailey.

Flowering Branch: 1st Marjorie Cooke; 2nd Liz Kuske; 3rd Margaret Verbeek.

Houseplant: 1st Margaret Verbeek; 2nd Marjorie Cooke; 3rd no entry.

Decorative: 1st Ica Smith; 2nd Margaret Verbeek; 3rd Rita Bailey.

Seven members of MHHS attended the OHA Annual General Meeting in Milton on April 24. Milton was celebrating their 100th and they put on a fabulous show. It started off a little late but ended on time. The presenters were excellent. We started off

the morning with Carson Arthur, a landscape designer who spoke about green initiatives in the context of hardscape design and water management. The afternoon speakers were Paul Zammit from Toronto Botanical Gardens and Belinda Gallagher from Royal Botanical Gardens. An excellent presentation bringing us up to date on current gardening conditions and what the future may bring.

Results of the Flower Show are to come.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic bouquets revealed

June Strandberg of Just Beginnings in Surrey, B.C. and Margitta Schulz of Margitta's Flowers in North Vancouver are the two florists who were awarded the contract in 2008 to create the 1,800 bouquets required for the Olympics. The florists were part of the design process and pitched 23 sample bouquets to the Vancouver Olympic Committee (VANOC) panel. The final selection contains flowers that are grown in B.C. and Canada, but cannot be sourced from the natural outdoors in February. The predominately green bouquets contain eye-catching green hypericum berries, delicate green spider mums and broad leaf greens. The foliage consists of leatherleaf fern, loops of monkey grass and aspidistra leaves. A simple royal blue ribbon is hand tied around each bouquet and the handles are also wrapped in recycled paper.

Flower Show

Our flower show schedule for 2010 is a mini spring show April 16th, the main show on June 18th, and a fall show to be announced later.

Points can be earned throughout the year and will go towards our November prize night.

We have 5 copies of the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design which our judges use for all flower shows. They are full of information to help you enter a show and will be available to borrow at the general meetings.

We would also appreciate any ideas on how we can improve our show or encourage our members to enter.

MOUNT HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2010 JUNE FLOWER SHOW

presents

“EXPLOSION OF COLOUR”

Friday June 18, 2010
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Chedoke Presbyterian Church
865 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton



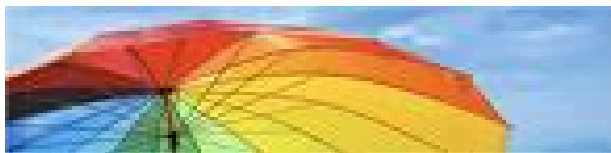
HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

SECTION I: SPECIMENS

Class: Horticultural

1. *Annual*
 - a. 1 bloom
 - b. 3 blooms (different)

2. *Bleeding Heart* - 1 stalk
3. *Clematis*
 - a. 1 large bloom
 - b. 1 small bloom
4. *Coleus* - 1 stem
5. *Columbine* - 1 spray
6. *Fern* - 1 leaf
7. *Flowering Branch* - not to exceed 18"
8. *Flowering Vine* (other than clematis) – not to exceed 18"
9. *Foliage Vine* - not to exceed 18"
10. *Herbs* - 3 stems (different)
11. *Heuchera* - 3 leaves (any)
12. *Hosta* - 3 leaves
 - a. Larger than 8" width (different)
 - b. Medium (4-6" width) (different)
 - c. Miniature variety (1" or less) (3 leaves all the same)
13. *Peony* – 1 stem
 - a. Single variety
 - b. Double variety
14. *Perennial*
 - a. 1 bloom
 - b. 3 blooms (different)
15. *Rose in a bowl* – bloom in a bowl without foliage
16. *Potted Plants*
 - a. African Violet – 1 plant
 - b. Cactus – 1 plant
 - c. Succulent other than cactus
 - d. Houseplant grown for foliage
 - e. Houseplant grown for flowers
 - f. Unusual – annual grown for foliage (not cactus)



DESIGN DIVISION

SECTION II: DECORATIVE

17. *Opposites Attract*: a design of your choice
 18. *Cup of Colour*: monochromatic design in a tea cup
 19. *Over the Rainbow*: using a variety of colour in a playful container
 20. *A Tiny Burst of Colour*: miniature design all in yellow (not to exceed 5" in any direction)
 21. *Pour on the Colour*: arrangement in a watering can
- (See publication #34 for details of above descriptions)

ANNUAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

	Horticultural Division	Design Division
1 st place	5 points	10 points
2 nd place	3 points	6 points
3 rd place	2 points	4 points

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon is distributed in each class at our annual show. Points are awarded at all shows. Honourable mentions may occur in each class but do not result in points. Prizes are then awarded in each division (horticultural and design) according to total points. There are 3 winners for horticultural and 3 winners for design. 1st prize is \$15, 2nd prize is \$10 and 3rd prize is \$5.

The Keith Anderson Award is given annually to the entrant with the highest overall points.

A "Best of Show" is awarded in each of the horticultural and design divisions.

RULES GOVERNING HORTICULTURAL AND DESIGN CLASSES

1. Entries are accepted between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Judging commences approximately 6:15pm.
2. One entry is permitted per exhibitor in each class (for all sections).
3. Exhibitors should provide containers (a very limited number of containers are available from the society).
4. Entry cards must be filled out by exhibitors.

Classes will be judged according to the Judging Standards for Horticultural and Floral Design, Publication #34, Ontario Horticultural Association, the Garden Clubs of Ontario, 2003

In addition:

- Exhibitors must be members of M.H.H.S.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- After registering, an entry tag must be completed for each exhibit and placed in front of it in the appropriate class.
- Only one entry in each class is permitted. If a class is divided into (a), (b) etc. one entry is allowed in each.
- Please name your specimen whenever possible.
- Entries must be owned and grown by the exhibitor, except for the design

division which may use purchased flowers/greens and accessories.

- Judging begins at 6:30 p.m. Only Flower Show Committee members are permitted in the exhibition room while judging is in progress.

All entries must be left on display until the end of the general meeting.

PROGRAM NEWS

May 8-9 - No meeting this month. Instead we offer our fabulous annual plant sale - the best in Hamilton!! We ask you to drop off your plant donations to the plant sale to the hall, between 7-9 pm on Friday night - 5 donations earn you the privilege of one early bird purchase.

Please be sure to show up Saturday for set-up, beginning at 7:45 am and the sale from 8 am until 12 noon to volunteer and purchase more plants.

Remember to sign up for our bus trip which takes place on June 26! We need your cheque by June 1.

June 18 -- It's our annual strawberry social, which is always a special treat. Please come out and bring your friends - our usual guest fees apply. You will also be treated to a free door prize ticket. Remember to participate in our June flower show, and earn points toward this year's trophy. Given this beautiful weather, everyone should have something to enter.

OUTREACH

Jason's House

First off, we'd like to congratulate Jason's House on their 20th anniversary. We will keep you posted on the various activities planned throughout the coming year to mark this milestone. For ten of those years our society has been privileged to be a part of the community outreach that makes it such a special residence.

We certainly have been blessed with a wonderful spring this year. Everything is growing by leaps and bounds and flowering weeks ahead of schedule.

We had a perfect day for our annual garden cleanup on April 13th and we were done in record time with ten enthusiastic volunteers armed with rakes, pruners, spades and cultivators. We had a nice surprise when Noella discovered a rabbit hutch with 3 tiny new born bunnies hidden under a plant in the front rockery. I hope they weren't too traumatized after we all had to have a peek. Thank you to all those who signed up for the Adopt a Week program. All the weeks are covered. I was happy to see some new names on the roster and look forward to working with you. We will be having a planting day in mid -May and hopefully some of you who haven't volunteered before can come out to that so you can familiarize yourself with the garden. If not, I will be happy to show you around when your week comes up.

PS Thank you George and Ica for the yummy coffee break treats. I think any weight we may have lost gardening we promptly put back on by munching on all those goodies!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITY

Can you think of ways to make your society even better? Have you some ideas which you would like to share with the executive? We are looking for enthusiastic members to join our executive. No experience necessary, just a sense of fun and a willingness to help improve your Society. Get involved and help your society grow! Interested and want to know more about what's involved? Talk to any member of your executive. *Training is provided.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pond Tour for the Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice

This year, we are excited about our latest fundraising concept - a self-guided residential pond tour. Highlights are:

- 2-day tour, weekend of July 10-11.
- Approximately 30 lovely, landscaped ponds and water gardens in Hamilton/Ancaster/ Binbrook/ Dundas/ Flamborough/ Mount Hope/Stoney Creek/Winona areas.
- "Passports" will be sold through mail order, and at local garden centers and retail outlets.
- Ticket price is \$25 per person. Discounts are available for bulk purchases from clubs and societies such as yours.
- Fabulous prize draws are included

We are still looking for additional pond owners to participate in our tour. We welcome your referrals to potential participants within the prescribed areas.

For further information please contact:

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905-689-6073

The 2010 Trillium Awards program begins in June with the White Trillium Award Judging; visit www.hamilton.ca/trilliumaward for all the details.

Waterford Daylily Garden Tour

Wednesday July 28th - Tour the World Famous Daylily breeding trials and cultivar collection of Brian Culver. The tour will begin at 11 am (so please arrive 10 min or so prior). ***Phone in sick if you have to or cancel any of your holiday plans just to attend this very unique opportunity!*** The address is 1881 Blueline Road, two roads south of Waterford. You can view his operation at: www.culverfarmlandaylilies.com As always, cash is king!

Paris Horticultural Society Garden Tour

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, 2010
A Springtime in Paris Event featuring 7 Spectacular gardens, free refreshments, entertainment & a market place.
Tickets: \$8.00 per person, children under 12 free. Advance ticket sales at Walter's Greenhouse & Garden Centre, Green Heron Books and Sobey's Floral Shop or by calling Anne at 519-422-3458 or Sandy at 519-442-4630.

Flamborough Horticultural Society Plant Sale

Saturday, May 22 – 9 am to noon.
Waterdown Canadian Legion, 79 Hamilton St.

104th Ontario Horticultural Association Convention:

Everything Old is New Again

Barrie - August 13th & 14th, 2010.

Georgian College, Barrie Campus
Plenary Speaker on Friday, Aug. 13 is Paul Zammit.

Marion Jarvie's Open Garden Dates are:

MAY 29 – 30 / JULY 24 – 25 /

SEPT 18 – 19

Remember there are always some neat plants for sale.

November 6th at 7:30 pm

An Evening with Freeman Patterson

@ The Meeting House (2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville, ON)

Pre-Show Event 6:30 pm

JOIN internationally acclaimed photographer, teacher of visual design and writer Freeman Patterson for the inspirational show: Gardening with what you have. Freeman believes that just as "the best place to see and make photographs is wherever you are," the best place to garden is also wherever you are. No place is too unsuitable or too small, and success depends entirely on a person's imagination and common sense. Come and share this photographic celebration of gardening. Visit: www.oakvillehort.org

This is an Oakville Horticultural Society fundraising event to support the redesign of the Anderson Bridge Parkette - a model for biodiverse gardening and the use of drought tolerant sustainable plants.

Ticket information: Regular seating: \$35.00

Tickets are available from the Oakville Horticultural Society, Through the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts box office and online at:

www.oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm