



OHA District 2 *Three River Valleys News* July 2024 – Volume 11, Issue 4

1. DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of District 2 Societies/Clubs,

Firstly, how sad it was to hear of the unexpected, sudden passing of Debra Bellevue, just one month after being installed as our District Director. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

I offered to stand in as District Director until we can find a suitable candidate to take over our large number of Societies. I was District Director many years ago. I followed in the footsteps of the late Ken Fink who eventually became president of the OHA. I have been a longtime member of Manotick Horticultural Society and active at the District level since my arrival in Ontario in 1997.

At our last D2 board meeting, we decided to ask our Assistant District Directors to canvas their designated societies to look for possible candidates for District Director. The three areas are the Upper Ottawa Valley, Rideau River Valley and the Mississippi River Valley. Feel free to email possible candidate information to myself or our D2 Secretary, Ruth Anderson, at district2news@gmail.com

We have a great fundraising opportunity for the District on August 10th at Watson's Mill in Manotick. Saturdays at the Mill always attract people from afar who are out for the day. See details below.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual District 2 Flower and Vegetable Show in Almonte on Saturday, August 17th. See below for more details. This show has cash prizes and is open to the public. Bring family and friends and enjoy the beautiful displays and other great amenities

Enjoy the summer and all things growing -- plan to do some showing and sharing.

Best regards,
Sheila King
Interim OHA Director, District 2

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2. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<u>July 7:</u> Deadline Ottawa Community Garden Action Plan Survey <u>July 12 to 14:</u> OHA 115 th Convention, Guelph <u>July 15:</u> Deadline Deadline to reply to Survey for Canadensis.	<u>Aug. 10:</u> D2 Fundraiser, Manotick Farmer’s Market <u>Aug. 17:</u> District 2 Flower & Edibles Show, Almonte Civitan Club	<u>Sept.</u> GCO Judging School Pre-requisite courses Sept. 14, 21 & 29. cost \$100 for 3 courses at Landscape Ontario in Milton <u>Sept. 28:</u> Canadensis Garden Fall Splendor	<u>Oct 19:</u> Deadline Society Constitution & Bylaws to D2 Secretary <div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">FALL</div> Advisory Council, Petawawa, Date – TBD

3. DISTRICT FUNDRAISING AND RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY

The District is hosting a fundraiser at the Manotick Farmers Market on Saturday August 10th at the historic Watson’s Mill in Dickinson’s Square in Manotick.

Saturday at the Mill always attracts people from afar out for a day trip. Invite your members to come and visit the area and beautiful surrounding gardens.

If you need to increase your club's membership, this would be a good opportunity, so bring promotional material too.

A 10' tent will be put up for us with tables and chairs from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

All donations are welcome. Just some suggestions for items to sell are garden flower bouquets, bird houses, painted rocks, glass flowers, potted plants, unwanted garden tools, gardening books, etc. Please contact Anne Harbord for more information on drop-off of items at anneclark.flowers@gmail.com

4. 2024 District 2 Flower and Edibles Show – Don't Miss It!

By Cindy Zorgel, Show Chair

Whether or not you plan to exhibit at the 2024 D2 Flower and Edibles Show, circle the date Saturday, August 17th, 2024 on your calendar for a chance to attend and see the beautiful flowers, tasty looking vegetables and artistic designs presented by members of our 19 horticultural societies. While you are there, partake of the goodies at the tea room, shop at the vendors' market or cast your eye on a special item at the silent auction table. It's a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with friends and see familiar faces from our Ottawa and Ottawa Valley societies. The event takes place at the Almonte Civitan Hall and will be open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

Of course, if you like to exhibit or are new to exhibiting, we enthusiastically encourage you to do so. It's fun and educational. What better way to show the public what bigger or better varieties of plants and vegetables are available to grow! We look forward to seeing the interpretations of the categories for the design division - they are always a show-pleaser. The theme for this year's show is "Bridging Communities", giving a nod to the hosting societies of Carleton Place, Almonte and Pakenham who have a close relationship and history. Prior to the day, registration is not required except for the design division which does require registration. Email the Registrar, Linda Bartlett, at lbartlett62@gmail.com The show schedule can be found on the Garden Ontario Website by searching for the District 2 listing. Exhibits can be placed between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Planning Committee has been hard at work for the past year to bring this event to fruition and can't wait to welcome all our District 2 members at the door. We are so excited and honoured to host the 2024 Flower and Edibles Show. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Zorgel at zorgel@rogers.com

See you there!

Cindy Zorgel

5. Orders for OHA Supplies

If your society needs OHA Supplies, Anne Harbord, is willing to pick them up at the provincial convention in Guelph this July 12 to 14 and bring them back to D2. Place your order with the OHA coordinator, Rose O'Dell. The Order Form is on the gardenontario.org website under "Resources". Please indicate on your order to Rose O'Dell that Anne Harbord will pick up your order, thus saving you shipping costs. Please copy Anne so she knows what to pick up.

Your order can be picked up at the District fundraising event on August 10th in Manotick or at the District Flower and Edibles Show on August 17th at the Almonte Civitan Club.

6. Canadensis Garden Fall Splendor Event

District 2 has again been invited to attend the Canadensis Garden Fall Splendor event on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 at the Canadensis Garden on Prince of Wales Drive from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

If you are interested in setting up a tent for your Society, please contact Ruth Anderson, our D2 Secretary at district2news@gmail.com.

This is always a popular event. Last year, D2 and Nepean HS each had a tent and were able to disseminate information to hundreds of people who were interested in Gardening. Our District will be there again this year.

About the Event

Experience nature in all its fall splendor at Canadensis Garden, the home of the future Botanical Garden of Canada. The Fall Celebration offers plenty of FREE family fun including horse-drawn wagon rides, children's activities, site tours and floral/botanical artworks to admire. Free admission & free parking!

Highlights:

- New art installation
- Foyer Gallery Ottawa Artist Displays
- Ottawa Society of Botanical Painters, exhibits and education
- OHA District 2 and Societies information tables, floral bouquet sales, potted plants, etc., and gardening advice
- Master Gardeners ("Ask the Expert")
- Children's hay bale play area
- Children's Canadensis Scavenger Hunt - Children who complete the scavenger hunt will receive a small pot, soil and wildflower seeds to take home and plant
- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Tree planting and other activities in honour of National Tree Day (September 20)

- Walking tour of Canadensis Garden site

Website: <https://jardincanadensisgarden.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Canadensis>

More information will be forwarded to all Societies as it becomes available.

7. Ottawa Community Garden Action Plan

The City of Ottawa is excited to announce the upcoming review and update of the Community Garden Action Plan. We invite all residents, community groups, and anyone interested in community gardens and community-led green initiatives to participate and share your valuable insights.

How You Can Get Involved

Your input is important to ensure that the review reflects the needs and aspirations of our community. Here's how you can participate:

Share your feedback on strategic priorities and actions for community gardens and community-led green initiatives on City-owned land.

Live Survey the [Engage Ottawa](#) website

Dates: June 10, 2024 - July 7, 2024

For any questions or more information, email communitygardens@ottawa.ca.

We look forward to your participation and contributions to shaping a greener and more sustainable Ottawa!

The Community Gardens and Community-Led Green Initiatives Team, City of Ottawa

8. D2 Survey, re: Botanical Garden of Canada

The following was sent to all Society Presidents on June 28, 2024. If you have not yet received it, please click on the link in the letter and complete the five-minute survey. Several Societies have already sent it out. We are hoping for a good response to help an associated horticultural group ensure their plans meet expectations of the Canadian garden community.

Your D2 board has been working with Canadensis, the National Botanical Garden of Canada, to invite you and your members to participate in a survey on potential aspects of this new garden for Canada.

The survey can be completed in under five minutes. The survey results will help clarify the wishes of D2 members for the Botanical Garden. The participation of D2 members will provide a good sample size of comments. A summary will be shared with members and the Canadensis Board to help them finalize Phase I plans.

This is the survey link <https://gardeningcalendar.ca/oha-survey/>

You do not have to register for this survey. Once it has downloaded, click the **Start Here** button.

We request that you please:

- 1) Complete the survey yourself, and
- 2) Send the survey to all your Board and horticultural society members. After you have completed the survey, you will also be invited to participate in a Forum, should you wish to provide further comments.

Please share this short but important survey with your members. It is a great opportunity to share our input with another large horticultural-related organization. There are over 2300 members in D2. Let's see if we can have a significant number of members support this request.

We would like to have all submissions completed by July 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Harbord via email at anneclark.flowers@gmail.com or by cell at 613-850-8022.

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