



2024 District 7 Newsletter August 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR KATHY BOUMA

The 116th Ontario Horticultural Convention held at the Delta Guelph Conference Centre has now come and gone and what a time was had by all!

As a Co-host District along with District 8, our volunteers shone and showed all the delegates from across Ontario what our districts had to offer in the way of great plenary speakers, interesting afternoon sessions of speakers and/or workshops along with a nice selection of Vendors and Exhibitors offering a wide selection of products for sale and information. For all those who participated, thank you for attending either as a volunteer or as delegate. Convention was last held here in 2000, now again in 2024 and it will be a few years before it comes this way again.

Once again – a huge thank you on behalf of Karen Redmond – District 8 Director and I – to our wonderful Convention Committee members of Loreena VanBokhorst, Sharon Nivins, Claire McKay, Jane McDonald, Heather Forrest, Connie DiPisa, Vicky Culbert, Doris Cassan and Frances Bouma – by working together we created a fun atmosphere, and it truly was a great experience.

Now it is back to the business of our own District and focusing on what we all have in store for the rest of this year. We have an OHA Fundraiser of Garden Journals – see the poster further in this newsletter. To ease the ordering process, the District will purchase the journals and have available for sale at the Fall Meeting.

Fall Meeting information is also included in this Newsletter. Save that date for Saturday October 19th – hosted by the Orangeville Society. Hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy the month of August before we hit September and back to regular routines again. In the meantime, enjoy your gardens and be sure to take in the beauty around us.

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Alice Sebold: I like gardening—it's a place where I find myself when I need to lose myself.

Minnie Aumonier: When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden.

Please send your news for the Trillium newsletter of OHA by
March 1st for Spring Edition
June 1st for Summer Edition
September 1st for Fall Edition
December 1st for Winter Edition
editor@gardenontario.org

UPCOMING DISTRICT 7 MEETINGS

October 19, 2024

Orangeville

see poster later in this newsletter

April 2025 District 7 AGM

Grand Valley

Venue to be announced

Remember that each society is to bring
To every District meeting:

- a door prize with a value of approximately 25 dollars, to each District meeting.



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DISTRICT 7 FALL MEETING 2024

Hosted by Orangeville & District Horticultural Society

OCTOBER 19, 2024

9:30 am to 12:30

Registration opens at 8:30 am

Compass Community Church, Orangeville

246289 Hockley Rd, Mono, ON

(north of Orangeville on Hwy 10, NE corner at Hockley Road)

\$10 fee for day. Register through your society.

Speaker
Trish Symons



Floral Design Demo by
Michael Erdman



Flower Show • *Schedule to follow*

- Each Society to bring a door prize with value of approx. \$25.
- Morning coffee and mid-morning coffee break provided by hosts.

Fall 2024 District 7 Flower Show - October 19, 2024

Orangeville – Entres must be placed from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

Division 1 Horticulture **Points- 1st- 6, 2nd – 4, 3rd-2** **Prizes 1st \$5, 2nd \$3, 3rd - \$2**

Class 1. **Any Annual Flower** – 1 stem/spray, named

Class 2. **Any Perennial Flower** – 1 stem/spray, named

Class 3. **Any Flower from a bulb/rhizome/corm** – 1 stem/spray, named

Class 4. **Seed Heads** – 2 stems, one cultivar named

Class 5. **Herbs** – 3 cultivars, named, in separate containers

Class 6. **Stored for Winter** – a display of 3 or more cultivars, on a tray, not to exceed 18”/ cm.

Most points n Horticulture- Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society - \$10.00

Division 2 – Design **Points-1st-8, 2nd- 6, 3rd-4** **Prizes- 1st- \$7, 2nd-\$5, 3rd- \$3**

Class 7. **Teatime-** your interpretation

Class 8. **Along the Road-** a bouquet of roadside/wildflowers

Class 9. **At the Fair-** a design to include fruit and/or vegetables

Class 10. **First Try-** your interpretation

Class 11. **What a Wonderful View-** your landscape design ***

Class 12. **Spooked-** a carved or painted pumpkin, accessories permtd.

Judge’s Choice- Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society- \$10.00

*Two entries per class are permitted n Horticultural division only but must be from different cultivars.

House plants and garden plants must have been cared for by exhibitor for at least three (3) months or have been grown from seed or a cutting by exhibitor. Judging in accordance with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, 2019. Substandard entrees may not necessarily receive a prize.

** Standard Entry- See Page 108 OES for full list. – For example, Entry of 1: pumpkin, winter squash, turnip; Entry of 3: apples, beets, carrots, garlic, gourds, onions, potatoes. Entry of 5: Brussel sprouts.

***Landscape- A design capturing a moment from nature. T may be completely naturalistic with plant material organized as t grows, or stylized. The scale can be reduced and plant material can be used to suggest a real scene, e.g. a branch can suggest a tree; moss can suggest woodland. (pg. 143 OES 2019).

2024-25 DISTRICT 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Have you ever considered being on the Board? Talk to us!

	Position	Society Membership
Kathy Bouma	District Director	Fergus, Elora & Salem
Doris Cassan	Assistant District Director & Secretary	Arthur, Moorefield
Liz Doherty	Treasurer	Mount Forest
Frances Bouma	Director	Grand Valley, Shelburne
Jude Dowling	Director	Elora & Salem, Fergus
Connie Bienia	Director	Hillsburgh
Cheryl Yuill	Director	Fergus

PLEASE NOTE

OHA Convention 2025 will be virtual

OHA Convention 2026 will be hosted by Districts 17 and 4: Oshawa and Peterborough area.

Date and venue TBD.



If you did not get to see the live Zoom presentation by Claudette Sims for Earth Day 2024, you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4il3pApvH>

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About 90 minutes long and very informative session on invasive plants in Ontario and beyond. Some useful links:

<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/>



OHA & Dubois Agrinovation Collaboration

OHA members will receive a 10% discount on purchases from A-D. 2% of the money spent at A-D will be returned to OHA. A further 2% will be returned to the member's society. Information on setting up an account to access these discounts and rebates is on the OHA website at <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Dubois-Agrinovation-Presentation-.pdf>

Agrinovation Dubois (A-D) has struck a two year agreement with Ontario Horticultural Association.

