



NEWSLETTER



Summer
2025

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*Life-Time Member Angela Hennessey creates a stunning arrangement as part of the 50th Anniversary Golden Garden Party, July 12, 2025
Cannington Horticultural Society - Celebrates our 50th Anniversary serving the community.*

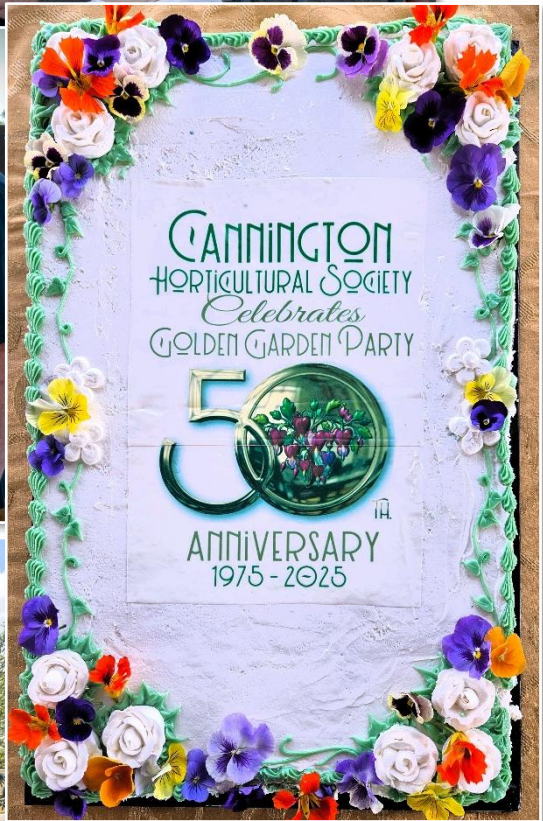
Golden Garden Party



We were delighted to have members, past members and friends join us to celebrate the Cannington Horticultural Society's 50th Anniversary! The **Golden Garden Party** was held **Saturday, July 12, 2025**, at MacLeod Park in Cannington.

Our opening welcome took place around 1:00 pm, with Mike Jubb and Cria Pettingill speaking on behalf of the Township of Brock - passing along congratulations and thanks to the club and members. Past Presidents Don Real and John Nowakowski followed – giving insight to the history of the club. A series of engaging demonstrations and

activities followed throughout the afternoon. These include a BioBlitz Nature Trail Walk with Kelly Gibson, a discussion about Native Gardens with Catherine McNeely, a talk on the History of Pioneer Gardens with Mary Beerman, and a Composting Demonstration by Mary Beerman. Three of the clubs amazing floral designers created on the spot arrangements using fresh garden blooms. Thank you to Ainsley Gillespie, Angela Hennessey and Angela Hubers for their creations! Each one became a prize and three lucky winners took home their floral arrangements. There was also a fun mini workshop to create floral headbands – thank you to two of our youth members for assisting with this activity. A cake decorated for the event with butter-icing and fresh edible flowers helped celebrate the anniversary.



A beautiful cake with fresh floral decoration was served to celebrate our 50th Anniversary – above centre

photo, past presidents and current do an official cake cutting and serving- (left) **John Nowakowski, Margaret Munro and Don Real.**

Bottom photo: **Ainsley Gilliespie** created a beautiful arrangement showcasing peonies from her own gardens. Carole Ditomaso won this lovely centre piece in the draw. Please note the cover page photo features **Angela Hennessey** with her stunning floral arrangement.

Angela Hubers (left below) creates the third arrangement for the free draw. While **Kelly Gibson** leads the first BioBlitz Hike along the Nature Trail— almost 50 species were identified!



Catherine McNeely takes guests on a walk to our Pollinator Garden and explains the importance of native plants.



Mary Beerman holds a compost demo as another interesting activity for guests to attend and learn.

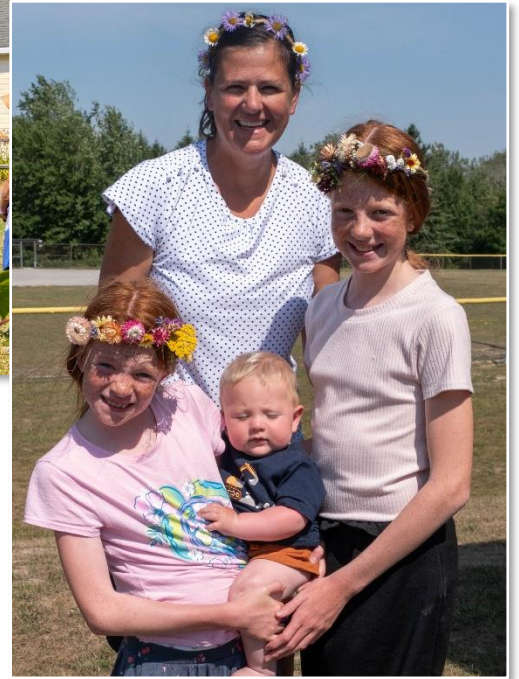




Historical Plant Talk with **Mary Beerman**

The **Brouwer family** took the lead on our Wildflower Headband Mini Workshop – everyone had a fun time creating colourful fresh floral headbands.

Thank you to all who attended and shared the celebration together – we look forward to another 50 years of learning and growing.



The 'Heart Bench' 2025



The Cannington Horticultural Society is delighted to announce a special commemoration of our club's 50th Anniversary: the creation and installation of a beautiful, original handmade bench by Mark Puigmarti of 'Sparks Will Fly Forge'. Mark has designed and crafted a truly one-of-a-kind bench that reflects our horticultural roots, incorporating the club's floral emblem, Bleeding Hearts.

We invite you to visit the 'Heart Bench' at MacLeod Park in Cannington. A very special addition for all to enjoy.



The 'Heart Bench' was installed by Mark (left) August 1, 2025 with a little help from CHS members.

It took a great volunteer crew to move the bench into place. Thank you to all who attended and assisted.



Attending board members thank Mark (center), from left: Kelly Gibson, Marg Munro, Artist: Mark Puigmarti, Heiko Mantik, Cheryl Richards, and Justine Polsinello

*Many thanks to **Deb Hadfield** for taking photos at both our Garden Party and the installation of the Heart Bench.*

Bouquet Bootcamp with Ainsley

CANNINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Bouquet
BOOTCAMP
with Ainsley
August 7
floral exhibit workshop

learn the fine art of creating unique bouquets with fresh cut flowers & greens
hands on workshop with OHA Judge Ainsley Gillespie

Workshop Fee: \$45 CHS members
Non members \$55

Location: The Sunflower Farm Time: 5-7pm

Pre-register: canningtonhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com
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We're excited to announce a fun and informative floral design workshop led by Ainsley Gilliespie! Ainsley is not only an OHA Flower Judge but also an expert floral designer, so you're sure to learn a lot.

The workshop will be hosted at The Sunflower Farm's private cutting gardens. All materials will be provided, and attendees will take home both new skills and a stunning fresh floral arrangement.

Please note that we are almost fully booked. If you are interested, please contact us to inquire about availability.

Email: canningtonhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

Thumbs Up Garden Awards 2025

Back for 2025 CHS has selected eight private gardens to be awarded a 'Thumbs Up Garden'. Our committee starts looking for wonderful 'front yards' in Sunderland, Cannington and surrounding areas with only eight winners selected and awarded. Besides bragging rights, winners receive one CHS membership and a lawn sign announcing their achievement.

Congratulations to the winners for their efforts and horticultural delights that make our community even more beautiful despite the drought conditions!



James MacNaughton
Park St. Sunderland



Alex Campbell
River St. Sunderland



**John Mirabelli, County Lane, Cannington
(above)**

Graeme Powell, Jones St. Sunderland



**Stan
Wojciechowski,
Ann St. Cannington**



Tammy Kindler,
Laidlaw N.
Cannington



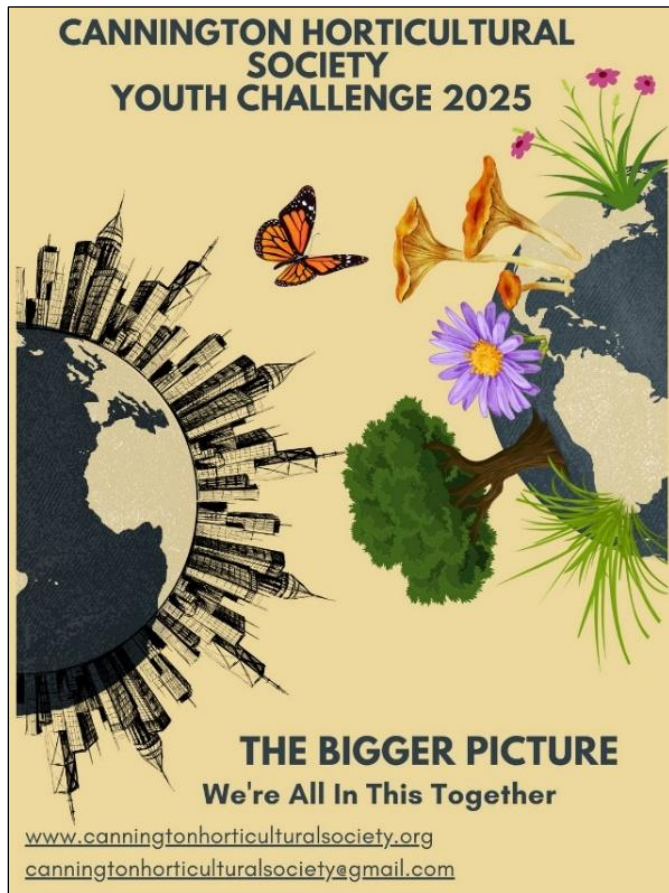
Cheryl Matheson,
Regional Road
12, Cannington



David Gribble,
Conc 2 Sunderland

*Congratulations to all the winners
and welcome to the club!*

Youth Events 2025



Youth summer challenge: 'The Bigger Picture: We're All in This Together'

This challenge is open to all registered CHS Youth Members. **\$400 in prize awards to the top gardens. Judging takes place in late August.**

Youth members will be showcasing their gardens at the September Meeting. Looking forward to seeing all their efforts!

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