



District 7 Newsletter FEB/MAR 2025

A Message from District Director, Kathy Bouma



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- Mount Forest
- Orangeville & District
- Shelburne & District



A New Year and finally some winter weather to go along with it. January was a challenging month of snow and strong winds but we are happy to see the longer daylight hours. All that snow will be good for our gardens and hopefully eliminate some of the overwintering pests....

2025 has a few anniversaries in District 7.

Elora & Salem Horticultural Society is celebrating their 175th anniversary; Guelph Horticultural Society is celebrating their 125th anniversary; and Mount Forest & District Horticultural Society is celebrating their 100th anniversary!

Congratulations to these Societies.

However, not all good news as the Clifford & District Horticultural Society is dissolving due to lack of volunteers to continue as a viable Society. We are down to 13 Societies for District 7. Although 13 is an unlucky number, let's keep it at 13.

Thank you to all Societies for completing their OMAFA and OHA reports for 2024. All were submitted prior to the deadline.

Some Societies have had a January and/or February meeting while others wait until March to meet for the first time. It is a new year and let's ensure that the work is shared among the board and members. Get everyone involved.

District 7 AGM –will be hosted by Grand Valley on Saturday **April 26th**. See further down in this newsletter for the poster and sign in sheet for your Society. The Flower Show schedule is also included. We hope to see representatives from all Societies.

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Kathy



District 7 Spring Meeting & AGM 2025

hosted by Grand Valley Horticultural Society



Saturday April 26, 2025

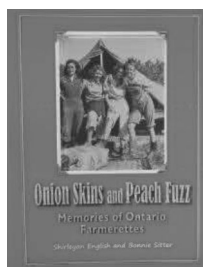
9:30 am to 12:30

Registration desk opens 8:30 am to 9:25 am

Grand Valley Community Centre
90 Main Street North, Grand Valley

\$10 per person

Register through your Society (Societies, see attached registration form)



Speaker

Bonnie Sitter, co-author
Onion Skins & Peach Fuzz
Memories of Ontario Farmerettes
by Shirleyan English and Bonnie Sitter



Bonnie will have books and cards for sale at the meeting.
Cash, cheque or e-transfer only.

Flower Show

Show schedule attached. Please place entries from 8:30 to 9:15 am

Each Society to bring

- a door prize, value of approx. \$25
- 15 copies of Yearbook OR a one-page summary of 2025 meeting and events

Morning coffee and coffee break provided by our hosts

BE PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD

We are looking for a **Society member to sit on the District 7 Board** as current board member Frances Bouma has finished her term. At the April 26 Annual Meeting, the Board will consist of the following:

District Director – Doris Cassan (Arthur, Moorefield)

Secretary – Jude Dowling (Elora & Salem, Fergus)

Treasurer – Liz Doherty (Mount Forest)

Board members – Connie Bienia (Hillsburgh, Erin)
- Kathy Bouma (Fergus, Elora & Salem)
- Cheryl Yuill (Fergus)

Consider this position with the following time commitment - 4 evening meetings **via Zoom** – February, May, September & November plus attending the in-person Spring Annual General Meeting and Fall Meeting. Contact any Board member or Kathy at kebouma@gmail.com with any questions or further information or if you have an interest to join the D7 Board.

IN MEMORIAM – Please send to kebouma@gmail.com - names of Society members who have passed away since our last AGM of April 13, 2025 – present day.

SEEDY SATURDAY coming events- Choose one or attend them all!!!

Saturday **March 8 –10am-3pm** - Hosted by Jen Edwards at United Church, Erin. Get ready for a day of seed purchasing or swapping, gardening wisdom, vendors, and community bonding. Both Erin and Hillsburgh Societies participate in this event.

Saturday **March 15 – 10:30am-2:30pm** – Centre Wellington Seedy Saturday – hosted by the Elora & Salem Horticultural Society and the Fergus & District Horticultural Society at Aboyne Hall, Wellington County Museum & Archives. Lots of seeds, Vendors, presentations and information. Children’s area.

Saturday **March 22 – 10:00 am** - Seedy Saturday at the Shelburne Library. Shelburne Gardeners partner for this event.

Saturday **March 22 – 10:00 am to 3:00** – Guelph Seed Library and Yorklands Green Hub host this event at 55 Wyndham St. North, Guelph.

NEW !!!! FACEBOOK Page for District 7 - <https://www.facebook.com/OHADistrict7/>

Check out the Facebook page for information on coming events.

*****GardenOntario Society page *****– each Society has a Society page on the GardenOntario website. Please review and update your page to current information. The member who does your OHA Information Report probably is the one who has access to the website page as they have the log in to the site. I will be following up in a few weeks to ensure everyone is up to date.

District AGMs and Fall Meetings

When is it our turn? The Board is always looking for whose turn it is next, so a chart has been drawn up with your Society’s proposed “next” turn. We have listed who has hosted the meeting for the past few years so you can see the pattern.

It is not set in stone (but almost) so have a look and start thinking about it and plan accordingly. Any questions, contact Doris Cassan or Kathy Bouma.

2023	Arthur & Guelph Twp	Guelph
2024	Clifford & Harriston	Orangeville
2025	Grand Valley	Fergus
2026	Moorefield	Erin/Hillsburgh
2027	Elora and Salem	Shelburne
2028	Mount Forest	Arthur & Guelph Twp
2029	Guelph	Harriston
2030	Orangeville	Grand Valley
2031	Fergus	Moorefield
2032	Erin/Hillsburgh	Elora and Salem
2033	Shelburne	Mount Forest