

WINONA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Newsletter

May 2024



BOTANY plants yet?

Spotted this in an add and it made me laugh, so I had to share! :D Every year, in early spring, as my tulips are growing, the first plants I always buy for my garden are pansies. They are so cheerful and tough!



Botany plants yet? is also perfect for this, our last meeting before the summer months, which happens to be WinHort's Annual Plant Swap!

As we look forward to the upcoming

 **Winona Peach**
F E S T I V A L
23 to 25 August 2024

and our very own



Sunday 27 October 2024

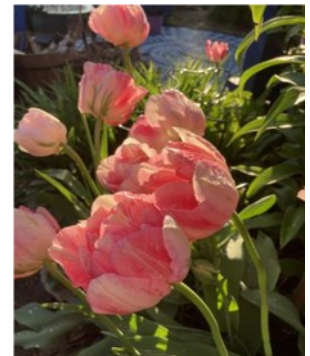
I am so thankful to you our members for your joyful sharing of time, knowledge, and of course, plants. You are the truly the heart ❤️ of our terrific society.

Our Birthday Party was officially announced at the District 6 AGM last month and very well received!

Are you making plans to attend the Ontario Horticultural Association 116th Convention July 12-14, 2024 in Guelph?

Happy May planting and gardening!

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Notices and Events

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

680 Plains Road, Burlington

The Katie Osbourne Lilac Garden (Arboretum)

Experience one of the largest, most magnificent and diverse collections in the world as lilacs reach their peak bloom. Early flowering varieties (*Syringa x hyacinthiflora*) are approaching peak bloom. Common lilacs are expected to be at peak bloom in about 7 to 10 days, followed by Preston lilacs and Japanese tree lilacs. This is a time ticketed event, and parking must be pre-booked, or take the shuttle from the RBG Centre. Free with membership; contact Kryss for passes and registration.

Paddling in Paradise Spring Canoe Tours (Arboretum) – Friday and Saturday dates available through May & June 9-11am

Explore Cootes Paradise by canoe to get a glimpse of the astounding life that depends on a healthy marsh for survival. Participants will have the opportunity to view wetland plants and wildlife, and hear about some of the restoration efforts that help keep Cootes a Paradise. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets are supplied.

\$45 + Service Fee & HST *Must pre-register.*

Spring Edible Planter Design Workshop – Thursday, May 23 1pm or 7pm

Plant commonly used herbs like rosemary, oregano and chives to harvest throughout the summer, and enjoy as a pleasing display on your patio or deck. Learn faux techniques to transform various containers into natural stoneware and concrete look vessels. \$65 + Service Fee & HST *Registration closes May 22*

RBG offers a great lineup of fun, and educational programs for all ages. Call 905 527-1158 or visit their website www.rbg.ca To borrow the WHS member's passes contact Hélène or Kryss.

HORT SOCIETY PLANT SALES

Ancaster: Saturday, May 18, 8am to 1pm, in Ancaster Food Basics parking lot. Pre-order heirloom tomatoes: details at <https://ancasterhort.org>

Oakville: Saturday, May 18, 8:30am to 11am, at Glen Abbey United Church, 1469 Nottinghill Gate, Oakville

Many beautiful perennials. BYO boxes to take your plants home. <https://oakvillehort.org>

Brantford: Saturday, May 25, 8am to noon, Brantford Lions Park, 10 Edge St. Includes books and small garden tools. Cash only.

Flamborough Hort Soc: Saturday, May 25, 8am to 1pm, Legion parking lot, 79 Hamilton St., Waterdown
Opening day at the Farmers' Market.

WHS BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, May 22 7pm

At Anne's.

GARDEN TOURS

Oakville: Sunday, June 9, 10am to 4:30pm A self-guided garden tour of eight delightful gardens, organized by The Oakville Horticultural Society. \$20 <https://gardenontario.org/event/2024-oakville-garden-tour/>

Shaw Festival: Saturday, June 15, 10am to 3pm A self-guided tour of gardens throughout Niagara-on-the-Lake. \$30 in advance \$35 at the door For details & tickets, visit shawguild.ca

N-O-T-L Hort Soc Gardeners' Garden Tour: Saturday, July 6, 10am to 5pm A selection of nine carefully cultivated gardens, from vibrant flower beds to tranquil water features and meticulously manicured landscapes. \$25-\$30 <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/niagara-on-the-lake-horticultural-society-annual-garden-tour-tickets-803373290137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

GRIMSBY FARMERS' MARKET – Every Thursday, May 30 to October 10 3-7pm

Main St., between Christie and Ontario Sts.

OHA 116TH CONVENTION 2024: The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing – July 12 to 14

Hosted by Districts 7 & 8, at the Delta Hotels Conference Centre in Guelph

A fantastic 3-day event packed full of wonderful bus trips, exciting seminars, delicious meals and more! WHS will subsidize the cost of registration. Early Bird rate has been extended to June 1. For all the exciting details, go to <https://gardenontario.org>.

WINONA PEACH FESTIVAL – Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25

Besides being lots of fun, this is our major fundraiser for the year. There are many ways you can help us make it a great success! Grow some plants to sell at the tent; volunteer to help pick up donations; volunteer for a shift or two at the tent during festival weekend; help out with set-up and/or clean-up; and other jobs as they come up. Also, don't forget to buy 50/50 tickets, and encourage friends to do the same. Sales benefit all of the member organizations, and you might even win!

WHS NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, September 18 7:30 pm

St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Winona

Speaker TBA

Tonight's Speaker

Easily recognized by its red barn, and white geodesic dome, not to mention fields of brightly-coloured summer flowers, **Dynamic Daylilies** in Beamsville is home to thousands of varieties of daylilies. First imagined in 1995, the business has grown and changed location a few times, until settling in Beamsville in 2013, and is now a leader in the development and cultivation of new and unique daylilies. Many of their current seedlings are 7th and 8th generation, and all are suited to the Canadian climate. Daylilies are one of the easiest to care for perennials, and with so many sizes, shapes and colours, they fit any garden, giving years of enjoyment.

James, a graduate of Niagara College's Horticulture program, specializing in greenhouse technology, is well-suited to manage the business. He works closely with all aspects of growing, selling and developing new daylily cultivars, while also working on new micropropagation methods in the daylily field. We are excited to have him here tonight, to share with us the fascinating world of growing daylilies.

Spring Has Sprung!

Who doesn't love spring? Birds are singing, squirrels are scurrying, and oh, the colours! Daffodils, tulips, early perennials – a feast for the senses! Two of our members share pictures of their spring gardens.



Mary B. says her garden looks like spring, thanks to the (Peach Festival) bulbs shared in the fall.



Some early spring bulbs in Michele P.'s garden.



Tulips, Candelabra Primulas, Brunnera and Lunaria Money Plant.



Fern Peony – at last count, there were 23 blooms!



This little fella doesn't smell as sweet! lol

Hamilton Trillium Awards

The Trillium Awards Program, formally called The Hamilton Beautification Awards Program, established in 1956, promotes and encourages community pride by recognizing residents, who by landscaping and maintaining their property, contribute to a more attractive neighbourhood and community. Nominated gardens are judged, and the top 20, scored gardens in each ward are awarded a White Trillium Award. Of those, the highest scoring garden in each ward gets a Pink Trillium. The most prestigious award is the Red Trillium. This will be judged in person, and virtually, through an expert panel discussion. Panelists will review professional Pink photos, and determine a Red winner.

Nominations, and judge registrations are open until June 15. Go to <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/awards-tributes/trillium-awards/trillium-award-volunteer-judges> and click on "Trillium Awards Registration". If you love your garden, chances are the judges will too! Why not give it a try! (Or become a judge, and enjoy the beautiful gardens!)

OHA & District 6 Fundraisers

The next 50/50 Draw is July 14. Awesome prices for this one are: 10 tickets for \$10; 100 for \$20; 300 for \$50; and 800 for \$75!! For your chance to win, enter at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>.

Want dirt? OHA is promoting Less Mess™ Enviro Bags of soils, mulch, aggregate, and river stone, at special rates, and an advantage to District 6, and our Society. For more information and to order, go to <https://lessmess.ca/products/categories/Soil>

Live the Garden Life!

Did you know Sunday, June 16, 2024, is National Garden Day? According to *Gardens Canada*, special ceremonies will be organized by local garden organizations in collaboration with various levels of government in communities across the country to celebrate and commemorate the role and contribution of gardens. It's a day to stop and smell the blooms, in your own garden or a public or community one, and celebrate the development of Canada's Garden Culture. Maybe you could mark the day by planting something orange? Get more ideas at <https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca>

OHA "The Trillium"

The cover of the latest edition of *The Trillium* 'springs' to life with a gorgeous photo of Butterfly Milkweed (courtesy Melanie Ruigrok, of the Dunnville Horticultural Society). Available to download at <https://gardenontario.org> or sign up to have a free copy delivered to your inbox, this issue is full of colourful and interesting reports from horticultural societies in Ontario. Check out the compelling article on Invasive Species at Flower Shows, and plant sales practices on pages 20 and 21.

Summer Garden Help

Have you got some time to help out with our plantings? The WHS maintains two flower beds at St. John's, and one at the Winona Post Office. There is always work to be done there, planting, weeding, watering ... the normal stuff. If you can offer a little time this summer, we sure can use it! Talk to a Board member, and let them know you're willing.

Were you there when Northern Lights coloured the night sky?



Photo by Ryan Inch

Members' Corner

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Who would you like to have as future speakers? What kind of topics or activities interest you? Share gardening tips or pictures of your yard or garden. Please, drop us a line, or talk to one of the Board members. This is the 2024 Board:

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