



our next meeting dates!

AGM- April 27-host is Burlington, East Plains United Church, 375 Plains Rd East, Burlington

Plant Faire-April 27 at Royal Botanical Gardens-9-3

Fall Breakfast Meeting- Sept 14-host is Oakville, St. Simon's Church

Fall Dinner- Nov 23- Host is Acton



BURLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
'100 YEARS AND GROWING'



DISTRICT 6 AGM AND FLOWER SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.

East Plains United Church
375 Plains Road East
Burlington, Ontario

Tickets \$15.00 available at the door
Each Society please bring your Society banner
and a Society door prize valued from \$20 - \$25



Ancaster Happy Adventure

I thought I would pass along a unique and happy ending story to you that happened this spring.

First, a quick background - There are many fallen/danger trees at Fieldcote on the grounds, and keeping ahead of issues is very important. That includes Forestry coming to remove or chip remains of trees that they have had to chop down. However, one of these trees, I had previously requested them to leave as is, see photo attached. This tree has become a favourite for local nursery school children, who are brought to the Fieldcote grounds on almost a daily basis by their teachers, to experience the outdoors, and playing on this now-smooth tree is a favourite past time, so the tree has become a beloved part of the Fieldcote experience to them. Also, it was suggested to me that this tree could perhaps be carved into some kind of sculpture, as it lays. So the tree has taken on a life of its own.

Yesterday, at about 5:15pm, Brandi let me know (I was off site and in meetings most of the day) that Forestry had come earlier in the day to clean up and chip logs on the property, and were going to remove this tree as part of that work order. I guess the children were here at the time and they and their teachers were horrified that they might lose their beloved tree. She handed me a couple of envelopes full of handwritten cards by the children, petitioning for saving the tree.

She said the workers said they would be back tomorrow to remove the tree, unless they received a work order otherwise.

Now at this point it's after hours, and they might be coming the next morning at 7:30am when I would not be around to stop them

I wrote an email to Forestry, but afraid that this might not get to the front line workers in time, called the after hours line. I had a hard time convincing the person who answered that this was an emergency, but she finally called the on call Forestry person, Tami, who did call me back. Through talking to Tami, I was able to get a stop on the work order and SAVE THE TREE!

A good news story, that I thought was worth sharing. I hope to visit the school in the next couple of days to thank the children and let them know their tree is safe (and also get their ideas on how we might sculpt the tree).

Lois Corey





The Spring Breakfast meeting was awesome! over 100 attendees, held at Connors Nursery in Waterdown and put on by Flamborough was a big success, no need for lunch with the spread they put on! Workshop after the meeting on Facebook for societies had over 20 members all asking questions/ learning the ropes/tricks to having a larger presence on FB.



Cannabis, it is legal, consider having speakers on the subject, check out uses for hemp, it is amazing! but do I do strongly suggest you add a line to future show schedules that Cannabis is not allowed to be shown in any form. Why? because it is illegal to transport plants. Seedlings or grown plants. As a society you must follow the current laws and not encourage people to transport cannabis plants.

Rose Society

APRIL 28th(Sunday 2:00 pm) at The Royal Botanical Gardens Centre(680 Plains Rd W- Burlington - On) in Room # 3

Speaker: LINDSAY WILCOX Topic: "Tick Talk"(The nasty bug)

Everyone is welcome to attend! Entrance Free

info:hbrosesociety@sympatico.ca and Facebook

MAY 26th(Sunday 2:00 pm) at The Royal Botanical Gardens Centre(680 Plains Rd W - Burlington - On) in Room #3

Speaker: KATHERINE KEARY Topic: 'Garden Relationship"

Everyone is welcome to attend! Entrance Free

Info:hbrosesociety@sympatico.ca and Facebook

Garden Ontario

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The new OHA Website goes live April 17. All societies should have your info off the old gardenontario site if you want it saved, but more importantly you all should have a society page, even if you just fill out the minimal info, name, contact, meeting info, the Ontario Horticultural Association has more followers and larger name for the general public to find your society, Why would anyone not want FREE advertising? <https://www.gardenontario.org/go/>

The District was lucky enough to be given the movie **The Gardener** for use in the societies, if any society wants to borrow for a viewing please let me know, I will bring to the AGM for pickup if anyone wants it for a society night? it is about Frank Cabots recounting of his quest for perfection of the Les Quatre Vents, a 20 acre English style garden and summer home. Amazing gardens, in Charlevoix County in Quebec. It is touted as one of the greatest gardens in the world. Thank you Burlington for the Movie!



Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 11th, 8 am – 11 am at Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena, 51 William Street, Paris, Ont. N3L 1L2. Large selection of perennial favourites from members' gardens, vegetables, herbs annuals etc. Special children's craft corner free of charge. Master Gardener on site. Plant Auction to follow. Coffee with muffin \$1.00. Call Carol 519-442-3918 or email rboos3918@rogers.com for details

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2nd from 10 AM - 4 PM in conjunction with Springtime in Paris. Eight gorgeous gardens in Paris & area. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at Sobey's Floral Department in Paris, Mary Maxim's, Antler's, Green Heron Books, Walter's or at the Springtime in Paris information booth at Lion's Park on the day of the event. Please call Anne or Rick Vernon 905-536-2037 for more information.

Convention is coming, the schedules, bus trips, all the info you need for this upcoming convention are posted on the OHA site. It is close, hope you come and see what the fun is all about! This year it is July 19-21, Best Western Waterfront Hotel & St. Clair College for the Arts in Windsor Ontario. https://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php

At the AGM- you will get your societies proxy numbers (how many votes you have) District Six will have a resolution to be passed so we are again counting on you to fill out your proxies or have voting members at the convention. We had 100% votes sent last year; we need that again, our District has the largest membership and we carry some clout.

An Early Trip to Windsor, Ontario Before the 113th OHA Convention

In late November 2018 some friends from District 6 decided to visit a family member who is living in Windsor, ON. We thought it would be a perfect opportunity to take in the city in another season and get to know the area around St. Clair College for the Arts, staying at the Best Western Hotel on Riverside Dr. The hotel was true to its claims that rooms were comfortable and each has a view of the Detroit River. Staff were hospitable and we enjoyed our stay.

The weather was damp and cooler that weekend but it didn't stop us from exploring nearby on foot and making some interesting discoveries. Note: the hotel is in the theatre district so although there are many choices of restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel, one will want to make reservations if venturing out otherwise you may get turned away during peak dining periods before show times. Also parking for the hotel is immediately behind the building, accessible on a one way street - Pitt St W, in the Windsor City Parking Garage.

We also went to Olde Walkerville, a historic part of Windsor which is about a 10 minute drive away from the hotel. It was suggested we park and then walk along a stretch of Wyandotte St E. between Hall Ave. and Walker Rd. There we found a variety of different restaurants, coffee shops, a brewery and storefronts selling everything from clothing and vintage/second hand clothing to soap, home décor to jewelry, metaphysical/holistic to global village items, to stationary and gifts for children. This is an up and coming area, bouncing back from recession. People were friendly, welcoming and helpful – we had a fun afternoon with moderate walking difficulty.

Note: paying for parking was a reasonable rate. Also there are several beer breweries and whiskey distilleries in Windsor who offer tasting and shopping hours plus tours but one may need to be book tours in advance. Details can be found online.

We can't wait to go back to Windsor and the surrounding areas of District 11 in July as we've registered to attend the 2019 OHA Convention; we hope you will too!

Convention information: https://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php

Veronica Heiderich, Oakville Horticultural Society



It's time to brag a bit about any Earth Day events that you may have planned. I know Ancaster will be doing their Spring Clean Up at Fieldcote Museum & Memorial Gardens on April 27th .
Come On Spring!
Bob Wilt



St. George

Event: St. George Garden Club Plant Sale

Date: Saturday May 11th

Time: 8:00am to 11:00 am

Place: South Dumfries Community Centre – 7 Gaukel Dr, St. George (rear overhead door)

We offer annuals, perennials, , herbs, vegetables plants as well as lily bulbs, ground covers, green elephant garden table, indigenous plants and much more! Our Master Gardener will be on site to answer your gardening questions. NEW THIS YEAR: Kids can plant a flower in a pot for Mother's Day (\$1.00). Also if you have any donations of plants or good used garden related items to donate contact us by email stgeorgegardenclub@gmail.com or phone Shirley Steedman at 519-448-1442

**BRANTFORD
GARDEN CLUB**

*Perennial
Plant Sale*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,

FREE ADMISSION

**Saturday May 18, 2019
8:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Location: - Lions Park, Brantford
20 Edge Street, **INDOOR** - Auditorium

Rain or Shine

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*Great Prices
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Today's mail are emails, just like the paper mail of the past it should be brought to your executive and if warranted shared with your membership. Items like the OHA Trillium, the District 6 Dirt and some of the emails from the OHA should be shared out with your membership, it is what joins us, your society is part of District Six and D6 is part of the Ontario Horticultural Association, we are one big family and to stay connected we must share the day's news.



HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO

"BLOOMING ON THE GRAND" GARDEN TOUR

RAIN OR SHINE !

JULY 13TH

9 AM - 4 PM

COUNTRY GARDENS AND TOWN GARDENS
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*Spend a relaxing day on a self guided tour visiting 9
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REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES, VENDORS,
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Children under 12 FREE
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Garden descriptions and locations, as well as more ticket information will be
posted closer to the date

For any questions contact us at: haldimand@gardenontario.org



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DEADLINES for Newsletter

Dec 28 deadline for Jan 18 distribution

Mar 30 deadline for Early April distribution

July 15 deadline for July 31 distribution

Oct 19 deadline for Oct 31 distribution



Brantford Brag! Congratulations!

Two long-time members and supporters of the Brantford Garden Club were recognized at the March meeting. Mary Thorne and Alison Huhtala were presented with Horticultural Service Certificates from the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Photo from Pete Byerlay post

Haldimand Horticultural Society is a busy hive.

In January we were entertained by Bette Richards of Busy B's Bookfolding. She told us about some of the beautiful unique designs that she does from recycled books and had many of them on display for us to see. One of which was a set of candles as a door prize.

Then she had us make our very own hedgehog and what fun that was you could hear lots of laughter and members enjoying themselves as we worked on our projects.

In February Sherry Hayes, owner of Landscaping With Style taught us about "TLC... Texture Line and Colour" Sherry is a part-time writer and award-winning landscape designer.

Our March presentation "The Ethical Gardener" by Marilyn Cornwell. Marilyn was a wealth of information on how we could give back to our gardens and reduce our carbon footprint. She taught us we have to get back to basics grow natural plants and trees not the hybrids that won't support our natural wildlife. A very interesting and informative talk

Haldimand Horticultural Society's 3rd Annual Seedy Saturday

With the weather being wet and chilly outside our seedy Saturday event inside seem to be the place to hang out, where gardeners could go to get their inspiration while they patiently wait to get into their gardens.

There was a real **buzz** in the air with visitors from far and wide; Milton, Burlington, Hamilton, St. Catherines, Welland and all our local Haldimand/Norfolk visitors.

With the variety of 30 different vendors from crafts, bulbs, seeds, trees and in between! 5 different workshops with great speakers like Victoria Bick of Dundurn Castles marvellous kitchen garden and Emma Biggs a 13 year old passionate gardener eager to share her passion for gardening with other kids.

A favorite again this year was Cat's Cafe with her delicious plant based recipes, a couple favorites were the pumpkin soup and Beyond burgers, the burgers are now available at a local shop, Wally Parr.

This year we were so lucky to team up with our local high school students from McKinnon Park Secondary. They were invaluable with their dedication, volunteer time and talent.

The students did an amazing job giving tours of their green house and selling their very popular bouquet of Gerbera Daisies, the small engine parts identification competition, the plant and seed identification quiz where checked out by all ages and became a competition between a few old timers awaiting their time while the wives shopped! The dedicated group of students that volunteered their time moving carts and boxes of trees, flowers, bird houses etc. for our vendors in and out of the rain.

It was so nice to hear wonderful comments from our visitors like

“ What a wonderful event you have, so much to see and do”

“Great speakers! loved the photography one! “(Art Ward the speaker)

“It so marvelous to see this level of student involvement “

“ Haldimand Horticultural Society has a reputation for their seedy Saturday and now I see why. You have gone above and beyond with this event”

“ you have so many good ideas that we are going to take back to our society”

Upcoming Events for Haldimand Horticultural Society

April 12 2019 A Spring Fashion Show at The Coach Pyramids in Caledonia

April 25 2019 Our special guest will be Marie Decker “ Design With Modern Flair”

May 11 2019 Plant and Bake Sale St. Paul’s Anglican Church Caledonia

May 23 2019 Our Spring Mini Flower Show with guest speaker Shawn Rennie “Bees”

June 27 2019 Dan Werner will teach us about Butterfly Gardens

July 13 2019 Looking forward to our Garden Tour “Blooming on The Grand”

Please feel free to join us at any of these events all are welcome

For info contact us by email haldimand@gardenontario.org follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Submitted by Elsie Eubank



follow me
to the next
workshop

Workshop Schedule

8:15 am - Linda Crisp of
Free and Fertig speaking
about growing tomatoes,
history and varieties of
tomatoes



A Busy Bee from Haldimand helped visitors find the workshops and Greenhouse during the Seedy Saturday Event this past weekend. Students and teacher from McKinnon Park High School helped and gave greenhouse tours.



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