

**Ontario Horticultural Association**

**District 5**

**2020 Annual General Meeting**

***Lake Simcoe Gardeners  
Presents...***



**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Georgina Ice Palace**

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Lake Simcoe Gardeners is hosting the 2020 OHA District 5 Annual General Meeting. We are planning a day with **three speakers**, the District 5 business meeting, and competitions for floral design, horticulture, and publications. Morning goodies will be available both upon arrival and at morning break. A 'Chef Todd' bagged lunch containing your choice of sandwich, along with salad and desserts will be provided. As well, there will be door prizes (provided by all D5 Societies), and fundraiser baskets. We encourage you to mingle and meet fellow gardeners from other societies across District 5. And all of this for only \$35.

### Early Bird Draw

Each registrant, fully registered and paid by Saturday February 29, 2020, will be entered into a draw for the opportunity to win \$100. Draw to take place at the AGM.

### Door Prizes

Each registrant's name will be automatically entered in a draw for a door prize. Each Society is asked to bring a wrapped gardening item valued at approximately \$30 to \$40. These door prizes will be awarded at various times during the day.

### Flower Show & Printed Materials Competition

The Flower Show Rules and Schedule are included with this information package and are available on the District 5 website <https://gardenontario.org/district-listing/entry/282/>

Horticultural and design entries will be accepted between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. sharp – no exceptions. Each society is allowed a maximum of two entries in each horticultural and design class.

Check-in stations for entries will be inside the entrance to the flower show hall located in the gymnasium.

Publication entries are prejudged. Each Society is invited to submit a yearbook, newsletter or any other printed material for this annual competition. Entries must be received no later than February 29, 2020. Entries can be submitted at the District 5 President's Meeting, to be held on February 29, 2020. These dates will allow time for judging. Please refer to Division IV of the Show Schedule for details.



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**Our dynamic speakers for 2020 are:**



**Daniele Zanotti**  
CEO & President United Way Greater Toronto

In his over 20 years of experience in the public and non-profit sectors, Daniele's work is guided by one core value – to work in and with community across all sectors to create positive change.

As CEO of United Way York Region, he played a pivotal role in the merger of United Ways across Toronto and York Region in 2015. Under his leadership, the organization continues to apply an increasingly regional lens – in April, joining with Peel Region to form United Way Greater Toronto, the largest United Way in the world and largest funder of social services outside of government.

This scaled-up approach is improving opportunities for donors, volunteers, and partners across Peel, Toronto and York Region, and building capacity to expand local investments. The organization continues to innovate digitally to support an uprising of care that will engage 1 million people by 2025.

Daniele holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Toronto and sits on advisory committees and boards across the region. He lives in Vaughan with his wife and two children.



**Chris Gynan**  
(Chris will have 'trees at risk' seedlings available for sale)

Chris Gynan is a professional forester, managed forest plan approver, certified tree marker, certified arborist, butternut health assessor, and a Forestry & Landscape Pesticide Applicator. His academic qualifications include a B.Sc. Forestry and M.Sc. Forestry from the University of Toronto. His hobbies include guitarist in a Dad band, backyard farming, and rearing rare trees.

Chris has been a professional forestry consultant to private landowners, First Nations, and municipal and provincial governments since 1996. He has an expert understanding of tree and forest ecosystem management in southern Ontario.

Chris's presentation, titled "Plant 2 Trees", will lead you on a pictorial walk through a local woodlot and his hobby tree nursery to inspire you to grow some of Ontario's rarest trees. He will also share his stories on butternut recovery efforts, growing ginseng, and how you can be involved in assisted migration of trees.



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**Heather Charles**

(Heather will have copies of her book, *The Trading Tree* for sale)

Heather Charles is a member of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. Her spirit name is North Star Woman (Giiwadonnongose Kwe) and she is of the Wolf Clan. Heather is an experienced 'Faster', a Talking Circle Facilitator, a Pow wow Dancer, a commissioned artist, and a published author.

She has lived most of her life on Georgina Island, except for a few years away in Sutton, Port Bolster and Barrie, due to employment.

Heather is currently the Forest Management and Species At Risk Coordinator, which is funded by the Aboriginal Fund For Species At Risk (AFSAR); her initial title was Ash Tree Monitoring and Management Coordinator. A proposal was created to request assistance in mitigating the effects of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. She has held this position for approximately 4 yrs.

Under the guidance and direction of Silv-Econ Ltd Consultant (Vice-President and RPF), Chris Gynan, they have conducted an extensive Forest Inventory of the First Nation which includes: Georgina, Snake and Fox Islands, and together they have developed an Ash Tree Monitoring and Management Plan. Their work is also guided by Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK\*\*) provided by members of Georgina Island and other sources. As a result of the plan, Heather has stimulated the creation and development of numerous new projects and spin-off programs for the Island community, which often includes partnerships with the local educational institutes such as Morning Glory Public School, Sutton District High School and Georgina Trades and Training Institute (GTTI), Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and the Aboriginal Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre (A/OFRC).

*\*\*Traditional Ecological Knowledge emphasizes the unique relationship with the land held by First Nations peoples. Their information, knowledge, and wisdom of forest ecosystems are used in improving forest management practices.*



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Dates to Remember

**Saturday February 29, 2020**

*Deadline for receipt of printed material either sent directly to District 5 Secretary Dawn McEachern or submitted at the Presidents' Meeting.*

**Saturday February 29, 2020**

*Early Bird Draw deadline. Registrations submitted at the Presidents' Meeting will qualify.*

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

*Deadline for registration.*

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

*The AGM*

*Check in after 8:00 a.m., meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The hall will be open at 7:00 a.m. to receive floral designers, and horticultural entries. Entries will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. and no later.*

