

Our AGM has been POSTPONED do to the COVID-19 pandemic I have left the AGM info in the newsletter so everyone can look and plan while we sit at home so when this event happens (hoping for June) that we have a huge turnout in all the classes!

Georgetown has done a ton of work for this to be put on hold and I hope you all try hard to put an entry/photo into this event when we get back to "normal".

While you are all getting crafty (or stir crazy) look at the classes for convention! Get some entries for this event too!

Program

8:30 a.m.	Doors open
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Photo Contest & Flower Show entries
9:30 a.m.	Meeting begins Singing of O' Canada Welcome by Carol Mathison Greetings from Mayor Rick Bonnette Greetings from the OHA District 6 Director Catherine McGill
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:50 a.m.	Keynote speaker Denis Flanagan
1:00 p.m.	Flower Show & Photo Contest Results Raffles

- **Each Society is requested to please bring their banner and a gift for the raffle (\$25.00 value).**
- **The entry fee is a donation of non perishable foods for our local food bank.**
- **Pre-registration is required as we will be issuing prize tickets and name badges. Please send us an email with your information to: georgetown@gardenontario.org**
- **Open to members of District 6 only**

Photo Contest

Class A - Close Ups

Class B Garden Vistas

Class C People/Animals in the Garden

Class D Winter Scenes

Flower Show

Horticulture

☛ Unless otherwise stated, vases are supplied by the Society.

Class 1	Narcissus, single	1 stem
Class 2	Narcissus, any other	1 stem
Class 3	Hyacinth	1 stem
Class 4	Muscari	1 stem
Class 5	Tulip, single	1 stem
Class 6	Tulip, any other	1 stem
Class 7	Any other Spring bulb not listed	1 stem
Class 8	Flowering branch	1 branch
	(max. 76.2 cm, 30" including exhibitor's own container)	
Class 9	Collection of dried flowers	5 stems, each different
	(in exhibitor's own container)	
Class 10	Houseplant	1 specimen

Design **Theme: Centennial Spirit**

- ☛ Designs should fit into a 60.96 cm - 2 foot square. Height is unlimited.
- ☛ Staged on tables with black cloths.

Class 10 100 Years Ago... A design incorporating something old

Class 11 Celebration A Parallel design

A design in which three or more groupings are placed in a parallel manner with open spaces between the groupings. The parallel direction may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. The design is in one container or in containers combined so as to appear as one unit. OJES 2019 pages 146-147

Class 12 Modern Times A Modern Mass design

A design of multiple groups (usually 3 to 5) of plant material (each group composed of one variety of plant material) juxtaposed to give a sculptural effect. It may be a solid mass or a mass with space emphasizing strong colours, textures and forms. OJES page 144

Class 13 Dried Up A miniature using predominately dried plant material

A design with maximum dimensions no more than 12.7 cm - 5 inches in height, width and depth, including any container, base and/or accessories. OJES page 145

Class 14 Spirit A miniature using predominately fresh plant material

A design with maximum dimensions no more than 12.7 cm - 5 inches in height, width and depth, including any container, base and/or accessories. OJES page 145

Photo Contest Rules

- ☒ Photo entries are from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. only
- ☒ Exhibitors must enter their name in the photo contest register
- ☒ Each photo must have the exhibitor's name and class entry on the back
- ☒ Photos will be placed in free standing frames
- ☒ Photos must be placed by photo contest volunteers only
- ☒ No previously entered photographs
- ☒ All photographs are to be garden related
- ☒ Up to three prints per category
- ☒ Photos may have been taken at any time
- ☒ Colour or black and white prints using any type of camera or software
- ☒ 4 x 6 inch photos only. Photo must fill the entire 4 x 6 print area, with no borders
- ☒ Winning prints must be left with the photo contest directors
- ☒ All non-winning prints (no ribbon awarded), must be picked up by the exhibitor at the end of the AGM
- ☒ No members are allowed in the show area during judging
- ☒ Exhibits not meeting entry rules will not be judged
- ☒ **No professional photographers**
- ☒ All judging decisions are final

Flower Show Rules

Rules and descriptions are based on the new 2019 OJES

Horticulture

1. Each exhibitor may enter up to three entries per horticulture class provided each entry is of a different cultivar – except in 'Any Other' category – where there is no restriction.
2. The exhibitor **MUST** grow all entries.
3. The use of scarce, protected or endangered native plants, such as trilliums etc. requires that the exhibit be disqualified.
4. Exhibits must be entered at the times listed on the show schedule.
5. All entries must remain in place as per Individual show schedule for viewing by spectators.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for removing all their exhibited material.
7. Entrants may place their own specimen in a class. However, only show committee members may move another person's entry.
8. Entries must conform to the show schedule or they will be disqualified. When a specific number of blooms, stems, etc. is designated, **NO MORE OR LESS** may be exhibited.

Design

1. Each exhibitor may enter one design only in each category.
2. All materials may come from any source. However, the use of scarce, protected, endangered native plants, such as trilliums etc. requires that the exhibit be disqualified. Plant material currently on the Ontario invasive list will not be permitted to be used in this show, this includes Periwinkle, English Ivy, Forsythia, etc. <http://www.invadingspecies.com/plants/>
3. Natural plant material may be used, including exhibitors' choice of wood, rocks, moss,, anything fresh or dried. Judicious use of painted plant material is allowed.
4. No artificial plant material allowed.
5. Decorative design exhibits, unless otherwise stated, should fit in a 60.96 cm - 2 foot square.
6. Accessories are permitted.
7. Designs will be staged on tables with black cloths.

Directions to Gellert Community Centre
From the 401 exit Trafalgar Road head North
Turn right onto 10 Sideroad
Turn left onto Eight Line (Fire Station at corner)
The Gellert Centre is on the right

AT OUR AGM

Georgetown is celebrating 100 years! They are covering all costs for this event and all they ask are foodbank donations, lets blow the foodbank doors to overflowing and celebrate by giving to others!

I have started looking at my photos to see what I can enter and I hope you are looking at what your society can enter!

Remember there is a prize for most % of members attending.

Remember to bring your society Banner

Remember to bring your societies \$25 gift for fun door prizes

Remember that extra cash for draws, vendors, and all the fun extras we have at this meeting.

Remember that EVERY society is requested to have representatives at the District meetings, if you cant go find other exec/members to go who can get the latest news for your societies benefit.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sept. 19/20 - Fall Breakfast, Simcoe

Nov. 14/20 - Fall Dinner, Haldimand

We have 2 new members joining the D6 exec, Doreen Scott who will be taking an Assistant District Director position and Bob Heil who is going to be our new Treasurer. Unfortunately we are losing Jenny Blunt to

retirement and more world travel, Barb Bell is giving the treasurer post to Bob so she can focus on Assistant District Director and family.

All positions; just like in your societies, are volunteer, it can be a big commitment for some to give extra to the district to help us connect to all of our members throughout all 21 societies/clubs. Many still have jobs as well as helping with their own home societies this can be a large juggling job so please remember this if we do not respond instantly to your emails, we try.

Catherine- district6@gardenontario.org

Annual Garden Tour hosted by the Paris Horticultural Society: Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7th from 10 am - 4 pm in conjunction with Springtime in Paris. Six gorgeous gardens in & around Paris. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Sobey's Floral Department in Paris, Mary Maxim's, Antler's, Green Heron Books, Walter's Greenhouse or at the Gardens on the day of the event. Please call Anne or Rick Vernon 905-536-2037 for more information.

Did ya know?

In the middle Ages young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve"

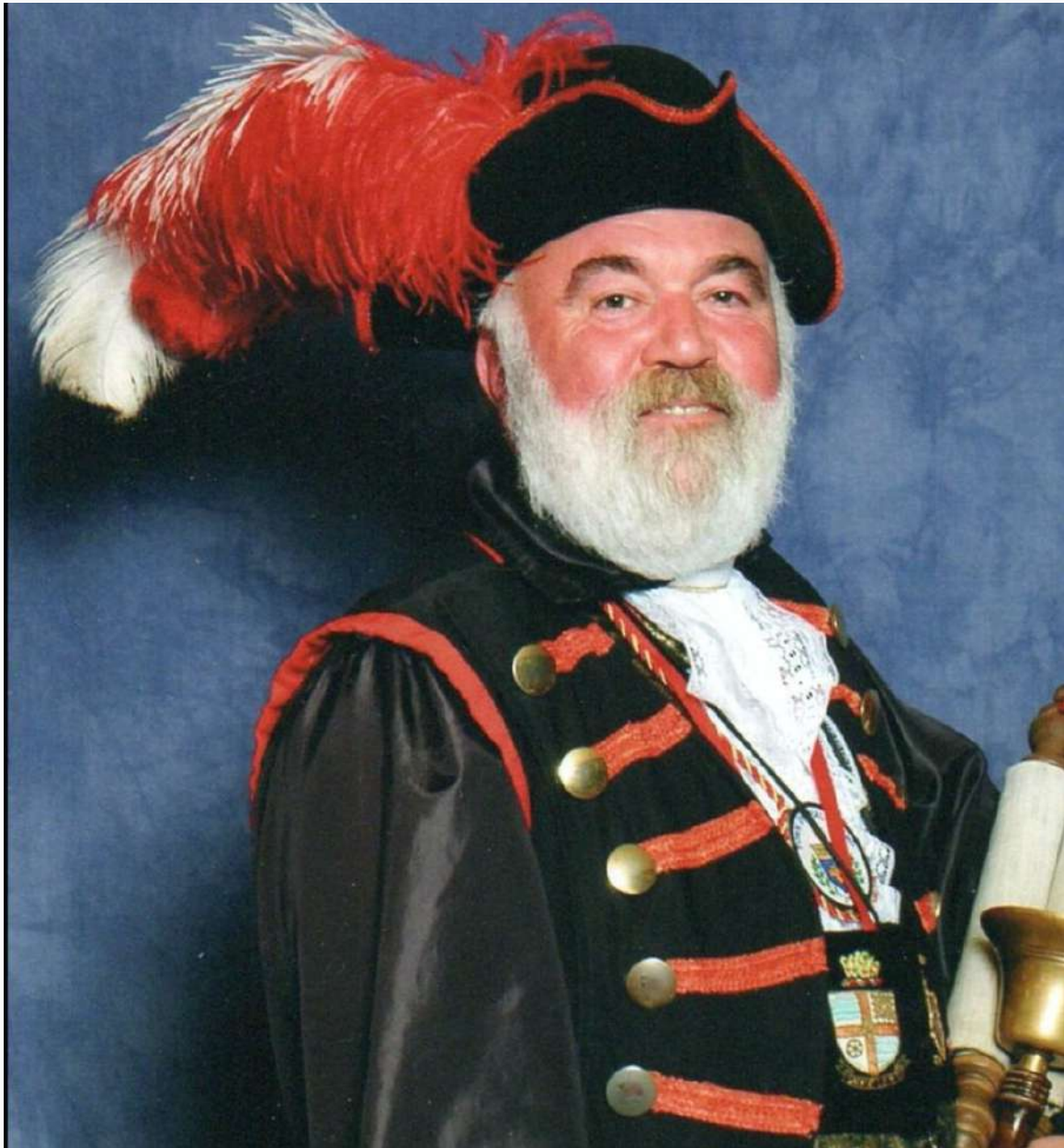


Welcome to the exec

Bob Heil- D6 treasurer being installed in April at our AGM

I have 46 years of municipal and financial management experience. Currently, I practise law specializing in property assessment and property taxation. I have been involved in several community organizations and I feel I can make a contribution to District 6. I am a former Town Crier, active thespian and enjoy

singing. I look forward to working with such dedicated garden club and horticulture enthusiasts.





Hello D6, I am Doreen Scott and will be your newest Assistant District Director, and yes I love a man in a kilt! Although my man doesn't tend to wear them, lol.

I have been a gardener my whole life...and I learn something new all the time. I am anxious to share ideas, experiences and information with the societies that I will be representing as the Assistant District Director. Hope to see you soon at the next district meeting or at your society meeting when the world starts again, in the meantime I will be in my big farm garden in Haldimand. Happy Spring everyone!

GARDENING JOBS FOR MARCH, Courtesy of MARK & BEN CULLEN

Outdoors:

- fertilize the lawn, once it's dry enough that you won't compact the soil;
- prune roses; remove the soil you mounded over them in the fall with a garden fork and cut them back to about 30 cm high;
- prune the old fashioned Annabelle-type hydrangeas to about 10 cm high;
- cut down standing perennials;
- clean out nesting boxes to be ready for

returning birds;

- prune apple trees before they break

dormancy. Indoors:

- start seeds of slow germinating veggies (broccoli, cauliflower, leeks) and flowers (petunias, geraniums and impatiens);
- start begonia tubers and dahlias;
- repot over-grown house plants;
- clean used pots with a mild ammonia solution
(10 parts water/1 part ammonia).

Thanks St George for this article!

its also time to cut down those perennial grasses, tie them up and cut, much easier cleanup.

DEADLINES for Newsletter

(Notice I have changed the distribution time to an open time after the deadline so it can go out as soon as completed and not wait for a set date. This makes it easier on the editor)

Dec 28 deadline for Jan distribution

March 15 deadline for April distribution

July 15 deadline for July distribution -convention news

Oct 15 deadline for Oct distribution



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