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Welcome to 2021 Oha District 6 Dirt

Well not sure 2021 is going to be a whole lot different than 2020, until the fall at least, here is hoping for a full 2021 family Christmas! So far for me it is the year of death, fun? not so much, this covid 19 is real and please follow the rules and stay safe. My family is good and 4 of 5 are working so that is a good thing? Unfortunately only 1 works from home. I am currently not working as i am afraid of bringing something in to my clients homes as I work with alot of seniors and at higher risk; so just not doing it. Good news is alot of cupboards and closets have been purged and now the seed catalogues have arrived and dreaming has begun. Our Spring Breakfast meeting is going virtual and so has our AGM. We are going to hang on and dream that the Fall breakfast meeting and our Fall dinner will be in person and we all can see each other then! Catherine McGill, District Director

Congratulations to Erinn Burbridge for buying a gift membership to St George! Erinn is a Master Gardener and just moved to that area, Erinn won a google home mini that was donated by District 6. We had around 20 gift memberships purchased across the District. Glad this helped and hope you add it to your societies membership drive for new members.



Treasurer update-there have been misunderstandings by the Societies and Clubs, it seems that the invoices for membership and dues invoiced in September have been considered by some to be for the next year, which is not correct, and accordingly the payment of said dues and invoices has been delayed unnecessarily due, in part, to those misunderstandings. Starting this year the billing for dues will come earlier in year when the District gets the member count from the Oha. Probably May/June. These dues help us pay for running of the District and prompt payment is much appreciated by Bob.

More Treasurer notes- District 6 is moving banks, Bob has checked out all our options and has found better for us options, and he also found a group that does accounting software and other programs for not for profit groups at a huge savings. If you want to know more contact Bob Heil [@ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com)



Spring Breakfast Meeting Feb 20 @ 9 am

Zooming we will go, it will be a brief info meeting and speaker Connie Bijl from Van Dam Seeds on unusual or not well known vegetables and herbs. We will also have a draw for all who attend so hope to see you there!

Topic: Spring Breakfast meeting

Time: Feb 20, 2021 09:00 Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Our District AGM will be Sat April 24-10 am on Zoom, i will post more info closer to date, all district members are welcome to join us.

District 6 has a Facebook page, has for many years but i am surprised at how many societies don't use it for sharing news? Send me your posting, what are you doing? Tips, Tricks, general info you want to share. Please Like, Comment and Share info on that page and lets keep growing.

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There are more folks gardening than ever before! Seed companies already have sold out on many varieties of veg and popular plants, so for your plant sales this year make sure you have lots of Vegetable started! and a membership incentive! buy a new membership at the sale and get a free pkg of seed, or plant, something! renew membership and you get XXX, Buy gift membership and get XXXXXXXX Make it extra special, make sure you are advertising more not just relying on membership, all those new gardeners need to learn you are out there! How about a Valentines membership and plant bundle? Easy gift for guys and girls to get there hunny. So many opportunities, don't miss out. Make it Sow that was done by OHA last year, is one your society could sign up and promote, sell those seeds with no money upfront! I expect societies and especially my D6 ones to be growing bigger than ever this year!

Cat

Reminder for everyone to go to the OHA web page at www.gardenontario.org and look under resources...awards. Check out the awards/grants available and see if you spot any your society or members might be able to apply for! Deadlines are fast approaching. These are District and OHA awards.

OHA Society Annual reports are due in now! Only 9 society/clubs have got them done! Get going folks. Gardenontario.org.

OMAFRA reports are NOT due right now, the guess is late Feb or into March before they are ready to accept them.

Books have to be audited before date.

Dirt Deadline
March 15 deadline for April distribution



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