



**Well the cold weather and that 4 letter word that starts with S and ends in W is showing up, so other than some cold loving veggie our working in the dirt outside is coming to an end. I hope you are leaving some of your garden up so the hibernating bugs have a home, I am seeing more and more gardens still up and that brings a smile. Please remember the Eeyore's in your world, call, drop a card, stop for a visit, invite out for a coffee, the world gets harder for those that live with depression in the grey and white world of winter. Hope your indoor plants keep you in dirt and that it brings you many smiles. Merry Christmas everyone. Catherine**



District 6 is looking for 1 or 2 societies/clubs to put on the Spring meeting, usually held mid/late Feb, it's one of the easier meetings to host, you can make it as big or small as you need. Speaker, coffee/tea, some light nibbles and the District runs the meeting. If you want vendors or to have auction, raise some \$ for the society that is up to you. Please let us know if you might consider Feb 2022 Spring meeting hosting.



Lost- District 6 banner and signage, they were passed on for future meeting and then Covid hit. 2 years later we can not find them, can you please look in your garage for a black fabric case that is holding the banner and some loose signs with District 6 on them, someone has them for safekeeping and we would like to find them rather than replace them. [district6@gardenontario.org](mailto:district6@gardenontario.org) if you find them.



### Positions open

Director- i need a replacement, my term is up, 5 year term, 3 multi day OHA meetings including convention mandatory, 4 District meetings, helping societies with any issues and questions that arise. Lots of hours, no pay but in satisfaction of helping others, the OHA meetings and the District travel you get mileage, convention is paid for but the rest is voluntary. You need to have been a society president at very minimum as there are lots of items that will arise and if you have not been in the loop of what comes down the line you will be lost. I am very willing to help the new person. You have a great team of assistants directors. Need to be very comfortable with computers. Position would start in April 2022.

District 6 Secretary-need to be organized to keep the files for the District, and keep track of the files the Director loses! Proficient in keeping records and taking minutes. Need to attend all District meetings and Exec meetings. Marie is retiring but will help the incoming all she can and will be available as backup for any questions that arise. The secretary does not attend the OHA meetings just the District ones. April 2022.

Assistant District 6 Director- Looking for one A.D.D prefer someone Ancaster, Haldimand, Waterford, Paris societies as they would cover up to Delhi area, to keep travel lower these areas would be better. Main bulk of job is to forward email, but you must drive daytime and evenings to attend to your 3 societies and the District meetings. Not a ton of driving but you do need to visit your societies couple times a year and the 4 District meetings. You get mileage but the rest is volunteer time. [district6@gardenontario.org](mailto:district6@gardenontario.org).



Gage Park Mum show!

"In the first 2 1/2 hours today, they had 339 people go through and they had to close the doors as they were at capacity more than once" reported Sandi Remedios who is our events person and put it all together!

Sandi ended up almost clearing out of all your society info, so please have more ready for your ADD when they visit or get to Sandi for the next event which should be the RBG plant faire next spring. Thank you Sandi for all you do for the District.



A man of science rises ever, in seeking truth; and if he never finds it in its wholeness, he discovers nevertheless very significant fragments; and these fragments of universal truth are precisely what constitutes science.

Claude Bernard



## **Introducing our Scholarship Winner for this year....**

The OHS Executive is pleased to announce that Garrett Nunn, who has undertaken P studies in Molecular Plant–Microbe interactions at McMaster University, has been awarded our scholarship for this year. A number of OHS Executive members were on hand to meet and present the award to Garrett on October 21, 2021.

The focus of Garrett's program is to study plants and various pathogens that affect them at a fundamental level, and in particular, the mechanisms of age-related resistance that plants develop over time. The purpose of this research is to develop more disease resistant plants including crops.

Garrett has built an impressive resume through his undergraduate and Master's studies at McMaster University. He is a very active and generous volunteer with particular interests in encouraging and mentoring students to enroll in plant biology programs. This interest extends to the Let's Talk Science program which encourages high school students to consider university level programs related to plant science. He has volunteered to maintain laboratory equipment, helped to develop safety programs for use in laboratories and contributed to team focused laboratory projects undertaken at McMaster.

He has also shown his broader interest in community service through participation in Biology Department EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity) programs initiated at McMaster as well as the Biology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Garrett is an impassioned promoter of plants and plant science. This interest extends to his home garden and to inspiring his friends to grow gardens as well.

The Oakville Horticultural Society is pleased to assist Garrett with this scholarship and contribute to his studies, and look forward to hearing about the progress of his research at future OHS meetings.



**Congratulations!**



## St. George

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year has been challenging, but our executive has been working creatively to meet each challenge as it appears. Virtual meetings, social distancing in the gardens and field trips, online plant sales- these have all been incorporated into our calendar year.

Each of our members received lawn sign for their gardens celebrating our members, our club, and our anniversary. Our virtual monthly flower completion included a display incorporating the sign. Many artistic displays were entered.

Our scholarship award was presented to Katie Disher, a deserving young person, with the cheque presentation taking place in front of our new Anniversary Garden located at the arena in St. George.



A trip to the Lavender Farm in Ayr was a lovely reminder of how nice it is to see people in person social distancing and all.



Two local artists created a lovely pewter apple blossom brooch and a glass fused garden stake which we used as a fundraiser and a remembrance of St George Garden Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Pop up seed sharing, tree planting in the local park, tending to the downtown planters and garden at the cenotaph, road cleanup, and several interesting virtual speakers have kept our members well informed and involved in our club this past year. Hosting District 6 Annual General Meeting and Dinner has had its challenges, but with everyone's hard work and thinking "outside the box", plans have been finalized and everyone is looking forward to an informative day.

Our anniversary year might not have been what we wanted, but it has been a year of highlights, imaginative thinking, new skills, and the continuing friendships of fellow gardeners.

# SHOW YOUR PRIDE PLANT RED FOR 2022

## What will you grow?

Year of the Garden  
Année du jardin

2022

Year of the garden looking like it will be big!, they have events page you can post whatever events your society is having, photo pages to brag on both your town plantings and your personal gardens, so much opportunity for you to get your society/club pride flags a flying! Please plan on using this group to spread the love of gardening to potential new members.



## *Haldimand Horticultural Society*

submitted by member

Barbara Wilson

(acting publicity chair)

Volunteers of the Haldimand Horticultural Society have had a busy Spring, Summer & Fall maintaining their many gardens throughout the community.

Three native red maples were planted this Fall- 1 Autumn Fantasy Maple at the Caledonia Kinsmen Park & 2 Red Point Maples in the York Park. A pollinator garden will be added to the Burke Estate Park in Caledonia in the Spring.

In photo are Sharon Slack, Elsie Eubank and worker from Caledonia Garden Centre who helped with the plantings.

The Annual Christmas Workshop was popular again this with all spots filled. Participants created beautiful pots for their Christmas urns, members Nancy Spellen was proud of her Creation (mask removed for photo) and Coby Osinga who was working on a great bow to finish off her urn.

A wreath sponsored by the HHS was placed at the Hagersville Cenotaph on the November 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day ceremony.

Our monthly meetings have resumed in person and are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (not December or July) at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Caledonia. All are welcome.

For more information: [haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com)

Urn workshop, Remembrance Day wreaths and planting of tree photos taken by HHS member Sharon Slack

Societies/clubs looking for ideas on speakers, please consider all the new gardeners and potential members...kitchen gardens, herbs, veggie gardens, houseplants, harvest prep, canning all the things your members might know and might be able to share their wisdom! Food prep is unknown to the younger folk, no more home ec, no moms home making meals from scratch, no hanging at grandmas helping with the canning, and the young adults want to learn and grow their own food so give them what they want and increase your membership!



Thank you to all of you, you continued to support your societie/clubs even though we couldn't meet, meetings are just starting for a few, many will continue with zooms for the winter months but in person is on the horizon. Big Thank you to all the Exec and Board of the societies who tried so hard to keep going in the month to month , day to day changing restrictions, you hung on and learned new ways of staying in touch. We were again, the District with the most growth and the largest District in all of Ontario. Congratulations for the bazillion hours you put in to make your societes/clubs great and unique to your towns.

Please remember to email your 2022 exec contact list to [district6@gardenontario.org](mailto:district6@gardenontario.org). We need 3 contacts for the district/oha emails, usually President, Secretary and Treasurer (treasurer only gets mail usually

from D6 treasurer or OHA direct contact unless requested).

\*Looking for the latest copy of your bylaws and Constitution, or an email saying you have reviewed and no changes. Indemnification should be in all constitutions and allowing meetings/voting by electronic means, so you are current.

If you want to share special moments with the District remember to send them to me at [district6@gardeontario.org](mailto:district6@gardeontario.org) and or the [district6gardenontario](#) facebook page.

Dec 28 deadline for Jan distribution

Cat

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