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## Welcome Spring

Its official, OHA Convention 2021 is going Virtual! It is hosted by District 10 and will have a great lineup of speakers, events. July 16-18, stay tuned as we get all the details; but plan on internet access for that weekend! Watch the district 6 facebook page for more info or the gardenontario facebook page. Join them both for lots of good articles and great space for your gardening questions.

Well it has been the longest winter ever with having to stay home. Good news is that many have got to clean out cupboards to find long forgotten treasures and our hunnys got to get there to do lists finally done! we had time....but motivation was lacking in some homes, lol. Spring has been eagerly awaited, and everyone itching to start gardening, its hard to not clean up and get started but we have to wait for the sleeping bugs to wake up and move out of the hollow stems and leaf litter.

Seeds are being bought up in record numbers and new gardeners are waiting to discover that they have a Horticultural society nearby so now is the time to advertise! Invite the community on your zoom meetings, seed swaps, plant sales, New times are calling for new methods of spreading the news.

I am impatiently awaiting my order of native plants to harden off so i can plant them! Crocus are up, bees are buzzing and What is it ? posts are starting. Had my OHA weekend meeting and lots of info to share on the upcoming AGM April 24, all members are welcome to attend.

Catherine



### Winged Beauties

One of the first butterflies to appear in spring are Mourning Cloaks. They overwinter as adults in tree crevices or other sheltered places and sometimes emerge when snow is still on the ground. To generate heat, they vibrate their wing muscles to fly, find food, and mate. Mourning Cloaks forage on flowers for nectar but prefer sap from Maple, Poplar, Oak, and Birch trees.

They get minerals from damp sand, manure, and compost.  
Thanks Glen Morris for the info.



District 6 fundraiser opportunity. We were given the opportunity to pass on to you Tenna Tops, they are the little balls that normally go on car antennas, now adays most cars dont have a permanent atennas, thats ok, they fit on a campfire skewer for in a potted plant! so cute, The deal is \$100 a case, you get 1case sealed from the factory of 288 assorted Tenna Tops, they sell on Amazon from 4.99-14.99 each depending on which one, we suggest selling for \$2 each or 3 for \$5, you will make at least \$400 profit. Please pass this idea on to schools, car clubs, kid activity groups as they will sell for that. All cases are in Caledonia and you will have to pick up from there.

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AGM - All members welcome to join meeting

Topic: D6 AGM

Time: Apr 24, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Speaker Rebecca Last "my big fat gardening reno"

Info on Convention, Installation of officers, OHA updates.

### **How to Join a Zoom Meeting**

For the Zoom meetings you will receive an email (see above) with a link to the meeting. It will cover topic, time and have a link to join the meeting. When you click on the link, Zoom will ask you to launch the meeting or download and run Zoom.

When this is completed, you will then be allowed into the meeting by the host. When you have joined the meeting and Zoom is operating, scroll to the location of the Tool Bar on your screen, depending on your technology.

**One of the most asked questions** is how see either everybody on the call or just the person speaking. This is a

tricky one to answer because everyone's technology is different (Windows vs Mac; tablet vs laptop vs desktop vs phone; Android vs iOS; you get the picture). Whatever your system, somewhere on the screen you should see an option for "Speaker" or "Gallery" view. To see just the person talking, select "Speaker". To see everyone on the call, click "Gallery", noting there may be several screens of callers so scroll through to see everyone.

We will be welcoming 2 new Assistant District Directors so please be on the watch for new faces and sadly we have 2 retiring Adds, Barb Bell who has been with the District exec for many years in many positions is stepping back and Doreen Scott who was new last year but this pandemic has her jumping forward out of retirement and into her old field of health care. Good luck to all.

Congratulations Oakville, Haldimand and Milton for the great virtual Seedy Saturday events, great opportunity to hear speakers.

Paris

Tentatively we are planning to host our Plant Sale May 8th at 9 am at the Firefighters Pavilion in Lion's Park, Paris.

North side by the Baseball Diamonds. Selections of perennial favourites from members' gardens, vegetables, and native plants for sale.

Please contact Carol at 519-442-3918 or Nancy at 519-752-8702 for an update closer to date.

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**And all your old favourites but don't miss out!**

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