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Grand Reopening!



Congratulations to all the District 6 members who competed virtually at Convention! We had 10 societies attend convention and it was a very full weekend with very little down time, just like the in person version! Bonus was the lines for the bathroom at break times were very short! I did some shopping, we had D6 zoom parties and all the feedback news was it was a big success. Next year is Guelph in person and I hope you all can attend. Convention is a great experience, I

treat it as a holiday (although i work non stop during) looking forward to attending as a member again and not a director when my term is up.



FYI- there were 217 paying delegates at convention, 173 societies, 354 total attending, with many just on for voting during the morning sessions, our own past District Director Donna Hussey (Delhi) who is now the Registrar for OHA was kept jumping doing all the work necessary to keep all attendees updated with changes that happened on the fly, i am sure she will breath easier with registration done in person next year!

Super Job Donna.

Our own D6 (Stoney Creek) member Marian Heil is the current OHA Treasurer who replaced retiring (Georgetown's) member Jane Leonard. We D6 members are very present in the Lineup as movers and shakers at the OHA table, I am now the SW OHA representative as well as Youth chair to add another hat!





I Thank and applaud Haldimand, Lynden, Port Dover & Woodhouse, Waterford, Burlington, Delhi, Flamborough, Glen Morris, Milton, Oakville, Stoney Creek, Winona who all used or sent in proxies so your society and our District 6 voice was heard but sad for societies who could not send an email for proxy votes to be transferred to someone attending, your voice was silenced.

The one resolution that will affect District 6 is the \$1.00 increase went through and your OHA dues will go up per member. Still a good deal for all that is included, Insurance being a big one.





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FYI- Did you know that the native plant Spotted Jewelweed is
great remedy for poison ivy?

<https://www.outdoornews.com/2018/08/23/jewelweed-a-natural-remedy-for-poison-ivy-stinging-nettles/>

2022 plan to plant RED blooms! to celebrate Canadian
Gardening, Love seeing all the yellow blooms that societies
planted for the year of hope!

<https://gardenscanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Year-of-the-Garden-2022-Invitation-to-Municipalities.pdf>

D6 has the highest membership (2114) in all Districts across Ontario for the 4th year! Thank you for working at growing your societies/clubs during this break in normal operations! D6 showed Ontario that even in a pandemic we work with all our members and continue to grow!

There was a decrease in OHA membership of 5,650 or 20% provincially, if you saw the in memoriam list you know why, D6 had a ton of losses and i am sorry for all your lost gardeners. I know this year has been hard for many, i personally have lost 12 people in 2021, family, friends, clients. I would appreciate if you would please stay and garden a bit longer with me and a hug for all who have had loses.

Volunteer hour numbers were way down, ummm yah, but still if the government had to pay minimum wage for those hours it would be 3.7 MILLION dollars, you do so much for your communities, Thank you is not enough.

Notes from Kelly

It has been a very sad year for the OHA with the loss of several Past Presidents.

We have recently learned of 2 additional Past Presidents who have passed away.

Ann Bourke passed away on April 29, 2021. Ann was from District 17 and was OHA President in 1995.

<https://newediukfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/4605805/Bourke-Ann/index.php>

Earl Walker passed away on October 18, 2019. We just recently learned of his passing. Earl was from District 6 and was the OHA President in 1997.

<https://www.echovita.com/ca/obituaries/on/hamilton/earl-kenneth-walker-9870596>

We will be honoring Ann and Earl in our In Memoriam Presentation at the Convention, in the In Memoriam Book and on October 1st at the Guelph Arboretum along with the other Past Presidents (Dave Money, Suzanne Hanna and Jim Anderson).

Further details of timing will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Thank you

Kelly

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Kelly Taylor

Ontario Horticultural Association Secretary

Please consider Virtual meetings, as part of your meeting lineup! You reached so many that would not normally attend because of weather or other reasons, you brought in speakers from across the country who you would not normally get because of travel distance. Maybe Feb, March you do zooms? or in the summer when you would not normally meet? We have learned a new technology and now know how easy it can be, consider having a bit of it yearly.





FYI- **Chickadees** only forage 50 meters from their nests! so if you do not have natives to support the caterpillars they need, they will not nest in your yard! 96% of all terrestrial birds use caterpillars to feed their young, they need 6,000-10,000 to get the clutch out of the nest and 14,430 - 22,230 before they can fly and are their own. That is PER clutch, thats a small bird! Kicker is they can have 3 clutches a season!

Port Dover & Woodhouse completed their community garden project, with 10 plots to start, and its been a big hit with each gardener maintaining their own plot. there is a Gazebo adjacent to the gadens that the gardeners may use, washrooms, with composting bins available and a golf course that is providing the water source. Congratulations Port Dover & Woodhouse for getting this completed and getting more folks gardening!



Note from webmaster
Anti-Fraud Awareness

Phishing scams are everywhere right now, with many people online connecting with others while we try to stay in touch with colleagues, friends and family during this pandemic. Phishing literally means FISHING. It's when someone sends you a text or email asking you to help them, or to reset a password, or that you have won some money or entitled to a government refund.

There are so many types of phishing scams and the scammers become cleverer each day trying to fraud you out of your money or identity.

One fraud that we see often is the one where the scammer pretends to be a trusted person, like a grandchild, a colleague at work or even a minister. The scammers will send you an email or call you on the phone and ask for some kind of financial aid, often beginning as unspecified urgent "help".

To ensure you don't get caught up in a scam like this make sure to contact the friend, colleague, family member directly and let them know about the inquiry. Often in the email, the scammers can make the email appear to come from a trusted person but when you actually click to reply to the email it is embedded with a completely different email address and not your trusted person's email address at all.

Ontario Horticultural Association members/directors will never email, text or phone you personally asking for money or gift cards. So, if you happen to get an email, text or phone call like this from anyone you know through the OHA, think carefully about the authenticity of the request and reach out to someone on council to help verify or dismiss a fraudulent request. Don't ever

reply to an email or text or phone call you suspect may be fraudulent. Start a new thread of communication with the person to verify it's them, do this by composing a brand new email, or pick up the telephone and make a call to your trusted person.

Unfortunately the benevolent nature of not for profit organizations like the OHA and the people who represent them become targets for the most unscrupulous scammers. So, it's good to be aware of these potential fraudulent threats to protect yourself.

For more information about different types of fraudulent scams, check this resource from the Government of Ontario.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/report-scam-or-fraud>

Thanks so much,
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Website Coordinator to the OHA

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This is my last year, its been 5 years and that is the term for District Director, we are hoping for one or two of the Assistant Directors to step up and fill this position, we also will have an opening for a new District Secretary, now so we do not have any panic, Marie will stay on if requested to help mentor the new secretary, and i am also available to mentor the new Director but we need names brought forward sooner than later so you get an idea of what is involved, so if interested please let me know, or let

idea of what is involved, so if interested please let me know, or let an assistant director know, district6@gardenontario.org.

*reminder if you are starting up with any events, meetings, please let your assistant director know so they can be involved in your society, they should be getting your newsletters and get them on your mailing lists.



Stoney Creek has a draw every zoom meeting and here are a couple of winners!



FARM

Horticultural Society receives \$750 conservation grant

By Mike Renzella
The Haldimand Press

CALEDONIA — The Haldimand Horticultural Society (HHS) has received \$750 in funding thanks to the Grand River Conservation Foundation's (GRCF) yearly Community Conservation Grant.

Each year, the GRCF awards grants to groups and schools involved in conservation projects in communities through the Grand River watershed. Eligibility is based on proximity of the projects to the watershed as well as how it will benefit the community.

"The cheque that was



CALEDONIA—A close-up



CALEDONIA—Members of the Grand River Conservation Foundation presented a cheque for \$750 to members of the Haldi-



News from Elsie, Haldimand

Haldimand Horticultural Society had a very successful garden tour July 10 and 11 2021. People came from far and wide even in the rain to view the 7 gardens that were on the tour. We had visitors from Aylmer, London, St.Catherines, Brantford, Dunnville and Simcoe as well as many visitors from our District and home members. The gardeners loved showing off their gardens and the visitors were thrilled to be able to be out in person enjoying the gardens.

Photos are from this months Yard of the Month, you do not have to be a member and we are gaining new members because of this monthly event.

Haldimand Horticultural Society's Yard of the Month is becoming very popular. It's nice to see so many gardeners across Haldimand taking part in this fun activity. We had 10 gardens in the following areas nominated for July. Selkirk, Jarvis, Cayuga, Hagersville and Caledonia

First place award winner Jenny Bryce

Nominated by Bill Lindsay who described this waterfront property in Selkirk as having " an outstanding flower garden "

It is truly one of the most beautiful gardens in Haldimand with an abundance of colour surrounding the home, with Hostas, Pot Marigolds, Iris, Calla Lily, Spirea, and Hydrangea

Tracy Burgess is the award winner from Hagersville for July's Yard of the Month

Her beautiful vegetable garden has hand pollinated pumpkins growing and apple trees. The front of the home featured Cutleaf Coneflower plant, Lillies, Hydrangeas, Lavender and assorted grasses.

The first place winner Bob and Cherilyn Gibson in Cayuga have a unique property with a Town of Haldimand heritage landmark designated as The Duff House that features a variety of unusual trees and shrubs. This garden was also one of the gardens on our recent garden tour.

Carol Tessaro is the Caledonia winner of the July Yard of the Month competition.

She has a very colourful front yard with striking bright pink Canna Lillies and Geraniums but the most amazing "behind the scenes" is through the long corridor that leads to the back yard.

She has an artistic flair for combining mirrors and objects of art that hang along the perimeter of the property reflecting the beauty of the flowers and vines. Bright pink Roses, Hostas, Shasta Daisies, colourful Begonias and Clematis vines. A multitude of colourful planters and hanging ferns line up along the foundation and along the two walkways.





The Fall Breakfast meeting has been canceled as you can not book halls as yet and no time to get it all going when they do.
BUT

The Fall Dinner being hosted by St George is fingers crossed a go! TENTATIVE date is **Oct 23**, this may change and we will not know until Sept when town bookings open, but we are going to treat it as if we can all meet to celebrate St Georges 100th Anniversary! there will only be 100 tickets so start the conversation with your regulars. More info when we know but not until Sept. (as we are told)

The **hosting dates for 2022** are filled

Spring Breakfast meeting - Port Dover & Woodhouse

AGM- Stoney Creek

Fall Breakfast meeting- Mt. Hamilton

Fall Dinner - Brantford-170 anniversary

Hosting dates for 2023 need filling and 2024 so look at your

...meeting dates for 2021, remembering and how to host on your
anniversaries and talk to your exec as we need them filled.
*if you want the list of who has hosted and when let me know,
many societies, you are due to host a district event, we got into
talks before about assigning events to societies but you all
wanted to step up instead of being told; so live up to your word
please.

Happy Harvesting folks, enjoy the freedom, remember our
gardens are "a thing of beauty and a job forever."

Catherine

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<https://us7.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/wizard/neapolitan?id=5285523>



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