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## Editor's Message



With the opportunity to hold plant sales, garden walks and in-person meetings, the Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies in Ontario are making up for lost time! Which club/society sold out of their plants at their recent in-person plant sale well before closing time?

Which clubs have increased their membership and are greeting their club-mates in person for the first time in more than 2 years?

An 18-month calendar for all 19 OHA Districts is one of many exciting "Year of the Garden Projects" mentioned in this issue. Every club can participate and every person can support this lovely project.

Be sure to read about the OHA 50/50 Cash Raffle soon as the deadline is July 15.

Thank you to everyone for sending the articles that make this newsletter a page-turner.

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*My Begonia Riegel from a local farmers' market*

### **The *Trillium* is the quarterly newsletter of the OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association).**

This is *your* newsletter. It is for all members of all Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario in every district. If you want to know what is going on in gardening, it is in this newsletter. If your club/society has a special project and you would like to share the news, please send in a story and photographs.

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Laura Masterson, OHA *Trillium* Editor

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## Ontario Horticultural Association (GardenOntario) 50/50 Cash Raffle Is Here!

*Submitted by Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary*

The OHA (Garden Ontario) is excited to announce our quarterly 50/50 Fundraiser using Rafflebox. Purchase our tickets today and help keep Ontario beautiful.

The OHA believes gardening is a way to preserve and restore the natural environment which helps create quality of life that is accessible and sustainable for all communities. Our organization has been in existence since 1906 and is an integral part of this province's cultural fabric beautifying towns and cities with blooms and gardens and supporting our membership along the way of this 100 plus year journey.

*Funds raised by the raffle will support education for youth and adult members, environmental programs, awards and grants, community beautification and post secondary scholarships.*

We believe this is an amazing opportunity for the OHA to be able to offer these many benefits to our members. This is not only your opportunity to support our membership, but also to have a chance at winning the jackpot!

### Tickets Prices are:

- **200 for \$75**
- **80 for \$40**
- **30 for \$20**
- **10 for \$10**



- **Tickets will only be available online at:** <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>
- **DRAW #1 – Tickets will be sold beginning on May 14, 2022 and ending at 11:59 pm on July 15, 2022. All tickets purchased between May 14, 2022 and July 15, 2022 at or before 11:59 pm will be entered into the grand prize draw to take place on July 16, 2022 at 11:00 am during the OHA Annual General Meeting.**
- Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket.
- Must be within Ontario when purchasing a ticket.
- Tickets will be sold using an electronic raffle system supplied by Rafflebox Technologies Inc.
- Winning ticket details will be posted at <https://gardenontario.org/> and on <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>
- Regulations prohibit the following persons and their immediate families residing in the same household from purchasing a ticket: Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) staff and Board of Directors, employees of Rafflebox Technologies and members of licensing gaming suppliers providing goods or services to the lottery.
- All prizes must be claimed within 6 months of the date and time that the ticket was drawn. All unclaimed prizes will be subject to AGCO unclaimed prize policy and procedure.
- After purchasing, patrons will be given a receipt and their 50/50 registered numbers from a Random Selection System will be generated. No specific numbers can be given as numbers are generated randomly.

- One winning number is chosen by Random Number Generation (RNG) from all raffle numbers sold for each draw.
- One Grand Prize cash prize will be awarded for each draw. The winning number will be posted on the website Http. The amount of the 50/50 estimated winners share will be posted on the website Https with an active jackpot counter through each draw period.
- The winner must provide his/her name, address and phone number with picture identification for the OHA report sheet and send it to: [treasurer@gardenontario.org](mailto:treasurer@gardenontario.org). If the winner cannot provide photo ID, then the winning proceeds will be held until such identification can be provided.
- Once the certified winner is verified and has provided identification with photo ID, they will be given a cheque in the amount of the declared prize, which is 50% of the total sales for that draw. All prizes will be delivered to the winner or sent via registered traceable mail service.
- The winner consents to having their photo displayed as the winner of the draw on the OHA website: <https://gardenontario.org/> and <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>
- Any transaction cancellations initiated by a party other than the OHA will result in the associated tickets being considered void and not eligible to win the prize. Tickets cannot be transferred or resold to another party.
- In the event that no winner comes forward, the winning number will be kept on file in a secure location and held for six months. After that time period has elapsed, the prize will be donated to the Ontario Horticultural Association with the approval of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

***Together we can make a difference! Thank you for your support!***

Sincerely,  
OHA Board of Directors

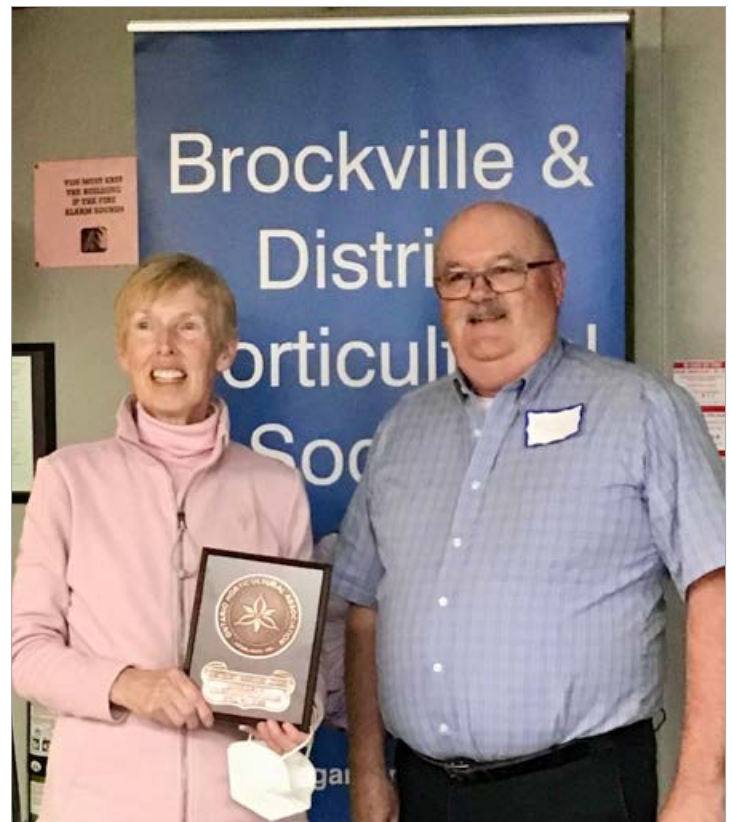
## Brockville & District Horticultural Association

*Submitted by Danielle Laurier Photo by Sandra Anderson*

### **Mary Ann Van Berlo Awarded OHA D3 Service Award**

Mary Ann (left) received the OHA District 3 Service Award at the Brockville & District Horticultural Society (BDHS) speaker event in April in a presentation made by District Director Brad King (right).

The award is bestowed upon members who have contributed to both their own horticultural society and to their district. Mary Ann was nominated by her BDHS colleagues with representations made on her behalf by Gloucester Horticultural Society and the Ottawa Horticultural Society. Mary Ann joins two other BDHS members deserving of this recognition – Donelda Shackles and David Mackenzie. Fellow members were very proud to nominate her for the award.



# Martintown and District Horticultural Society

*Written by Margaret Champlin, Submitted by Ginny Blair, Photos by Elaine Herrington*



*Ginny Blair being presented with OHA Service Award*

The Martintown & District Horticultural Society was the host of the District 1 Annual General Meeting held on April 23, 2022 at the Char-Lan Recreation Centre, Williamstown. District 1 is made up of eight societies, all were represented. A Continental breakfast was served from 08:30 till 9:30am. There were many entries in the Floral Competition and in the Photo Competition. All were judged by "People's Choice". This was a Hybrid event meaning 88 in-person and 25 via Zoom.

Our special greetings came from Lyle Warden, Mayor of South Glengarry and Charles Freeman, President of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

A short business meeting took place with Susan Ramsay, District 1 Director as chair.

A District 1 logo contest had taken place over the past months and the winner was announced – Gale Lemire, a member of the Martintown Society. Wendy Grant unveiled the new logo.

Susan Ramsay announced the winning candidate of the District Service Award as Ginny Blair. Each society can nominate a deserving member for this award. This recognition is awarded once a year and to a member once in their lifetime. We were honoured to have Ginny receive this award.

Next, we had a Zoom presentation with Paul Zammit, a horticulturist, an accomplished writer and photographer whose articles are seen in gardening magazines. Presently he is Prof. of Horticulture at Niagara College. He has YouTube videos one can access.

Our lunch was catered by Judy Steward and most delicious it was! The afternoon presenter via Zoom was Frankie Flowers, more commonly seen on Toronto Morning Television as the weather person. He has Sunday sessions via Facebook.

Then it was time to announce the winners of the Floral & Photo Contests and the Raffle winners. An invitation for next year's AGM was received from Phyllis Van Egmond, President of the Maxville Horticultural Society which will be held in April, 2023.

It was a wonderful time to see friends and the many talented competition entries. Our speakers were amazing, one had to pay attention as they brought themselves into their audience.

**Take care, be safe and happy gardening, till next year.**



*"A Flare for Red" was our theme in The Year of the Garden.*



*The Martintown & District Horticultural Society was the host of the District 1 Annual General Meeting*



# Year of the Garden 2022 For OHA's 19 Districts

Dated: April 08, 2022

Presented By: Katharine Smyth [katesmyth4@gmail.com](mailto:katesmyth4@gmail.com) 519-682-3706

## **Purpose:**

- To create a friendly 18-month calendar for 19 Districts within a 5-month turnaround time (April-August 2022).
- The Year of the Garden 2022 is a Canada-wide project supported by the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association and the Canadian Garden Council and is promoted in Ontario by the Ontario Horticultural Association along with many other groups.

The Year of the Garden officially started the first day of spring and all Canadians – whether you already enjoy gardening, recently discovered the pleasure of spending time in a garden because of the pandemic or want to learn more about how gardens impact so much of life – are invited to take part. There's something for everyone to enjoy, celebrate our country's rich garden heritage, and help grow important legacies for a sustainable future.

No matter where you live, in a house, condo or apartment, your gardens contribute to the enjoyment of life. From container kitchen gardens on a balcony, a landscaped backyard, colourful flower beds, to a community vegetable garden providing food to the neighbourhood, all need a little effort on your part to nurture their success.

We have been encouraged to plant red in honour of front-line workers, those who have lost their lives during the pandemic and your Canadian pride of gardening. What will you plant?

## **Timeframe:**

- Emails complete with flyers to go out to District Directors to promote contest by April 15, 2022
- Contest to run from May 1 to August 30, 2022
- Deadline for submissions – August 30, 2022

## **Part 1: Contest:**

- Each District is asked to submit one 8.5" X 11" collage of colour pictures (minimum of 4) taken throughout their district featuring gardens (can include public gardens in their community, private flower beds and community gardens) to showcase their District's "Year of the Garden 2022". Pictures depicted should not include people (unless the people in the picture have signed a photo release form) and should be high resolution quality.
- Submissions will be accepted in two formats:
  1. Mounted on 8.5" X 11" white heavy-weight paper for mailed entries to:  
Katharine Smyth, P.O. Box 1720, Tilbury ON N0P 2L0
  2. Electronically created and emailed to Katharine Smyth – [katesmyth4@gmail.com](mailto:katesmyth4@gmail.com).
- Their district's Logo (if have one) or District name (i.e.: District 11 if not shown on logo) should be placed on the bottom left-hand corner of the collage.

Sample:



## **Part 2: OHA 18-Month Calendar:**

Using all 19 entries of District collages, create an 18-month calendar January 2023-June 2024 featuring the 19 Districts of the OHA.

Calendars will be created and available to sell to all OHA members/interested parties in the fall of 2022 as an OHA Fundraiser. Promoted through each District's District Director and to be sold by the OHA board of directors for the cost of \$20.00 each.

OHA events to be placed monthly throughout the 18-month calendar needed by July 15, 2022 to Katharine Smyth.



## 18-Month Calendar Set Up:

**Front Cover** – Glossy – District Collage Winning Photo chosen by the Donor, Fundraising Committee along with title, “Year of the Garden 2022” – Bottom left-hand corner – OHA Logo and Bottom Right hand corner District Logo. Inside Page - OHA Vision, Mission, Values, etc.

**Back Cover** – Collage of board of directors’ gardens.

**Inside Back Cover** – Possible collage of OHA Initiatives pictures or executives’ gardens featuring red.

This will be a surprise.

Thank you for taking part in this great venture. I look forward to seeing all the beautiful pictures of gardens in Ontario and I hope our societies and districts will be excited to take part.

Katharine Smyth

*Past-President of the Ontario Horticultural Association.*



**Coordinator: Katharine Smyth, P.O. Box 1720, Tilbury, ON N0P 2L0 or [katesmyth4@gmail.com](mailto:katesmyth4@gmail.com)**

## Rules And Regulations

1. This competition is inspired by the contest theme to plant red for “The Year of the Garden 2022”.
2. The competition is open to all 19 Districts in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
3. Entries are limited to ONE per district.
4. The submission of the entry to the contest implies that the district gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the photographs/entries. The images may be used for any purpose that the OHA designates and ownership becomes the property of the OHA.
5. **Entries must be mailed to** Katharine Smyth, P.O. Box 1720, Tilbury ON N0P 2L0 **and postmarked no later than JULY 31, 2022** or emailed to Katharine Smyth [katesmyth4@gmail.com](mailto:katesmyth4@gmail.com)
6. Photographs must be collected from District members and must have been taken in the participating District during the past 12 months. The entry must include a collage of no less than 4 pictures of gardens showcasing District (public, private and community gardens where the prominent colour of the flowers etc. is red).
7. Photographs should exclude people (unless written permission has been granted and included with photograph) and be high resolution quality.
8. Collage must use COLOUR PRINTS. Photographs to be mounted on white heavy bond paper – landscape (horizontal). Mounted size to be 8.5” X 11” (outside measurement). The photographs can be various sizes, displayed attractively or may be submitted electronically.
9. Entry tags are not required. However, current District Director’s contact information including name, District name, complete mailing address, email address and phone number must accompany entry on a separate paper.
10. An eighteen-month calendar will be coordinated and be ready for district directors to pick up at the 2022 October Board meeting of the OHA and take to their fall district meetings to sell. Preorders will be appreciated. Those districts chosen for the front and back covers will have bragging rights. The inside front and back covers will include the Vision and goals of the OHA and may include a collage of the executives’ gardens. OHA events that are known will be included in the calendar. If districts have events planned for the year 2023, please send them to Katharine Smyth by July 31, 2022.

# District 19 Judging School

By Kathy Pearson, D19 Director Photo by Jean Gordon

## District 19 OHA Judging School Grads of 2021



**Top Row l to r:** Elizabeth Schleicher, Frances Bouma, Vicky Culbert, Margaret Marsh, Wale Shamonda Gordon, Ursula Eley, Ruth Price, Ainsley Gillespie

**Front Row l to r:** Michelle Goff, Myra Takasaki, Mary Cameron, Rose Odell, Dorelene Anderson, Kathy Bouma, Marie Decker, Agnes Burroughs

**Missing:** Helene Selemedis-Hill, Marie McCutcheon

In 2018, when District 19 decided to try and host a Judging School, little did we know what was in store. We were fortunate that Rose Odell, a Certified Ontario Horticultural Association Judge, offered to help with this project. Plans were begun and a letter sent to Societies in the area and those around District 19. Dorelene Anderson from Harriston took on the role of Co-principal and assisted in teaching classes.

We were excited to get 23 applicants from 7 Districts to begin the training. It is quite a milestone for a Judging School to draw students from such a wide area.

Judging School consists of 5 Courses with each Course relating to certain floral material, design styles, Elements & Principals of Design, houseplants, vegetables and fruits that are available at the time of the Course. A wonderful variety of Speakers were invited to share their knowledge on the items being taught in each Course.

The first Course was held in June, the second in August of 2019 and then Covid-19 struck. We went through 2020 hoping that the pandemic would soon be over as we were unable to continue. Early in 2021, we began planning how we could continue with Course 3 by email. The agenda and Show Schedule were rewritten and a whole new way of taking the course was devised. Thanks to everyone's tenacity, the new method was remarkably successful. When it looked like Covid -19 was slowing down in 2021, plans were made to finish the remaining 2 Courses with in-person classes in August and October. We are proud to say that sixteen students graduated and are now Judges in areas all around District 19.

The school received financial support from District 19 along with collaboration on budgets, the assistance of the District Treasurer, a donation from District 7 and a grant from the OHA Judging School Coordinator.

The new Judges have been added to the Judges list on the OHA web page <https://gardenontario.org/judges-listing/>. Please reach out to them when you have events that can use their talents. Many thanks to our co-principals, Rose and Dorelene and their amazing students.

# LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, President & Public Relations Officer

Photos by Jan Dugdale



*LaSalle Horticultural Society hosts District 11 AGM.*

Hello everyone; spring has come and it's almost gone already but we are all happy to get right back into our gardens with great enthusiasm.

As we approached the end of May, we were so happy to have hosted the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with all but two of our societies in District 11 attending. We had a great meeting with the deputy Mayor of LaSalle welcoming everyone, some great chicken and pasta for lunch and a speaker on bugs, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". Thank you to all who attended this event.

The next day we had an "Egg to Butterfly" workshop. This workshop entailed teaching people how to raise a monarch butterfly from an egg to adult. Over 50 people attended with some great lunch, door prizes and five silent auction items. Thanks to our great speakers Leo Sylvestri, Teresa Hardy, and Jan Dugdale who interested the crowd with their knowledge and stories.

As the summer brings on more projects for our society, we have two pollinator gardens going in. One will be on the property in the town of LaSalle in Vince Marcotte Park. The other pollinator garden will be at a canoe company property along River Canard. Both projects will include the new youth members. Our society is very excited to have received two



*A sample of a Trillium sign*



*Marg Laman and her award*



*OHA Past President Katharine Smyth (R) presents gifts to Marg Laman (L) as she retires from being District 11 director.*

grants to help cover the costs in the planting and maintenance of native flowers. These projects are set to be completed by the end of June.

May also brought our annual plant sale which is our largest, most successful event of the year. This is our main fundraiser which allows us to purchase two five-hundred-dollar scholarships for St. Clair College students in the horticultural program. We have also been using our extra funds from this sale to purchase food for the local LaSalle food bank. We also grow fruits and vegetables for the food bank right through until the end of summer and continue purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the fall and winter as this is our ongoing project for the food bank.

At our July meeting, we will be hosting our "Christmas in July". This is when we bring in a full chicken, pasta, bread and salad dinner plus desserts for our members. This is a thank-you to our members for all the time they volunteer to help our society thrive and donate plants to our plant sale which makes it that much more successful. You cannot have a successful society without having willing volunteers to run it, so appreciate them.

This year, we also were able to win two three-hundred-dollar tree grants, one from the OHA and the other from District 11. The two native trees purchased will be in one of our pollinator gardens.

By the end of August, we will be celebrating our Trillium winners with our white metal Trillium signs with the year embedded in the metal. The homeowners win these signs for the beautification of their front yard properties. The gardens and properties are nominated by members of the community and our society members along with a few mail postal workers which help us out with this project.

We look forward to a couple more workshops maybe midsummer on "Living Frames: with succulents and another on how to make fall arrangements with pumpkins.

***Enjoy your gardens and we'll see you in the fall.***

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## Link To Article On Planting Red For 2022

*Submitted by OHA Past President Katharine Smyth*

Here is the link to Planting RED for 2022 from Year of the Garden 2022. Seven red plants are shown to help give you ideas.  
<https://landscapeontario.com/celebrate-year-of-the-garden-by-planting-red>.

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## Nomination Report for 2022 OHA AGM

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in London.

Charles Freeman has been nominated to stand for a second term as President by the Russell & District Horticultural Society. Charles has agreed to allow his name to stand for President.

Sharlene Desjardins has been nominated by the Deep River Horticultural Society to stand for a second term for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Sharlene has agreed to allow her name to stand for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Vicky Culbert has been nominated by the Goderich and District Horticultural Society to stand for a second term for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Vicky has agreed to allow her name to stand for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Katharine Smyth has agreed to stand for a second term as Past President.

A call for further nominations, for each position, will be held during the AGM. If there are any others that wish to have their name put forward, please contact Kelly Taylor at [secretary@gardenontario.org](mailto:secretary@gardenontario.org) or myself at [pres4oha@gmail.com](mailto:pres4oha@gmail.com)

Please note that the nominating report and biographies will be posted on the <https://gardenontario.org> website.

*Katharine Smyth, OHA Past President*



## Charles Freeman, President, OHA

### **Greetings to the Membership of Each and Every Affiliated Society/Club**

I have served as the President of the OHA for almost one full year and am now seeking to continue to serve in the position of President for one more year. I have been nominated by the Executive of Russell & District Horticultural Society and graciously accepted the nomination and the opportunity to continue to serve the Association.

The past year has been a continual learning experience. It has also been an extremely busy time. Conferring with Societies/Clubs that are closing or endeavoring to stay open, keeping communication lines open with our OMAFRA representatives, answering to the best of my abilities the many different questions surrounding Society/Club governance, participating in monthly teleconferences as well as any other tasks all contribute to the continuing process of learning how best to lead the OHA.

The affects of the Covid-19 pandemic have caused the business of the OHA to become even more complicated, time consuming, challenging and ultimately rewarding as we navigated all of the changing legislation, rules and guidelines and their differing interpretations.

My time in policing both working on the road and instructing in the classroom, being a Scout Leader, chaperoning school trips and international exchanges as well as coaching and refereeing provincial basketball has served me well while conducting the regular business of the OHA.

I would be honoured to represent the OHA as President. I thank all of you for everything that you have done and continue to do as you represent your Society/Club in your community.

To the Officers and the Board, my deepest appreciation for helping to ensure the OHA moved and continues to move forward in the best possible way.



*Charles Freeman*

Take Care; Stay Safe

Sincerely,

Charles Freeman, President  
Ontario Horticultural Association



## Sharlene Desjardins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### Greetings!

I have been nominated, and have accepted the nomination, put forward by the Deep River Horticultural Society for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). I have been within the umbrella of the OHA since I joined the Deep River Society in 2012. Within the Society, I have held the position of President for two years and I am the current Past President. I was also the membership chair for one year, yearbook designer and editor for one year, photo competition chair for two years and I am the current Spring Flower Show Chair. I joined the Pembroke Horticultural Society as well in 2017 and have been active at the meetings as well as helping with the plant sale and flower shows.

I took over the position as interim Assistant District Director for the Upper Ottawa Basin of District 2 in the Fall of 2015 and was elected to the position in the Spring of 2016. I held that position until the Spring of 2017 when I was elected to the position of District 2 Director. In April of 2019, I resigned from the position of District Director to pursue the OHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position which I was filling in on an interim basis. I was elected to that position at the 2019 OHA Convention in July. I spent two years as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President before being elected to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in July of 2021 at the OHA virtual convention.

I also hold the position of OHA Awards Coordinator which I find very rewarding. I appreciate all the work and research the societies and individuals include when applying for grants and awards. The time and effort that individuals and societies across the province put in to beautify their communities and educate their members and residents is amazing and makes for some very interesting reading and potential vacation destinations.

I completed the OHA Judging School in November of 2020 and I am now a Certified Judge. I also completed the Master Gardener Course at Dalhousie University to further my gardening knowledge.

I am married and have three children, two boys and a girl. During their formative years, we travelled extensively for hockey and figure skating. During this time, I sat on the Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Board of Directors as the Regional Representative for Region 6 and was also the Test Chair and Secretary of two different skating clubs. Prior to having my children, I was the Secretary of both the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 436 Executive and the Ladies' Auxiliary. I worked at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (now Canadian Nuclear Laboratories) for 26 years and I am currently retired and loving it.

I began gardening late in life and have since fallen in love with it. I continue to expand my garden beds and love experimenting with plants that push the boundary for my area. I am in zone 3B. I grow vegetables, flowers and herbs and have several shrubs and 4 cherry trees. I plan to add a pear and apple tree this year. I have installed a pergola with a "Zen" feel to it and have four raised garden beds. Last year we installed a small pond. With over 1100 square feet of total gardening space, there is always more that can be squeezed in.

I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the OHA, the Districts and the Societies/Clubs and all the wonderful people that make up this remarkable organization. Remember the following:

***"Gardening adds years to your life and life to your years."*** Unknown

Sincerely,  
Sharlene Desjardins, 1st Vice President  
Ontario Horticultural Association



*Sharlene Desjardins*



## Vicky Culbert, OHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

I live in Goderich with my husband Doug and three small dogs, Boots, Charley and Dickens. We have six children, four sons and two daughters and are blessed with fifteen beautiful grandchildren between the ages of nineteen and three. I began gardening as a child at my mother's and grandmother's side, and continue to love it. I continue to expand my garden beds and plant at least five new trees a year. My garden has beds of vegetables, flowers, herbs, grapevines and many cherished trees.

I was nominated, and have accepted the nomination, put forward by the Goderich and District Horticultural Society, for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and volunteered in that position last year. I have been involved with the OHA, since I joined the Goderich and District Horticultural Society in 2007. Within that Society, I have held the position of President for five years and have returned as the President for the past two years and currently, volunteer as the Secretary. I have volunteered on all committees of the society including: administration, activities and events. I enjoy the planting and maintenance of community gardens, garden tours, plant sales, regular meetings and flower shows.

I was elected to the position of Assistant District Director for the County of Huron of District 8 in the spring of 2015. I held that position until the spring of 2017 when I was elected as the District 8 Director. As the Director for eighteen Societies in District 8, I have learned and experienced the many rewards and challenges faced in the societies. One of the most exciting challenges has been District 8 working in partnership with District 7 to offer the 2024 Convention and Annual General Meeting in Guelph.

As the chairperson of the Competitions for the Ontario Horticultural Association Annual Convention and the Chairperson of the Donations, Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee, I have experienced many activities of the Association. I have been the South West Representative for the OHA. I am also a new Judge for the OHA.

The three loves of my life are family, horticulture and Ontario history. I am a Horticulture Judge for the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and am the Past President for "Discover the Gardens of Huron Perth", and have my garden open to the public during the summer months. I am the current Chair of the Goderich Municipal Heritage and Marine Committee, a member of the Business Improvement Area Board and the President of the local Senior's Centre. I am an active member of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors Archival and Historical Committee.

My wide range of experiences and organizational skills provide me with strong leadership capabilities that would be an asset to the Ontario Horticultural Association. I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the Association and all the wonderful people that make up the organization.



*Vicky Culbert*

Vicky Culbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ontario Horticultural Association  
2024 Co-Convention Host



# Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2022 OHA Annual General Meeting

## **RESOLUTION 22-1: Be it resolved that:**

### **By-Law 1, 12. Be created as follows:**

"Meeting" means any meeting that may be held at an in-person venue or may be held via telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously.

### **Rationale:**

1. The Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act is totally silent on the topic of meeting format.
2. By adding the definition, this should remove any doubt about any confusion regarding what is a meeting.
3. The content of Resolution 20-21 as passed by the membership has been questioned regarding having voice, attendance and what is a meeting.

## **RESOLUTION 22-2: Be it resolved that:**

### **By-Law 4, preamble be amended as follows:**

#### **Current wording:**

Affiliation in the Association shall consist of the following classes: Affiliated Society/Club, Associate, and Partner. The Board of Directors may establish other categories, provided that the category is subsequently ratified by the delegates at an Annual General Meeting of the Association.

#### **Proposed amendment:**

Affiliation in the Association shall consist of the following classes: Affiliated Society/Club, Associate, and Partner. The Board of Directors may establish other categories, provided that the category is subsequently ratified by the **voting** delegates at an Annual General Meeting of the Association.

### **Rationale:**

1. It is the voting delegates who ratify items at the AGM.

## **RESOLUTION 22-3: Be it resolved that:**

### **By-Law 5, 5.5 be amended as follows:**

#### **Current wording:**

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a one-year term, unless re-elected. The Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

#### **Proposed amendment:**

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve **from one Annual General Meeting of the Association until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. They may continue to serve if** re-elected. The Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

### **Rationale:**

1. The current wording suggests a one (1) year term. There is no definition of one (1) year.
2. With the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and the postponement of the Annual General Meeting which was allowed by legislation in force at that time of the postponement, this created a time frame outside of any accepted definition of a one (1) year term.
3. This wording better references the fact that service is from one election to the next election and leaves little room for any semantics about what is one (1) year.



**RESOLUTION 22-4: Be it resolved that:**

**By-Law 5, 5.6 be amended as follows:**

**Current wording:**

Elected by the Districts, or appointed by the Officers under By-Law 5, 5.3, District Directors are members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their District or appointment by the Officers. District Directors who are elected annually may be re-elected for a maximum of five years; however, an additional one year of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Association's Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

**Proposed amendment:**

By-Law 5, 5.6.1

Elected by the Districts, or appointed by the Officers under By-Law 5, 5.3, District Directors are members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their District or appointment by the Officers. District Directors who are elected may be re-elected for a maximum of five consecutive terms; however, an additional one term of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. A term shall be from one Annual General Meeting of the District until the next Annual General Meeting of the District. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Association's Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

**Rationale:**

1. The current wording suggests a maximum total of five years with no indication whether the years are intermittent or consecutive.
2. The amended wording indicates, as is the current practice, that the time frame is five consecutive terms with a possible one additional term under extreme circumstances.
3. The By-Law is renumbered to allow for the Resolution related to By-Law 5, 5.6.2 to be addressed and if that proposed amendment is successful, does not require a separate resolution to re-number the By-Laws.
4. Clarifies the length of time between elections.
5. As we have seen with COVID, Annual General Meetings do not always fall a/one "year" apart.
6. Removes the conflict of defining "year".
7. Mirrors terminology used in By-Law 5, 5.5.

**RESOLUTION 22-5: Be it resolved that:**

**By-Law 5, 5.6.2 be created as follows:**

Notwithstanding By-Law 5, 5.6.1, any person who has served as a District Director, after an absence from the position of District Director for one election period, may again run for office as a District Director.

**Rationale:**

1. Currently, no person may run for the position of District Director once she/he has completed a total/maximum of six years in the position.
2. This amendment allows an individual to be elected another time should he/she decide to run for the District Director position after a hiatus of at least 1 year.

**RESOLUTION 22-6: Be it resolved that:**

**By-Law 11, 11.3 be amended as follows:**

**Current wording:**

In the event that a Society does not have a full number of delegates attending the Annual General Meeting, then the proxy voting rights of the non-attending delegates may be assigned to any other voting delegate or to the Association Secretary.

**Proposed amendment:**

In the event that a Society does not have a full number of voting delegates attending the Annual General Meeting, then the proxy voting rights of the non-attending voting delegates may be assigned to any other voting delegate or to the Association Secretary.

**Rationale:**

1. Only voting delegates have votes that can be subject to proxy processes.

**RESOLUTION 22-7: Be it be resolved that:**

**By-Law 11, 11.4.1 be amended as follows:**

**Current wording:**

Any Director, all Past Presidents and any Officer except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall have voting rights at Annual General Meetings or any Special Meeting of the Association.

**Proposed amendment:**

Any Director, **any person appointed under By-Law 5, 5.3 or By-Law 13, 13.5.1**, all Past Presidents and any Officer except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall have voting rights at Annual General Meetings or any Special Meeting of the Association.

**Rationale:**

- a) Allows persons not elected under By-Law 13, 13.3.1 to vote.

**RESOLUTION 22-8: Be it resolved that:**

**By-Law 13, 13.11 be amended as follows:**

**Current wording:**

Each District shall be entitled, by a majority vote of the delegates present at its Annual General Meeting to set a per capita annual fee. The limit of membership for any Affiliated Society/Club for assessment purposes shall be 1,000 members. Fees must be sent to the District Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer. Fees retained by the District must be accounted for in a financial statement that has been reviewed by two financial reviewers or an auditor. The financial statement is to be presented at the District meeting, and a copy provided to each Affiliated Society/Club within the District, and to the District Secretary.

**Proposed amendment:**

Each District shall be entitled, by a majority vote of the **voting** delegates present at its Annual General Meeting to set a per capita annual fee. The limit of membership for any Affiliated Society/Club for assessment purposes shall be 1,000 members. Fees must be sent to the District Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer. Fees retained by the District must be accounted for in a financial statement that has been reviewed by two financial reviewers or an auditor. The financial statement is to be presented at the District meeting, and a copy provided to each Affiliated Society/Club within the District, and to the District Secretary.

**Rationale:**

1. Only voting delegates vote on issues before the assembly (see By-Law 13, 13.10 for the reference to "voting delegates").

**RESOLUTION 22-9: Be it resolved that:**

**The following definition be added to By-Law 1 as 1, 2. and that if passed, all subsequent definitions be renumbered sequentially to reflect this addition.**

- 1, 2. "Annual General Meeting" (AGM) also means Annual Meeting as is found in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act RSO 1990 c.A.9.

**Rationale:**

1. "Annual General Meeting" is not found in the governing legislation.
2. This allows for either terminology to be utilized within all of the Constitution, By-Laws and Policies & Procedures of the OHA without confusion.
3. By including the requirement to re-number as part of this resolution it eliminates the need for another Resolution regarding the re-numbering.

# Dryden & District Horticultural Society

By Alison Robinson

As I write this at the beginning of May, we, in northwestern Ontario, are still in a winter wonderland – as in... wondering if winter will ever leave us. We sincerely hope that by the printing of this edition of the Trillium, our lingering snow banks will be only a lingering memory. One of our members lamented winter's length poetically, using Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover" – with apologies to Mr. Simon...

## **50 Ways (almost) to Leave Winter**

When is winter going to end?  
Asked George, my olde friend.

This question I posed to Paul  
As in Simon, not Pharisee Saul—  
Fifty ways, a risk of being rude,  
To the season whose habit is to intrude:

Take off in a splinter, Winter  
Forget the mold, Cold  
Go! Go! Go! Snow  
Make a new plan, Jan (uary)  
Just drop off the key—and set us free!

You don't need to freeze, Breeze  
Just leave the sill, Chill  
You need to get lost, Frost  
Or drop off the map, Damp  
Don't hide the key—let us get free!

Hop on the bus, Gusts  
Don't be so bold, Cold  
No need to stay 'til May  
You're not a hero, Zero  
Did you lose the key—to set us free?

Leave to be nice, Ice  
Go away now, Plow  
Want to drop my muff, White Stuff  
So melt off the land, Snowman  
Make another key—Please!!! Set us free!

Woe is me.....

Our March meeting was a presentation by one of our members on Pollinator Gardening to attract the three b's: bees, butterflies and birds. Not only was it informative but it was a beautifully done learning experience in video form. Well done, Cherie! (After having learned about bees in school, one of our keen junior members remarked to me that if I liked honey on my toast, I was actually eating bee barf!)

The April meeting of the Dryden & District Horticultural Society was a night of prepping clay pots for fresh herbs.



You will be pleased to see from the pictures that our Hort members truly have diverse artistic talents and sometimes they even think outside the box!



Our May meeting is an invitation to Dryden's commercial Schmidt Greenhouses on the 17<sup>th</sup> where we'll see what's new for the season. Then on the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, our annual Plant Sale is scheduled with donations from the membership. This is usually a fun time of exchanging plants, ideas, tips and camaraderie. Friday night is reserved for members' shopping only while Saturday is open to the general public.

During the first weekend in June, our Society will host the region's Annual General Meeting with interesting workshops, a toonie table auction, good food and, last but not least, conducting the business at hand.

Until we chat again, remember:

***You don't have to be good at gardening  
for gardening to be good for you!***

# Ancaster Horticultural Society

*By Betty Howitt, Publicity and Program Director*

Summer is just around the corner and the Ancaster Horticultural Society, aka Ancaster Gardeners, has been very busy. We returned to in-person meetings starting with our April monthly meeting. Approximately 45 people attended and followed Covid-19 precautions by wearing a mask and socially distancing. It was wonderful to see everyone and our guest speaker was Darren Heimbecker from Whistling Gardens. We followed up this meeting with a scheduled tour of Whistling Gardens by Darren on June 1. This year marks Whistling Gardens 10-year anniversary and Darren has a spectacular celebration planned. Three lucky people in attendance at our April meeting won tickets to the celebration. Our June monthly meeting takes us offsite to Shawn & Ed Brewing Company where we will learn about hops and the process of making brew in a fabulous old renovated building formerly the Dundas Curling and Skating rink. There will be samples, too.

Ancaster Horticultural Society was excited to finally return to an in-person Plant Sale on Saturday, May 21st at Food Basics parking lot in Ancaster. Hedging our bets against having to cancel in-person plans, we began offering online pre-sales of Heirloom Tomato plants in mid-February. We were able to sell almost 400 plants during the pre-sale and the rest on Plant Sale Day. The first two weeks of May were spent potting up and labelling plant donations and making trips to a nursery to round out the plant selections. We were able to offer a wide range of perennials, shrubs and herbs to an enthusiastic crowd on sale day.

We had a rather more exciting finish to our Plant Sale than we had planned! Close to closing time, we noticed the storm clouds gathering and so began to pack up the plants and signage. Suddenly, we were hit by gale-force winds that sent chairs, tables, tents, plant trolleys and even a customer's cash flying into the air. We were all left soaked, a little shocked and, some of us, battered a bit by flying furniture. We all seemed to have weathered it and, as one member said, "It made for great dinner conversation!"

We want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all of our members and friends who volunteered. We really couldn't do the Plant Sale without them. Also, thank you to everyone who supported the sale with plant donations and purchases and to our community partners Harpers Garden Centre, Tree and Twig Farm, Freeman Herbs and Northland Nursery. Thank you, also, to the Dundas Sketching Club for spending a few hours with us sketching the scene.

It was good to work together in person in the community again and we gained three new members!

The Ancaster Gardeners always kick off the "Toil in the Soil" season with a large cleanup of the beautiful Memorial



*Plant Sale Photos by David Puskas*

Gardens at Fieldcote Museum. The property is 7 acres in total and we volunteer to maintain the front gardens surrounding the museum and band shell. So we teamed up with the Ancaster Scouts organization to clean those gardens of numerous winter surprises on April 30th. The high energy of the Ventures and Scouts is a big assist to our "pace yourself" wisdom of our seasoned gardeners. Those gardeners know that we'll be there every Thursday for the next six months. This year we got a premature delivery of wood chips from the city forestry department and a half-sized dumpster so the group of 35 filled it easily. The property is very heavily treed. There were lots of fallen limbs, general debris, weeds and the dreaded garlic mustard collected so that Fieldcote could show its true beauty as the jewel of Ancaster. Pizza, snacks and beverages were the fuel for the energetic volunteers. We can't wait until the last Saturday in April, 2023 to do it again!

The volunteers worked hard to clean up the municipal gardens on May 3rd and May 24th. We had a great turnout to plant the annuals at Ancaster Square. We put in lots of red flowers to celebrate the "Year of the Garden". At Brandon Garden, we added bright sunny yellow and orange flowers for an eye-catching display. We already have had lots of people thank us for doing the gardens as they walk or drive by.

We do not meet during the months of July and August but are always visible in the community looking after the municipal garden beds. We are looking forward to summer and our Annual Trillium Awards program. Local Ancaster properties will be judged between July 2-17 and the top 125 properties will be awarded the Ancaster Trillium Award with a ceremony in August on the beautiful grounds of Fieldcote Memorial Park. The Trillium Awards is one of our main functions with the goal of beautifying the Town of Ancaster.

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## OHA Scholarship Recipient

*Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer*

### Scholarship - Ontario Agricultural College - University of Guelph

This year's recipient of the Ontario Horticultural Association scholarship is Leonardo Akeson. Leonardo is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Crop, Horticulture and Turfgrass Science.

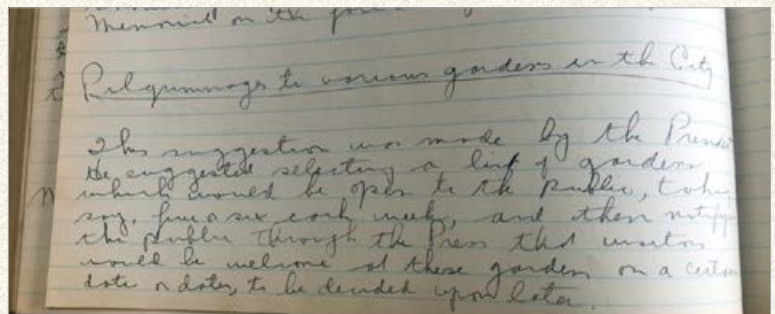
The scholarship awarded by the OHA is for \$1000.

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## Garden Moments – 1932

*By OHA Historian Malcolm Geast with assistance by Merle Cole and Debi Foster from the Oshawa Garden Club.*

**July 2, 1932:** Garden tours are annual events for horticultural societies and garden clubs across Ontario and have been for many years. The first of these for which we have a record was held by the newly formed Oshawa Horticultural Society (now known as the Oshawa Garden Club) on the weekend of July 2nd and 3rd, 1932 followed by another tour of three more Oshawa gardens at the end of the month. As reported in the Toronto Star, "Gardens containing beautiful beds of perennials in full bloom were opened to the public over the weekend..." These "garden pilgrimages" continued through the '30's and included judging and awards. Col. Sam McLaughlin and his wife Adelaide invited members to tour the gardens and greenhouses of Parkwood Estates, designed in part by the Dunnington-Grubbs, as well as opening up their greenhouses to the members. How many more garden tours have been held across the province since that July weekend 90 years ago? We can't know the number with any exactitude, but we can be certain that that number of tours is in the thousands, with attendance in the tens or hundreds of thousands.



Accompanying image: [19320602\\_OshawaHortMinutes\\_GardensPilgramages.jpg](#) (Source: Oshawa Garden Club)

# Bath Gardening Club

## What's Happening in Bath

Submitted by Pat Chown

Photography by Don Taylor

The Bath Gardening Club is pleased to announce that our membership has reached a grand total of 98 people. The contribution toward the beautification of Bath by our Gardening Club is considerable in summer and winter. We believe in the education of our members and share recent ecological information through our monthly meetings, Website, Facebook and Newsletter.

### An update on the Year of the Garden – planting RED!

Bath Gardening Club members have already jumped to the challenge to plant “red” and we look forward to our efforts being recognized (pinned) by the Ontario Horticultural Association.

### Bath Gardening Club has been busy!

During our March meeting, we enjoyed an informative Zoom and in-person presentation on lawn care and maintenance by Larry Branscombe, owner of Enviro Masters. In June, Astrid Muschalla attended our meeting and explained the process of making bokashi compost.

**Seed Bomb Workshop:** In April, we gathered for our first fundraising event of the year, our seed bomb workshop. We learned to make seed bombs by mixing 3 cups of compost and 2 cups of kitty litter with just enough water to make the mixture easy to handle and shape into balls. Once the balls were formed, they were individually rolled into a variety of floral seeds: wild flower mix, seeds from sunflowers, lupins, Shasta daisies, hollyhocks, coneflowers, cosmos, poppies, and milkweed. Over 300 seed bombs were made during the workshop. After the bombs dried, they were packaged in a teacup and sold at the Bath Sunday Market for Mother's Day. Hopefully as a result, we will soon be seeing new flowers spring up all over the Bath area. Thanks to our workshop leaders Mary Drinkwater and Judy Hume for a great day.



Seed Bombs were packaged in a teacup and sold at the Bath Sunday Market for Mother's Day.





*Bath Gardening Club Seed Bomb Workshop*

**Fertilizer Mixing and Sale:** The annual production of our trademark fertilizer blend was back on track this year. 18 people worked together on a glorious sunny day mixing the special ingredients that help to make the gardens in Bath flourish! Laurie Minorgan, the coordinator of the fertilizer project, ensured that the purchasing of ingredients, the financial component, the mixing and selling of our "magical" product went off without a hitch. 600 bags were made in record time and all but a few sold by day's end. After expenses, the Club realized a healthy \$1375.00 profit. Well done ladies and gentlemen!





Photograph on the front cover of the summer issue of the OHA Trillium by Don Taylor shows that Bath Gardening Club members have already jumped to the challenge to plant "red".



*Happy Volunteers from Bath Gardening Club planted more than 400 plants in four gardens, 45 barrels and five planters along Main Street in Bath.*

**Village Planting:** On May 26, in just over an hour, 20+ volunteers planted over 400 plants in our four gardens, 45 barrels and five planters along Main Street in Bath. Dawn Ford, the village planting coordinator, is credited with organizing this event and making sure that the planting was a huge success. Everyone involved has lots of fun. Dave and Adam Bryant will take care of the watering and our teams of volunteer weeders will take care of the rest. Thanks to Dawn and everyone who contributed to the beautification of our village. Bath will once again be alive with colour.

**Jumping Worms Alert:** As a Gardening Club, we remain vigilant about the possible arrival of jumping worms in our area. We thank Cathy Kavassalis for the information she has provided about this new invasive species. We are spreading the word!

**And last but not least... We welcome everyone to join us at the Bath Canada Day Parade. The Bath Gardening Club will be entering a float once again and we thank Wendy O'Neill and her team of volunteers who have taken on this initiative.**



# Gardening, Social Justice and Indigenous Peoples

By Cynthia Levine-Rasky, PhD, Master Gardener, Member of East York Garden Club

While a passion for plants is what gardeners share in common, what distinguishes them is their reasons for gardening. Some gardeners love cutting flowers while other gardeners want to support pollinators. Some grow plants as a source of fresh food whereas others see their garden as a way to beautify their properties. One gardener may grow a favourite group of plants, say roses or spring bulbs; another may pack in as much plant diversity as possible. Some specialists focus on their rock garden, woodland or pond where they enjoy solitude. For others, the garden is a lively family space where memories are made.

## Gardening means different things to individuals.

It means something different again to communities.

When the activity of gardening expands from an individual's vision to a community's cultural practice, the meaning of gardening shifts from the private sphere of life to something of public significance. Plants are more than they appear at face value. They are a means of sustenance, a connection to the past, a creative resistance to oppression and a tribute to traditional knowledge. At the community level, the act of gardening can reinvent the relationship between people and the natural world. It can upend the conventional way of consuming things. It can resurrect lost identities and enact ancestral values. It is a seizure of self-determination and an assertion of power in an inequitable society.

For many communities, gardening is a matter of social justice. For white settler gardeners, taking action on the level of social justice gives life to the words of the land acknowledgements that open many of our assemblies.

The British Columbia Ministry of Education promotes this definition of the term "The aim of social justice – to achieve a just and equitable society where all share in the prosperity of that just society – is pursued by individuals and groups through collaborative social action." For communities that continuously struggle for their fair share in our society's resources and rewards, social justice is a perpetual project.

Many white settlers give little thought about access to food or how diets of Indigenous groups were controlled by a state bent on "assimilating" (in effect, eliminating) Indigenous peoples. The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health post reports on the consequences of historical policies that resonate today such as a high incidence of diabetes and hypertension. Yet physical and mental illness cannot be separated from elevated exposure to environmental contaminants in soil and water and the destruction of natural habitat to which many Indigenous communities are subjected in Canada. While First Nations Métis, and Inuit nations are extremely diverse, many Indigenous communities struggle with negative social determinants of health.

One solution can be found in Indigenous food sovereignty. It means claiming the use of land in defiance of the violence in which it was taken from them and in which it continues to be occupied by settler populations. Many settlers are untroubled by the colonial past and its consequences for Indigenous peoples today. They grow non-native species and naturalize lawns, while in the agricultural industry, pesticides, herbicides, and inorganic fertilizers ensure crops that are market-ready. Guided by powerful economic forces, this approach to the valorization of plants elides Indigenous knowledge that sustained communities for at least 10,000 years.

Isaac Crosby (Ojibwe and Black), Lead Hand in Urban Agriculture at Evergreen Brickworks, is a custodian of Indigenous ancestral knowledge. Describing the multiple benefits of edible native plants such as wild rice (*Zizania aquatica*), sunchoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*), groundnut (*Apios americana*), and paw paw (*Asimina triloba*), he urges, "Don't be afraid to try something different in your garden." Many of Crosby's plants have uses that warrant wide recognition. "Did you know that groundnut is excellent for soil erosion," he asks, "and the sunchoke can be bound with clay, lime, and water, to make a strong building material?"



Flemo Farm sign

Photo by Cynthia Levine-Rasky



The Indigenous garden at Evergreen Brickworks

Photo by Isaac Crosby

For Indigenous communities, plants represent the renewal of entire communities that were subjected to genocide. For Indigenous gardeners, plants are integrally connected to a way of life. Grown for sustenance, ritual and spiritual healing, native plants are part of Indigenous histories. Many species carry their own stories like those found in *Iwígara: The Kinship of Plants and People: American Indian Ethnobotanical Traditions and Science* by Enrique Salmón, an ethnobotanist and a member of the Raramuri tribe of northern Mexico.

The special properties and traditional functions of plants are shared by Indigenous knowledge-keepers and passed on to community members for the healing of physical and emotional suffering. Wisdom about native plants was transferred orally for generations; the loss of this knowledge implies a diffusion of culture. Indigenous-run gardens enable the growth of plants whose roots, foliage, and flowers are connected to the very identities of Indigenous peoples. Their relationship with the land reflects an Indigenous sensibility that is inconsistent with the will to dominate nature.

Kaitlin Rizarri (Filipina and reconnecting Mi'kmaq), is a farmer with *"The Plant Life"*, a small Indigenous-run farm in Etobicoke. Traditional medicine plants are grown and distributed to the urban Indigenous community. They also grow bean, corn, and squash (Three Sisters) as well as other vegetables and foods for BIPOC community members. "The relationship between gardeners and plants, and seeds in particular, is one of equals," Rizarri says. "Seeds are living beings that, when grown and harvested year after year, pass from ancestors' hands to those of descendants." From an Indigenous perspective, the life of plants and of the people who use them are irreducibly linked.



*Tobacco plants grown at  
"The Plant Life"  
Photo by Kaitlin Rizarri*

Plants beloved by native plant enthusiasts for their pollinizer and hardiness properties mean far more to Indigenous groups. Plants such as native beans, corn, and squash sustained communities through harsh winters. They were imbued with a venerated status unrelated to trade and commerce. To illustrate, here is an excerpt from Robin Wall Kimmerer's story of The Three Sisters from her book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*:

For millennia, from Mexico to Montana, women have mounded up the earth and laid these three seeds in the ground all in the same square foot of soil. When the colonists on the Massachusetts shore first saw Indigenous gardens, they inferred that the savages did not know how to farm. To their minds, a garden meant straight rows of single species, not a three-dimensional sprawl of abundance. And yet they ate their fill and asked for more, and more again...The organic symmetry of forms...speak their message. Respect one another, support one another, bring your gift to the world and receive the gifts of others, and there will be enough for all...The corn takes care of making light available; the squash reduces weeds. What about the beans? To see her gift you have to look underground...The bean will grow an oxygen-free nodule to house the [Rhizobium] bacterium and, in return, the bacterium shares its nitrogen with the plant. Together, they create nitrogen fertilizer that enters the soil and fuels the growth of the corn and the squash, too. There are layers upon layers of reciprocity in this garden... (pp. 131–134)

The story of the Three Sisters garden does not only convey Indigenous gardening wisdom. It is also a parable for Indigenous society. Kimmerer continues:

The way of the Three Sisters reminds me of one of the basic teachings of our people. The most important thing each of us can know is our unique gift and how to use it in the world...Being among the sisters provides a visible manifestation of what a community can become when its members understand and share their gifts. (p. 134)

Indigenous Foodways is located on the rooftop garden at Toronto Metropolitan University. Its medicine garden includes these species: amaranth; aster; chamomile; echinacea; evening primrose; lavender; marigold; marshmallow; milkweed; mint; peppermint; rosemary; sage; skullcap; strawberries; sweetgrass; thyme; tobacco; valerian; yarrow. Before contact with Europeans, these plants were all used by Indigenous peoples. Today, they are grown and distributed to various local Indigenous community organizations such as the Native Women's Resource Centre.

Charles Catchpole (member of Couchiching First Nation), a chef and caterer, established Gitigaanes ('Little Farm' in Ojibway) in 2021. When catering was shuttered during the pandemic, Catchpole successfully applied to set up a microfarm at Flemo Farm in the Flemingdon Park neighbourhood. "I knew nothing about farming, but it was one of the best decisions I ever made," Catchpole says. "It's the most fulfilling thing to get my hands in the soil and grow traditional

Indigenous food plants like corn, squash, and beans. And also potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, beets, peppers, lettuce, garlic, onions, and herbs!" Catchpole takes particular pride in the preservation of Indigenous corn and bean varieties. Using the Three Sisters method, black popcorn and white flint corn serve as stakes to support bean plants. One variety is the Cherokee Trail of Tears bean grown by the Cherokee after the US Indian Removal Act of 1830. In planting this bean and many others, each with their own social history, Catchpole is sustaining the way in which Indigenous plants are grown, processed, and consumed.

The medicine wheel is an Indigenous artifact found in community gardens. In the form of a sacred circle, the medicine wheel includes tobacco, sweetgrass, sage, and cedar and reflects the interconnectedness of life. The interpretation of its four quadrants varies by nation – four seasons, four stages of the life cycle, or the four directions.

Tobacco is a sacred plant for Anishinaabe people. Its meaning is described by elder Dr. Basil Johnstone and published in Volume 6 of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada of 2015.

*Asemaa* (tobacco) is a sacred plant offered at the beginning of [ceremonial] events as an expression of gratitude, modesty, humility, and meekness. The offering of *asemaa* acknowledges Anishinaabe dependence on the spirits, rocks, plants, animals, and others for their very survival, even in contemporary urban settings. At the time of offering, a prayer is often given to further acknowledge human indebtedness and weakness. Such prayers confess that we all make mistakes and must ask for pity and *zhawenimaan* (blessings) in all we do. (p. 68)

It is incumbent upon all gardeners to respect Indigenous knowledge about plants and their complex effects on the mind, body, emotion and spirit. This wisdom is infused with the authority of countless generations; it is responsible for a sustainability barely imaginable today. It is the basis of Land Back, a movement calling for the control over traditional lands to be transferred to Indigenous peoples whose rights are inherent and inextinguishable. How we support this movement – through action or funds or logistics – will be different for a business owner and for a backyard gardener. But it is incumbent upon us all. Making space for it on the land we steward is a matter of social justice that, done right, will benefit everyone. As Robin Wall Kimmerer observes, "all flourishing is mutual."

*The author thanks Charles Catchpole, Isaac Crosby, Kaitlin Rizarri, and Rhonda Teitel-Payne.*

### **Indigenous-Run Gardens and Farms in Toronto** (*Tkaronto* in Mohawk; the 'T' is silent)

1. Gitigaanes Farm (part of Flemingdon Community Farm), 150 Grenoble Drive (Don Mills Drive and Overlea Blvd), <https://flemofarm.ca>
2. Mashkikii;aki'ing Medicine Wheel Garden, <https://www.nameres.org/medicine-wheel-garden/>
3. Medicine Wheel Garden on Wendat Lands in Eglinton Park, <https://www.facebook.com/GardengroupWendatIndigenousGarden/>
4. Indigenous Foodways on the Rooftop Garden of Toronto Metropolitan University, <https://www.ryerson.ca/university-business-services/urban-farm/learn-participate/indigenous-foodways/>

### **Indigenous-Run Restaurants and Food Markets in Toronto**

1. NishDish Marketeria and Catering, 690 Bloor Street West, <https://www.nishdish.com>
2. Deeply Rooted Farmers Market, Sundays 9–2, Dieppe Park, 455 Cosburn Avenue at Greenwood
3. Tea N Bannock, 1294 Gerrard Street East, <https://www.teanbannock.ca>
4. Pow Wow Café, 213 Augusta Avenue, <https://www.facebook.com/CafePowWow/>
5. Ojibiikaan Indigenous Cultural Network, <https://ojibiikaan.com>

### **The Land-Back Movement—Canadian sites**

1. "Canada, It's Time for Land Back." A video explainer by lawyer and professor Pam Palmater. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2SGaGRhYZs>
2. "What is Land Back?" <https://davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/what-is-land-back/>
3. "Land Back Movement" <https://ontarionature.org/land-back-movement-blog/>



*Charles Catchpole with a potato harvest at Gitigaanes Farm*  
*Photo by staff of Gitigaanes Farm*

# Bobcaygeon & District Horticultural Society

Carol Peters, Secretary Photos by Carol Peters



## May Flower Show



## Plant Sale May 28, 2022

### Garden Hero Of The Year



Laura Chattaway was chosen as our Garden Hero of the Year, honouring Year of the Garden 2022.



# Leaside Garden Society

*Joanna Blanchard and Nora Campbell*

## A Well-Deserved Award!



*Joanna Blanchard, Co-president of Leaside Garden Society, presenting the award to Margaret Rousseau*

*Photo by Nora Campbell*

We were delighted that our nomination of Margaret Rousseau for a District Service Award was accepted and that she received the award (virtually) at the District 5 AGM on April 30th. As you can see from the photo, we were able to have a 'real' ceremony the following day to present her with the award in person.

Margaret has been a member of the Leaside Garden Society for over two decades and has proven herself to be the quintessential volunteer – just the sort of person every group envies!

Almost as soon as she joined the society, Margaret was recruited onto the Board of Directors and she has served on the board for at least fifteen years, filling the role of show chair for three, and subsequently, serving on the garden tour committee for over ten years, chairing that committee for the past five. Margaret's enthusiasm and knowledge about gardening and horticulture come through as she motivates and encourages others on her team. Over the years, she has devoted countless hours to ensuring that our tours have been successful, eagerly anticipated neighbourhood events and during the pandemic, Margaret masterminded the creation of splendid online tours with our members' garden photos.

Despite having a full-time job, Margaret is always ready to volunteer for other LGS activities. Four times a year, she participates in designing and filling the commemorative urn outside Leaside Library, volunteers in the gardens at Lyndhurst rehabilitation centre, participated year after year in designing our Canada Blooms exhibits (including sometimes having them set up in her kitchen!), is always ready to help with our shows, recently joined the programme committee and has stepped up to assist with our Zoom meetings.

We can't imagine how she finds any more time but Margaret is also a very active member of the Toronto Master Gardeners and prior to the pandemic, she was instrumental in installing a pollinator garden at her workplace.

Having heard about her contributions, I am sure you will all agree that Margaret is a worthy recipient of this award.



*The District 5 Service Award, presented to Margaret Rousseau*

*Photo by Joanna Blanchard*

## **Congratulations Margaret!**



*The Leaside Garden Society started the Year of the Garden off with a show of bright red tulips in its Suzuki Pollinator canoe garden. The red theme will be enhanced by more crimson plantings as summer approaches.*

*Photo by Nora Campbell*



# Meet Your New District 9 Director

*By Leslie Daniels, District 9 Director, President of Thorold Garden Club*

May 2022

## ***Good day ladies and gentlemen,***

My name is Leslie Daniels and I am the new Director of District 9. I am also an author and President of the Thorold Garden Club.

I am hoping to meet many of you over the next few months and am here to help with any issues as Garden City Gardeners restructure their society and through their hard work begin to enjoy their **Year of the Garden 2022**. At the end of this process I envision a phoenix rising, vibrant and strong. Thanks to the two Trustees who managed to get us all to this page where we will be able to thank Jan and Sandy as they retire their Trustees' hats to enjoy the fruit of their hard work.

## ***A little history of OHA:***

"Horticultural societies developed around 7000 BCE in the Middle East and gradually spread west through Europe

and Africa and east through Asia. They were the first type of society in which people grew their own food, rather than relying strictly on the hunter-gather technique."

The present day OHA was organized in 1905, established in 1906, and incorporated by the Government of Ontario in 1924 via an Act in the Ontario Legislature, which split the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies into the Ontario Agricultural Fairs Association and the OHA. Its founding motto was "Keeping Ontario Beautiful".

There are more than 270 autonomous local societies comprising OHA divided into 19 Districts in Ontario. We reside in District 9 (Zone 6 a, b) with 13 societies from Dunnville, Fort Erie, Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Port Colborne, Ridgeway & District, St. Catharines, Smithville, Thorold and Welland.

*Now for something "a little different"... something I wrote that helps you to 'know' me... LOL*

## **Bees, Dogs and other Environmental Threats . . .**

I love my dog.

However, I am actually afraid of dogs having had a bad experience at age four with a cocker spaniel jumping up on me and knocking me down. Henceforth I would cower in cars, refusing to get out when there was a dog as greeter. I just never told our dogs of my fears. Little did they know over the years that they could have ruled the roost so to speak, with an iron paw and a loud bark.

I am also afraid of bees, well anything that buzzes. I don't kill anything either which puts me at a distinct disadvantage. Neither do I swat, kick, or try to scare anything away. I don't get out of moving vehicles anymore though; so I think I'm getting this phobia under some control. Right?

I once sat in my bedroom upstairs, towel across the space between the floor and door ( old house) waiting for my husband to get home when a bee got in the kitchen as I let the dog outside. When he got home and found me there, his only comment was: "What did you think the bee would do, find its way upstairs, drop to the floor and crawl under the door?"

In hindsight pretty funny. Not.

I don't care. Laugh if you will. I still remember the day

sitting in the car at a publicity photo shoot for my husband's band. We were out at an old abandoned railway trestle and it was scorching hot out and me sitting in the car with the windows rolled up, waiting. Sweat rolling off me I sat and watched a bee land on the hood of the car, walk up to the window and shimmy itself down through the ventilation grate...Next thing I knew it was squirming through the inside grate trying to get into the car. Me? Oh, I was standing outside with the door closed watching fascinated.

Don't get me wrong, I am an environmentalist and love animals. As such, I advocate for a proper balance between humans and the various natural systems on which we all, human and non-human, depend. I have spoken out publicly in support of our natural environment and the sustainable management of its resources through changes in public policy and individual behaviors. I have worked with government agencies and citizen groups alike to assure problems are addressed and new technologies are both developed and used.

I just like to do all this from inside a building or in front of a TV, petting my dog, not tree hugging in the great outdoors. Bees you know...

*Leslie*

# Niagara's D9 in the Year of the Garden 2022

By NEW District 9 Director, Leslie Daniels

A traditional Seneca story of the Maid of the Mist reveals Niagara and its 'falls' as a special place *"capable of restoring mental and physical balance to a distraught young woman."*

Integral in this passed-down story is the expression of a range of human and community dynamics including everything from jealousy and maliciousness to empathy, compassion, honour, wisdom, loyalty, health and healing. *"The story is every bit as rich and evocative as the majestic geography of Niagara Falls and its environs might suggest."* So, we are District 9.

From Dunnville to Fort Erie, Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Port Colborne, Ridgeway & District, Smithville, St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland . . .

Just for fun, an excerpt from: *the life of a boB*

## **boB – Canadian – Eh?**

***What use is a Canadian...  
and how can they be recognized?***

*Well they are cute, cuddly little things, non-assuming, humble, placid and oh, so polite... visitors from another planet who came to earth with powers and abilities far beyond those of mortal men. Canadians, who can change the course of mighty rivers, bend steel with their bare hands, and who, disguised as the average man mild-mannered, and cute (Paul Gross-like) fights a never-ending battle for truth, justice, and the North American way.*

(LESLIE DANIELS, 2016 ASIN: B01MXIO7UC)

And this year 2022 is when we all celebrate our love of gardens and gardening.

Most of our Societies have been spreading the word about the Year of the Garden in Canada by urging all gardeners to 'GROW RED' to show our civic pride.

Some highlights of the planned events to celebrate the Year of the Garden include special events and old standbys such as:

**DUNNVILLE Horticultural Society:** Have created a 'feature bed' to be planted with native red perennials, annuals and shrubs and co-purchased a YOTG Flag to be flown at City Hall during Garden Week;

**FORT ERIE Horticultural Society:** Took part in a town of Fort Erie's 600 FREE tree giveaway. And talk about 'plant sales', this one lasted 6 days and started off with over 2,500 plants. Some of the funds raised will go to support Fort Erie area students who are studying horticulture at post-secondary institutions. A "Garden Walk" may also be planned.

**GRIMSBY Garden Club:** 2022 is Canada's Year of the Garden and Grimsby's 100th anniversary. Garden Tour July 16 2022 – Come celebrate and enjoy these 10 wonderful gardens. \$20.00. This is a Rain or Shine event. No refunds. Open to the public.

**LINCOLN Garden Club:** Have partnered with the municipality to conduct a Garden Contest in June. Winners will be announced during the July 1st celebration.

**NIAGARA FALLS Horticultural Society:** After holding their Plant Sale (at the end of May), they are now in the process of organizing a 'Garden Walk' (details to follow);

**NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE Horticultural Society:** This is the 30th anniversary of their Garden Tour on July 9 2022 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's an Open Tour (FREE) with over 25 gardens to visit. Visitors must stop by the NOTL Community Centre @ 14 Anderson Lane (off Highway 55 to pick up a map and a bracelet as identification for entry into each garden.

**PELHAM Garden Club:** June 11 at Meridian Community Centre, Tami Proctor, Horticultural Therapist. (FREE event, pre-registration required). On June 18th, they have arranged a Garden Walk Tour. In late summer on August 20th, they will hold their annual Flower & Vegetable Show.

**PORT COLBORNE Garden Club:** Are organizing their fall programs including a Fall Plant Sale at the Guild Hall and hosting a Christmas dinner prepared by the Port Colborne high school culinary students.

**RIDGEWAY & DISTRICT Garden Club:** Picnic & Garden Tour (July 21) at Niagara Falls Botanical Gardens; Also partnering with Bloom Canada to help run and participate in a Garden Tour for the area.

**ST. CATHARINES – Garden City Gardeners:** are in the process of organizing and developing a Native Pollinator Garden location to celebrate the YOTG 2022. As well, looking to organize a 'Bus Tour' to Whistling Gardens.

**SMITHVILLE Garden Club:** working with the United Way and Township to build accessible raised allotment garden beds at Hank McDonald Park;

**THOROLD Garden Club:** launching their Thorold Garden Contest (YOTG 2022) on June 18th, National Garden Day in Canada. Winners will be featured in September. 3rd Annual Garden Tea Party (July);

**WELLAND Horticultural Society:** created a 'feature bed' to be planted with native red perennials, annuals and shrubs; Held their popular Plant Sale (May) and will be planning for events in the fall of 2022.

# Thunder Bay Horticultural Society Plants Interest

*Vickie Bureau, 1st Vice-President,*



*The Country Market picture was taken by Society member Shirley Robson.*

## **Country Market Booth**

The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society booth at the Country Market was a great success! It ran for 8 weeks from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with only 2 cancellations due to stormy weather.

We had an excellent time at the market, meeting with people and explaining to them what the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society is all about. People were greeted and asked if they had heard about the Horticultural Society. They were then informed that we are a group of people with varying skill levels in gardening from beginners to Master Gardeners and everything in between. That we meet at the Oliver Road Community Centre every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 pm, from February – June and September – November. That our gatherings typically involve a short business meeting of the Society followed by a guest speaker on a gardening topic and garden tours in July and August. They were also informed that 2022 was declared “The Year of the Garden” and that red flowers were the colour chosen for the year as well as of our upcoming contest and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society in 2023. A lot of postcards and flyers were handed out (200+) with an invitation to come to the next meeting along with the presentation topic of the month.

We are thrilled by the community’s interest in our Society and our opportunity to answer their questions. We’ve learned a lot from conversing with the public including their approach and/or tips and tricks for gardening. While a few memberships were sold during this time, the main objective of the booth was to get the word out about the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society and for people to come to a meeting and see what we are all about.

A special thank you to Shirley Robson for her time accompanying me, Vickie Bureau, at the booth as well as the items she brought and her historical knowledge of the Society. We would also like to thank Pat Izsak, Diane Couch, Maddison Lehr, Ian Robson, Wilma Wood and Donna Vaantaa for volunteering their time at the booth which brings us to 83+ volunteer hours. Finally, thank you to the Thunder Bay Country Market for allowing us to set up a booth. We look forward to future opportunities to connect the public to the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society.





*Public “Year of The Garden” Proclamation*



*“Year of The Garden” Cake Cutting,  
From Left: Vickie Bureau, 1st Vice-president,  
Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton, Pat Izsak, President*

## **Public Proclamation of “Year of The Garden” With Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton**

*Photos for the Proclamation portion is Society member Ian Robson.*

There was a great turnout for the Public Proclamation for Year of the Garden with Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton and the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society at our Dedication Garden. Members of the society were decked out in red, albeit with a jacket on, to celebrate the City of Thunder Bay’s public proclamation of this Canada-wide event with the flower colour for this year being red. The enthusiasm was quite the buzz as we all cheered Bees for the kick-off of this year-long event. Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton first spoke of the Indigenous lands that we are on and the Robinson Treaty. This was followed by the impact of horticulture/gardening in our everyday lives and how it enriches both our mental and physical well-being, especially important during the difficult times of the past 2 years with Covid-19. A special mention was also made for our upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, with our official birthday being January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

Following the presentation, everyone gathered indoors at the Oliver Road Community Centre for cake and coffee along with a special blend of tea, provided by Lee-Ann Chevrette of Boreal Forest Teas, who was our featured guest speaker of the evening program.

Due to the unusual Spring weather, the flowers featured in the photo were purchased from Bill Martin’s Nursery, Creekside Nursery and the hanging pots from Home Depot. Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton was presented with a Bishop of Llandaff Peony Flowering – Dahlia, and other guest, Shelby Ch’ng, a purple red dahlia, compliments of Vickie Bureau’s home garden.

We would like to thank The Friends of the Conservatory for initiating the “Year of The Garden” proclamation on the City of Thunder Bay website in January.

***Thank You and Happy Gardening***



*Acting Mayor Brian Hamilton was presented with a Bishop of Llandaff Peony Flowering – Dahlia, compliments of Vickie Bureau’s home garden.*



*Shelby Ch’ng, presented with a purple red dahlia, compliments of Vickie Bureau’s home garden.*

# Haldimand Horticultural Society

*Submitted by Barbara Wilson*

*Photos by Barbara Wilson*

The Haldimand Horticultural Society has been very busy! We have welcomed over 50 new members and they receive, when joining, the new informative welcome pamphlet about the Society that has been created.

**March 24th:** Our Seedy Saturday event, for gardeners new and seasoned, was held. Vendors offered plants, advice & garden related sundries. Guest speakers explored native plants, insect hotels and flower arranging. A wonderful day for everyone.

**March 31st:** Haldimand & Dunnville Horticultural Societies collectively purchased a flag in recognition of 2022 being the Year of the Garden. The flag was the first flag to fly for Haldimand County's new pole for community groups. The flag will be flown again on June 18th for International Garden Day.

**Saturday, April 22nd:** HHS hosted a Clean & Green Earth Day event in Caledonia. It was supported by Haldimand County who provided gloves, garbage bags & garbage grabbers for the volunteers who came out to take part.

**April 28th:** Our General Meeting Speaker was Darren Heimbecker from Whistling Gardens- the 10th Anniversary.

**"Garden of the Month":** Awarded monthly May through August. Do you have a neighbor, relative or friend with an outstanding garden? The HHS is seeking nominations for the most beautiful gardens in Haldimand County. Go to our website <https://www.haldimandhorticulture.com> or email your recommendations to [haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com)

**Youth "Green Gardians":** Under the leadership of HHS member Barb Roth, two local schools, Hagersville Public School and River Heights in Caledonia have partnered with HHS to create a raised vegetable garden at both schools. The pallets were donated by ANC & Gibson Building Supplies of Brantford. The Special Projects group in Caledonia kindly built the raised beds. The students will fill the beds with soil donated by the HHS & will soon be planting vegetable seeds to maintain all summer. The group are hoping for a bountiful harvest of beans, pumpkins, tomatoes and other healthy vegetables.

**May 14th:** A beautiful day to hold our Plant & Bake sale, our annual fundraiser. There were many plants to choose from and lots of happy gardeners who chose some to take home. The delicious baked goods sold out fast as well.



*HHS member Sharon Slack selling hostas and bulbs at the Plant & Bake sale.*



*Bernadine Lutes HHS member, making a garden cage from a lamp shade at a workshop offered at Seedy Saturday.*



*Barb Roth (green shirt) HHS member & youth program "Green Gardian" co-ordinator at Seedy Saturday.*

**July 16th & 17th Garden Tour:** for tickets and more information please go to our website <https://www.haldimandhorticulture.com/garden-tour> or email [haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com](mailto:haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com).

The HHS Poppy Campaign is an ongoing project to collect enough knitted or crocheted poppies to make a display for the November Decoration Day in Caledonia. At the moment, we have 1165 poppies, thanks to our many generous volunteers.

Six large planters have been purchased and two each are to be placed and planted with flowers to beautify the communities of Cayuga, Caledonia & Hagersville.

Thank you to our many volunteers who care for the community gardens. A new pollinator garden is being created in Burke Estate Park, Caledonia. Lots of red plants will be seen throughout the community for the Year of the Garden.

***Enjoy the summer ahead!***

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## Galt Horticultural Society

*Submitted by Lynne Goulet-Smith, 1st VP & Membership Committee Chair*

We have a busy summer planned with our Open Gardens tours held during June, July and August. We are also planning a bus trip to Quebec in August to visit the Montreal Botanical Gardens and Mosaiculture exhibit. The bus is full and we are looking forward to a wonderful weekend!

It was announced at the recent OHA District 19 AGM (Annual General Meeting) that our very own President Liz Stacey was awarded the District 19 Service Award in recognition for her years of outstanding service to The Galt Horticultural Society. Liz has been a member for over 30 years and has been president 5 times. This award is well deserved and we are very happy for her and proud of Liz's accomplishments. Congrats Liz!



Our spring plant/garage sale, which was held May 7<sup>th</sup>, was a great success! Many people turned out to buy plants and see familiar faces for the first time in a long while. We will be holding our fall plant sale in September.

*Photo by Lynne Goulet-Smith*



Our Society was thrilled to receive recognition for using technology to keep our members engaged and informed! In the photo from left to right are Past President Nancy Smith, President Liz Stacey and Lynne Goulet-Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Chair of Membership Committee. *Photo by PJ Gagne*

# Bowmanville Horticultural Society

*Submitted by Terry Kelsey*

*Photos by Dorene Kelsey*

## Planting flowers in Clarington Town Hall urns in colours of Ukrainian Flag



Bowmanville Horticultural Society chose blue and yellow flowers.



Members of Bowmanville Horticultural Society working together.



Lots of work beautifying our town hall and tidying up the beds.



Mayor Adrian Foster thanking us for our help and encouragement.



Flowers in colours of Ukrainian Flag to show support.

# Paris Horticultural Society

Submitted by Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director



Plant Sale photos by Serryn Stephenson

## Plant Sale

Our Plant Sale was a huge success. We had an amazing turnout. People were lined up outside at 7:30 am in the morning. We opened the doors at 8 am. I am always at the cash table set up by the doors and all I saw was a steady stream of people entering. It was a great sight to see after our inactivity during Covid-19. This was our first sale since 2019. This year was the first time we sold out! We were completely sold out shortly after 10 am and had no plants left to auction off at 11 am. We did not count how many people. We were so very busy helping, answering questions. Our guess is anywhere from 200 to 400. We had hundreds of plants that covered 16 tables. We had a section for native plants, for herbs and vegetables, tables for perennials, shrubs and tables for annuals.

There were 14 people on the committee but at least 50 of our 75 members contributed in many ways over the course of the 6 months it takes to organize the event with a group of 25 people that work setting up on Friday and at the sale on Saturday. It is an entire club event!

I did not take photos on the day of the sale; I was super busy doing the cash. I took these photos the day before Friday when we did the set up.

## Garden Tour

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour was held Sat., June 4th and Sun., June 5th from 10 am - 4 pm in Paris.

Six gorgeous gardens in and around Paris. Tickets were \$15.00 per person and could be purchased in advance at Sobey's Floral Department in Paris, Green Heron Books, Walter's Greenhouse or at the Gardens on the day of the event.



The Garden Tour poster and map were created by Anne Vernon (Garden Tour organizer for the committee).





## **Garden Hero of the Year Doug Hanna**

*Co-Presidents Pattie Gladding (left) and Carol Reansbury (right) present "Canadian Garden Hero" award to Doug Hanna (centre), one of the founding members of the Paris Horticultural Society in 1986.*

*Photo by Marg Collins*

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Additional information regarding the OHA insurance plan  
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