



## OHA District 7

# Newsletter #1 – Jan/Feb 2023

We are into a new year and I hope everyone has been able to spend time with family and friends over the holiday season. The days are getting longer but we need some good snowfalls to help with protecting our gardens. The winter has been strange indeed.

All the Amaryllis bulbs are now coming into bloom and creating some joy in my household as these grey winter days have been so very gloomy. Now the challenge of trying to keep and maintain them so that they will bloom again next year. I will try and follow the instructions that a member of the Oranageville Society has been so successful of getting them to rebloom.



I hope all Societies are busy gearing up for the year ahead with speakers being booked, gardens being chosen for gardens tours, creative ideas and plant materials for the community beds, and all the new things that are happening in the plant and gardening world. Will you try some new seeds? Will you try a new perennial? Or resort to the same. Be venturesome and try something new!!

Be sure to check out the latest issue of the Trillium to read about Guelph Township Horticultural Society's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (page 6& 7). Also, on page 17, read about the great children's program that Vic Palmer of the Clifford & District Horticultural Society put together and in partnership with the Township of Minto had two evenings a week for 5 weeks of excited kids learning about plants, how they grow, and gardening. Vic is happy to share his success with you. Contact him by e-mail him at [vicpalmer@wightman.ca](mailto:vicpalmer@wightman.ca)

The Trillium is available on the GardenOntario website or your own Society may distribute by e-mail to their members as it is sent to all Societies or sign up for your own copy. Take the time to read through some of the interesting activities and projects other Horticultural Societies throughout Ontario are doing.

## **OMAFRA and TPON and the ONE Key account and Password**

All Societies have been busy with the completing their 2022 OMAFRA Annual Return & Grant Application. Thank you to all those who have persevered and completed them. It was important to get the OMAFRA reports in as the due date is February 1<sup>st</sup> and each Society does want to receive their OMAFRA grant of \$1,000 or \$1,500 if over 200 members.

As a note to the members who complete the OMAFRA report. Your Society ONE KEY and password is passed along to the person who becomes responsible for completing the return. If you were the one that created the ONE KEY and password, it will always recognize and say eg. Hello Kathy, even though the new person is now the one preparing the report. Don't be bothered by this greeting – just be glad you have the ONE KEY and password to get into the TPON site. Information entered on the Return is not related to the Log in. Hope that answers some questions that have arisen.

## **Reminder that District Dues to Increase for 2023**

At our recent Board meeting, District dues were discussed. The District Board has now made a motion to increase District dues to \$1/member. It was passed unanimously to reflect increased costs in all areas and to assist with the hosting costs of the 2024 Convention. This will be effective with the invoices going out in March to all Societies by our District 7 Treasurer – Debbie Williams.

## **New Board Members Needed for District 7 Board**

Your District Board is looking for new Board members as some board members are completing their terms at the April AGM. It is a great opportunity to get involved. Ask any Board member or get in touch with me. Meetings have been held by Zoom so travel is not required but internet is. We expect virtual Board meetings to continue but we will return to an in person AGM and Fall Meeting.

**District 7 & District 8** will host the **OHA 116th Convention July 11 –14, 2024**. The venue is to be held at the Delta Convention Centre in Guelph. Plan ahead and make it part of your **2024** events. Lots of assistance will be needed as we start to put together activities and ideas for this special occasion. Be a part of it.

**OHA 115<sup>th</sup> Convention in 2023 – is July 21 – 23** and hosted by District 2 - Ottawa Valley. Check out the website for information and gather some of your members together for the Convention in Ottawa (Kanata) There are competitions in art, photography, creative writing, flowers, publications and youth that you may consider to enter. Be sure to read the directions or contact the person in charge if you have questions.

**SAVE the DATE!!! - Saturday April 29, 2023 – 9:30 – 12:30**

## **District 7 Annual General Meeting**

Hosted by Arthur & District Horticultural Society and  
Guelph Township Horticultural Society

We are returning to a flower show and I include it below so you can make plans on what you may be able to bring or grow between now and the April 29<sup>th</sup> AGM.

### **Spring 2023 District 7 Flower Show - April 29, 2023**

St. John's Parish Hall, 150 Georgina St. Arthur

**Entries\* must be placed from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.** Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Division 1- Design: Points- 1<sup>st</sup>-8, 2<sup>nd</sup>-6, 3<sup>rd</sup> -4 Prizes- 1<sup>st</sup>-\$7, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$5, 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$3**

Class 1. **Peek-a-boo** - a miniature design

Class 2. **On the Other Side** – a transparency design\*\*

Class 3. **Together Again** – your interpretation

Class 4. **Reflections**- a water-viewing design

Class 5. **New Beginnings** - a 4"x6" photo mounted on black card stock to be 5"x7" (not matted). Digital copy due April 15, 2023, to [mcdonald\\_jc@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonald_jc@hotmail.com) (note space is an underscore\_)

**Judge's Choice** - Prize donated by **Guelph Township Horticultural Society**- \$10.00

**Division 2- Horticulture Points- 1<sup>st</sup>-6, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4, 3<sup>rd</sup> -2 Prizes- 1<sup>st</sup>-\$5, 2<sup>nd</sup>- \$3, 3<sup>rd</sup>- \$2**

Class 6. **A Spring Flower** - 1 bloom

Class 7. **Orchid** – 1 plant

Class 8. **Any Plant Grown for Foliage** – named, 1 pot not to exceed 20 cm/ 8 in.

Class 9. **Cactus/Succulent** - pot not to exceed 20cm/ 8 in.

Class 10. **Bedding Plants** – cell pack, one cultivar, grown from seed, named (min. 4 plants)

**Most Points in Horticulture**- Prize donated by **Guelph Twp. Horticultural Society** - \$10.00

\* Two entries per class are permitted in Horticultural division only but must be from different cultivars. House plants and garden plants must have been cared for by exhibitor for at least three (3) months or have been grown from seed or a cutting by exhibitor. Judging in accordance with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture, Second Edition 2019. Substandard entries may not necessarily receive prizes.

\*\***Transparency** - A design including a see-through material(s) that permits some components to be viewed through others. The see-through material(s) may be transparent, translucent, diaphanous, open grid or mesh, and may be plant, plant-based or man-made materials. Depth is emphasized by positioning some solid materials in front of and some behind the see-through material(s). Page 154, Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture, Second Edition 2019

## Upcoming Events and Information



Elora and Salem Horticultural Society Presents Their

# Spring Event

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7PM

**At Grandway Events Centre**  
7445 Wellington Rd 21, Centre Wellington

Guest Speakers  
on Rain Gardens and Healing Gardens

**Featuring Sean James & Guinevere Kern**

Ticket Cost \$10 at the door or Online  
Visit our Facebook Page-Elora Salem Horticultural Society for the link under Spring Event

**Doors Open at 6pm! Vendors, Door Prizes and More....**  
All proceeds support Groves Memorial Hospital Healing Gardens  
Contact info: 226-820-6169

Begins at 7pm. Refreshments. Many Vendors in attendance. Come at 6pm for browsing. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at Elora and Salem Horticultural Society Facebook page (no Facebook account required to purchase) OR at the door.

### Interested in a Garden tour trip in Southern England?

One of our members won a door prize at our October meeting of Paul Knowle's book – *Escaping Eden* which she enjoyed. This led to the following message from Paul which she has shared with me. (and I am sharing with you)

“I am leading a small tour group, maximum 24, to southern England in May of this year. We'll be visiting historic highlights on this "Canterbury to Cornwall" excursion – like Stonehenge and Dover Castle – but we will also be visiting a number of the most important gardens in England, including Sissinghurst, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Churchill's gardens at Chartwell, Stourhead and the Eden Project. I thought some of your members might be interested in this tour, so I am sending the promo piece prepared by Stonetown Travel.

There are ten or fewer places left on the trip, and I would love to have the group include some more avid gardeners. If it is convenient and permissible, I would appreciate it if you could pass this on to your members. They can reach me directly at this address - [pknowles@golden.net](mailto:pknowles@golden.net), or by calling 519 575-0271.”

## CENTRE WELLINGTON SEEDY SATURDAY 2023 - MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>

This event is hosted by the Fergus & District Horticultural Society AND Elora & Salem Horticultural Society. It will be held at the **Wellington County Museum and Archives, 536 Wellington County Road 18, Fergus –10:30 – 2:00**. There is No Admission Charge.



There will be something for everyone regardless of age, gardening experience and/or expertise as a seed enthusiast. A diverse group of Vendors and Advisory Services will be there.

Plan to join us, meet your neighbours, exchange seeds, share information about a huge number of topics such as genetic diversity, pollination, working with nature, etc. A Children's Corner will also be available for the youngsters in attendance. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

### **OHA Garden Ontario 50/50 Fundraiser**

The OHA is holding the third 50/50 draw on March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have not purchased your tickets, go to the OHA website for details and purchase by **March 15** at 11:59 p.m. (link provide below)

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

These draws will be held quarterly. If you have missed this one, plan to purchase tickets for the next one.

If you have any events that you wish to share or to invite other Societies, please send the information to me to include in the next Newsletter which will go out sometime in late March or early April.

Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director

