



## OHA District 7

# Newsletter #2 – Mar/Apr 2023

As I begin this newsletter, we are in the “spring” ahead day and will have more light in the evening hours. Mornings will once again be dark for those who rise early..... but for those who enjoy a longer, lighter evening – all is good.

Members who are itching to get going for the gardening season will have bought their seeds and started the seeds that require planting indoors or if you are fortunate – in a small greenhouse. Every year is exciting to see the new varieties of plants available as seeds or to purchase at your local greenhouse.

Most Societies have met for the first time this year - unless you were unlucky and those meeting nights were cancelled due to bad weather. It is great to meet again and see members in person and listen and react to the speaker. On Zoom, with all in the mute mode, a speaker does not know the reactions of his audience.

The Convention 2024 District 7 & 8 Committee are meeting once again to continue with plans for the Convention in Guelph at the Delta next year. This has been a long process due to the pandemic but we hope to fulfill our commitment to make this a great Convention BUT we need your support.



The District #7 Annual General Meeting is to be held on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> in Arthur. Further information is in this newsletter along with the Flower Show schedule. Plan to enter and be part of the show. The last show was in Shelburne in the Fall of 2019.

Thank you to Arthur Society for the use of barn quilts photos in this newsletter.

### **Reminder that District Dues have Increased for 2023**

Our Treasurer, Debbie Williams has sent out the District dues invoices for 2023 to each Society's President and Treasurer. Payment can be brought to the April 29<sup>th</sup> AGM or a cheque sent to her. The increase in dues reflects higher costs in all areas and to assist with the hosting costs of the 2024 Convention.



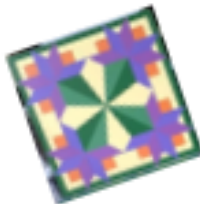


Ontario Horticultural Association/Garden Ontario

## District 7 Annual General Meeting

Hosted by Guelph Township and Arthur Societies

- Arthur & District
- Clifford & District
- Elora & Salem
- Erin
- Fergus & District
- Grand Valley & District
- Guelph
- Guelph Township
- Harriston & District
- Hillsburgh
- Moorefield & District
- Mount Forest
- Orangeville & District
- Shelburne & District



# Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

St. John's Parish Hall

150 Georgina Street, Arthur

**\$10 registration fee**

**Register through your Society President by April 20**

Doors open 8:30 A.M. Coffee available

**\*\*Flower Show entries must be placed 08:30 to 09:15\*\***

Mid morning: Coffee Break & View Flower Show

Guest Speakers

Colleen Brunelle and Tammy Bastien

***Indigenous Gathering Circle Project  
at Wellington Place***



Please bring your own mug if possible

Each society is to bring a door prize

A selection of 12-inch Barn Quilts will be for sale - cash only



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

## 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





(all samples of Barn Quilt items available for sale at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting)

**Please consider - Board Members Needed for District 7 Board**

Your District Board is looking for new Board members. 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.



**EARTH DAY – Friday April 21**

The OHA is once again hosting a Webinar on Earth Day and more information will be coming directly from our OHA secretary. Keep that evening open to join the presentation on **Jumping Worms**. This is the new threat that we are now challenged with so be sure to join and learn the latest about how we can deal with this new issue in the community. A 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation will be on **Kitchen Gardens**.



**Websites and GardenOntario page**

Please ensure that your website and GardenOntario page is **up to date with 2023** information of your meetings, special events and contact persons for your Society. It is difficult to promote your organization if the information is not current when interested and potential members check your website.

**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). Registration should be available on the website shortly.

**Competitions for the OHA 115<sup>th</sup> Convention**

Even if you do not attend the Convention, you can still participate and enter in the following competitions. Check out the Garden Ontario website for the following 200due dates are all listed in the schedule. Any questions, let me know or contact the person listed in the schedule. <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

## **Garden Hero to Continue in 2023**

2022 was such a success with Year of the Garden and choosing a Garden Hero in your community or organization that it will continue in 2023. As the year proceeds and if your Society has a particular person you wish to nominate, the information is on the Year of Garden Site. <https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/garden-heroes/>  
Also, May 19<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup> will be Garden Month.



## **Upcoming Events and Information**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30 – 2:00 – Centre Wellington Seedy Saturday, hosted by the Fergus, Elora and Salem Horticultural Societies at Aboyne Hall, Wellington County Museum & Archives. Seeds to share, vendors and information.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Earth Day at MacMillan Park in Erin.

**June 3** – Garden Festival in Harriston

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 early May.

Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director

