

Minutes District 6 Spring Breakfast
Saturday February 25 2023
Host- Brantford Horticultural Society -

Fairview United Church & Community Centre, 49 Wayne Drive, Brantford

Addendum: Attendance List at the end of the Minutes

The doors opened at 08:00 AM and Brantford provided wonderful refreshments.

- 1 09:00 – Robin Brennan, one of the Brantford Host leaders welcomed and thanked members for attending during inclement weather. Attendees were provided housekeeping details, information about the vendors and attendees stood for the national anthem.
- 2 09:12 –Robin Introduced the City Councilor Dan McCreary (representing the Mayor) who provided an official welcome to District 6. Robin also noted that Brantford City Council has endorsed the planting of native trees, shrubs and flowers wherever possible.
- 3 Meeting Called to Order
09:14 D6 Director Lianne Krane Called the meeting to order. On a motion by Catherine McGill (Haldimand) seconded by H  l  ne Br  l  - Bresner (Winona), the pre-circulated Agenda was approved. All in favour. Copies of the Agenda were also on the tables.
- 4 Approval of Sept 24 2022 Fall Breakfast Meeting Minutes (pre-circulated to members) Marie Decker (Oakville) made a motion to approve the pre-circulated Minutes of Sept. 24, 2022, seconded by Liz Chapple (Stoney Creek). All in favour.
- 5 Lianne reminded attendees that the Photo waiver form was circulating for those who missed signing it at the registration desk. This is a new requirement in case any photos are taken. Attendees can opt out of Photo waiver by crossing their name and the appropriate column off. All attendees signed and this form will be scanned and saved with the minutes.

Business Communications Update

- 6 Lianne Congratulated all the Societies for Completing their TPN report on time.
- 7 OHA Historical Report/Annual Report- Thanks to all who have submitted so far. Send your report to Susan asap (9 lines or 100 words). Lianne has a deadline to send this in the first week of March.
- 8 9:20 Lianne encouraged Societies to post events on gardenontario.org website. Cat has been looking after the Facebook web site with input from other District 6 members.
- 9 The upcoming May 6 AGM at Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre for Seniors, hosted by Oakville is going to be fantastic. Limited seating (max of 130) so early registration is encouraged. Veronica Heidrich asked for Societies to bring a \$25 prize. Marie Decker noted the fee of \$20.00 so anyone who sent in \$15 should send Bob Heil the additional \$5 for registration to ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com

Contact Mary Cameron – for the Flower Show entries.

- 10 Lianne asked Societies to commit to supporting the Canadian Council for Invasive Plant Regulation by filling out the online form to have your Society logo on the web site. Cathy Kavassalis will add the logos.
Action Susan will send a link with the minutes [Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation – urgent action to curb the spread of invasive plant species \(https://ccipr.ca\)](https://ccipr.ca)
- 11 Lianne noted that Burlington and Winona have special anniversaries next year.
- 12 9:30 am Hosting Events. It was noted that a Society is still needed to host the Fall Dinner. Lianne indicated that the sign-up sheet for hosting was circulating. Past Society hosts are listed on the back of the clipboard. If needed, add “tentative” until you can talk to your membership and Board.
- 13 Seedy Saturday Events. Please let Cat McGill and Lianne know of your Seedy Saturday events so that they can be posted.
- 14 Spring Tide Bulb Show at Gage Park March 10-19. Sandi Remedios (Burlington President and D6 ADD) noted that the City invited the District to have a table at this event. Please provide Bookmarks and other handouts for Sandi. Bookmarks will also be needed for the CNE, Zoomer Show and the Fall Mum Show. A sign-up sheet is going around plus Sandi will post a shared sheet on Google docs.
- 15 Updating speakers on the Gardenontario.org website. Encourage speakers to fill out the form. It can be sent electronically to Rose O’Dell and they can scan and email it. Lianne provided a copy of the form with Society handouts.
- 16 In Memoriam from April 2022 up to April 30 2023 Lianne asked members to send details to Susan MacMillan by May 2.
- 17 Dirt and Trillium submission deadline is now for both newsletters then June for the next Trillium issue. Please continue to send in information to Lianne for the Dirt.
- 18 Fall Breakfast Meeting hosted by Simcoe. Watch your emails and check for details at the AGM.
- 19 Fall Dinner hosted by Waterford. Flyers to come soon. Save the date.
- 20 Volunteer Hours. It is important to keep track of your volunteer hours. Hours provided to OMAFRA are reviewed and they help show how much time Societies put in to assist municipalities with Civic improvement. Help members remember. It’s a good idea to do these on a monthly or quarterly basis. The one-page form available can easily be converted to a spreadsheet if desired.

- 21 Awards and Grants. The deadline is this Tuesday. Lianne encouraged members to submit asap or even work on a submission for next year by soliciting information from long time members. The more details provided the better.
- 22 Society Contacts – Lianne provided Societies with a contact listing with generic emails of Societies (these do not contain personal emails). Consult your ADD if you need to contact a specific Society Executive.
- 23 2023 OHA Convention hosted by District 2 (Ottawa Valley). July 21-23. Lianne noted registration will be open soon. Cat mentioned that the OHA Board meets soon to finalize pricing. They have an amazing flower show. Competitions are open now. Check out the video, Bus tours, Garden tours and Michael Runtz is the keynote speaker. Michael Runtz is one of Canada's most highly respected naturalists, nature photographers, and natural history authors. Coach tours will run throughout the weekend.
- 24 9:50 am OHA 50/50 draw. March 15 is deadline and 50% of the proceeds go to support Awards grants, beautification, tree planting and post-secondary scholarships to name a few. Share the link with your family.
- 25 Tetanus Shots. Lianne reminded members of the importance of receiving your tetanus shots every 10 years. Clostridium tetani is ubiquitous in the soil, on rusty surfaces and metallic surfaces to name a few.
- 26 10:00- 10:15- Break. Lianne encouraged members to check out the vendors, the auction table at the break and bring refreshments back to the table. Bob Heil is selling the Share the wealth draw tickets.
- 27 10:15-11:00- Robin introduced Speaker DIANE HUTCHINSON of Walter's Greenhouse & Garden Centre. Diane Hutchinson discussed water-wise container planting, drip system techniques, different container options, soil remediation, how to reuse some of the container soil the following year and touched on various fertilizers. She noted that the clay pots from China are much more porous and lose water more quickly than the paler clay pots and that, not surprising, the bigger the pot the less frequent watering you will need to do. Many more tips were provided followed by Q&A to Diane. Robin thanked the Diane for her presentation.
- 28 11:20 Auction closed. Q&A for Speaker. Thank you from Robin
- 29 11:30 Share the wealth was drawn. Draw prizes were also awarded.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

A big thankyou to Robin Brennan who took care of so many things including a great registration list, and registration. Also thankyou to Max, Carol, Linda, Wendy and Bev. Congratulations to the Board and other team members for hosting a great meeting; Ed Hewitson, President, Carol Sterkenburg, 1st VP, Carrie Ann Delane 2nd VP, Wendy Schmidt, Treasurer, Bev Hutton, Secretary. A big thankyou to all the members who helped bake and serve the food/drinks, and for the room setup and clean-up.

Notify Susan MacMillan Secretary D6, of any corrections/omissions to the minutes.

Addendum: Attendees

Acton (2)	Lee Lynch	Audrey Kathryn	Bronte Hort. Society (1)	Laws	Greg
Ancaster Hort Society (4)	Macaulay Macaulay Sherrard Wilt	Allan Jill Rhu Bob	Burlington Hort Society (2)	Debly Remedios	Patricia Sandi
Brantford Garden Club (35)	Bondarczuk Bowman Brennan Brown Brown Byerlay Byerlay Carrier Cox Curtis Curtis Dzikowski Falle Fortier Graham Hamilton Hamilton Heltner Hewitson Hewitson Huhtala Hutton Lemieux Lowe Mahon McKechnie Proulx Schmidt Shoemaker Smith Sterkenburg Swimm Swimm Taplay Veale	Liz Wendy Robin Carol Lyn Anne Marie Max Pete Sandra Linda Elva Sandy Karen Nancy Lise Marlene Sharon Brad Irene Ed Cheryl Alison Bev Dominique Ruth Valeska Pat Karon Wendy Lorrie Marjorie Carol Barb Wendy Kimberlee Pat	Delhi Hort Society (1) Flamborough Hort Society (2) Georgetown Hort Society (1) Glen Morris Hort Society (7) Haldimand Hort Society (5) Lynden Hort Society (2) Milton Hort Society (3) Mount Hamilton Hort Society (8) Oakville Hort Society (2)	Elliott MacMillan Visentin Mathison Burnside Fleury Fleury Hager McComb Morton Sims Eubank McGill Meyer-Smith Osinga Wilson Blair Clayton-Thomas Krane Moore Merritt Balych Cairnes French Keuhlem McMillan Minocher Novoselac Pollett Decker Heidrich	Dianne Susan Liz Carol Jane Margaret Leon Jennifer Nancy Marion Joan Elsie Catharine Margaret Coby Barb Cindy Darielle Lianne Grace Louise Dini Patricia Heather Eva Mary Yasmeen Martha Patsy Marie Veronica

**Paris Hort Society
(5)**

Burkholder	Nancy
Collins	Dave
Gladding	Patti
Reansbury	Carol
Simpson	Brenda

**Port Dover/
Woodhouse Hort
Society (6)**

Blunt	Jenny
Faulkner	Anne
Hammond	Louise
Lamb-Green	Deb

Martin	Brenda
Navarro	Arlene

**Simcoe Hort
Society (1)**

Jackson	Jim
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**St. George Hort
Society (3)**

Bradley	Amy
Stewart	June
Western	Marg

**Stoney Creek Hort Society
(5) + 2 District 6 =7**

Adams	Bonnie
Chapple	Liz
Heil	Bob
Jessup	Nancy
Krasko	Karen
Mueller	Rose Marie
Wrobel	Judy

**Waterford Hort Society
(1)**

Lawrance	Hannah
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Winona Hort Society (4)

Brûlé-Besner	Hélène
Carpenter	Greta
Moraal	Krys
Moraal	Rien