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Ontario Horticultural Association – District 6

ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Here are your current Assistant District Directors and their assigned societies.

Bob Heil – Lynden, Paris, Port Dover, and Winona.

Liz Chappel– Haldimand, Mt. Hamilton, and Stoney Creek.

Marie Decker – Acton, Georgetown, and Milton.

Matas Eimantas – Burlington, Flamborough, and Oakville.

Sandi Remedios – Glen Morris, St George, Delhi, and Brantford

Susan MacMillan – Ancaster, Bronte, Waterford and Simcoe

Lianne Krane – District Director for District 6

Hypertufa Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Hypertufa Workshops. These were a lot of fun to make. Some of the planters will be used as a fundraising opportunity at the Fall Dinner. Thank you to Elsie Eubank, Sharon Slack and Cat McGill for planting some up.

This is a great workshop to put on in your Societies. Mushrooms and leaves can also be made for wonderful garden ornaments.

Trees for Life Update

20 trees were order through the trees for life program. 7 Serviceberries, 3 Northern Hackberry, 1 Swamp Oak, 1 Tulip Tree, 6 Sugar Maples, 1 Elm and 1 Red Oak. They were all delivered to their owners at the fall dinner by Lianne with the remaining taken to St. George by Sandi Remedios. Lianne was talking to Todd Baker, the grower and he is interested in American Chestnut trees but cannot find the nuts so Lianne is sending him some from her trees. Hopefully next year some will be for sale. If you are interested in purchasing an American Chestnut for your garden, please let Todd Baker know. Thank you to everyone who supported this and so glad we could add these wonderful native trees to our landscapes and environment.

Here is Todd's information.

Todd Baker
Baker's Nursery Ltd.
77697 Porters Hill line
Bayfield, Ontario.
N0M 1G0
Cell 519 441 3369

<https://www.treesforlife.ca/>

Hypertufa Workshop Photos



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CNE Booth

Thank you to all the District 6 personnel who came out to work a shift or two or three.

Your volunteer hours were so appreciated, and I hope you had fun talking to so many wonderful folks and of course your time at the EX!

Please consider helping out next year.



Fall Dinner

The Fall Dinner is coming fast and promises to be a great evening.

Thank you to Waterford and District for hosting this event. Also please remember that your wine will be available for pickup at the Fall Dinner so please come and get it or have someone pick it up for you.

Please remember to bring cash with you for a chance to win the 50/50 jackpot and e-transfer is also available for hypertufa pots.

Hummingbird Moth Photos



Hummingbird Moths – Stephanie Wilson

The hummingbird moth, Sphingida, or clear wing moth, or hawk moth can be seen in our summer months fluttering in open and second growth habitats and suburbs across Canada. Like most moths they have a very long tongue which they carry rolled under their chins and that they use to reach the nectar of long-necked flowers. This makes them good pollinators.

The females attract the males with a pheromone which they produce from a gland in the abdomen. The eggs are laid on the underside of leaves. The caterpillars have a horn at the rear end and are commonly green, well camouflaged among the leaves. When they are fully-grown, they drop to the ground, spin a loose cocoon and pupate, partially protected by leaf litter. They remain in leaf litter for protection and emerge in the spring. (another reason not to remove leaf litter in the fall but wait until spring). In the north where the season is short, there will be only one generation.

If you have phlox, bee balm, honeysuckle or verbena, you are likely to see these insects visiting these flowers.

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Message from Lianne Krane – District Director

I want to thank Ancaster, Haldimand, Paris, St. George, and Stoney Creek for submitting an article to the OHA Trillium Newsletter.

District 6 is the largest of the Districts in Ontario and we are so diverse in the activities that are undertaken by hard-working volunteers to make their societies fun, engaging, and educational. They shine in their submissions.

It is so important that we share those stories with the rest of Ontario. It is equally important that all members of the district have access to these newsletters to read.

Just one story each season is all it takes so please consider being that person to write a quick story or write up about an activity you participated in. Your organizers would be incredibly grateful.

There is also a list of award and grant winners in the Fall Trillium issue and recognition for their diligence in applying for grants goes to Burlington, Haldimand (3 grants received), Oakville, Paris, and Stoney Creek.

The Awards Director was shocked and disappointed at how few applications she received this year and so much money went unclaimed. Marie Decker did a fabulous job at our District 6 Fall Breakfast Meeting with her presentation on how easy it is to apply for these awards and grants so I am really hoping that ALL societies plan to work on submissions soon so that we will thrill (Sharlene Desjardins, also the Awards Chair) with what is received from District 6! You do not have to wait until close to the deadlines or be a Board member to do this for your Society.

The District 6 Board of Directors thought it might be a fun incentive to encourage submissions. So, for every application you submit, we will complete a ballot on your behalf, and we will have a special draw at our Spring AGM for a great prize that you can raffle at your Society meeting. Please copy Susan MacMillan on your submissions so that she can document them for the ballot entry.

Let's all work together to show the other Districts how amazing District 6 is and keep the bar set high as we have always done in the past.

REMINDERS FROM DISTRICT 6

1. Please make sure you update or implement a Code of Conduct for your Societies and have signed copies in your files for all your members.
2. Please consider implementing a Scholarship Procedure for your Society.
3. Form an Awards and Grants Committee and start working applications now. As a special incentive, the District will enter your Society into a draw for every application you send in.
4. Please take a look at your Bylaws and Constitution and update if they are more than 5 years old.

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Award Nomination Forms

AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND PRESENTED BY THE SOCIETY:

Only 2 per club.

- [OHA Horticultural Service Certification](#) request form
- [Ontario judging and Exhibiting Certificate](#)

AWARDS AVAILABLE TO YOUTH PROGRAMS

- [OHA Youth leader award](#) – Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28

AWARDS AVAILABLE BY NOMINATION FOR MEMBERS AND PRESENTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS

- [District service awards](#) – Due to the District Director by Jan. 20

AWARDS GIVEN BY THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION:

- [Silver Medal Award](#) – Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28
- [Trillium/Silver Fir Award](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28
- [Award of Merit](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28

HONOUR ROLL

- [Honour Roll Award](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28

SPECIAL AWARDS

- [Community Improvement Award](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28
- [Environmental Award](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28
- [Technical Advancement Recognition Certificate](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28

Downloadable Award Certificates

- [Youth Service Award](#)
- [District Appreciation Certificate](#)
- [Society/Club Presidents Award](#)

Please note that this is just a general information form, all the applications are found on the Gardenontario.org website

Grant Application & Reporting Forms

OHA GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SOCIETIES

- **OHA Year of the Garden Grant Application Form 2022** - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by DEC 31st
- **Community Garden Grant** - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by DEC 31st
- **Pollinator Project Grant** - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by DEC 31st
- **Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grant** - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by DEC 31st
- **Special Project or Environmental Grant** - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by DEC 31st

Closed to further applications – The Technical Advancement Grant

- [Tree Grant](#) - Please submit a Tree Grant Application starting January 1st and before February 28th
- [Youth Project Grant](#) - Due to the OHA Awards Coordinator by Feb 28
- [Youth Help Program Grant](#) - mail to OHA Awards Coordinator, after January 1st.

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Dawn Suter Memorial Tree – written by Cat McGill

Photos of Memorial Tree

Hello from Whistling Gardens, I was just at a lovely tree planting and memorial service for the passing of Dawn Suter, who was an original member of Haldimand Horticultural and there was a good dozen HHS members in attendance a well as some Judges who competed with and against her over the years. Dawn was my mentor over a dozen years ago who pushed my love of plants into going and starting my journey to be a Horticultural and Design judge, always a pleasure to judge with her. Dawn's daughter Susan and her beloved granddaughter Sophie where there to give tribute and all went back to Susans place for drinks, nibbles, and memories. Darren and Wanda Heinbecker creators of Whistling Gardens were also a big part of this event, a Ginko (Dawns favourite tree) and plaque where installed, Dawn was a big supporter of Darrens and believed in his dream of farm field into botanical gardens with huge collection of trees, its hard to remember that this was a field and all but 1 or 2 of the trees Darren grew and moved to this forest, now collection of amazing trees. If you have not gone, book time next year, especially in peony season, he has the largest private collection! And if you are wanting to have a memorial bench, consider Whistling gardens! Economical and much needed with all the walking you will do when you visit.



2024 OHA Convention in Guelph

The 2024 convention will be hosted by District 7 & 8 in Guelph at the Delta Hotel at 50 Stone Rd West. Consider getting your youth groups or society members to enter photos in next years competition. This is the time to get out while the weather is still nice!

Competition Categories:

- Class 1: Rivers Flow** - Your Interpretation **Class 2: Gardens Grow** - Love my Veggies.
- Class 3: Shapes in Nature** - Black & White **Class 4: Tears of Joy** - Featuring Dew or Raindrops
- Class 5: The Heartland** - A Rural Landscape **Class 6: What you Sow** - Reaping the Harvest
- Class 7: Frosty Morning** - Your Interpretation **Class 8: He Shed She Shed** - A Garden Shed

OHA Convention Poster



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OHA Early Bird Draw

Fall Dinner Reminder



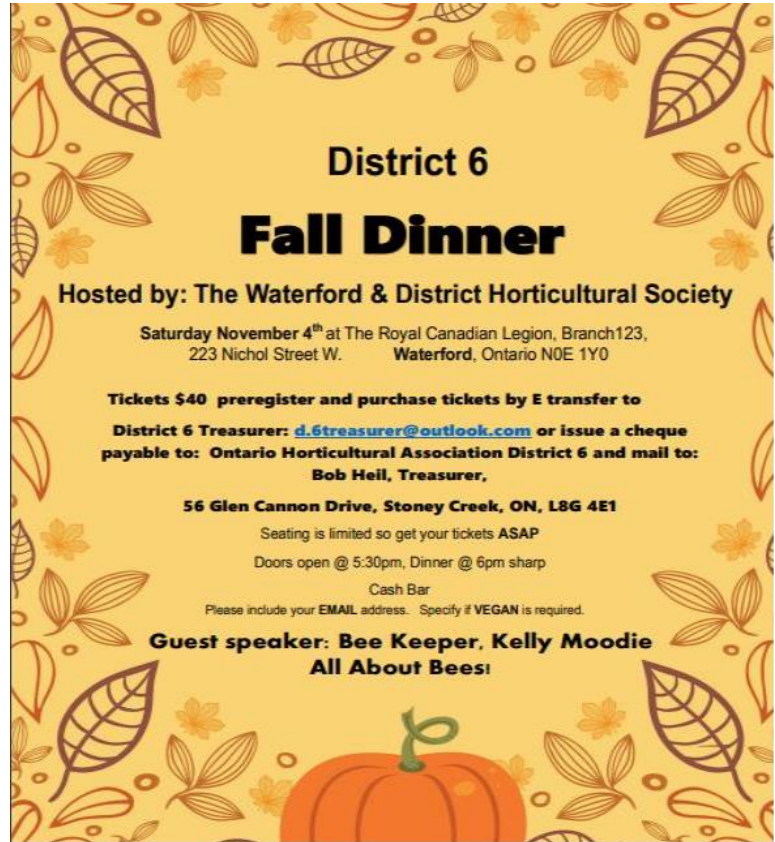
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December 16, 2023

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 810 NORTH ST. WILSON
 GODFRICH, ONTARIO N7A 8T4

Register for the Fall Dinner ASAP. Please try to have at least one member per society attend.



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Fall Dinner
 Hosted by: **The Waterford & District Horticultural Society**
 Saturday November 4th at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 123,
 223 Nichol Street W. Waterford, Ontario N0E 1Y0

Tickets \$40 preregister and purchase tickets by E transfer to
District 6 Treasurer: d.6treasurer@outlook.com or issue a cheque
payable to: Ontario Horticultural Association District 6 and mail to:
Bob Heil, Treasurer,
56 Glen Cannon Drive, Stoney Creek, ON, L8G 4E1

Seating is limited so get your tickets ASAP
 Doors open @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm sharp
 Cash Bar
 Please include your EMAIL address. Specify if VEGAN is required.

Guest speaker: Bee Keeper, Kelly Moodie
All About Bees!

Konzelmann Fundraiser

Wine orders are done on October 31st! Get yours in ASAP! 20% of sales go back to the District.



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WINE FUNDRAISER

Konzelmann Estate Winery has offered to donate 20% off all wine sales purchased by our members and friends.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Visit store.konzelmann.ca
Once finished shopping, proceed to checkout.
- Click on 'Pickup' for your delivery option.
Scroll down and click on our fundraiser location. This location must be used to allow the winery to track orders specific to our team and remove shipping costs.
- Enter your payment info and 'Complete Order'.

Please consider this program when purchasing wine for gifting or your own consumption as it directly supports our team. There are no minimum orders. If you have any questions please contact: samanta@konzelmann.ca



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