



# Daisy Chain

November 2023



*Our seasonal planters were ready and beautiful for November 11<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to John Collins for making wooden poppies to add to the planters to show our sincere respect of those who fell for our freedom. Photo: Judy Sauvé*

## The AGM Issue:

- Calendar of Events, page 2
- Membership Renewals, page 2
- The President's Report, by Connie Matthews-Cull, page 3
- The 2023 AGM, by Connie Matthews-Cull, page 5
- 2023 Awards, page 9
- Floral and Horticulture Entries in Photos, page 16

# Calendar of Events:

## Members Meetings in 2024:

All meetings will be on the third Monday of each month at the Legion, Branch 353, 57 Veterans Way at 7:00 pm. The new Board of Directors will be meeting in January before the first members' meeting to determine the speakers who will be coming to members' meetings on these dates (note there is no December meeting:

January 15<sup>th</sup>

February 19<sup>th</sup>

March 18<sup>th</sup>

April 15<sup>th</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup>

June 17<sup>th</sup>

October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 18<sup>th</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup>

## Membership Renewals for 2024

If you haven't renewed your membership, it isn't too late to enjoy our activities. You can send a cheque for \$10 for an individual, or \$15 for a family, made out to EAHS Secretary, 199 Wieland Shore Road, RR 4, Eganville, ON K0J 1T0. Indicate whether you want a family or individual membership, your name(s), your phone number for contact purposes, and your email in order to receive the Daisy Chain and other relevant news

We have an online payment method via the major banks' "Interac e-transfer" system. (If you don't currently use the e-transfer capability, but would like to, your bank can help you set it up.) The email address to use to transfer funds to us via Interac is: [eganvillehort55@gmail.com](mailto:eganvillehort55@gmail.com) Please use the "comments" section of the e-transfer to tell us whether you want a family or individual membership, your name(s), and your phone number, and email address in order to receive the Daisy Chain and other relevant news.

You can also buy a membership at each Members Meeting as well. Membership is \$10 for a single or \$15 for a family.

# President's Report

*By Connie Matthews-Cull*

In November 2022, the planters were cleaned out and the seasonal vegetation installed by many wonderful volunteers of the EAHS. Poppies were placed on each planter in honour of the soldiers who have fought for our freedom. The Legion Board of Directors and many people in the community were very touched. Poppies were removed after November 11<sup>th</sup> and the planters took on their seasonal appearance. The Legion expressed their sincere appreciation for acknowledgment of our soldiers.

Also in November, we had our AGM, at which a new board of directors was elected and installed. Connie Matthews-Cull received the President's Award from outgoing co-president Frances O'Malley. Since there was a spike in Covid in November, the board of directors unanimously cancelled the Christmas Party.

December was still very exciting as the EAHS won Best Float Overall in the Rotary Santa Claus Parade and Food Drive (and also a prize in last year's parade) which was very good for our profile and our hearts. Several volunteers enjoyed this process and product, lead by Lynn Risto. The \$75 dollars won was donated to Hospice Renfrew.

In January we started the year with a board meeting. Our speakers line-up this year was stimulating and encouraged very large audiences to join us (usually between 50 and 60 attendees were at each Members' Meeting. When one of our scheduled speakers was taken ill unexpectedly just before his presentation, the board of directors managed to pull together an engaging Trivia Night that was met by laughter and comradery.

In February and March, several artists in our district painted birdhouses, including five representing EAHS. These were sold at an on-line auction in March in support of the OHA Convention. Our artists commanded the highest bids. In addition, Genevieve Townsend decorated a bird feeder, which was donated by Connie Matthews-Cull, with images of wild flowers etched in pyro graphics and it was sold at the Silent Auction at the OHA conference in July. EAHS was asked to contribute to fundraisers held by the OHA to finance the conference, and some of us were very generous in purchases of plants from the rare plant auction, peonies, and T-shirt sales, rock painting, and in volunteering our time to contribute to the success of the conference. Connie Matthews-Cull donated 4 dozen jars of assorted jams sold at Anne Harbord's table which raised over \$800 at the Conference, and she delivered a talk about "Invasive Plants in Our Gardens" to a receptive audience. One EAHS member donated cash which was much appreciated by the organizers of the Conference. Val Collins, our choice for the Garden Hero of 2022, donated many, many, many hours of her time at the conference organizing speakers and she contributed to a wonderful event hosted by District 2. We also had a few members from EAHS who attended the Conference as volunteers. It should be noted that one of our members, Judy Grasmuck, named the conference "Rock your

Garden World” as a nod to the Canadian Sheild which pokes out through the top soil in the Ottawa Valley. Judy and her husband Stephan Grasmuck also won many of the classes in the photography competitions.

The EAHS began to hold monthly Floral and Horticultural shows (cut flowers, potted plants, fruit and vegetables) during the monthly meetings. The shows were organized by a director on the board, Michele Parsons, and were offered for the members’ enjoyment, to provide a creative outlet, and to encourage interest in horticulture. These exhibitions are essential for horticulturalists to learn from one another and to realize their potential. We are grateful to Michele and to Carmen Shultz who assisted in judging with Michele.

In March, April and May, several members of the EAHS volunteered their time to raise the profile of the EAHS at these events: 1) Seedy Sunday which was organized by Seeds of Creation and sponsored by the National Farmers Union in March. 2) In June, EAHS volunteers manned a booth in the Arena for the first Annual Eganville Expo which showcased businesses, and organizations in Eganville, thereby raising our profile in the community. 3) In addition to these activities, the EAHS was involved in a Seniors’ Gardening workshop at the Echo Centre for a three-part workshop beginning in April and ending in June, and lead by Frances O’Malley. Keen EAHS volunteers participated in a workshop to share the pleasure of growing our own food in containers. 4) The EAHS members were also participants in the Hike for Hospice and we raised about \$2700 for Hospice Renfrew.

The EAHS had three very successful fundraisers this year. Sharon Henry organized our Spring Plant sale and the membership did not disappoint in providing beautiful plants. Again, in the fall, Sharon rounded us up and organized another good Harvest Auction and Plant Sale. Terry Hoelke auctioned member donations of canning, vegetables and volunteers brought in many beautiful plants. In addition to these two plant sales, Judy Sauvé and her team organized the Giant Book Fair at the old Firehall which had unparalleled success. These three fundraisers resulted in a little over \$8,000 which was needed to plant the village, and to pay a student to water.

In June, the planters were installed with Joanne Hoelke as planting chair. With the collaboration of our society, Temperate Gardens, the Township of Bonnechere Valley, and our summer student, Layne Jessup, and funded by a Canada Student Jobs Grant, and our fundraising efforts, we enjoyed the planters around the village.

Also in July, our Open Gardens Event began with five participants over two days. We are grateful to Carmen Shultz who organized the participants and took signs to their driveways to direct guests.

We remain a good group of partners in the EAHS, and we enjoyed a very busy and successful year.



# The 2023 AGM



## **EAHS Board of Directors for 2024**

**From left to right: Frances O'Malley, Val Collins, Tricia Darley, Kathleen Kearney, Lynne Epps, Judy Sauve, Sharon Henry, Michele Parsons, Val Hinsperger, Laura Hinrichsen, Aislinn Caron, Connie Matthews-Cull, Carmen Shultz. (absent: Susan Taylor and Tom Adamchick)**

*Photo by Gregg Parsons*

## **The 2024 Board of Directors**

Past-Presidents	Frances O'Malley, Shawn Henry (automatic)
President	Connie Matthews-Cull
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Sharon Henry
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Susan Taylor
Secretary	Kathleen Kearney
Treasurer	Carmen Shultz
Public Relations Officer	Judy Sauvé

**DIRECTORS FOR 2023** - directors are allowed to serve for three 2-year terms

**One-Year Directors** (i.e., will be serving final year of their current 2-year term)

Lillian Jeannotte  
Val Collins  
Lynne Epps  
Carmen Shultz  
Michelle Parsons

**Two-Year Directors** (i.e., serving first year of new 2-year term)

Tricia Darley  
Val Hinsperger  
Laura Hinrichsen  
Aislinn Caron  
Tom Adamchick

## Twenty-Five Year Pin



*Lillian Jeannotte receives her pin from Connie Matthews-Cull. Photo by Frances O'Malley*

Thank you for a quarter century of dedication, Lillian. There isn't a pin for 28 years which is the number of years Lillian has been a part of the EAHS. She has positively influenced, guided, assisted, and befriended many executives and members of the EAHS throughout the years. Her kind demeanor and great sense of humour has made each crisis a pleasure to endure! Thank you, Lillian for all that you continue to contribute to the EAHS.

## Twenty Year Pins



*Joanne and Terry Hoelke are presented with 20-year pins (Terry is absent). photo by Frances O'Malley*

We celebrated two decades of exceptional volunteerism with these two who have given the EAHS enduring commitment to make our village an even nicer place to live. If you don't see them crawling up and down Welcome Hill, then you will see them at the plant sales, auction and book sales. Thank you for 20 years of kindness.

## Fifteen Year Pins



*Left to right: Judy Sauvé, Connie Matthews-Cull (presenter), Jean Davies (absent Cam Sauvé)*

*Photo by Frances O'Malley*

A very sincere congratulations on achieving an extraordinary 15 years of dedicated service to the EAHS. All of you are instrumental in creating a positive and lasting impact on us all. You are truly inspiring. Judy, Cam and Jean have built, and will continue to build, a positive legacy in our society.

## Ten Year Pins



*Left to right: Nelda Markham, Heather Park-Wheeler, Frances O'Malley. Photo by Kathleen Kearney*

A heartfelt congratulations to these members for reaching a remarkable milestone of ten years in their volunteer journeys. Their decade of dedication has significantly shaped the success and impact of our organization.

## Five Year Pins



*Left to right: Val Hinsperger, Val Collins, Connie Matthews-Cull, Sharon Henry, Shawn Henry.*

*Photo by Frances O'Malley*

Congratulations to these dedicated volunteers for an incredible five years of selfless service

*Congratulations!*



# 2023 AWARDS

## Sharon Henry - President's Award



By **Connie Matthews-Cull, President**

If anything needs to be done, Sharon Henry is not only volunteering to do it, but recognizes before others that the job needs to be done. She has covered so many bases this year, I am sure I cannot cover them all, but she might remind me what I missed! – She is our Social Committee chair and spends many hours setting up, and cleaning up after our meetings. She is our Plant Sale chair and organizes all of us for the Spring Plant Sale and the Harvest Auction and Plant Sale. She is our Christmas Dinner organizer and has done many hours of prep, organizing and even booked our caterer. She joined us the last three years for the Santa Clause parade float and was at the inaugural for the 2023 Parade meeting on Sunday, ready to help in any way she can. I might also add she reads everything and she has helped catch numerous errors before they become huge. We have many amazing volunteers who do excellent jobs in their committees. Sharon tackles many important jobs. Thank you for your help, your expertise and your good humour.

## Judy Sauvé - President's Award



By Connie Matthews-Cull, President

I often joke that we all know that the real president of the EAHS is Judy, but the reality is, Judy Sauvé is a life-line for presidents. I have been around for three presidential terms. I was secretary to Heather Park-Wheeler, and VP to Shawn Henry and Frances O'Malley, and now President, and all agree that this job would not be easily negotiable without a solid, knowledgeable person to help gain our footing and to whom to ask advice. Judy has many interests beyond EAHS to which she is an integral part. She reads voraciously and is very involved with the Bonnechere Valley Public Library as a board member, and is a Genealogy Club founder and participant. Also, she is very important to the Senior Centre (as is Cam Sauvé) and she selflessly dedicates many volunteer hours to their activities, and still is a very valuable mentor to the executive of the EAHS. Thank you, Judy. I know you have won many other awards from the OHA which may be more prestigious, but this President's award comes from this president's heart for your dedication and support. Thank you for everything.

## Val Collins - President's Award



By **Connie Matthews-Cull, President**

Anyone who attended the OHA conference knows how integral Val Collins was to the success of it. She lined up the speakers...and what an array of enlightening, entertaining and wonderful speakers they were. We are so proud to have a member from the Eganville and Area Horticultural Society who represented us so well and continues to raise our profile outside of our beautiful village. The bus trip she organized for the tour of the Bonnechere Valley for delegates of the Ontario Horticultural Association conference was among the most popular because of her determined spirit and love of this area. Val was our garden Hero for 2022 and her name will be forever in the annals of the OHA, but forever in the hearts of EAHS.



## Lillian Jeannotte - Life Membership



*Photo by Frances O'Malley*

Lillian Jeannotte is always an important member of the executive of the board of directors of the EAHS in many, many capacities. She has held all of the executive offices and as a result has gained considerable knowledge of Roberts Rules of etiquette and engagement in executive meetings. She is called upon often in meetings to remind us what the procedure is to make changes, suggest amendments, and to proceed. Her depth of knowledge acquired over twenty-eight years is much appreciated and relied upon. Her Life Membership serves as recognition of service. She will no longer pay a membership fee, but the EAHS will continue to submit dues and insurance to the OHA on her behalf on a yearly basis.





# Michele Parsons - Horticultural Service Certificate



*Michele Parsons of Firefly Meadows Farm delivered a terrific Christmas centre piece workshop at the AGM to interested participants to make for the Christmas Dinner. Greenery was supplied by Michele and Gregg Parsons, Joanne and Terry Hoelke, Frances O'Malley and Connie Matthews-Cull. Photo by Kathleen Kearney.*

We are grateful to Michele Parsons for reintroducing Floral Design and Horticultural Class Competitions to the EAHS. Covid put an end to in person meetings for a while and although we attempted to reintroduce some classes virtually, we were unable to keep the spark ignited. This year, Michele took charge of these classes and she has spurred a renewed interest in floral design and the art of vegetable gardening in EAHS. Many members look forward to the results of the efforts of members who really enjoyed the opportunity to create and to grow their entries. Horticultural Service Certificates are inscribed by the Association. The Seal of the Association is affixed. The OHA expects recipients of the Horticultural Service Certificate should be selected carefully so as to maintain the significance and integrity of the award. As a Director on the Board,

Michele filled the criteria perfectly: Five or more years of active membership in OHA affiliated Societies/Clubs, Service on Society/Club committees, contributing time and effort to civic improvements and beautification, or public plantings, Inspired the horticultural efforts of either individuals or groups, Showed sincere interest in and supported the objectives of a Horticultural Society/Club. Thank you, Michele.

## Lilli Durst- EAHS Certificate of Appreciation



Lilli Durst has been a long-time member and a supporter of Floral Design and Horticultural Competitions. She lifted our spirits in 2020 with one of very few virtual submissions of Floral Designs and would certainly have won had they been adjudicated with others. Since January, Lilli is the competition to which we aspire to achieve, and are thrilled when we surpass. When we have a competitor of her calibre, we are driven to improve our own aesthetics. In addition, she is an avid horticulturalist. She has influenced and is influencing many new members of the Horticultural Society as well as many older ones. Since our organization is based on sharing education of horticulture and beautification of our village, we are very grateful for her continued enthusiasm and inspiration of our members.



## District Appreciation Awards



Val Collins, is above, and Laura Hinrichsen is on the right.

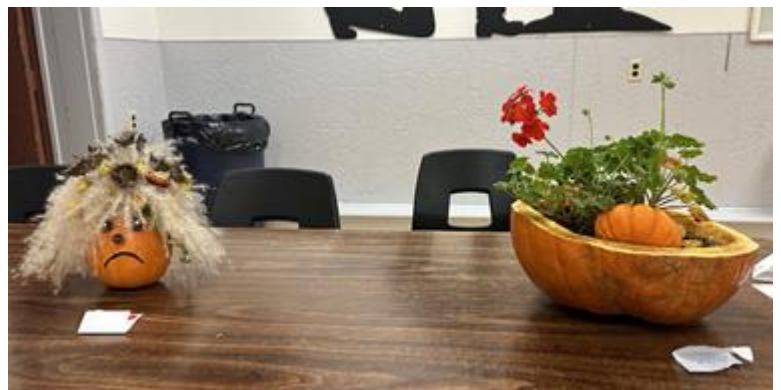
*Photos by Frances O'Malley  
and Kathleen Kearney*



Anne Harbord, District Director for District 2, awarded two deserving awards of Appreciation from the District: Val Collins received one for her tireless efforts to organize the OHA Conference, and Laura Hinrichsen received one for demonstrating ideal volunteerism when she came to the Conference to help. Congratulations to these fine horticulturalists.



# Floral Competition Entries for November





## *A Remembrance Moment*

In fields of memories,  
whispers softly sway,  
Echoes of the past in the light of day.  
A tapestry woven with moments we keep,  
Remembrance,  
a vigil, where sorrows may sleep

