



OHA District 7

Newsletter #1 – Feb/Mar. 2024

2024 is going to be an interesting year. Already we are at the end of February and we have hardly had any winter. What do the months of March and April hold for us? We do hope for an early spring but not this early.

Co-hosting along with District 8, the 116th Ontario Horticultural Convention at the Guelph Delta Conference Centre is going to be a fun filled event. The Convention 2024 Committee has been working hard to arrange all activities such as Speakers, Bus Tours, Competitions, Entertainment and Vendors for July 12 – 14. It is a great time to meet new friends and reunite with former ones from previous Conventions. If you have never attended before, this is your chance to either attend as a full delegate or be part of the volunteer group helping to ensure everything runs smoothly. As a volunteer, you will have a commitment to do your hours but we do want you to participate in the Convention too. For further volunteer information, see the Volunteer form as an attachment with this newsletter.

District 7 Annual General Meeting - Saturday April 13th

The District 7 AGM will be held **Saturday April 13th** and hosted by the Clifford and District Horticultural Society in Clifford. Our speaker will be Paul Judge – Landscape Coordinator for Minto. The new format of 9:30 – 12:30 will once again be followed as that seems to be favoured by all members.

Flower Show Schedule is as follows. We look forward to many beautiful entries. If you have never entered before, review the schedule and enter 1 item to get you started. Flower show committee members are there to help.

Each Society to bring a Door Prize up to a value of \$25.

Each Society to bring a **Silent Auction item for the Convention** – preferably Society or local related – value of at least \$50. (to be collected at the April 13th event so we can start our Silent Auction items list) Any questions, contact me.

Spring 2024 District 7 Flower Show - April 13, 2024

Clifford Community Centre, 2 William St. N. Clifford

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

- Division 1 – Horticulture*** **Points-** 1st-6, 2nd-4, 3rd -2 **Prizes-** 1st-\$5, 2nd- \$3, 3rd- \$2
- Class 1. **Hellebore** - 1 bloom
- Class 2. **Any other Spring Flower** - 1 stem/spray, named
- Class 3. **Flowering Branch**** – max. 75 cm. (30") including container, named
- Class 4. **Any Plant Grown for Foliage**** – named, 1 pot not to exceed 20 cm/ 8 in.
- Class 5. **Bedding Plants** – cell pack, one cultivar, grown from seed, named (min. 4 plants)

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

- Division 2 - Design:** **Points-** 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd -4 **Prizes-** 1st-\$7, 2nd- \$5, 3rd- \$3
- Class 6. **New Beginnings-** a miniature design
- Class 7. **Reaching Out** – a satellite design***
- Class 8. **Rivers Flowing** – your interpretation
- Class 9. **Spring Magic** - a small design
- Class 10. **Winter's Joy** – a pot-et- fleur ****

Judge's Choice - Prize donated by Guelph Township 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, 2019. Substandard entries may not necessarily receive a prize.

** Branch can be forced

*** **Satellite Design:** A design with a main unit and a smaller unit of the same colour, form and/or texture that do not touch but have a connective line between the units that become a vital part of the rhythmic pattern of the design. (Page 150, Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture, 2019)

**** **Pot-et-Fleur:** A combination of growing plants (foliage and/or flowering), in or out of pots, packed lightly with soil and/or other moisture retaining materials, plus cut flowers in tubes of water, floral foam or other material, assembled in one container. Moss, decorative wood and rock may be included. No cut foliage is permitted; cut flowering and/or fruiting branches may be use. (Page 149, OJES 2019)

Other District 7 Society Coming Events:

- 1) Saturday, March 9 – Erin Seedy Saturday – Erin United Church –
10:00 – 3:00 <https://erinseedlendinglibrary.weebly.com/erin-seedy-saturday-2024.html>
- 2) Saturday, March 16 – Centre Wellington Seedy Saturday – hosted by
Fergus, Elora & Salem Societies at the Aboyne Hall, 10:30 – 2:30
<https://wormwrangler.org/event/seedy-saturday-centre-wellington-2024/>
- 3) Wednesday, March 20th - Elora & Salem Horticultural Society



For the next draw, go the OHA website for details and purchase no later than
March 15, 2024 at 11:59 pm

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

Thank you in advance for supporting the OHA through this fundraising

Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director

