



SHOW TABLE

OHA JUDGING COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER Sept

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Dear Societies

Welcome to the first newsletter from the new OHA Judging Committee. We are launching the **SHOW TABLE** as a new communication tool to help get information on Flower Shows and Judging out to Societies and to your Flower Show Coordinators and Committees. We are hoping that you will let us know if you have questions or concerns that we can help address.

- **Who are We?** The Ontario Horticultural Association Board in the fall of 2013 established a new committee to provide guidance and long term planning to the OHA on matters pertaining to judging. It is known as the Judging Committee. It is made of up of a number of Directors with judging experience. Committee members are Penny Stewart (Chair) Kathryn Lindsay (Vice Chair) Jim Mabee (Judging School Coordinator) Sharon Nivins (Judges Registrar) Jane Mc Donald, Roland Craig and Sandra Hartill.
- **What's happening with OJES?** There have been lots of questions about when The Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards publication might be updated. It is a joint publication of the OHA and Garden Clubs of Ontario and is the main source of guidance in Ontario for staging and entering shows. In the past few months there has been a start to updating this important publication. We will keep you informed as this project moves along.
- **How to find a Judge?** The OHA web site has a list of the names of all judges currently certified by the OHA and who are willing to have their names published .This list is available via the OHA home page under Resources/Judging. All that is needed is to enter the word Judges in the search box and the list comes up. This list is kept up to date by the Judges Registrar currently Sharon Nivins.
- **Best Practice in Selecting a Judge** We hope that by making the list of judges easy to access that you will be sure to use it. The judges set out in the web list are certified by OHA and we recommend that you follow the best practise of not using the same judge year after year. There are many new judges being certified so why not give them an opportunity to judge your shows. You can also check with local judges they are a wealth of information.
- **Judging Schools When and Where?** Our Judging School Coordinator Jim Mabee has all the information on the website or contact him by email at judgingschoolcoordinator@gardenontario.org
- **Need help with your Show Schedule or Planning a Show?** Check with your local Judges they are a wealth of information.
- **Have a Question about Flower Shows or Judging?** Contact us by Email at ohajudges@gmail.com .

We look forward to hearing from you.

Penny Stewart On behalf of the OHA Judging Committee