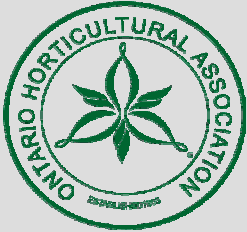


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Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association Newsletter

Winter 2006/2007



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Best in Show

Jean Claridge of the Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society was awarded Best in Show for her Photographic Print Competition Class 11 entry (above). This was Jean's first competition! She took the photo at Dow's Lake in Ottawa during the Tulip Festival.

The Best in Show ribbon in the Slide Competition was awarded to Charles Doekes of the St. Catharines Society for his stunning image of the OHA Centennial tulip (left).

Full Competition results from the Ottawa Convention are inside.

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Trillium articles in your
local publications.

Message from the President

Is it just me or is time going by more quickly than it used to? It seems the Convention was just two weeks ago, the OHA board meeting just last week. I still had plenty of time to plant those bulbs and perennials. There's always tomorrow. Living in Zone 6a helps, although I believe I'm running out of time once again.

Our Association continues to grow and changes are occurring on a regular basis. Margaret Turner, our Development Officer, has accomplished a great deal in a short time, yet her work on our behalf has just begun. You'll be hearing more from Margaret in this newsletter.

The deadline for OMAFRA grant submissions is Feb. 1st, 2007 with no exceptions. The sooner you send in your application, after your AGM, the sooner you'll receive your grant. The new deadline for your activity report to your District Director is also Feb. 1st and I'll add 'no exceptions' here as well, because it will be the director's responsibility to send your 1st page of information to the OHA Secretary within 7 days, allowing head office to update their records promptly.

Speaking of District Directors... These good people are in place to answer your questions, offer guidance and leadership when required. Why not put them to work? Your directors are your information links from the OHA board level to you. They are your support system.

To recognize the dedicated volunteers in your Society, review the Awards booklet and consider the many recognition awards available, from the Society, the District and at the Provincial level. Without our dedicated volunteers, our Association wouldn't exist.

You'll hear more about the 101st Convention in Owen Sound, Aug. 10-12th, 2007 from District 8, but I must say plans are quite exciting for our Convention by the Lake next year. Once you attend a convention, you're hooked. I personally discovered this in 1993 in Chatham. Encourage your members to attend and participate in the competitions, and note our new 'Poetry' class this year, established by District 8.

Can we talk? Yes! Feel free at any time to email or phone me. There will be time set aside at our next Convention to chat with the Prez.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. May your stocking be filled with good health, laughter and joy, and gift certificates to your local garden centre.

Holiday Cheers, and Peas on earth! ☺

**Liisa Wolfgram, president@gardenontario.org
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From the Secretary's Desk

Fall is the time of the year to reflect on our activities of the past year and to plan for our future successes. It is hoped that everyone will have memories of pleasurable accomplishments, periods of growth, and something they will look forward to doing again. At our Board meeting in October, Directors were updated with new information and have completed schedules for the Owen Sound convention. Our host District 8 Director, Valerie Neal, has been busy working on the many details.

Societies are finalizing plans for the year and preparing for their AGMs, while incoming Society Presidents are thinking about their term of office. This mailing includes the following information that requires attention:

Enclosed are the adult competitions for floral design, horticultural specimens, art, photography, Society newsletters/brochures, the webshell competition, and a new competition for poetry. We also have our special section for the youth competition.

Also enclosed is information for the Special Project programme, resolutions to be presented at the convention, and the Volunteer Hours form that reflects the time your members have spent to beautify your community through the planting of trees and maintenance of other plantings, along with planning interesting and informative meetings. This form makes you aware of how much you contribute to your successes and you should be proud of this. Don't be hesitant to award a deserving person of a valued Service Certificate, and remember there is also a Society President's Award that each Society can present to deserving members.

Another enclosure is the newly revised form for Society information. This year Societies are to complete one form that is sent to your District Director prior to February 1st. Directors will forward the front page to myself to update Society information for our records. Your District Director is required to send this form to the OHA Secretary no later than February 7th. A reminder that the OMAFRA information and grant form must be filed by February 1st.

In this issue of Trillium is information on special tree planting awards and the OHA Board nomination information. Your Society can also nominate members for awards presented by our Association at the convention.

I wish everyone the blessings of the seasons and look forward to pleasant thoughts for the future.

Marlene Bruckhardt, OHA Secretary

First Ever OHA Donor Reception Held at Ottawa Convention

OHA broke new ground at its 100th anniversary convention in Ottawa in August by hosting the first Donor Reception in the Association's history. The Donor Reception thanked and recognized all members of OHA's Garden Circle, who supported the Association with gifts of \$150 or more in the previous year. As of August, OHA had 23 donors in the Garden Circle. All were invited to the reception, and a number of them made the trip to Ottawa to celebrate with OHA. The reception was held in the Flower Show exhibit area, which provided a wonderful setting and showcased some of OHA's best creative talent.

Donor Receptions will be held annually at the Convention to provide an opportunity for donors to be recognized and thanked personally by members of the Board. The Reception is also an excellent opportunity for donors to learn more about the work of OHA, and see firsthand what happens when 500 plus delegates come together to learn from each other, share experiences, and talk gardening.

The Garden Circle was conceived and implemented by OHA to provide recognition benefits for donors who share OHA's values and support its work with their donations. Canada's non-profit sector has discovered that, in an increasingly competitive market, the recognition of donors is crucial to success in fundraising. The other essential requirement of fundraising success is stewardship. Given the strong donor interest in how organizations use their contributions, OHA can continue to build rewarding relationships with its donors by demonstrating that it uses financial gifts wisely and well.

For more details about OHA's Garden Circle check out the Partners page on the OHA website, www.gardenontario.org



Rhonda Benn of Valleybrook Gardens and
OHA 1st Vice President Jim Mabey



Shirley Becker of the
Wilmot Horticultural Society and 1st VP Jim

Garden Circle Donors 2006:

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**Margaret Turner,
Development Officer**

What Is A Development Officer Anyway?

An Interview with Margaret Turner

Recently, over a cup of coffee, your editor had the opportunity to ask D.O. Margaret a few questions...



LH: Just what is a Development Officer?

MT: I actually wear a number of hats. As an **Ambassador**, I generate good will and public awareness on behalf of the OHA. As a **Sales Rep**, I attempt to sell the association to prospective partners, supporters, and donors.

As a **Coach**, I utilize my specialized skills to implement whatever action is required to achieve the OHA's developmental goals. The D.O. role can also provide continuity as volunteers move in and out of Board or committee roles.

LH: What do you consider your greatest challenge as the Association's D.O.?

MT: The OHA is actually an easy 'sell' because of its various positive messages...Keeping Ontario Beautiful, a 100 year history, and the fact that it reflects a grass roots movement (no pun intended).

The challenge thus far has been the experience of learning the OHA culture. It is such a huge and diverse organization! I am trying to tune in to the agenda of the provincial executive, as well as the concerns of local society members. Through dialogue at all levels of the Association, I am gradually gaining an appreciation of the organization, and an ability to represent its members accurately.

LH: Of what accomplishment are you most proud thus far?

MT: Looking back over my first year, I am proud of all that was accomplished in terms of celebrating OHA's 100th Anniversary. One might say I 'hit the ground running'. Although deadlines for the Trillium Foundation Grant, the Anniversary Poster, the Commemorative Trillium edition, and the History Book Project were demanding, I am very pleased that I was able to play a role in helping the Association to celebrate such a significant milestone.

LH: Are you involved with any other horticultural groups?

MT: I have recently joined the Board of Directors of the Guelph Enabling Garden in the city's Riverside Park. Since 1999, this community-funded multi-use garden has provided gardening experiences for families and the elderly, with particular emphasis on community members with varying degrees of physical and cognitive challenges.

LH: Tell us about Margaret Turner the Gardener.

MT: I have no formal horticultural training. I have learned and continue to learn through research, good advice, and experience. When we purchased our house, about 15 years ago, one of our first projects was to put in a vegetable garden. Our initial perennial bed went in the second summer, followed by numerous borders and beds over the years, including our patio bed and a shade garden.

Recently, I've been enjoying mixing it up – integrating vegetables and herbs with ornamentals, both annual and perennial. As with all gardens, ours is constantly expanding and evolving. My recently acquired hostas are working very well in my shade garden, along with my all-time favourite heucheras and some new hellebores. One of my greatest pleasures is observing the varied wildlife that is attracted to the backyard habitat that we have created.

New Constitution & Bylaws

On the occasion of its 100th anniversary at the Ottawa convention, the Ontario Horticultural Association passed a new Constitution and By-Laws, a set of companion documents which replace the former Constitution. For a copy of the new documents, please consult the OHA website. In addition, each Society will be receiving a printed copy from their respective District Directors.

The new Constitution and By-Laws should be regarded as working documents, designed to facilitate the ongoing operations of the Association. The Constitution Committee meets on a regular basis for the purpose of considering changes to these documents. It is important that any suggestions or queries be directed to the Constitution Committee
c/o secretary@gardenontario.org.

Barbara Waddell, Constitution Committee Co-Chair

Commonly Asked Questions

WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT:

- **ASSOCIATION DUES?** - If your District Director cannot answer your question, then by all means you can contact me, Sharon Hill, the OHA Treasurer.
- **INSURANCE?** - If you have a question about insurance premium payments, call either your District Director or myself. HOWEVER, if you have a question about what insurance covers and the differences between insurance, please call Brian McCartney of Law Insurance Brokers at 416-969-8262.
- **TREASURER BONDING?** - Your District Director can probably answer questions about the treasurer bonding. By all means please feel free to contact me if that doesn't work for you.
- **NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS?** - The newsletter subscriptions are now handled through the Treasurer's office.

WHAT DOES *SOCIETY IN GOOD STANDING* MEAN?

This is a term that is used by OMAFRA, the Insurance Companies and the Association. In order for a Society to be a 'member in good standing' they must have:

- ✓ filed their annual report with OMAFRA (regardless of whether they have applied for a grant);
- ✓ filed the Society Annual Report with the Association
- ✓ paid their District dues;
- ✓ paid their Association dues;
- ✓ paid their Insurance premiums- both general liability and Directors & Officers'.

The Treasurer (yours truly) must file a report with Law Insurance stating which Societies are in good standing.

I will check each one of the above elements. If a Society is not on that report, they **will not** be covered for insurance. In addition, the Society Treasurer Bonding kits only go to those societies that have paid their dues/insurance invoices.

WHERE DO WE SEND OUR PAYMENTS FOR DUES, INSURANCE & NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS?

**Ontario Horticultural Association,
c/o Sharon Hill, Treasurer,
P.O. Box 595,
Bracebridge, ON P1L 1T8**

WHEN ARE THE ASSOCIATION DUES/INSURANCE INVOICES DUE?

The invoices that were mailed September 12th, 2006 were due by October 31st, 2006.

WHY ARE THE ASSOCIATION DUES/INSURANCE INVOICES FOR 2007 DUE AND PAYABLE BY OCTOBER 31ST, 2006?

At the request of Societies and to keep costs to a minimum, we have invoiced the dues and insurance on one invoice. To my knowledge this has been done for a few years.

Prior to issuing the new policy of insurance, Law Insurance Brokers requires that I provide them with a report of 'Societies in good standing' (as noted above this includes various items). The insurance company requires payment of the Directors' & Officers' premium by October 17th (the policy due date). The general liability insurance invoice is based on the number of members we report. The insurance company needs that information well in advance of the premium due date which is currently January 15th.

I have asked the insurers to make the policy due date January 1st for both the general liability insurance and the Directors & Officers' insurance. This should make things much easier for Societies as it will align the dues and insurance payments with the calendar year.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sharon Hill, OHA Treasurer
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705-645-3552 or treasurer@gardenontario.org

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

BUDGET 2007

| REVENUES | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Membership Fees | | 108,000 |
| Insurance | Liability | 22,154 |
| | Directors & Officers | 32,054 |
| Sale of OHA Supplies | | 4,000 |
| Advertising/Shows | | 600 |
| Web space/partner sales | | 660 |
| Newsletter | | 1,400 |
| Donations | General | 150 |
| STBI Expense reimbursement | | 600 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | | 25 |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | | 169,643 |
| <i>SPECIAL PROJECT REVENUE FROM RESERVED FUNDS</i> | | 2,500 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | \$ 172,143 |

| EXPENSES | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Meeting Expenses | Board Meeting Expenses | 48,500 |
| Other Meeting Expenses | Social Marketing, Conservation, Long Range, Judging School, Conventions etc. | 5,775 |
| District Expenses | | 11,200 |
| Auditors' Fees | | 4,000 |
| Uncollected D & O Insurance | | 3,000 |
| Bank Charges & Amortization | | 2,060 |
| Insurance | Liability | 22,154 |
| | Directors & Officers | 32,054 |
| Mailing Costs/Print & Stationery | | 2,900 |
| Secretary | Honorarium & Office Expenses | 7,300 |
| Treasurer | Honorarium & Office Expenses | 7,200 |
| Awards & Prizes | | 1,000 |
| Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards | | 500 |
| Membership in other organizations | | 25 |
| Special Projects | Oak Grove Dedication | 1,000 |
| OHA Supplies | Supplies | 1,500 |
| | Admin- Postage etc. | 600 |
| Newsletter/Youth Newsletter | | 6,700 |
| Annual Report | | 950 |
| Education/Promotion/Publicity | Internet Expenses | 5,600 |
| Exhibitions | Incl. storage | 3,051 |
| NET OPERATING EXPENSES | | 167,069 |
| <i>SPECIAL PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS (5 X 500)</i> | | 2,500 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | \$ 169,569 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | | \$ 2,574 |



OHA Welcomes Wilma Wood As New Registrar

When the registration forms come to Societies for the upcoming 2007 Convention in Owen Sound, you will notice a new name for the Registrar. Wilma Wood of Thunder Bay, Ontario, applied for the job, along with others, and after the committee recommendation at the Board's October meeting, Wilma was hired.

Many of you will remember Wilma as our OHA President in 2003. Along with her great knowledge of the Societies in Ontario, plus the OHA itself, Wilma brings a background in office administration, events coordination, and a B.A. in Education. As we say a fond farewell to Twyla Wilson, OHA Registrar for many years, we greet Wilma with open arms.

**Jim Mabee,
OHA First Vice President**

Nominations for Association Awards

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors a number of Awards which are presented annually during the Convention. Each Society should have an Awards Booklet available to inform the members of the awards available and the procedure to follow to place a nomination for an award. This information is also on the website for downloading by Societies.

Awards presented at the Convention are:

**Silver Medal Award
Trillium Award
Silver Fir Award
Award of Merit
Community Improvement Award
Environmental Award
Youth Leader
Honour Roll**

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to the Association Secretary, Marlene Bruckhardt, P.O. Box 7, Breslau, Ontario N0B 1M0 by February 28. The Secretary will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The Awards Committee is composed of the President (chair), Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair of the Past Presidents' Council. Please give serious consideration to selecting people who would be worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.



Nominations

The election of the Ontario Horticultural Association President, as well as First and Second Vice Presidents, is an important part of the Annual Convention. Usually, there is a normal progression into the President's chair. It is essential to have continuity in the flow of these offices.

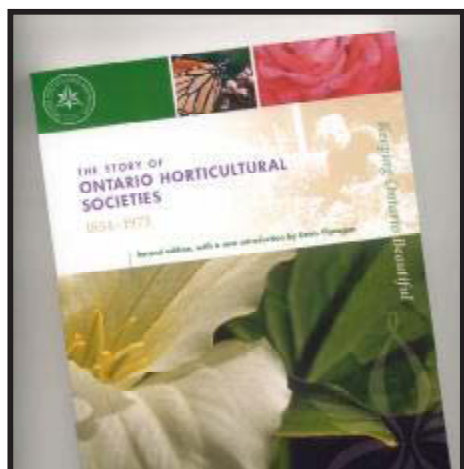
To be eligible for a position, one must be a past or present District Director or a past or present executive member of the Ontario Horticultural Association Board of Directors for a period of not less than two years. This person must be willing to serve and consent must be obtained before nominations can be considered.

Nominations for any of the above offices must be received on or before February 28. Please send the nomination to the Association Secretary Marlene Bruckhardt, Box 7, Breslau, ON, N0B 1M0. This nomination must be sent by mail as there must be an original signature on the nomination.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by a Horticultural Society that is affiliated with and in good standing with the Association and must be on Society letterhead. The Society **MUST** have the consent of the nominee and include a resume with qualifications and past or present offices held.

It's Back in Print!

The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies, 1854-1973



OHA is delighted to announce that part one of the OHA Heritage History Book Project is complete, with the reprint of *The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies, 1854-1973*.

The book will be a treasured addition to the bookshelves of many Horticultural Society members, and will make a wonderful gift for people who are interested in OHA and community horticultural societies, horticultural history and Canadian social history.

Both hard and soft cover versions are available by using the order form on the website, or by contacting Don Matthews at 519-338-3243. The hard cover books are designed to be similar to the original publication, with a green cover and gold-coloured trillium, and are priced at \$14.99 plus shipping. Soft cover editions, with a design featuring the *Trillium grandiflorum*, are priced at \$9.99 plus shipping.

We hope you'll want to own your own copy, and buy more as Christmas gifts—we're very pleased to have the books available as we enter the Christmas shopping season.

The publication of the reprint was made possible through the generous support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a number of donors, including a number of Horticultural Societies and members. All donors are acknowledged in the book, and we are very grateful for their support for the project. Part two of the Heritage History Book Project is the writing and production of volume 2, from 1973 to the present, with publication planned for late 2008.

Margaret Turner,
Development Officer

Donors to 100th Anniversary Edition of Trillium

When the 100th anniversary edition of *Trillium* was published in August, it included a list of donors who had helped to make the project possible. Since then, a number of Horticultural Societies and members have made gifts toward the project's costs. We are pleased to publish their names here, and to thank them for their generous support.

Glenn R. Bennett
Edna Caldwell
Kathie Davidson
Collette Ilnitski
Magdalene O'Reilly
Lisa Robinson
Irene Van Dam
Valeda Ziebarth

Bond Head & District Horticultural Society
Callander Horticultural Society
Chinguacousy Garden Club
Evergreen Thumbs Horticultural Society
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As we said in August,

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Note: Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to receive a receipt.

Flower Power

Does this title bring to mind VW vans decorated with daisies and memories of a youth spent preaching that peace and love would change the world? If so, then you are part of the Baby Boomer generation and what you plan to do in your retirement years is of great interest to volunteer organizations of every variety all over the world.

Older volunteers, who are well represented among OHA's current membership, come from a generation to whom volunteering is considered part of a person's responsibility as a good community member. These volunteers roll up their sleeves and pitch in wherever there is need – their goal is the job well done, and collectively accomplishing the goal is their reward. In many communities, with only a small pool of potential new successors to take up the cause, there may be a real fear that if the current volunteers do not carry on, the organization will fall apart.

It seems that today's Boomers present an opportunity for OHA to attract people who are ready to re-engage their passion for 'Flower Power' and changing the world. Research shows that the Baby Boomer generation is as giving as the previous generation in its commitment to volunteerism. What is different is that Baby Boomers are more assertive and demanding. They were raised in a consumer centred culture, and are inclined to ask, 'What's in it for me?' when selecting volunteer opportunities. The desired answer is, 'New experiences, new friendships, new skills, and new challenges.'

It is not enough to have Boomers join your society – it is important to retain them while keeping your long serving members happy too! OHA has been given a generous Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to develop membership recruitment material and workshops that will help to encourage, integrate, and engage new volunteers into your society. The Social Marketing Committee welcomes your ideas about the challenges your society faces in recruiting and maintaining active members. Please also share your suggestions about the kind of support you'd like to receive to increase your membership numbers.

Contact SMC: smc@gardenontario.org or by mail – OHA Social Marketing Committee, 95 Sherin Court, Bolton, ON L7E 3T6. Visit the discussion of this topic at www.gardenontario.org/forums/index.php.

Article compiled by **Brenda Heenan**, Chair of SMC, from articles and research papers available at www.allianceonline.org/boomers.page.

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The **Annual Return Package** was sent out by **OMAFRA** in Guelph during the first week of November. If you have not yet received yours, please let us know and we will resend it to you.



Some key messages for Horticultural Societies...

- **February 1st, 2007** is the deadline for the returns to be received at their designated office.
- **Audit/reviews** of the financial records should be done before the annual meeting as this information is to be presented at the annual meeting.
- Before mailing the annual returns, use the enclosed **checklist** to ensure everything is completed.
- **Returns should be sent right after your annual meeting.** The sooner they are received and processed, the earlier you will get your grant cheque!

For further information contact

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Kathie Noble 1-888-466-2372- Ext 63132 email: kathie.noble@ontario.ca



Alastair Crawford Remembered

In the fall of 1967 the Oro Horticultural Society was formed, with Al Crawford volunteering to become our first President. He held that office for two years, but that was just the beginning. He continued to be very much involved in the Society for 39 years! Al was instrumental in designing many of our Public Gardens and in the pruning and care of these gardens. He was always a member of the Board, and was treasurer for many years. He followed his mother in his interest of horticulture. Mrs. Crawford was a member of the first Oro Horticultural Society, started in 1924, disbanded in 1956.

Al went on to be District Director for District 16 from 1971-1975, and served as President of the Ontario Horticultural Association in 1975-1976.

Al has been involved in plant sales, has presented pruning workshops, and spoken at Society meetings throughout the district on other Horticulture topics. He and Jean have opened their garden for tours many times, most recently in 2004.

Al received the Service Certificate, the District Service Award, OHA's Silver Medal Award, and the OHA's Silver Fir Award. The Silver Fir Award was initiated by Al, for the most outstanding man in horticulture in the province, at his own expense. He was a member of Garden Clubs of America for several years and became an active Master Gardener in the early years of this organization in Ontario.

Alastair was awarded with Volunteer of the Year by Oro-Medonte, and he and Jean were honoured as Citizens of the Year by the municipality.

In 2004, we honoured Alastair by planting and dedicating a tree at the Administration Office in the township of Oro-Medonte, in recognition of all his contributions to Horticulture in our Township. Al chose a native Sugar Maple, and it was planted October 5th, 2004, at a special ceremony with many Council members and Oro-Medonte Society members present. Al was always aware of whether there was a Horticultural Society in each and every town & city he visited. He encouraged Societies to get the Youth involved.

Al passed away Sunday July 9th, at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. He celebrated his 80th birthday in March of this year, at an open house in the village of Oro Station. He will be missed by all, and especially by our own Society.

Edna Caldwell & Marlene Hawkins,
Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society

Horticulture Competition Convention 2006

Note: Classes with no entries are not included in the list below.

13. Amaranthus - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski,
2nd Anne Tokaruk, 3rd David Archer
16. Calendula - 1st Kathleen Lang,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski, 3rd Marilyn Shedden
18. Cosmos - 1st Marilyn Snedden
19. Cosmos - 1st Carole Koch
21. Lavatera - 1st Marilyn Snedden
22. Marigold, double, under 3" - 1st Sheila King
23. Marigold, double, over 3" - 1st Donna Christie,
2nd Myrna Blair, 3rd Sheila King
25. Nicotiana - 1st Toby Barratt, 2nd Marilyn Snedden,
3rd Anne Tokaruk
26. Petunia, single - 1st John Manchester
29. Snapdragon, rocket type - 1st Toby Marratt
30. Snapdragon, dwarf type - 1st Kathleen Lang
31. Sunflower, 1 stem - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski,
2nd Sheila King, 3rd Kathleen Lang
32. Sunflower Collection - 2nd Marilyn Snedden
33. Zinnia - 1st Toby Barratt, 2nd David Archer,
3rd Anne Tokaruk
34. Foliage, annual - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski
35. Any other annual 1 stem - 1st Anne Tokaruk,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski, 3rd John Manchester
36. Any other annual 1 spike or spray -
1st Rosi Mikolajewski, 2nd Marilyn Snedden,
3rd Marion Thomson
40. Gladiolus, White, cream, or yellow - 1st Marilyn
Snedden, 2nd David Archer, 3rd Kathleen Lang
41. Gladiolus, Pink or red - 1st David Archer,
2nd Kathleen Lang
42. Gladiolus, Mauve or purple - 1st Marilyn Snedden,
2nd David Archer, 3rd Kathleen Lang
43. Gladiolus, any other solid colour –
1st Marilyn Snedden
44. Gladiolus, Any multi -colour - 1st Marilyn Snedden,
2nd Marilyn Snedden, 3rd Kathleen Lang
45. Gladiolus, Miniature, any colour(s) - 2nd Carole Koch
47. Delphinium - 1st Mimi Edmonson,
2nd Carole Koch
- 48a. Echinacea large - 1st Donna Christie,
2nd Sheila King
- 48b. Echinacea - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski,
2nd Kathleen Lang
49. Echinops - 1st Marilyn Snedden,
2nd Donna Christie, 3rd Marie Mitchell-Richards
50. Eryngium - 1st Toby Barratt
- 51a. Hosta large - 1st Iris Waung, 2nd Kathleen Lang,
3rd John Manchester
- 51b. Hosta small - 1st Myrna Blair, 2nd Donna Christie,
3rd Matilda Parsons
53. Lilium, oriental - 1st Toby Barrett
- 56a. Phlox paniculatum any colour - 1st Jennifer Mix,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski
- 56b. Phlox paniculatum white - 1st Toby Barrett,
2nd David Archer, 3rd Anne Tokaruk
- 57a. Rudbeckia, 3 stems - 1st Myrna Blair,
2nd Anne Tokaruk, 3rd Laurie Graham
- 57b. Rudbeckia, 3 sprays - 1st Carole Koch,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski, 3rd John Manchester
59. Any other perennial, 1 bloom or stem –
1st Rosi Mikolajewski, 2nd Carole Koch,
3rd Marion Thompson
60. Any other perennial, 1 spike or spray –
1st Rosi Mikolajewski, 2nd Sheila King,
3rd John Manchester, HM Sheila King
61. Flowering branch - 1st David Archer,
2nd Matilda Parsons, 3rd Marion Thompson,
HM Mimi Edmondson
62. Ornamental grass - 1st Matilda Parsons,
2nd Laurie Graham, 3rd Donna Christie
63. Rose Hybrid Tea - 1st Marion Thompson,
2nd David Archer
64. Rose Floribunda - 1st John Manchester,
2nd Carole Koch
66. Hardy Canadian Rose - 1st Carole Koch,
2nd Donna Christie, 3rd David Archer
67. Modern shrub rose other than Canadian –
2nd David Archer
68. Miniature - 1st Carole Koch, 2nd Donna Christie,
3rd J. Mitchell-Richards
69. One cultivar showing 3 stages of bloom –
1st David Archer, 2nd Myrna Blair
70. African violet, single - 1st Kathleen Lang,
2nd Marion Thompson, 3rd Marion Thompson
73. Begonia, rex - 1st Sandy Black,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski, 3rd John Manchester
80. Foliage plant other - 1st Jeff Blackadar,
2nd Rosi Mikolajewski, 3rd Jeff Blackadar
81. Flowering plant other - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski
84. "Mixed Beauty" –a single open container -
1st Kathleen Lang
86. A Horticultural Society Special display of garden
produce - 1st Almonte, 2nd Renfrew, 3rd Nepean
87. Basket of Tomatoes - 1st Rosi Mikolajewski
88. Collection of Herbs - 1st Anne Tokaruk,
2nd Sandy Black, 3rd Kathleen Lang,
HM Rosi Mikolajewski

District 2 Special Awards:

Best Display Of Veggies – Almonte Society
Most Points in Potted Plants – Rosi Mikolajewski
Most Points in Annuals – Rosi Mikolajewski
Most Points Gladioli – Marilyn Snedden
Most Points Perennials – Rosi Mikolajewski
Most Points Roses – Carol Koch and David Archer (tie)

Diane Kiers, OHA Horticulture Competition Chair
Helen Halpenny, District 2 Horticulture Competition
Chair

Art Competition Convention 2006

The Convention 2006 delegates were treated to a spectacular show courtesy of many talented individuals who entered the Art competitions. Congratulations to everyone who entered!

The winners are ...

1. Art in Nature

- 1st Diane Partlo - North Gower
- 2nd Kathryn Bury - Bradford
- 3rd Helen Daggett - Weston

2. For the Birds

- 1st Sheila King - Ottawa
- 2nd Marillyn Boyle - Thunder Bay
- 3rd Ann Roddy - Thunder Bay

3. A Winter Display

- 1st Louise Koroscil - Thunder Bay
- 2nd Marilyn Light - Gatineau, Que
- 3rd Sheila King - Ottawa

4. Summer's Bounty

- 1st Kathryn Bury - Bradford
- 2nd Diane Partlo - North Gower
- 3rd Sheila King - Ottawa

5. Point the Way

- 1st Julie Krahule - Smith Falls
- 2nd Diane Partlo - North Gower
- 3rd Joan Stapleton - Ottawa

6. Garden stone

- 1st Sheila King - Ottawa
- 2nd Marilyn Light - Gatineau, Que
- 3rd None

7. Ornamental Magic

- 1st Bradley Stryland - Timmins
- 2nd Suzanne Stryland - Timmins
- 3rd Kees Stryland - Timmins

8. 100 Years and Growing

- 1st Judy McGrath - Pakenham
- 2nd Linda Wright - Nottawasaga, Stayner
- 3rd Sheila King - Ottawa

9. From Here and There

- 1st Judy McGrath - Pakenham
- 2nd Marilyn Light - Gatineau, Que
- 3rd Sheila King - Ottawa

10. Centennial Capital City

- 1st Sheila King - Ottawa
- 2nd Marilyn Light - Gatineau, Que
- 3rd None

11. Centennial Tulip Square

- 1st Sheila King - Ottawa
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Harriet Hansen,
Art Competition Chair



Floral Design Competition Convention 2006

Best in Show was awarded to **Helene Selemidis-Hill** for her design **'Race to Space'**.

CLASS 1. 1906-1909 'Rich in Tradition'

- 1st Donna Christie
- 2nd Kathleen Lang
- 3rd Edna Caldwell

CLASS 2. 1910-1919 'War and Peace'

- 1st Iris Waung
- 2nd Anne Torkaruk
- 3rd Sandy Black

CLASS 3. 1920-1929 'Roaring Twenties'

- 1st Helene Selemidis-Hill
- 2nd Judy McGrath
- 3rd Ann Roddy

CLASS 4. 1930-1939 'Less is Best'

- 1st Sheila King
- 2nd Shirley Binns
- 3rd Iris Waung

CLASS 5. 1940-1949 'Victory Gardens'

- 1st Anne Tokaruk
- 2nd Madeline Archer
- 3rd Kathryn Lindsay

CLASS 6. 1950-1959 'Crowning Glory'

- 1st Letty Barolet
- 2nd Elizabeth Hayes
- 3rd Rosie Mikolajewski

CLASS 7. 1960-1969 'Race to Space'

- 1st Helene Selemidis-Hill
- 2nd Cindy Zorgel
- 3rd Elizabeth Laska-Wolff

CLASS 8. 1970-1979 'Art and Bloom'

- 1st Iris Waung
- 2nd Mary Anne Vercammen
- 3rd Judy McGrath

CLASS 9. 1980-1989 'New Faces of Ontario'

- 1st Iris Waung
- 2nd Madeline Archer
- 3rd Elizabeth Laska-Wolff

CLASS 10. 1990-1999 'Rounding out the Century'

- 1st Mary Ann Vercammen
- 2nd Elizabeth Laska-Wolff
- 3rd Sandy Black

CLASS 11. 2006 'Celebrating 100 years of the OHA.'

- 1st Shirley Binns
- 2nd Cindy Zorgel
- 3rd Letty Barolet

CLASS 12. 'Time Passages'

- 1st Aurora
- 2nd Carleton Place
- 3rd Almonte

Helen Halpenny, District 2 Design Competition Chair
Diane Kiers, OHA Design Competition Chair

Floral Design - Best in Show

Awarded to Helene Selemidis-Hill for her 'Race to Space' design (below).



Photo by Angela Snowden

Publications Competition Convention 2006

Congratulations to all the Societies who entered their work in the Publications Competition for 2006. The number of entries has increased from 94 in 2003 to 103 for 2006.

Thank you to all participants for their imaginative expressions of the diversities within the various OHA Districts in Ontario. Each year, while we review the publications sent by Societies, we are always amazed by the gems that we find. Yet, it is distressing to note that although we are all members of the OHA, only 50% of the entries recognize their umbrella organization or the

District to which they belong. Don't forget that publications are meant to deliver information. Let's make sure that we include these important pieces of information in the future.

The Publications Committee strives to improve this Competition and make it more interesting by creating new categories and diversifying the entries. It is our goal to tap into the creative juices that flow in our organization and to explore new ideas and concepts with our Societies and Clubs. We want to discover and recognize the many gifts of our members.

I know that some Districts who did not participate this year are home to a lot of creative ability that can be shared with all of us. Let us learn together and from each other. I look forward to great participation in the Publications Competition in 2007.

RESULTS 2006

CLASS 1. Yearbook Cover: Primarily Hand-drawn

1st - Thunder Bay 2nd - Aurora 3rd - Sudbury

CLASS 2. Yearbook Cover: Primarily Computer-generated graphics

1st - Oro-Medonte 2nd - Orangeville 3rd - Roselands

CLASS 3. Yearbook Cover: Cover Illustrations primarily Photographic

1st - Gloucester 2nd - Cornwall 3rd - Richmond Hill

CLASS 4. 2005/2006 Special Event Poster

1st - Brampton 2nd - Richmond Hill 3rd - Leaside

CLASS 5. 2005/2006 Special Event

Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer

1st - Richmond Hill 2nd - Brampton 3rd - Peterborough

CLASS 6. Club/Society Brochure, Pamphlet or Flyer

1st - Leaside 2nd - Gloucester 3rd - Richmond Hill

CLASS 7. Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily hand-drawn - No entries

CLASS 8. Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily photographic in origin

1st - Waterloo 2nd - Oakville 3rd - North York

CLASS 9. Newsletter: Cover graphics primarily computer-generated

1st - Orangeville 2nd - Smiths Falls 3rd - Thorndale

CLASS 10. Current Youth Journal/Scrapbook/other

1st - Scarborough

CLASS 11. Show Schedule (may include Divisions and Sections other than floral)

1st - Brooklin 2nd - Thunder Bay 3rd - Leaside

CLASS 12. Yearbooks: "Yesterday and Today"

For display only - Not Judged

**Ann Best,
Publications Competition Chair**

Youth Awards - Convention 2006

Congratulations to everyone who entered the youth competition. There were 367 entries in total.

CLASS 1: "The Potato" - creative writing

Winning entries from Scarborough (1st ages 6-8: Alexandria Jones), East Oro (1st ages 12-14: Jonathan Nelson) and Rainbow (1st ages 9-11: Melissa McDonald and ages 15-18: Mary McDonald).

CLASS 2: "Tulip" - creative writing

Winning entries from Scarborough (1st ages 6-8: Alexandrai Jones), Stirling (1st ages 9-11: Jillian Foley and ages 12-14: Avery Foley) and Rainbow (1st ages 15-18: Mary McDonald).

CLASS 3: "100 Birthday Card" - card made from pressed plant material

Winning entries from Aurora (1st ages 6-8: Carleen Harany), Scarborough (1st ages 9-11: Dana Marlatt and ages 12-14: Remy Marlatt), Chinguacousy (1st ages 15-18: Lara Crawford), Englehart, Grafton, Guthrie and Rainbow.

CLASS 4: "Tiny Beauties" - miniature dried design

Winning entries from Scarborough (1st ages 6-8: Brendan Bradshaw and ages 12-14: Remy Marlatt), Grafton (1st ages 9-11: Jason Sovie), Rainbow (1st ages 15-18: Mary McDonald), Brampton and East Oro.

CLASS 5: "A Seed Mat" - one inch border design made with seeds

Winning entries from Rainbow (1st ages 6-8: Kylie Cranston and ages 15-18: Sarah McDonald), Guelph (1st ages 9-11: Samantha Martinez), Scarborough (1st ages 12-14: Remy Marlatt), Aurora, Brampton, Chinguacousy, East Oro, Grafton, Guthrie and Oro Medonte.

CLASS 6: "What Am I?" - pine cone creature

Winning entries from Rainbow (1st ages 6-8: Danny McDonald, ages 9-11: Melissa McDonald and ages 15-18: Mary McDonald), Scarborough (1st ages 12-14: Mandy Sinclair), Brampton, Chinguacousy and East Oro.

CLASS 7: "Canadian Beauty" - small, fresh flower design

All winning entries from Scarborough (1st ages 6-8: Brendan Bradshaw, 1st ages 9-11: Krista Bradshaw, 1st ages 12-14: Mandy Sinclair, 1st ages 15-18: Jasmin Gunter).

CLASS 8: "100 Years and Still Growing" - wayside design

All winning entries from Scarborough (1st ages 6-8: Libby Martall, 1st ages 9-11: Dana Marlatt, 1st ages 12-14: Remy Marlatt, 1st ages 15-18: Jasmin Gunter)

CLASS 9: "My Ontario" - miniature landscape design

Winning entries from Scarborough (1st), East Oro (2nd) and Watford Warwick (3rd).

CLASS 10: Harry Wyma Award "Canada's Capital" Fine Arts

Winning entries from East Oro (1st - Rebecca Emery) and Scarborough (2nd - Dana Marlatt and 3rd - Krista Bradshaw).

CLASS 11: Don Matthews Award "100 Years and Still Growing" Fine Arts

Winning entries from Rainbow (1st - Sarah McDonald) and Guelph Township (2nd - Amanda Micallef and 3rd - Amelia Micallef).

CLASS 12: Maisie Bray Award "The Tulip" - a poster

Winning entries from Oro-Medonte (1st), Brampton (2nd) and Chinguacousy (3rd).

CLASS 13: Ruby Bryan Scrapbook Award

Winning entries from East Oro (1st), Scarborough (2nd) and Guelph (3rd).

CLASS 14: Frances Lemke Award - Most active and innovative youth club

Winning entry from Scarborough.

CLASS 15: Nothers Award - Public project

Winning entries from East Oro (1st) and Scarborough (2nd).

CLASS 16: Ruby Lobban High Point Award

Scarborough 1st with 171 Points.

Rainbow 2nd with 94 points.

East Oro 3rd with 22 points.

JUDGE'S CHOICE: Best in Show from Classes 7, 8 and 9 - Scarborough

Marlene Bruckhardt, Youth Competitions Chair



Bev Webster accepts the Don Matthews Award on behalf of Sarah McDonald of the Rainbow Youth Horticultural Group.

Photographic Print Competition Convention 2006

1. Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art Thou?

- 1st - Uldis Broks, North York
- 2nd - Floyd E. Lucas, Kincardine
- 3rd - Betty Squire, Sarnia

2. Pretty Maids All in a Row

- 1st - Gloria Broks, North York
- 2nd - Richard Toivonen, Sudbury
- 3rd - Gord Shehan, Minden & District

3. Something Old, Something New...

- 1st - Rosemary Thomson, Markdale & District
- 2nd - Gloria Broks, North York
- 3rd - Shannon Culhane, Englehart

4. Time to Sit and Ponder

- 1st - Uldis Broks, North York
- 2nd - Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie
- 3rd - Ilona Drumm, Red Rock

5. Grannie's Garden

- 1st - Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2nd - Ann Pedley, St. Marys
- 3rd - Ann Couch, Oshawa

6. New Generation at Work

- 1st - Gord Sheehan, Minden & District
- 2nd - Wilma Wood, Thunder Bay
- 3rd - Rose Paliwoda, Minden & District

7. Sleeping Beauty

- 1st - Paul Smith, Mount Albert
- 2nd - Barbara Naismith, Lake Simcoe South Shore
- 3rd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

8. Still Growing with Your Community

- 1st - Ann Pedley, St. Marys
- 2nd - John Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie
- 3rd - Elizabeth Mc Conachie, Markdale & District

9. Rooted in History

- 1st - Mary Ann Gilhuly, Waterloo
- 2nd - Gloria Broks, North York
- 3rd - Elizabeth Mc Conachie, Markdale & District

10. 100 Years and Still Growing

- 1st - Jean Claridge, Lake Simcoe South Shore
- 2nd - Gord Sheehan, Minden & District
- 3rd - Gloria Broks, North York

11. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

- 1st - Jean Claridge, Lake Simcoe South Shore
- 2nd - Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie

12. Loyalty (Society Mass Planting)

- 1st - Pauline Plooard, Minden
- 2nd - Richard Toivonen, Sudbury
- 3rd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

13. Loyalty ((In My Garden)

- 1st - Elizabeth McConachie, Markdale & District
- 2nd - Rosemary Thomson, Markdale & District
- 3rd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

14. Loyal I Stand

- 1st - Jim Tibbles, Goulais
- 2nd - Brenda Theoret, Cornwall & District
- 3rd - Mary Ann Gilhuly, Waterloo



Photographic Slide Competition Convention 2006

Note: Not all Classes had full 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Also, there were no awards in Classes 3 and 12.

1. Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art Thou?

- 2nd - Betty Squire, Sarnia
- 3rd - Linda Boyko, East York

2. Pretty Maids All in a Row

- 2nd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener
- 3rd - Charles Doekes, St. Catherines

4. Grannie's Garden

- 1st - Betty Squire, Sarnia
- 2nd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

5. Teaching Young Kids the Same Old Tricks

- 3rd - Betty Squire, Sarnia

6. I'm Not Getting Older...

- 1st - Betty Squire, Sarnia
- 2nd - Linda Boyko, East York
- 3rd - Jane Blackstock, Oro-Medonte

7. Still Growing

- 1st - Charles Doekes, St. Catherines
- 2nd - Betty Squire, Sarnia

8. Time Stands Still

- 3rd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

9. Twilight Celebration

- 2nd - Charles Doekes, St. Catherines
- 3rd - Betty Squire, Sarnia

10. 100 Years and Still Growing

- 2nd - Betty Squire, Sarnia

11. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

- 1st - Barbara Naismith, Lake Simcoe South Shore
- 2nd - Betty Squire, Sarnia
- 3rd - Brad Stryland, Timmins

13. Loyalty

- 3rd - Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener

14. Loyal I Stand

- 1st - Charles Doekes, St. Catherines
- 2nd - Edna Caldwell, Oro-Medonte
- 3rd - Mary Ann Gilhuly, Waterloo

**Mary Young,
Photograph and Slide Competition Chair**

Web Shell Competition Convention 2006

2006 is the first year for the Web Shell competition and it is off to a great start. There were ten entries in Class 1 and three in Class 2. All of the entries are great examples of how the potential of the GardenOntario website can be used to communicate a Society's information over the internet. The entries are creative and attractive, featuring a lot of information about Society activities and in some cases gardening in general. I wish to thank all of the entrants for the substantial amount of effort they have put into their Web Shells. The hard work is evident. Below are the competition winners.

Class 1 GardenOntario web shells using standard features as outlined in the manual "Garden Webs for Societies" or "Garden Webs for Districts" (as appropriate)

1st: Agincourt Garden Club

2nd: North York Horticultural Society

3rd: Gloucester Horticultural Society

Class 2 GardenOntario web shells (as above) that include links to sub-domain space at www.gardenontario.org (such as <http://renfrewhs.gardenontario.org/>)

1st: Ajax Garden Club

2nd: Gilford & District Horticultural Society

3rd: Renfrew Horticultural society

If any entrants would like some specific constructive compliments and comments on their Web Shell, feel free to contact me and I can provide them. If you have any comments on how the Web Shell competition can be improved, please let me know. The competition will take place again in 2007 so watch our website for details.

Below is a list of all of the entrants. I encourage you to visit these websites. All of them are great examples of what can be done with Garden Ontario Web Shells. (see <http://www.gardenontario.org/soc/index.php>)

Agincourt Garden Club
Ajax Garden Club
Cloverleaf Garden Club
Elmvale & District Horticultural Society
Gilford & District Horticultural Society
Gloucester Horticultural Society
North York Horticultural Society
Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society
Painswick Horticultural Society
Renfrew Horticultural society
Smiths Falls Horticultural Society
Sprucedale and District Horticultural Society
St.Marys Horticultural Society

Jeff Blackadar, Judge
Ottawa Horticultural Society

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Linda Hugli,
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Pelham's Commemorative Garden

The area known as Pelham is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Pelham Horticultural Society decided to plant a garden at the Pelham Public Library to honour and commemorate this anniversary. Members worked consistently and diligently on the planning, planting, and regular care and maintenance of this garden, resulting in four seasons of horticultural interest, to be enjoyed by all who will see it.

Muriel Roden is the President of the Pelham Society. On listening to both Muriel and her husband Ivan tell me about the evolution of this garden, I could see in their faces their pride in this project. I knew I must make a visit and see for myself. I was not disappointed! Although I will have to wait until spring returns to see the flowering of the spring bulbs, especially plantings of our Ontario Horticultural Association's Centennial Tulips, I saw a truly beautiful garden. Plantings of chartreuse hostas provided an accent to perennial flowering shrubs, other perennials, and a backdrop of shimmering grasses (*Zebrinus*). Continuous colour through the summer until frost is provided by a border of Sunshine Impatiens.



It is apparent that the Pelham Horticultural Society volunteers have dotted all their 'i' s and crossed all their 't' s. This Commemorative 150th Anniversary project will be recognized by all as a garden so beautiful that it calls out to those who pass to walk closer and have a look. Pelham Horticultural Society members are to be congratulated for providing this lovely Commemorative Garden! Their efforts and the garden are truly deserving of being chosen as one of the Ontario Horticultural Association's Special Projects in 2006.

Diane Kiers
Niagara District 9 Director



The OHA at the Paris Fall Fair

Each year at the Paris Fall Fair, held every Labour Day weekend, the Plant & Flower Show has a Group Display competition as part of the show schedule. Each year, three of the Horticultural Societies of Brant County enter. Every year each tries to out do the other in friendly competition. This year we were excited to have the **100th Anniversary of the OHA** as our theme for the competition. The first place ribbon was awarded to the **St. George Horticultural Society** for the creative and celebratory display pictured above. The Paris Horticultural Society went home with second place, while the third place ribbon went to the Glen Morris Society.

Dave Collins
Paris Fair Plant & Flower Show Director

Welcome to Ridgetown

The Ridgetown and District Horticultural Society planted a drift of the OHA Centennial tulips in front of the town sign. They also celebrated the Association's landmark anniversary at their September meeting with a birthday cake hand decorated with a row of the 'Happy 100th' tulips.



Native Trees and Shrubs of Simcoe County

In 2004, the **Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society** was searching for a project that would benefit the entire township, the result of the amalgamation of two townships years previously. Members were asked for suggestions but none seemed to be appropriate.

At the 2005 Ontario Horticultural Association's convention, Valerie Neal, chair of the Conservation Committee, proposed every member and Society plant native trees and shrubs.

This recommendation sparked an idea for a booklet about native trees and shrubs and our Board quickly adopted the suggestion as our township-wide project. Two members offered to do the research, which was started Jan. 2006, and a third member offered to do the computer work and design the cover.

Many sources for information on native trees and shrubs were explored but since this booklet was centred on Simcoe County (District 16), the following sources supplied the necessary material:

Trees in Canada, John Laird Farrar, 1995

Trees of Ontario, Linda Kershaw

Shrubs of Ontario, Soper and Heinburger, 1982

Natural Landscape Resource Booklet, Ontario Horticultural Association

Website – www.evergreen.ca/native

The booklet is set up in a landscape format so the information is presented in columns, which makes it easy to access, even for novice gardeners. Details are arranged alphabetically by common names first, botanical names next, then columns for height/width, light, soil, flower, fruit and finally special comments. The Shrub section includes additional columns for natural significance, fragrance, and fall colour.

Inside the front page is a legend and definition of “native” trees and shrubs as well as benefits of planting natives. We give suggestions for choosing and planting native trees and shrubs. This eight page reference is distributed FREE to any interested resident of Oro-Medonte township. It was financed by some reserve funds in our Society, and was first presented publicly at the Society's April meeting. In addition, one copy was given to each District 16 Horticultural Society. Residents find copies at our municipal office or at any of Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society's functions.

Appreciative comments have been received from our mayor, councillors, local naturalists and many residents.

Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society

‘A Tree Grows in Harriston’

The Harriston & District Horticultural Society planted a Harvest Gold Crabapple tree to honour the 100th anniversary of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Pictured in the photo from L to R are: Jill Welsh, Chairperson of the Greenway Committee; Don Matthews, President; Rose Harris, Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Beautification Committee; Linda Campbell, Past President; and Mary Cuculich, Co-Chair of the Beautification Committee.



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Gardening Without Pesticides

Now that many Ontario communities have banned toxic pesticides, many gardeners are quite perplexed as to what to do to get rid of weeds and pests.

Let us start at the beginning...

We need to have really good rich, healthy soil, especially if you have recently purchased a home in a new development, for often the soil here is shallow and lacking humus. I know that a lot of developers sell the topsoil before they start building!!! Humus is the superstar of soil health. It aerates the soil, helping the plant roots to breathe, and holds moisture so that the plants can absorb the moisture and any nutrients that are available. It acts as a magnet to prevent those nutrients from washing out of the soil in the rain. Humus supports many living things in the soil from earthworms to microbes, which feed and aerate the soil and combat disease. So start an annual program of building soil health by working in compost or well rotted manure.

For a good, healthy lawn – over seed. I did a burn on my property and did not get around to seeding it. Within a very short time, it was over run by creeping Charlie. If you have a bare patch of earth the weeds move in right away! City life is stressful on all living things, especially our trees. Compacted soil, lack of rooting space, insufficient moisture, air pollution, and road salt all take their toll. Insect attacks and disease are usually **symptoms** of stressed trees and plants, not the cause.

So what can we do? **Give your trees the best chance** for health by following some basic guidelines:

- Enrich the soil around the rooting zone with annual applications of compost.
- Prevent competition from grass around the root zone by mulching around the base of the trees with 2" of wood chip mulch. Ask the men cutting and chipping trees along the road – they will give it to you, so that they do not have to take it to the dump, where they have to pay. Be sure to leave a space between the mulch and the tree trunk
- In periods of drought, give your trees a deep drink by watering gently with a soaker hose for several hours over the entire root area, especially before the trees and shrubs go into the winter – leave the hose on for several hours.
- Use organic fertilizers to encourage beneficial microbes to protect tree roots but avoid over fertilizing as this too can attract pests.

- Avoid any construction or change in the soil depth within the tree's rooting zone. This area extends beyond the tree's branches and is often called the drip zone.
- In the fall, chop up fallen leaves with a lawn mower and leave them on the grass. By spring the worms will have taken them down into the soil – it is the correct fertilizer, and is free!

The best fertilizers are those made from organic (naturally occurring) sources. They are gentle to soil and release slowly over an extended period of time. Feeding your plants with organic fertilizers is comparable to giving them a well-balanced meal. Synthetic products, on the other hand, tend to deliver a rapid release of nutrient directly to the plant (like the boost of sugar you get when you eat a candy bar). This bypasses other organisms that help to feed and protect the plant. The end result can be overdosed plants that grow quickly at first, but later become easy prey for aphids and other insects.

Even worse, the excess is easily washed away in a heavy rain, ending up in waterways where they wreak havoc on aquatic life. Soils with long term applications of synthetic fertilizers can become more acidic, with reduced ability to support beneficial micro organisms. For many reasons, organic fertilizers are a better choice to promote long term soil and plant health. A good organic fertilizer can be made by mixing one part of blood meal, two parts of bone meal, and one part of wood ash or kelp meal. This can be sprinkled over your lawn or worked in around your plants in the early spring.

Good gardening to you all!

**Beryl Harris, MG,
District 4 Director, 1989-1998**



Beryl and District 4 Director John Sellers

That Blooming Contest is Back!

Pictured below, OHA President Liisa Wolfgram and Barbara Clarke, from the Etobicoke Horticultural Society, cut the cake after the East York Blooming Contest awards ceremony.



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This year, after an absence of several years, a gardening tradition was revived. In the early eighties, in East York, Canada's last remaining borough, a front garden competition known as The Mayor's Blooming Contest was begun. Although it met with enthusiastic support from the community for almost two decades, the changes that accompanied the amalgamation of Toronto in 1998 brought it to an end. But early this summer, the City of Toronto Parks Department, a City councillor, and the East York Garden Club came together to re-launch the competition. Now called "The East York Blooming Contest", this year's event was a lesson in fast-paced organization.

Although the first organizing meeting wasn't held until early May, within a few weeks flyers and entry forms were printed, and nominations were arriving. Entries were closed by mid-July, and judging took place in the next few weeks. A dozen members of the Garden Club examined over 80 properties, producing a short list of 13 gardens. Final judging was done by two judges from outside of East York, Liisa Wolfgram and Barbara Clarke. In early September, prizes were awarded to the proud homeowners.

Was it worth the effort? For the judges, viewing gardens was a perfect way to spend a couple of summer afternoons. For the gardeners, whether they were winners or not, they were happy to have the work they had done in their front yards recognized. And for East York, a tradition, one that encourages people to beautify the community, has been reborn.

Malcolm Geast, East York Garden Club

Tree Planting Project

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Special Project, whereby a Society or District can apply for up to \$100 for a special tree planting. A total of 6 projects are available for these funds in 2007 on a 'first come basis'. Any Society or District that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years. To apply, contact the Association Secretary, Marlene Bruckhardt, P.O. Box 7, Breslau, Ontario N0B 1M0 outlining what tree is to be planted and indicating if this is a special event for the Society /District. There is no specific application form to use. Once approved, payment is made upon submission of receipts. Receipts must be received before the end of December, 2007.

Kemptville at 108 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, along with the other members of the Kemptville Horticultural Society, are very proud of their beautiful new banner. The banner reflects their official flower, the gladiolus, as well as the fact that theirs is one of the oldest societies in the province. Imagine their dismay when they discovered that their Society did not appear in the 100+ Club feature of the 100th Anniversary edition of the Trillium. I hope the good people of the Kemptville Society can find it in their hearts to forgive my very unfortunate error!



**Linda Hugli,
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