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## A Message from the OHA Board of Directors

**THIS IS INDEED** a landmark year for the Ontario Horticultural Association. On this, our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, your Board of Directors would like to remind you of our proud history and encourage you to become a part of our bright future.

We can collectively take great pride in the many horticultural, environmental, and humanitarian initiatives which have been an ongoing emphasis during our first century. We have contributed to the beautification and health of the Ontario landscape, prepared our children for the stewardship which we have passed on to them, and educated the public in the areas of floriculture and gardening in general. Through the planting of trees and the distribution of seeds, we have assisted those who are in need because of both natural and man-made crises. Our history tells the story of thousands of enthusiastic and generous volunteers who have enjoyed sharing the rewards and challenges of horticultural endeavours.

Through partnerships, improved communications, and innovative initiatives, the OHA is experiencing a golden age. We invite our thousands of members to experience the satisfaction of contributing in the coming years to the evolution of our wonderful Association.

And now on to the next 100 years...

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## Newsletter credits

**SPECIAL THANKS ARE DUE** to the people who made this anniversary issue of *Trillium* possible:

To everyone who responded to requests for interviews and articles, and provided fascinating and thoughtful pieces about OHA and about how gardening connects us to each other and to our place in the world.

To newsletter editor Linda Hugli, who did a marvelous job of pulling together this special issue, including collecting the interviews, writing historical articles and editing all materials, while learning the ropes at OHA. We salute her creativity and hard work in making this a keepsake issue that all of us will treasure.

To technical magician Mike Dunk, who made it possible for many Societies to participate in the anniversary issue by creating their ads and producing them in a format suitable for production.

And to Brenda Heenan for her excellent idea of producing a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of *Trillium*, and for suggesting the interviews, and creating the interview questions, and tracking Society ads and gifts, and liaising with Adhawk... and, in short, keeping the project on track and on time. Brenda's vision and commitment, with the support of the Social Marketing Committee and the OHA Board, were essential to the project's success.

Sources for historical articles:

*The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies 1854-1973*

*OHA Annual Reports, 1974 to 2005*







THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO  
LE LIEUTENANT GOUVERNEUR DE L'ONTARIO



11 August 2006

I am very happy to join the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) in marking your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the start of your annual convention in Ottawa.

One hundred year ago, the Province of Ontario entrusted the OHA with the task of 'Beautifying Ontario'. Since then, the Association has taken root all over the province and now includes 19 districts, over 280 autonomous local societies and well over 40,000 members. In the past century you have been tremendously successful in promoting and cultivating Ontario's natural beauty one garden at a time. I am very pleased that your new motto for the second century of your association will be 'Keeping Ontario Beautiful.'

In the name of Her Majesty, The Queen of Canada, I commend your outstanding work and hope that the next 100 years will bring Ontarians even closer to the impressive beauty of the nature that surrounds them.

James K. Bartleman





*On behalf of the Government of Ontario,  
I am pleased to congratulate the members of the*  
**ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
*on this fine organization's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*This is a celebration of the commitment and hard  
work you have generously shown serving your community.  
I applaud your efforts helping to keep Ontario beautiful  
for present and future generations.*

*May the years ahead bring further accomplishments.*

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August 11, 2006

**Dalton McGuinty**  
**Premier**





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## A Message from the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Ontario Horticultural Association on its centennial year.

The longevity of the Ontario Horticultural Association and its 286 horticultural societies is a tribute to the generations of volunteers who have freely and generously given their time to help beautify Ontario's cities, towns and villages. Your volunteers encourage both the interest and improvement in horticulture through education and awareness of conservation and horticultural practices. It is these volunteer attributes - commitment, leadership and creativity - that leave a perennial impression on Ontario's communities.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs recognizes the valuable contributions of horticultural societies and their members over the past century. Starting a master gardener program, restoring abandoned cemeteries, and promoting public school education in horticulture are only a few examples of your many achievements over the years. In addition, you have made important contributions during times of critical need, like helping to supply food during World War I and providing trees and plants to areas impacted by natural disasters.

I would also like to give a special mention with regard to the *Trillium grandiflorum* which, through the efforts of your association, was adopted as the provincial floral emblem in 1937. As you may know, the province's most prestigious official honour, The Order of Ontario, has a stylized trillium as part of its insignia.

I applaud the Ontario Horticultural Association for its 100 years of excellent work, and I wish you all a bright and prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Leona Dombrowsky  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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Dear Gardeners:

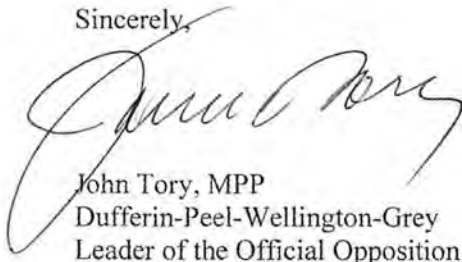
As the Leader of the Official Opposition, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the members, both past and present, of the Ontario Horticultural Association on celebrating your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

It is quite an amazing list of accomplishments the Ontario Horticultural Association has had over the last one hundred years. Supplying food during World War I, seeds and rootstock to drought ridden areas in the prairies, and facilitating the planting of seedlings by students in Ontario schools, are just a few of the wonderful examples of how the Ontario Horticultural Association has helped to improve the quality of life for so many.

I have witnessed the truth in your motto selected one hundred years ago, "Beautify Ontario". As Leader of the Official Opposition, I have traveled across Ontario and have seen the beauty Ontario has to offer. "Keeping Ontario Beautiful" is quite appropriate as a new motto to take the Ontario Horticultural Association into its second century.

Please accept my best wishes as you join together during this annual convention to celebrate 100 years of growth and beauty, and look to another successful 100 years.

Sincerely,



John Tory, MPP  
Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey  
Leader of the Official Opposition





## The President's 'Chain of Office'



**AT THE 1950 CONVENTION**, Miss Mary Yates of Port Credit, who served as the OHA's first female President in 1921, presented a medallion and chain to the OHA in memory of her 'many years of happy association with the amateur gardeners of the province'.

Mary had the sterling silver medallion struck in England. The roses in the chain, from which the medallion was suspended, represented the 16 Districts which made up our Association in 1950.

Forty years later, three additional roses were added.

The medallion and chain were to remain the property of the Association, and were to be worn by each President at the Annual Convention and on special occasions. Many men and women have proudly worn the President's Chain of Office, as it has come to be known. Find the chain and you will find the President...

## W.B. Burgoyne, OHA Founding Father



**IN 1891** W.B. Burgoyne founded the St. Catherines Standard and became the newspaper's first editor. Fifteen years later, Burgoyne became the first president of the newly formed Ontario Horticultural Association.

At the first convention in Toronto on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1906, Burgoyne told the sixteen delegates present of the work which had been done by his committee to organize the Association and draw up a constitution. He served as OHA president in 1906 and 1907. At about the same time, he donated a Civic Rose garden to the city of St. Catherines. It was the first of its kind in Canada. Burgoyne Woods, 122 acres in the heart of St. Catherines, is enjoyed today by nature enthusiasts, who hike its trails and picnic under its trees. It survives as a fitting tribute to the Ontario Horticultural Association's first president.



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# A Salute to Our Past Presidents

**M**ANY THANKS to the Past Presidents who sent a reply to my request to supply some history of events which took place during their tenures as OHA Presidents.

From 1906 to 1987 the secretarial duties were carried out by persons within the Department of Agriculture, which changed in 1972 to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

1986 saw the Association being told to work toward being self sufficient and an agreement was signed by President Cam Stewart and Bonnie Warner was appointed secretary. Ed Israel was treasurer and won the Silver Fir award presented for the first time in 1987. 1989 saw the beginning of long range planning.

**Gladys McLatchey** (1974) celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1998 and joined Richmond Hill Society in the early 1980s.

**Doris Lighthart** (1985): It was a year of change during the 75<sup>th</sup> year. Herb Markle and Russel Gomme left the Association just before the convention after having handled everything for years. I had the pleasure of meeting Doris with Diane Kiers and was present when she received a District Appreciation Award and a Life Membership on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**Marjorie Durnford** (1985): An excellent response was received from Horticultural Societies for the tornado fund established by the Association resulting with a \$9000.00 total. Societies without a floral emblem were urged to get one. The first French language society was founded – *D'horticulture d'Alfred et des environs* in District 1.

**Mary Yeoman** (1988): In the early 1980s OMAF asked the Association to play a part in establishing an Ontario Master Gardeners program. This was started in London, Brigidon and Englehart. Other events included the producing of a Youth Manual and the printing of a Community Gardens Booklet. The ladies' Silver Trillium was first awarded.

**Gordon Winter** (1989): Gordon reported that when visiting Thunder Bay his chain of office set off the alarms at the airport, a procedure which was repeated yet again on his trip home.

Until this year conventions were planned just one year in advance, and it was decided that a longer preparation time was required.

**Earl Walker** (1997): Districts 1, 2, & 3 suffered greatly from the ice storm and over 200 societies helped out their fellow gardeners. March 1998 was the year of the first OHA booth at Canada Blooms. A Speakers List was established and a web page developed. A booklet on Native Plants & Trees was marketed at a cost of \$3.00 each.

**Don Matthews** (1998): This year saw the rewriting of the youth manual. The Conservation & Environment Committee developed a booklet called *Natural Landscape Resource Booklet*.

**Kevin Healey** (1999): The year saw the possibility of all societies losing their OMAFRA grants, but the Association representatives, armed with an impressive documentation of accumulated volunteer hours, lobbied the government and were successful in their efforts. These representatives included Kevin Healey, Jim Anderson, Earl Walker and Kathleen Petrie. The OHA Royal Bank Visa came into being as a fundraiser.

**Kathleen Petrie** (2000): As a Past President she keeps track of all the volunteer hours sent in by societies. This is done so that if the need arises we will be able to prove our worth to the Ontario government when questioned and thus maintain our society grants.

**Bruce Wilson** (2001): Bruce implemented the Special Projects Awards of \$500.00 (5 each year) to aid societies with large projects. Cookbooks and calendars were sold as fundraisers. A successful, well-attended convention in Sault Ste. Marie, District 13, ended the year.

Sincere congratulations are extended to all who have served as Presidents during our One Hundred Years, for without their vision and foresight we would not be where we are today. ☺

**Judy Lewis**

**President 2005-2006**

**Ontario Horticultural Association**



# OHA and the Trillium



**I**N 1915, a movement was underfoot to select a floral emblem for Canada, specimens of the chosen flower to be placed on the gravesites of fallen Canadian soldiers who were buried overseas. By 1917, the Ottawa Horticultural Society had launched an initiative that would result in a motion at the OHA convention to propose an official national floral emblem. Although there was good support for this proposal, the convention came to an end without a plan of action in place.

During the next few years, a number of candidates for a national floral emblem were suggested, including Water Lily, Blue Violet, Ox-Eye Daisy, Spring Beauty, Wild Geranium, and Cardinal Flower. The favourites, however, were the Wild Columbine and the Trillium. Perhaps because the maple leaf was so firmly entrenched as the symbol of all things Canadian, this initiative never did come to fruition.

During the decade to follow, some other Canadian provinces adopted official floral emblems. The OHA took up the cause for such a symbol for Ontario. At the 1921 OHA convention, a motion was carried that a special committee be nominated to consider the advisability of selecting a floral emblem for our province. This committee was to give a report at the next convention. The surviving minutes reflect no recorded follow-up to that suggestion, but the 'seed' of the idea had been planted!

At the 1934 convention a motion was carried to appoint a committee to study the matter of proposing a provincial flower. At the convention the following year, the committee recommended the Trillium. The motion was met with unanimous approval. The suggestion was submitted to the Legislative Assembly, and in March, 1937, the bill was passed and received royal assent. Throughout that year, the OHA, along with the Ontario Department of Education and the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, publicized the selection and promoted the conservation of the Trillium.

The OHA incorporated the Trillium into its new logo and set in motion a series of initiatives which would result in the general acceptance of the Trillium as Ontario's quintessential symbol.

In 1940, the OHA conducted a poetry contest open to secondary and private schools. The submissions were to be Odes to the Trillium Grandiflorum. The gold medal went to Milena Matuska

of Windsor. At the convention, the winning poem, set to music, was performed by the Royal Davenport Junior Choir of Toronto. The melody may be long lost, but the lyrics are still charming...

## The White Trillium

Trillium graceful, Trillium white,  
Star of the woodland, Lady of light,  
Lo, how she proudly stands in the glade,  
Tri-sceptered sovereign, Queen of the shade,  
Stately she rises, slender-stemmed, tall,  
Gracious response to spring's early call,  
Lifting three leaf-arms high from the sod,  
Gazing with pure face, up at her God.

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*Trillium - Trillium grandiflorum*





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**Garden #8**

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Professor MacClement of Kingston, in making his pitch to the 1934 delegates, pointed out that the Trillium "occupies a place of honour in the hearts of many people; it possesses most of the qualities which should mark a floral emblem; it is democratic, blooming freely throughout a great part of Ontario, and known by its correct name by nearly everyone. The Trillium is associated with gladness, beauty, and the fresh hope of spring, and so is eminently suitable for our young country."

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Not the least of its qualifications are its iconic features. It is certainly a classic study in threes: three elliptical petals emerge in a triangular blossom above three stalkless oval leaves, similarly arranged. Although it has no scent, a carpet of the pearly spring flowers has been described as majestic! Unfortunately, it is frequently a victim of deforestation and urban sprawl, and does not transplant well. However, contrary to popular belief, the Trillium Grandiflorum is not protected by legislation, except in provincial parks, where disturbing any flora is forbidden. Places to enjoy dense stands of White Trilliums are in the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton and in Algonquin Park. 🌿



### **OHA for Trivia Buffs**

In 1980, the OHA's stylized trillium design (below) received protection through copyright.







## DIANE GREENFIELD



**DIANE GREENFIELD IS THE OWNER** of *A Morning in the Garden*, a workshop studio on a country property near Lafontaine, offering garden related courses and garden consultations. The log studio is situated on the edge of woods surrounded by many ever-changing gardens.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

As an avid gardener myself, I think the seeds of my addiction were sown sometime on a windowsill in Sudbury by my parents who were busy establishing their own ½ acre gardens on a modest budget and big dreams. I remember their windowsills of delphiniums and daisies in hole-punched tin cans and their pleasure at the prizes they'd won. I always took for granted that a home would be surrounded with perennial gardens and that summers would be spent on the lawns under huge trees that once, years ago, had been brought home wrapped in damp newspapers.

**The efforts of societies all over have meant that more and more gardeners are knowledgeable and interested in changes and trends.**

### When did you first start gardening?

My own first gardens were in Wawa where the days were long but the season short. Back then, wide beds of Shasta daisies and hollyhocks stood as a backdrop against the hills and fences as the short season rushed by. Having moved to a rural area to the south with 50 acres and log buildings, my interests evolved first to historical gardens then to drought tolerant low maintenance gardens and even alpine troughs.

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 1910, the CPR had **fifteen hundred** gardens connected with its station grounds, and offered gardening prizes to stationmasters.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

In speaking around the province I am still overwhelmed by the impact of horticultural societies that manage to bring together a diverse community of gardeners. The disparate factors of age, income, background and even size of gardens are nothing compared to the driving interest and enthusiasm of like-minded souls learning about some new aspect of their own passion. The efforts of societies all over have meant that more and more gardeners are knowledgeable and interested in changes and trends.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

Perhaps it is the boomer society, but certainly I think that the cocooning we have witnessed and the enthusiasm for the home has influenced us to see our gardens in new ways. I see more people looking for low maintenance sustainable garden options that will enable us to age and garden for many years. There is fresh interest in shrubs and grasses as massed elements in the garden with fewer perennial varieties and more impact groupings of specialty plants. The very small garden, with an emphasis on careful design, is emerging as a trend that plantsmen are responding to more and more. We may be aging but our enthusiasms are merely being tested and the resulting products and material will benefit gardeners of all ages. ☺

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Please go to <http://www.aggs.org/chapters/TGS/>





## DR. JIM CRUISE

### JIM CRUISE WAS THE 2005 SILVER FIR AWARD WINNER.

#### When did you first start gardening, and what did you plant?

By the age of seven I was committed to gardening. My mother was very busy in our farmhouse and I felt the urge to 'improve' the plantings around our yard. My younger brother was more mechanically inclined and I had him dig and cultivate the new areas. We transplanted variegated Bishop's Weed so often as to eventually eliminate it – no easy task!

The wooden verandah boxes became my responsibility a few years later. We purchased the same plants each May for these, always from a local grower at his greenhouse. Coleus, fuschias, double petunias and variegated vinca were always on the list, along with geranium cuttings and some Wandering Jew which had been overwintered in the house.

#### Why do you think Horticultural Societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Horticultural Societies are indeed still going strong, but there have been changes. Most officers of the early Societies were men, and the show schedules emphasized vegetables and even what we now consider field crops. Dahlias were always popular, and were considered acceptable flowers for men to grow.

Now home ownership is at an all time high in North America, and gardening has become the number one hobby among North

Americans. Young people typically show little interest in gardening until they marry and become homeowners. Then their appetites for gardening know-how become insatiable! The same is often true for older couples who retire to a more suburban property and finally discover that they have the space and leisure time for the new hobby.

#### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends for the future.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century will certainly bring with it changes for our OHA. There will be increased emphasis on xeriscaping as our summers become hotter and drier, and water an increasingly scarce resource. Associated changes will include more emphasis on container gardening and in the use of small water features providing cooling sounds rather than large expanses of water with fish and water plants. We will continue to depend upon annuals for continuous summer colour, while new cultivars of both annuals and perennials will keep keen gardeners excited. *CS*

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 1946, the convention was held outside of Toronto for the first time, at the General Brock hotel in Niagara Falls. This city would host the convention for three consecutive years.



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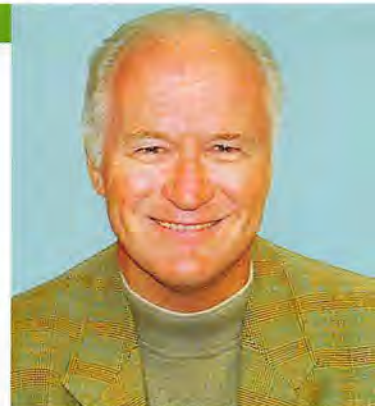
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## FRANK KERSHAW



**FRANK KERSHAW'S INTEREST** and qualifications in horticulture and the environment span more than 25 years. He is both a lecturer and a writer. Frank was the recipient of the Garden Club of Toronto's 'Award of Honour' in 1997.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My inspiration to get involved with gardening followed upon my formal education in horticulture and landscaping. In terms of persons, I would note that my mother and uncle, both of whom loved nature, inspired me to learn more about botany, plant identification, and growing plants from seed. My more than thirty years in the parks field also exposed me to a wealth of plant and landscape information that encouraged me to learn and experiment more with plants.

### When did you first start gardening?

I started to garden most actively with the purchase of my first house some thirty years ago. It was a lovely ravine property which afforded the opportunity to have a variety of gardens ranging from shade to full sun perennial gardens. While my first passion was wildflowers, I quickly moved into rock gardening, water gardening, water gardening, and more.

### What was the first thing you planted?

The first things I planted were native trees and shrubs, followed by wildflowers and ferns. I was particularly interested in the Carolinian plants, so I started growing them from seed for incorporation in the garden. I still have this interest today.

### Why do you think Horticultural Societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Horticultural Societies offer a very valuable link to their members and the public through their many services. Such societies provide an opportunity for participants to learn from others, attend garden tours and events, contribute to civic beautification, and trade plants. For both the novice and experienced gardener, these are important services.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

In terms of future trends, I think the explosion of gardening information through computers, television, magazines, and horticultural societies has seen a gardening public that wants to experiment and try many new and exciting plants. As I travel to many gardens throughout the year, I am amazed at what I see people growing and more impressive yet, having success with! I also think that the concentration of population in urban centres, where the challenges of smaller gardens may present themselves, will intensify the interest in smaller scale woody plants with multi-season interest. 🌿

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## LORRAINE MENNEN

**LORRAINE HAS 25 YEARS** of hands-on experience as a perennial landscape designer with *Pathways to Perennials* in Kettleby, Ontario. Her new book is titled *Creative Landscapes for Outdoor Living*.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

I have loved plants and nature all of my life. As the middle child of seven, five of which were boys, fun was found in the fields, forest and streams. My Dad was an avid perennial gardener from England and we had extensive perennial/shrub beds in every home – in fact it was as commonplace as roast beef with Yorkshire pudding every Sunday.

**I firmly believe after all of these years as senior professional designer and co-owner of Pathways to Perennials, that there are no bad plants.**

My Dad inspired and taught me to love and cherish the earth. We composted together – he'd say the sweet smelling well rotted compost was the secret to his gardening success.

### What one piece of advice would you give to new gardeners?

I firmly believe after all of these years as senior professional designer and co-owner of Pathways to Perennials, that there are no bad plants. There may be wrong locations and many times improper preparation for plants but all plants have something great to offer.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Horticultural societies offer homeowners an opportunity to share gardening secrets – to experience the passion for people and plants living together in a sustainable society. Speaking to gardening clubs for many years I found that the 'horties' (my own nickname for members) ask the best questions. They would pick my plant brains clean if they had a longer meeting. I love chatting to gardeners about the horrors, the bugs, the successes, and the plant combos. Horticultural societies encourage community plantings, awareness and provide an intriguing non-competitive environment for gardeners to learn and grow.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

In the future, I believe gardening and landscaping for outdoor living will become an integral part of the daily lives of most families. Gardening is an excellent healthy hobby, a great opportunity for both recreation and employment for all ages and a delight to experience.

I wish the OHA a hundred more years of fun with plants! ☺



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# THE OHA OAK GROVE

**A FEW YEARS AGO**, the late (and greatly missed) Henry Kock captured the autumn splendour of the OHA Oak Grove at the University of Guelph Arboretum. His photograph above illustrates a project which began in 1978, when the Guelph Horticultural Society planted a Scarlet Oak to honour a revered president, Mabel Stewart. Three years later, during Horticultural Day at the Arboretum, the Ontario Horticultural Association planted and dedicated two additional oaks in remembrance of two past presidents – Ellen Bigelow of Chapleau, OHA president in 1962, and Harry Occomore of Guelph, OHA's 1935 president. When the Association approached the Arboretum about establishing a site for honouring past presidents, it was decided that the area already started would be expanded... and so began the OHA Oak Grove.

Today, the site can be found on the present exit road to College Avenue, approximately 100 metres west of Victoria Road. This route has been identified as the future principal entrance and exit to the Arboretum Centre in Guelph University's recently approved Master Plan. A visitor to this beautiful setting will be able to identify a total of sixteen oaks and four benches, each labelled with the names of past presidents of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

According to Ric Jordan, the Arboretum's Supervisor of Grounds, if these dedications were to be done at today's rates, the cost would be approximately \$25,000. There are two existing trees in reserve for future dedications, as well as sites for more tree plantings and benches.

A visitor to this beautiful setting will be able to identify a total of sixteen oaks and four benches, each labelled with the names of past presidents of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

This project continues to serve as an example of OHA's appreciation for those volunteers who have guided it through the last one hundred years, its participation in environmental partnerships, and its contribution to developing natural landscapes in our province. 



## OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 1898, the Woodstock Society, in return for a one-dollar membership fee, offered new members a premium package consisting of four Canna bulbs, a cherry tree, a peach tree, a hydrangea plant for pot culture, Sweet Pea, Aster, Phlox, Morning Glory, and Pansy seeds, and four packets of 'good common annuals not generally grown'.





## CAROL DUNK

**CAROL, A RETIRED TEACHER,** is the Assistant Director for District 16, and Zone 11 Director for the Master Gardeners of Ontario. Carol gardens in Barrie, and is a popular speaker across Ontario.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My family didn't garden but I've always had a love for digging dirt. Before I retired, I watched gardening shows on television. Thallasa Cruso's programme was one of the first. She was an English lady with no respect for anyone. She gardened the way she wanted and passed on some interesting information about handling plants and growing them. I also watched a show out of Ottawa featuring an older couple with a lovely large garden. Her name was Anstice but I can't remember his. They seemed to know so much about pruning, sowing and general gardening and once again were English with an easy approach to gardening. Another television show that I watched for years and years was the Victory Garden on PBS. It was television shows that inspired me to garden. And, of course, books, books, books! I think gardening appeals to those who are innately curious.

**It's not only the love of gardening. Members of Horticultural Societies have a love of learning, a great amount of curiosity, and an interest in ideas new and old.**

### When did you first start gardening?

My gardening began after I married. It all started with a tiny apartment in Ottawa. Our "back yard" was a tiny patch at the side of a mutual driveway. I grew coleus and that's about it. We were military and with each move we made I expanded my garden, my knowledge and my abilities. Everywhere we lived, I had a patch of garden and the patches got bigger and bigger.

### What was the first thing you planted?

I began with houseplants. The first thing I planted outdoors was a coleus that I had had in the house. My gardening evolved in phases: from houseplants outdoors I went to annuals and then to perennials. Later I added shrubs and vines. I believe this evolution is common. One year in my "annual phase," I grew from seed all the types of marigolds that I could find in our local stores. I had tall and short, yellow and gold, striped and plain marigolds in every patch of earth I dared dig while living in a PMQ on Base Borden!

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Over the last 2 years, I've had the opportunity to speak to Hort Societies large and small all over my part of Ontario. There is something about Hort Societies that is so alive! It's not only the love of gardening. Members of Horticultural Societies have a love of learning, a great amount of curiosity, and an interest in ideas new and old. The societies are gathering places for those who have an interest in the earth and in why things are as they are. Prior to joining my home society, I thought members would be stuffy and perhaps a bit rigid. Not so! Hort members are always open to new ideas and revel in hearing about a new plant or a new technique. And they love friendly competition within the group. Flower shows are a popular activity in the clubs. But most of all, I think it's the love of gardening and the sharing of ideas and knowledge that is responsible for the longevity of the Horticultural Societies. At each meeting, there is something for every type of gardener: novice and old pros.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

Gardening is a bit like golf. There will always be beginners and those that like to help beginners. The sophistication of the gardeners will vary greatly and what we think of as old knowledge will still be in demand by those gardening for the first time. The challenge will be to offer programs that interest new gardeners and sophisticated gardeners alike. But the new gardeners are different



from those of years ago. Our new members have busy lives and are not as able to help with club activities as before. The challenge will be to attract and hold on to those younger members until they retire and are able to pay back for the years of belonging to the society without participating in extra activities.

Another difference in gardening will be the emphasis on the environment. The local Horticultural Society should be the site of public education about environmental factors in the future. In fact, now that I think of it, the Societies could play a very important role in their communities. Information about land use and water conservation could be part of the mandate for all Hort Societies.

When I visit societies, I notice that most of the heads are grey. In order for local Hort Societies to last for another 100 years, they will have to expand their outreach into the community. The focus must be to attract new members and to offer programs and activities that entice those new members to stay with the Society. 🌿



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## JANET RICE-BREDIN

**JANET RICE-BREDIN IS A LANDSCAPE DESIGNER** and horticulturist, and consults for garden centres and landscaping businesses in Northern Ontario. Janet specializes in cold-climate landscapes, having lived and gardened in several communities in Northern Ontario.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My grandmothers were both wonderful gardeners in Hailbury. Memère had a lovely tea rose garden and an asparagus patch that seemed magical to me as a child. Grandmother grew gorgeous begonias in shaded terraced gardens bordered with stone walls. Both women have passed on, but I carry on the green gene!

### When did you first start gardening?

I helped my father with his vegetable patch. Dad had unorthodox methods. Every spring we went fishing to gather bushels of smelts which were placed under each potato eye when planted. He swore that was the secret to growing big potatoes.

### What was the first thing you planted?

My first independent effort was at 13 years old. I planted a cedar hedge to border my parents' newly built home. The hedge is still there – 35 years later.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Horticultural societies provide gardeners with a congenial pool of accumulated knowledge. There is so much to be learned from our seasoned gardeners. The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society and Thunder Bay Master Gardeners were great supporters of my fledgling landscape design business, and I am forever grateful to them.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends for the future.

Water availability, cost and conservation are becoming huge issues for gardeners. I see a greater interest in xeriscaping and drought-tolerant plants. Unfortunately, I also see a decline in the size of gardens and number of gardeners. As baby boomers age, we want lower maintenance homes so that we have more time to travel and see our grandchildren! Also, the current teens and twentysomethings are more interested in technology than digging in the dirt. It's simply a matter of demographics. 🌱



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### OHA for Trivia Buffs

The Toronto Horticultural Society, Ontario's oldest on record, was organized on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1834.



# Vacant Lot and Victory Gardens

**THE CONCEPT** of 'Vacant Lot Gardening' was first introduced to the members of Ontario's horticultural societies at the 1909 OHA convention, held in Toronto. This initiative would continue to be an important focus for the OHA in the years to follow.

A few years later, in 1912, Leroy Boughner of the Minneapolis Tribune distributed 12 000 copies of a leaflet on Vacant Lot Gardening. He suggested at the convention that Ontario Societies adopt the plan to provide food for the needy. By the time the 1915 convention rolled around, delegates were proud to report that the Vacant Lot Gardening initiative inaugurated by Ontario's Horticultural Societies was succeeding beyond expectations. The Fort William contingent, for example, boasted no less than 263 lots cultivated.

In 1917, Superintendent J. Lockie Wilson reported to the Prime Minister that "Hundreds of thousands of valuable garden food products have been produced through the efforts of these societies whose motto is *Cultivate every foot of ground so that our great Alliance for Freedom's cause may be maintained*. In this fourth year of the titanic struggle for the world's freedom, the Ontario Horticultural Societies have succeeded in doing patriotic work in increased production of foodstuff through their gardening efforts. Many a flowerbed was utilized for vegetables. Vacant lots have been made to blossom in gardens fair. It was our Association which first initiated the Vacant Lot Gardening idea in Canada. In 1909 the matter was brought up before the



convention. I followed this up by arranging to have fifty members of the Ontario Plowmen's Association come to Toronto with their teams and prepare the vacant lots selected for citizens who had expressed a desire to become gardeners. Thus to you [the delegates] goes the credit of initiating the movement which has grown to such large proportions throughout the Dominion."

Windsor gave prizes to children for vegetables canned from their own gardens. Hamilton Society members grew 2400 bushels of potatoes, and Brantford had 3000 lots under cultivation. Gardens were everywhere!

In 1942, with the world again at war, Ontario Horticultural Societies were urged again to organize 'Victory Gardens'. As a result of these Victory Gardens, the public was made aware that the Societies were truly about horticulture, and not just about floriculture. Victory Gardens were promoted by more than half the existing societies...

- The Ottawa Horticultural Society sponsored a competition, offering \$100 in prize money.
- Sault Ste. Marie promoted a week-long campaign on gardens.
- The Guelph Horticultural Society plowed, cultivated and fertilized some 500 plots to ready them for planting. The Society provided planting plans and seeds without cost.
- Scarborough's yearbook was devoted to Victory Gardens, and vacant lots were prepared for planting.
- Newmarket boasted 150 Victory Gardens.
- The New Liskeard Society sponsored a Community Garden.

At the OHA Convention in February, 1944, Dr. G. L. Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, told the delegates that the 1943 Ontario Victory Gardens yielded more than two million dollars worth of produce. The average production per garden was from \$40 to \$133.

Today, Ontario's horticultural societies continue to organize, promote, and support many community garden projects throughout the province. Community gardens have evolved into beautiful spaces where neighbours care for their own organically grown vegetables and flowers. 🌱







## DUGALD CAMERON

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### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My earliest memories of enjoyable gardening were in my English Grandmother's garden where a modest amount of weeding was rewarded with an abundant tea afterwards.

### When did you first start gardening?

I guess I was 7 or 8 when I planted vegetable seeds. I can't remember whether they were beans or corn.

### Why do you think Horticultural Societies are still going strong after 100 years?

They are the best source of local horticultural expertise generously provided by experienced gardeners.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

This is indeed a challenge. Nowadays people are busy... sometimes too busy to garden (poor them). But with the predicted end of cheap oil on the horizon with its various ramifications, it's entirely possible that we'll all be gardening much more...for food as well as ornamental pursuit. The internet is a great boon to gardeners who can now share knowledge around the world. 🌱

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### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

Neither of my parents were gardeners. Growing up in Nutley, New Jersey, (around the corner from Martha Stewart) I was a real "tomboy." I played outside from dawn to dusk, relished the comforting feeling of dirt under my fingernails, and fearlessly climbed my favourite crab apple trees behind the garage. At University I began collecting coleus and begonias because I found their foliage comforting and uplifting.

Our household was passionately involved with music, art, theatre and dance. My mother always had fresh cut flowers around the house and was an active member of the New Jersey cactus society for many years. In my thirties I learned enough about myself to realize that I wanted a career where I could be surrounded by beauty. What could be better than working with wildflowers?

**Horticultural societies speak to the strong human drive to connect with the earth, and the plants that grow on the earth.**

### When did you first start gardening?

At the age of 26 I became obsessed with growing things from seed. I was thrilled to learn the difference between an annual and perennial. I fell head over heels in love with gardening. I knew I had it bad when I carried pictures of my gardens and neglected to include pictures of my children.

### What was first thing you planted?

I believe it was a zinnia. But I spent years growing annuals and perennials that work well as everlastings until I discovered the vast world of North American wildflowers and native grasses.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Horticultural societies speak to the strong human drive to connect with the earth, and the plants that grow on the earth. Add to the mix the human drive to socialize, to create and to contribute to society and you have the raison d'être for horticultural societies.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

Years ago, when my husband and I began experimenting with hardy perennial wildflowers and native grasses, the neighbouring farmers nearly fell off their tractors laughing at the city slickers out in the field growing weeds.

Now, most Canadians are all too familiar with droughts, water banes, concerns about chemicals and pesticide banes. The continuing depletion of butterflies, frogs and songbirds has alarmed many homeowners. The lawn care and chemical companies are repositioning themselves to support "responsible gardening." The writing is on the wall.

Gardeners are discovering a wide range of garden worthy hardy, perennial wildflowers and native grasses that require no watering or fertilizing and are far more attractive to butterflies and songbirds than hybridized plants. In addition, homeowners are thrilled to learn that common "lawn thinking" is wrong thinking. Using native non-exotic lawn grasses, it is possible to have a totally drought tolerant, chemical-free, low maintenance lawn.

The term "sustainable landscaping" has entered the Canadian vocabulary. Sustainable landscaping is not a trend. It is a tendency; a tendency for homeowners to act on their heightened awareness of environmental, financial and time constraint issues. ☺

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Depicted on the stamps are Jim French's shade garden (top left), Douglas Counter's sunny garden (top right), Jane Pinchin's water garden (bottom left), and Marion & Alex Jarvie's rock garden (bottom right).



Below, OHA First Vice-president Liisa Wolfgram accepts a framed Commemorative Stamp Kit.



**A FEW YEARS AGO**, the Ontario Horticultural Association was beginning to think about planning celebrations in honour of the upcoming Centennial Year of 2006. One of the Directors on the Board, Eloise Schumacher, Director of District 9, suggested the well-received idea of honouring this Centennial by having a special stamp issued. Eloise organized and presented this proposal to Canada Post for consideration.

Eloise retired in 2003, but the initiative was continued by others. In June of 2005, we were informed by Canada Post's Vice President of Communications Mr. Alain Guilbert that on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2006, "Gardens", a series of four commemorative stamps that celebrate the best of Canadian gardens, would be issued on the occasion of the Ontario Horticultural Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Canada Post accorded us further honour by launching our commemoratives at the Successful Gardening Show on March 16<sup>th</sup> of 2006 in Toronto. Among the many guests present were members of Canada Post, the stamp designer Debbie Adams, photographer Andrew Layerle, and owners of the gardens that are featured on the stamps.

The ceremony included signing of First Day Covers and stamp packages, an unveiling by Ontario Horticultural Association representatives, and a presentation by Canada Post of two large posters depicting these stamps, a shadow box framing of these beautiful commemoratives, and 200 first day covers to The Ontario Horticultural Association.

The Association wishes to thank Eloise Schumacher, Past District 9 Director, for all her efforts in obtaining this commemorative, and is especially appreciative of the honour received from the Stamp Selection Committee of Canada Post. The OHA is pleased to have the OHA Centennial Year recognized through the issue of these unique stamps, which so effectively illustrate the wonderful experience of gardening in Ontario. 🌿

**Diane Kiers**  
Director, District 9, OHA





## MARTIN QUINN

**MARTIN IS THE PAST PRESIDENT** of the Kincardine Horticultural Society, a 2004–2005 National & Ontario Communities in Bloom judge and is the Parks Supervisor for the Town of Goderich. Martin teaches seminars on landscape gardening and welcomes visitors from all over North America for summer tours of his gardens and greenhouses. His new illustrated book on ornamental grasses entitled "GrassScapes" was published by Whitecap books in 2003.

There is no other social club in which people who like plants and flowers can learn from each other.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

I was inspired to become a horticulturist by my mother and father, Joyce and Harold Quinn, who owned and operated a flower shop and nursery in Kincardine, where I was born. My mother was a war bride and brought with her to Canada a great love of gardens and flowers. As far back as I remember, I worked in greenhouses and in gardens with them.

### When did you first start gardening?

I began gardening when I was knee-high to a grasshopper.

### What was the first thing you planted?

I first planted pansies and I have never looked back.

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

The thirteenth convention was postponed until February of the following year because of a flu epidemic. Meetings were banned during the month of November, when OHA conventions were traditionally held.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

There is no other social club in which people who like plants and flowers can learn from each other. Today horticultural societies are getting even stronger, as gardening is being rediscovered as the art and craft it is, as well as a spiritual tool and an environmental statement.

### Where does gardening go from here?

I believe the positive environmental and community aspects of gardening will become more important in the future. People will continue to enjoy their own private gardens, but that love is bursting out and influencing public horticultural policy. Environmentally conscious communities now seek to manage greenspaces and flowerbeds in responsible ways. Appropriate plants in natural settings are becoming a goal, taking the place once held by thirsty, delicate and demanding exotics. ☘

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# MARYANNE WEILER



**THREE YEARS AGO**, Maryanne retired from her position as Supervisor of Rockway Gardens, a beautiful seven acre property maintained by the Kitchener Horticultural Society.

## Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My inspiration to become a gardener was twofold: my parents and our neighbours. When my parents moved into their first home, my grandmother told my father to plant the entire front and back yards with potatoes. She knew that the soil was virgin untilled soil and that the potatoes would help to break up the soil. From this first project, my parents' garden evolved and by the time I arrived on the scene, the garden was a household word. The produce was a necessity of life as it helped to fill the mouths of five hungry children. As the youngest child, I was nominated as the "gardener" (read "weed puller").

Our neighbours had a huge garden that took up a whole City block. The garden took a great deal of work to maintain, work that continued from sunup to sunset. They were avid gardeners, iris and gladioli breeders, exhibitors and herbologists. He was a medical doctor who practised homeopathic medicine and she grew all of the plants and herbs he needed for his remedies. Whenever I was bored or in my mother's bad books, I was sent to visit the neighbours. This was a very positive experience for me as our neighbour would tell me what plant she was working with and explain how to use it, what it needed to grow and answer anything else that I might ask. I was a captive audience of one.

## When did you first start gardening?

I began gardening at the very young age of five and continued on and off for the rest of my life. I eventually adopted gardening as a second career from which I am now a retired horticulturist working on my own garden.


## What was the first thing you planted?

As a child, the first things I planted were Dutch set onions and yellow beans - two crops that were bound to succeed.

## Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

Our horticultural societies continue to be active as gardening or horticulture appeals to all ages and walks of life. For example, our local Master Gardener Group has members that range in age from the mid thirties to the late seventies and includes a medical doctor, some academics, a couple of librarians, a translator, some teachers, some homemakers and a number of horticulturists from related professions. There is also an intimate connection to nature and life that is unsurpassed.


## Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends for the future.

Gardening will only continue to grow as it becomes a way of life for both urban and rural dwellers. It has become essential as we strive to clean our air, control global warming, safeguard food supplies and relieve the stress and tensions of everyday life. 



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# HOW MY GARDEN GREW



**F**OR YEARS I accepted the unwritten rule of the lawn. Even though I lusted after our front yard – the perennials in the back were quickly outgrowing their bounds, and I wanted the space to satisfy my obsession – it remained covered with thick green grass.

Our whole neighbourhood, in fact, was grass, as far as the eye could see, plus the requisite foundation plantings, sadly overgrown, under the picture windows.

There were no bugs, no birds, no butterflies, no animals. In short, no diversity, and definitely no personality. By the early '90s I decided it was time for a change.

But I started small. We'd replaced the old concrete-slab front walk with a wider, curving pathway of flagstone and limestone screenings, we'd made the front entrance pad bigger and replaced some of the foundation plantings. This I considered a small but important first step, creating the setting for the garden that would follow.

Although I want to dig up the whole lawn and turn it into garden at once, I decided on a more discreet beginning: a wide ribbon of low perennials to extend down the length of driveway and sweep across the front of the house.

Luckily there were a couple of teenagers around with strong backs and empty pockets. I hired them to lift the turf, dig out the soil about eight inches deep and put the turf upside down in the bottom. Then they replaced the soil, leaving the grass to rot into lovely compost right in the ground.

Then the first problem arose: A city bylaw officer dropped a note in our mailbox to say we couldn't plant in the ditch or we'd impede the flow of storm water. Humbug: I knew a house around the corner with a whole ditch garden. Why weren't they digging their plants out? But I dutifully resodded part of the ditch and embedded flat stones horizontally into the slope to keep the soil from sliding away.

I planted my new garden, from the ditch to the pathway near the house, with low mounding plants like thymes and moss phlox, creeping baby's breath, blue catmint, and chartreuse cushion spurge, plus many spring-flowering bulbs. Within



four years many of the groundcovers had crept over the stones right into the ditch, and no one has ever complained about backed-up storm water.

Within a couple of years the plants had filled in and were discovered by the bees and butterflies who formerly spent most of their time in the back. Volunteer plants showed up, in particular a band of fluffy pink annual poppies. They were too tall for my low-profile plantings but so wantonly showy they soon became the stars of the July garden, although I keep them well under control so they don't take over. Other surprises appeared, such as a single five-foot common yellow mullein, like a dramatic exclamation point, some rather unwelcome snow-in-summer – it's so invasive – and a friendly Joe-Pye weed.

The garden grew so well I couldn't believe it. It was as if the soil had been waiting for plants other than grass to inhabit it. Soon it was taking care of itself, requiring little more than some editing spring and fall to keep plants under control.

I was itching to take up the rest of the grass, but my husband was a hard sell. He'd always liked mowing grass, and thought our patch of remaining green in the front looked just fine. And what would neighbours say?

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Then fate intervened – or, to be more accurate, the white grubs invaded and ate half the remaining grass. The only solution was diazinon said the lawn-care guy we called in, and it would kill every other living organism in the soil as well.

"OK, the grass goes and the garden's in," said my husband at the mention of the dreaded poison. We hired different young men to remove the rest of the grass. They skimmed off the lawn with a sod cutter and trucked it away. I can still see all that wonderful compost driving off down the street.

The grass gone, I stood on the road and then on the front steps and did some creative squinting. I decided on a couple of paths, to provide structure and access to the plants, and for the postman, who quickened his pulse every morning by leaping over the flower border on his way to the lawn and the house next door.

I dragged out an extension cord and all the hoses I could find, and laid them out as pathway boundaries. Then I walked down the street, did an about-face and recorded my impressions. This helped me to place the pathways so they looked graceful.

We spent a weekend putting in the paths, making them a mere two feet wide and four inches deep. We laid landscape fabric in the excavation, and covered it with limestone screenings to soil level.

The planting took a little longer, but I took some shortcuts. Instead of digging, turning and amending all the soil, I dug a good-sized hole for each plant and mixed in compost and slow-release fertilizer. I planted a few shrubs and an eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) because I had to have one, even though it cost the groceries for a month. It's strikingly beautiful in spring, with pink flowers creeping along the branches, and its heart-shaped leaves are a yummy light green in summer and bright yellow in fall.

These were the big expenses, plus a few perennials to form the basic planting. I filled with annuals and over the years I've moved plants from the back garden: lavender that wasn't doing well because of increasing shade, and five 'The Fairy' roses that had outgrown their place. They bloom their heads off from July to October.

The second year my next-door neighbour extended the postman path around to her front door. Then she planted a raised bed of dogwood and ornamental grasses on one side of the path and a big bed of hostas on the other. The neighbour on the other side dug up part of her grass and laid down gravel dotted with some evergreens. Then the neighbour next to her created a shady sitting area among hostas and ferns under a maple tree in her front yard,, and the young man across the road dug up part of his lawn (the white grubs got it) and made a garden of yellow daylilies and ornamental grasses. Within a few years the idea has caught on almost down the whole street.

My husband often comments how much less work the garden is than the grass. This is partly because it's my domain, although he helps with pruning and anything heavy. But after the spring weeding, thinning and editing, the garden needs little work; it survives all summer on its own, except for a little watering during dry spells.

Even our cat, Madame Mao, learned that a variety of plants have more hunting and exploring potential than just plain grass. 🐾

*Adapted by the author from her book, **Front Yard Gardens**, published by Firefly Books, 2003.*





## MARC LADOUCEUR

**ÉTANT AMATEUR DE PLANTES EXOTIQUES**, je prends plaisir d'expérimenter en utilisant des spécimens souvent associés aux régions méditerranéennes.

En prenant avantage des microclimats et à l'aide de paillis, je réussis à faire croître notamment bananiers, palmiers, bambous, cactus et yuccas. Mon domicile est à 35 km à l'est d'Ottawa entre les villages de Casselman et d'Embrun dans une zone 5A (USDA 4).

### Qui a inspiré en toi le goût de jardiner?

J'avais huit ans lorsque mes parents nous emmenèrent, ma soeur et moi, en Floride pour un petit voyage en famille. C'était en décembre 1974 et après seulement 3 heures de vol, j'ai eu le choc de ma vie. Une végétation subtropicale m'a émerveillé et je crois que j'en suis resté marqué.

### Quand est-ce que tu as jardiné pour la première fois? Quelle était la première chose que tu as planté?

À part du temps de ma jeunesse quand j'avais fait la bêtise d'avoir planté un petit palmier non-rustique dans la court de mes parents, mon vrai début fût en 1991. Tout justement déménagé à Orléans, un ami m'avait apporté en cadeau un petit cactus originaire de la Saskatchewan (*Escobaria vivipara*). Ce fût le début de mon obsession il y a déjà quinze ans.


### Pourquoi crois-tu que les sociétés horticoles sont encore solides après cent ans?

Comme tout jardiner obsédé, je suis toujours à la poursuite de nouvelles plantes et de savoir davantage la meilleure méthode de les faire croître dans notre rude climat. Les sociétés horticoles nous donne l'occasion de rencontrer des gens passionnés qui partagent les même intérêts.

### Comment prévois-tu l'avenir du jardinage?

Le jardinage sera toujours pour l'amateur une façon efficace de se divertir tout en se créant un petit coin de paradis. Comme toutes autres expressions artistiques, il est avantageux de satisfaire ses propres goûts que de simplement suivre la mode du jour.

Cela dit, nous avons une énorme diversification de plantes à notre porté. Ce choix énorme augmentera sans doute grâce aux nouvelles méthodes d'hybridations. Avec l'avènement d'Internet, on peut facilement s'informer de celles-ci et de s'instruire à leurs besoins de croissance particulière.

Pour cette raison, je crois que le jardinage sera toujours un passe-temps de premier rang. L'effet de serre nous lancera sûrement des défis mais il sera à nous, les passionnés, de les relever. 

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## SUZANNE HANNA



**AN ORGANIC GARDENER** for the past 32 years, Suzanne is much in demand as a horticultural speaker and freelance writer throughout Northern Ontario. She is immediate Past President of the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society, and has been the driving force behind a number of community projects.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

I come from a long line of farmers on my mother's side. Each one of them had a tremendous vegetable garden with an area reserved for cut flowers. An avid reader, I quickly converted to the organic movement when I was a teenager, drawing inspiration from gardening magazines such as Organic Gardening, Mother Earth News, and Harrowsmith, and writers such as Lois Wilson (Chatelaine's Gardening Book, 1970) and Rachel Carson (Silent Spring, 1962). Carson's work had a profound influence on my thinking – I credit my interest in the environmental movement, my "sense of wonder" at the marvels of nature, and my activism in the community to her.

### When did you first start gardening?

I remember planting snapdragons and glads when I was about 8 or 9 in my mother's garden in Vancouver. I had my own garden when I was about 11.

**I come from a long line of farmers on my mother's side. Each one of them had a tremendous vegetable garden with an area reserved for cut flowers.**

### What was the first thing you planted?

I planted one of my favourite annuals to this day, snapdragons, because of their shape and range of colours. I'm not too fond of glads – probably due to their extensive use in funeral arrangements.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

I think that some horticultural societies are still going strong because they have embraced their mandate which encompasses many different streams of horticultural practice – indoor and outdoor beautification, community gardening, horticultural therapy, to name a few. They have changed with the times and the interests of their members. Not all members are keen on flower shows and garden teas. Many want to make a positive difference in their community and be more activist in their role, even if they are strapped for time or unable to participate in more physically tiresome tasks. Societies that are experiencing strong growth are partnering with other community organizations to share resources, volunteers, and knowledge and are realizing that they can bring about change in their towns and cities, one plant at a time. Frankly, that is what drew me to my horticultural society – that openness to try new things and think in new ways.

### What do you see in the future for horticulture? Forecast the trends.

Pat Mooney, author of SEEDS OF THE EARTH, once wrote that "saving seed is one of the most political acts possible." I believe that gardening is becoming more political with each passing day and it is not surprising to find gardeners around the world joining each other to help preserve our heritage and biodiversity here on the planet. Whether it is through seed-saving (which is illegal in some countries due to global corporations who promote/patent GM seeds rather than native varieties), the rise in community shared agriculture which allows consumers to

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### OHA for Trivia Buffs

During the Twenties, the OHA waged an ongoing battle against unattractive billboards along roads and highways.





TOM INTVEN

**TOM IS THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGER** of Canadale Nurseries in St. Thomas, Ontario, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Landscape Ontario. He is one of District 10's favourite guest speakers.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

My father, Bill Intven, inspired me to grow and nurture plants. Dad was an amazing nurseryman and gardener. His fascination for propagation was infectious. He was an expert grafter who loved to watch the grafts callus and grow together. He was particularly in awe of seed propagation. From him I also inherited a love of nature and an appreciation for the beauty, diversity and interconnectedness of living things, in particular plants.

I discovered the pride and joy there was in planting a straight row, in doing the job efficiently and with effort, in cleaning up after the job was done and in looking back and appreciating what you had accomplished, especially at harvest time.

His hard work ethic rubbed off on me as well. Through his example, and by working along side of him, I discovered the pride and joy there was in planting a straight row, in doing the job efficiently and with effort, in cleaning up after the job was done and in looking back and appreciating what you had accomplished, especially at harvest time.

He was an astute businessman who taught me that planning and hard work could pay off in the horticultural world. Dad taught me that horticulture was humbling – there was always more to discover and know about the magic world of plants.

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purchase safe veggies and fruit directly from local farmers, the creation of more community gardens in urban areas, the push for communities to ban pesticides for cosmetic use, or the ever increasing demand for organic products for pest and disease control, there is a revolution of thinking taking hold! It is impossible for gardeners not to notice the effects of global warming, the degradation of our soils, the scarcity of water in certain parts of the world, and the effect of pesticides on wildlife and our own health. Organic gardening, once regarded as the product of the Hippie Generation, is fast becoming more mainstream and popular.

One movement I am avidly watching and participating in is the rise in guerilla gardening or "Flower Power" which has been imported from Great Britain and Europe and is catching on like wildfire in North America. Gardeners armed with trowels and seeds are taking to the streets at night to vandalize neglected areas with "random acts of gardening." Planting veggies and flowers in weedy boulevards and back alleys, putting a smile on the faces of citizens who come across a bit of beauty in a concrete jungle on their way to work. It speaks to our need for activism, our need to develop a sense of community in our neighbourhoods, and our fervent wish to "sow the seeds of beauty in people's minds." To my mind, it is time we all joined the revolution and practice a little clandestine cultivation in our communities. 🌱

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

During Coronation Year (1937) each Ontario Society received one seedling oak and two acorns from trees grown in Windsor Castle Park. Some of the resulting 'Royal Oaks' are still thriving today!

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 1972, Ontario Societies donated more than \$5000 toward the development of the new University of Guelph Arboretum.



**Describe your first gardening experience.**

I really didn't start gardening until my teens. When I was in my early teens, I was fascinated by vine crops, especially musk melons. I would start the seeds in pots in winter in the greenhouse. I even built wooden shades to place over the sun-tender young plants that were planted out in May. This allowed me to harvest musk melon much earlier than other gardeners. That unique taste of the soft flesh in summer was worth the effort. I also grew Zucca melons, just to see how big I could grow them!

**Why do you think Horticultural Societies are still going strong after 100 years?**

I think horticultural societies are still going strong because they provide a community of common interest. Hort members share a passion that runs deeper than words.

I see it whenever I speak to gatherings under this banner. Their eyes light up when you start talking about plants. It enlivens them, especially in winter when anticipation is building for spring.

**What challenges do you foresee for gardeners in the future?**

The big challenge for the gardening world looking to the future is competition for time. The pace of life and of change is escalating, the result being that people have less and less time that they can devote to gardening. Advocates of horticulture have to start proclaiming louder and more often the benefits and rewards of gardening. 🌿

**OHA for Trivia Buffs**

In 1956, a single maple was planted on the grounds near the Emperor's Palace in Japan as a token of goodwill.

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At the first convention, there was but one female among the thirty delegates. By 1922, female delegates outnumbered male delegates.

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# GUERRILLA GARDENERS UNITE

Suzanne Hanna



Anonymous Guerilla Gardeners...

**A**T A RECENT HORTICULTURAL MEETING, I shared one of my dirty little secrets and revealed to all that while I might be a wife/mother/counselor/perennial gardener etc. by day, I am an active member of a growing subversive movement that vandalizes with plants at night. To paraphrase the words of Bonnie Burton, I am a "renegade Johnny Appleseed who roams through urban streets, furtively planting wildflowers, cacti, vegetables and herbs wherever I can find a patch of soil."

I have been doing this for about a year and a half, mostly on my own, although lately I have convinced a few of my madcap pals to join me in random acts of beautification. Because we plant on public or private land, it's not strictly legal but we have never encountered any resistance from interested passersby or our local police largely because they appreciate our covert beautification attempts and we are leaving the land in a better state than when we found it.

Over the years, I have become convinced that direct action says more than words and that if we want a beautiful world, we have to start with one barren waste field, one overgrown alley or even one sidewalk crack at a time to make a noticeable difference. I resent the encroaching cold and ugly concrete and asphalt that is so prevalent in our urban areas, the lack of neighborhood green

spaces and the determination of work crews to mow down indigenous plant species that provide sustenance to birds, insects and other wildlife. Factor in limited municipal funding for outdoor beautification efforts and the silly bureaucratic red tape one must go through to secure permission to work on public land and you'll understand quite readily why some of us would prefer to indulge in a "quick and dirty" form of protest.

Thankfully I am not alone. I take comfort in the fact that others have heeded that same call. I can remember reading about Elzeard Bouffier, a World War I veteran, who personally planted thousands of trees in Europe at his own expense, transforming not only the countryside but tiny village communities as well. As a young child growing up in the 1960s, my soul was indelibly stamped with the spirit of the 'Flower Power' hippies who advocated that we "make plants, not war."



## OHA for Trivia Buffs

At the 1925 Convention, Mrs. George Black spoke on 'Flowers of the Yukon'. She would later become one of Canada's first female Members of Parliament.





It was not until I was involved in the creation of Sault Ste. Marie's Allard Street Community Garden that I became aware of a group called the Green Guerrillas. Hailing from New York, this passionate group of citizens took matters into their own hands in the 1970s and reclaimed the waste fields "among the burnt-out slum tenements" by lobbing seed grenades (water balloons filled with a mixture of seed) onto the ground. As a result of their passion and commitment to seize back the land, we have thousands of community gardens across North America today.

Richard Reynolds, Oxford graduate and an advertising account manager, is my latest inspiration. He is the founder of the Guerrilla Gardeners in London, England. He has been quite busy communicating with fellow activists all over the world through his web site [www.guerrillagardening.org](http://www.guerrillagardening.org). His latest email urges all supporters to participate in 100 recorded acts of guerrilla gardening across four continents by September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. My band of merry men and women who are "sowing the seeds of liberation" is now known as Troop #39, according to my membership card and I am actively recruiting likeminded individuals who desire to become more involved in beautifying our community.

**I always carry my Horticultural Society membership card for ID and sometimes carry a "Get out of Jail" Monopoly card if I am planting in a high profile area.**

Guerrilla gardening recruits are not required to attend boot camp or shave their heads. There is no mandatory education or certificates involved as we provide on the spot training and costs are minimal. I usually bring a backpack to hold my folding shovel, trowel, pruners, hand cultivator, dibber, knee pad, work gloves and seeds. I toss my compost-filled buckets, containers of water and surplus seedlings/plants into the trunk of my car. I always

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The actual planting experience involves common sense. Match the soil conditions with suitable native plants that are hardy and drought tolerant. Water in plants well and mulch with shredded leaves. Check on your site from time to time to get the plants well established and be prepared for losses. Keep a positive attitude and replant if necessary.

The beauty of guerrilla gardening is that it is already making a significant difference in how we approach outdoor beautification. There is a noticeable increase in city programs that promote the greening of public land (ex. Blooming Boulevards), a growing interest in community gardening and the formation of organized guerrilla gardening groups across our fair land. These random acts of beauty can certainly make the world a better place! 🌱

**Suzanne Hanna,**

Past President,

Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society

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In 1938, the Association's constitution was amended. By striking out the phrase 'at Toronto', the door was opened to the possibility of holding the convention elsewhere.



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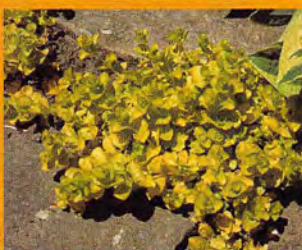
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## PAUL ZAMMIT

**AFTER GRADUATING** from the University of Guelph with a BSc in Agriculture, Paul became part of the full time staff at Plant World and is presently the manager of the Perennial Department. He has been a guest speaker at many garden clubs and garden shows such as the CNE, Success With Gardening, and Canada Blooms, as well as horticultural trade shows in both Canada and the U.S.

### Who inspired you to become a gardener?

Those who have inspired me include my mother, my grandmother and my uncle. I have also been greatly inspired by a wonderful man named Mr. Frank D. Reeves. In him, I immediately recognized a passion and love of plant material and horticulture. He made me aware of the importance of loving what you do, just as my parents always taught my sister and I. Today, I continue to be inspired by the many great gardeners and plant lovers that I meet regularly in my travels.

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### When did you first start gardening?

I was initially exposed to vegetable and fruit gardening as a small child back home in Malta, although I was too young to remember. After immigrating to Canada, it was several years later that I began to actually garden. I was in about grade 5 or 6. My sister and I would help my mom pull weeds in the vegetable garden. My mother also introduced me to tropical plants about the same time. I had a window in the basement where I began to grow African Violets and Spider Plants (*Chlorophytum*).

### What was the first thing you planted?

I can recall transplanting a few of the “weeds” we pulled from the garden into containers to see what they would grow into.

I can also clearly recall collecting tree seedlings from a Toronto park and planting them into our garden. Unfortunately these seedlings turned out to be Manitoba Maples (*Acer nugundo*) which after several years needed to be removed.

Perhaps one of my most vivid memories is the feeling I had when I grew romaine lettuce in our vegetable garden for my rabbits. I can recall being so proud of being able to grow some of their food.

### Why do you think horticultural societies are still going strong after 100 years?

In my travels to speak at different societies I have been fortunate to meet so many kind, caring and enthusiastic people. Horticultural societies bring together generous people who share a similar passion. Who would not want to be in such company? Let us hope this passion continues to grow and spread.

### Where does gardening go from here? Forecast the trends of the future.

Gardeners will need to continue to share their passion and expose others, hopefully new potential gardeners, to this rewarding activity. I believe gardens will also continue to change to reflect changes in our lifestyle. The former garden that has taken years to cultivate will likely become a more simplified outdoor living space.

Containers and container gardening will likely remain a key component of decorating this space. To a lesser extent, there will hopefully continue to be a search for new introductions to keep the thrill of “plant hunting” alive. 🌿

### OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 1924, experiencing financial challenges (some things never change) the OHA became incorporated and qualified for a \$500 grant.





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### FOR PEAT'S SAKE!

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#### What exactly is peat?

Peat - which grows at rate of no more than 1 mm per year - is partially decomposed plant remains which accumulate in waterlogged soils over thousands of years.

Peat bogs are unique ecosystems that support biodiversity and species of flora and fauna, many of which are at risk. They also act as carbon sinks - natural storage sites for carbon dioxide. Extraction of peat releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, exacerbating global warming.

While Canada is the most responsible country in the world regarding peat bog restoration, the fact remains that a typical peat extractor removes up to 22 cm a year. It takes 220 years to regrow one year's extraction.

Peat, therefore, is hardly what anyone could call a renewable resource.

Canada is far behind other countries that have already taken action on this issue. For example, peat extraction in the UK will cease by 2012. **The UK's venerable Royal Horticultural Society has mandated that 90% of its own growing media be peat free by 2010** and they "consider the purchase of peat to be unacceptable for the primary use of soil incorporation and ground mulching".

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As the OHA moves into its next century, perhaps it is time to join the international groundswell dedicated to helping maintain the delicate balance of our planet by curbing the use of peat for horticultural applications.

**For peat's sake - it's time for a change.**  
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# A LIFETIME OF GARDENING

by Silver Fir Award recipient, H.G. Hedges

**CAN'T REMEMBER** when I was not involved in growing things. In my boyhood, during the depression, we had an acre of garden and orchard to supply much of our diet. We also had a large flower garden. As a science teacher in Windsor, my interest was shared with young gardeners in school gardens, window-sill plants, and seeds and bulbs for children to grow at home.

When we moved into new quarters with a large lot in Scarborough we were able to have productive vegetables and flower gardens. During a decade at Toronto Teachers' College, several thousand young teachers explored with me an interest in horticulture, ecology, and conservation. Our move to Burlington afforded an ideal setting for growing rhododendrons. I helped, as a charter member, to form the Rhododendron Society of Canada, and was its first secretary-treasurer.

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In retirement, our move to a small farm near St. George gave me the chance to expand my interest in plants. I moved a hundred of my rhododendrons to a north-sloping bank of a stream, where they flourished and became the largest collection of these plants in this district.

Joining the very active St. George Garden Club gave us the chance to share plants and ideas with others. My friendship with Joseph Smith, a retired lily hybridizer, led to the formation of our large public lily garden in the village, which has become a major tourist attraction. With two friends from the club, we changed an abandoned garbage dump into 35 beds of lilies, with each having 16 clumps of named and labelled varieties. Surplus bulbs are sold



at our annual Apple Festival, to raise funds for our plantings. Our work has resulted in awards, memorials, and donations. My own work in this project was a major factor in my being given the OHA Silver Fir Award in 2003.

Two years ago my offer to overwinter some tree peonies for a nursery has resulted in an interest in these beautiful plants, and soon I will have a large bed of them, with a plan to share this new interest with our Garden Club members.



## OHA for Trivia Buffs

In 2003, the OHA's website, [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) became an invaluable communications tool for the Association and all Ontario Horticultural Societies.





[www.josephsmithlilygarden.org](http://www.josephsmithlilygarden.org)

Over the years, my hobby of photographing gardens and nature has enabled me to develop a variety of themes and has given me the pleasure of making slide presentations to hundreds

of gardening, school, seniors, conservation, church, photography, and other groups.

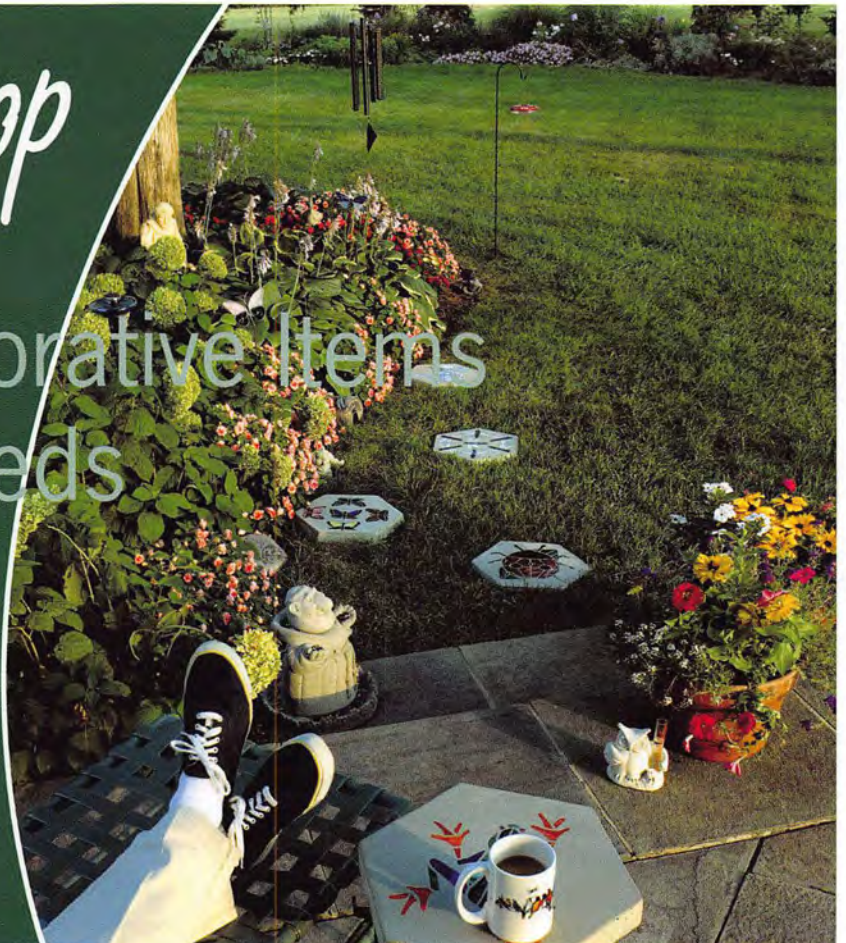
It is not surprising that the OHA has been active for 100 years. Gardeners like to share their efforts and successes with their friends, and the formation of garden societies expands this natural interest. The additional opportunity to serve on executives and boards, to attend meetings, and to gain recognition at flower shows and home gardens appeals to one's mutual interests in nature, gardening, and the environment.

As more and more people leave the cities to seek the pleasures of rural and small town living, it is easy to predict that the OHA, its districts, and local societies will thrive for another 100 years! 🌱

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## Come join the monthly meetings for the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society

We meet the first Monday each month at Jenkin's Hall, Christ Church Anglican, corners of Kent and Church Streets, Campbellford. Each meeting includes an informative speaker, an update on current horticultural events, a mini flower show and a social time. In July we have a garden tour and August is a potluck garden party hosted by a member. Plant sales are held in the spring and fall and the money we raise from our events is used in part to donate to the Municipality of Trent Hills and the Campbellford Memorial Hospital for flower beds and prize money for the fair. We also maintain flower beds in five locations. In the fall we hold a pumpkin contest and this year are planning a scarecrow contest for September 30.

Our society's 30th anniversary and the Ontario Horticultural Association's 100th are also in 2006.



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*La Société d'horticulture d'Alfred et des environs*



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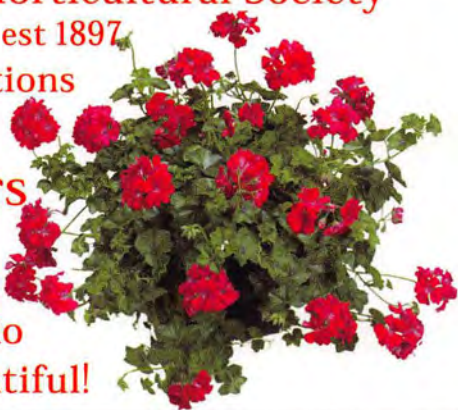
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**This year marks the Ancaster Horticultural Society's 45th Anniversary and to celebrate this proud occasion, the Society hosted a Garden Tour with a Past-Presidents Tea at the Fieldcote Museum and Garden Park.**

The Society receives an annual Grant from the City of Hamilton Community Partnership Program.

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