Keeping Ontario Beautiful Total Dialogua Ontario Horticultural Association Newsletter

A MIRROR IMAGE - CLASS 8 Uldis Broks - 1st Place and Best In Show



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Message from the President



WOW...What a feeling... President of the Ontario Horticultural Association! It has been 30 years since I first joined the local Horticultural Society of Beachburg Ontario. We are a small but mighty society, celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2009.

Where on earth is Beachburg you ask? Well,

we are in the lovely Ottawa Valley, also known as Whitewater Country. Many companies operate white water rafting down the mighty and majestic Ottawa River.

I am very proud of being a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, with its rich history of *Keeping Ontario Beautiful*. Did you know that it is our very own trademark? Yes we have it and we should be proud of all our efforts in keeping our province beautiful.

Having gone through the ranks of being a member, a local president, an assistant director, then on to District 2 Director, and now President, I have made a multitude of friends. Our District 2 is one of the largest in Ontario, so getting around to visit all the societies takes upwards of two years. We are very spread out and have 20 societies.

Congratulations to District 15 for hosting the 102 convention. It was a huge success and the organizers deserve a pat on the back. *Sharing our Diversity* is indeed what we are all about. We had amazing speakers, a fabulous flower show, a very successful Youth camp, bus tours, and even an extra trip to the CNE.

The new board of 2008-2009 will continue to work on behalf of all members in Ontario and I appreciate the enthusiasm and strong commitment of all board members. I am looking forward to visiting with you at your AGMs, District meetings, and special events over the next 12 months.

Check our website, gardenontario.org, often as it changes with the seasons. Enjoy the autumn months as our province puts on a display of rainbow colours that no other can match.

From The Secretary's Desk

For those of you who attended the convention in Brampton, I hope you enjoyed yourself and had a pleasant visit. I would ask that you share the information given to you with your society members, including the financial information and committee reports, which were given in hard copy. Also, please inform your society of the reports by the Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Development Officer, and Carol Dunk re the Rain Barrel brochure. Be sure to share the results of the survey completed last year which was presented by 2007-08 President, Jim Mabee.

Also, for many who did not make a note, the President for 2008-09 is Ken Fink, First Vice President is Kees Stryland, and Second Vice President is Vickie Wiemer.

At the Saturday evening banquet we were pleased to honour the following members: Barbara Waddell of Ancaster, District 6 with the Award of Merit; Wilma Wood of Thunder Bay, District 14, with the Silver Trillium. The Silver Trillium was also presented to Denise Edwards who has served our organization for many years and has retired from OMAFRA this past The Silver Trillium is the highest award spring. presented to a lady from the OHA. Ted Reed of Callander, District 18, received the Silver Fir Award which is the highest award presented to a gentleman from the OHA. The top award presented by OHA, the Silver Medal, was presented to Audrey Whitcombe of Lake Simcoe South Shore Horticultural Society, District 5. The list of work done by each of the winners and their achievements makes me very proud to be part of the same organization.

We extend an invitation to all to attend the 2009 convention which will be held in Peterborough at Trent University, July 10th-12th, 2009. The theme for this convention is *Remember Today - Protect Tomorrow*. More information on this convention will be included in future mailings.

In my Secretary's Report presented at the convention I advised that I had tendered my resignation to the Officers and Directors at their Board meeting on Thursday, August 21st. I have attended 19 conventions, been a District Director for five years and was Assistant District Director for three years. I was the Youth Leader at the OHA level for five years, but also served on this committee for five years as a member prior. I served on the District 7 Board for at least 12 years. I was my Society President for two years, as well as Vice President for two years and also the Society Youth Leader. I was active and a member of various Society committees. After completing my two year term as Society President, I was the Society Secretary for ten years. For many years I also was responsible for the

Society yearbook typing, setup, and printing. I organized the 2000 OHA convention held in Guelph in 11 months!

I have accumulated a wealth of knowledge of the organization as well as practical, hands on experience. I have met many people through this time period and some I have come to know on a more personal level. To each of you, I say thank you. I value your friendship, knowledge and encouragement.

I close with words that are familiar to many... We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, until we meet again some sunny day.

Sincerely,

Marlene Bruckhardt, Secretary Ontario Horticultural Association 519-648-2172 bruckhardt@golden.net

Musings from Past President Jim...

It's unfortunate that more society members were not able to attend the convention and general meeting in Brampton. Those who were will surely go back to their societies and have great stories about what District 15 Director, Brenda Heenan, and her dedicated volunteers were able to accomplish. The speakers were superb, the shows spectacular, the tours amazing! The Friday night entertainment following our theme 'Sharing Our Diversity' was a magnificent treat, and we hope you garnered some insightful information from the plenary sessions and workshops to take back to your societies.

My year as President was very interesting and rewarding and I've met so many wonderful people who have become my friends. From the north, south, east and west of the province, our times together at Society and District meetings will be something that I will always cherish. Your kindness and hospitality are what great memories are made of and I need to jot all of these down so that I don't forget anything in future years.

It has been a year of learning, trial, and understanding. The support of the Officers of the Association, the Board of Directors, and the Past President's Council have been invaluable and it truly shows the dedication of these people and their desire to see the Association advance and grow. I thank each and every one for the many, many hours they spent helping to attain our goal to 'Keep Ontario Beautiful'. My special thanks to Past President, Liisa Wolfgram, who offered strong, sound support throughout the entire year.

When you are 'out and about' and you run into the retiring Directors and Officers, please give them your thanks for a job well done. Thank Bruce Wilson who represented the Past President's Council, Monica Skinner from District 7, Kees Stryland from District 12, and Mary Young from District 19. And while you are at it, look for the new kids on the block, Don Matthews, Dorlene Anderson, Bonnie Warner, and James Graham who will be replacing them. They all deserve your praise and thanks for the jobs they've done and what some of them are about to do.

On Sunday morning, as I placed the heavy Chain of Office around the neck of our new President, Ken Fink, there were all the mixed feelings of release, finality, freedom, and contentment. My heart was heavy to see the end of the term and yet I was elated to pass on the duties. I now know what other Past Presidents must have experienced when their terms expired.

As the new President, Ken will do a great job and he deserves your support and good wishes. I wish him all the best during his year.

Jim Mabee Immediate Past President <u>mabeejim@yahoo.com</u> 519-842-9829



Pictured above at the 2008 Convention's closing ceremony, Immediate Past President Jim Mabee passes on the President's Chain of Office to incoming OHA President, Ken Fink.

Looking Back at Convention 2008

Convention 2008 is now part of OHA's history, but its theme *Sharing Our Diversity* should remain part of our association's guiding principles forever. We will continue to celebrate OHA's diversity - a collection of individuals bringing together varied demographic, cultural, human, intellectual, and philosophical differences to help create an environment that honours and respects those differences.

District 15 members from the rural, suburban, and urban societies of Caledon, York Region, Brampton, Mississauga, and Toronto came to know each other better through working together on our common goal - to help all delegates, gathered from far and wide, to feel at home in Brampton, Canada's Flower City. The 17 societies of District 15 hope delegates and guests enjoyed sharing our diversity with us during Convention 2008.

It was not always trouble-free - at times the theme *Sharing Our ADVERSITY* seemed more to the point - but we supported each other when things failed to go according to plan. The patience, thoughtfulness, and kindness of our guests was remarkable as well, and because of this caring and understanding, your hosts were able to relax and enjoy themselves too.

I would like to express my pride and appreciation to all the volunteers who pitched in to share the work of organizing and hosting the Ontario Horticultural Association's 102nd annual convention for more than 500 welcomed guests from across Ontario. Many of these volunteers were from beyond District 15's borders including your OHA Board members and 5 of the 6 youth leaders who supervised the 33 young campers at Lake St. George Field Centre.

I cannot thank individually every one of the 137 District 15 volunteers, many of whom worked daily at the site, but special mention goes to District 15 Board members Carole Spraggett, Mary Sasiela, Lillian Brown, Grace Nelham, Daphne van Ginkel, Past District 15 Board member Wendy Gay (volunteer coordinator), and Barb O'Malley (wearing two hats as District 15 Treasurer and OHA registrar).



I hope all volunteers have developed new bonds of friendship through this experience. I know I have been rewarded for my efforts with good feelings, better memories, and new best friends.

In the words of Kahlil Gibran, "In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed".

Brenda Heenan Convention Chair



A bouquet of thanks to Ray Clement for many of the Convention images in this issue!

OHA Seeks New Secretary

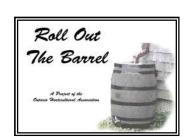
OHA is looking for an enthusiastic person to fill the duties of secretary. The successful candidate will be a member of an affiliated Horticultural Society. A very good understanding of our Association is necessary. Being a past or present secretary of a Society or member of a District Board would be a great asset.

Key requirements will include:

- Have excellent organizational skills, including accurate record keeping.
- Have an efficient knowledge of Microsoft Office; Word/Excel, as well as the ability to efficiently use and manage a very active email account.
- Be a good team player.
- Good keyboarding skills to record minutes accurately and distribute them promptly.
- Must have at least 3 years experience working in an office in an administrative environment.
- Be available for all board meetings, conventions and committee meetings.
- Be prepared to commit to approximately 25 hours per week and have storage space for files and equipment.
- Must have a friendly personality to respond promptly to phone enquiries, emails, faxes, and correspondence.
- Must have good knowledge of procedures and formalities for board meetings, committee meetings, and conventions.

An honourarium will be offered and may include office space allowance to a maximum of \$5500 per year. A detailed job description will be available to candidates on the short list after October 31^{st} .

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resumé, with references to <u>jobs@gardenontario.org</u> no later than October 31st, 2008. Electronic mail only please.



The new Roll Out the Barrel booklet, a project of the Conservation and Environment Committee, is now available for downloading and printing on the gardenontario.org website.

A Checklist for Winterizing Your Garden



The best time to prepare your

garden for spring is in the fall. Just a single weekend of winter preparation will make a huge difference next growing season. Not only that, but the more you do now the less there is to do in the spring. So here is a checklist to guide you...modify it to suit your individual needs.

- Plant spring bulbs for colour.
- Plant new perennials...they're on sale now!! Water until freeze-up.
- Divide perennials like peonies, daylilies, and early spring bloomers.
- Apply a layer of compost to your beds.
- Before the snow flies, cut back perennials to 10 15 cm.
- Water conifers and broadleaf evergreens until freeze-up.
- Where able, burlap exposed evergreens to prevent desiccation during the winter.
- Don't forget to wrap upright junipers and shrubs that may suffer under the snow weight.
- Install tree guards so that mice, voles, etc can't girdle them.
- Remove and dispose of any diseased foliage ...not in the compost!
- Burlap or mulch tender perennials, rhododendrons, azaleas, etc.
- Dig up and store dahlia, canna, glads, etc. (tubers/corms/rhizomes).
- Protect roses by mulching, or by wrapping with burlap or with commercially available wraps.
- Start cutting the grass shorter, and collecting the clippings and leaves for next years compost.
- Bring in clay pots.

The list could go on and on. It's time to get started...the F.R.O.S.T. is coming ...

Freezing Rain Or Snow Tonight!

Phil Kennedy, Conservation & Environment Committee

And the Award Goes to...



Lach year, the Ontario Horticultural Association presents awards to members of the Association for outstanding contributions to the advancement of horticulture at the Society, District, or Provincial level.

These awards were presented on Saturday, August 23rd, 2008 at the Annual General Meeting at The Garden in Brampton. The recipients were chosen from names submitted by Societies and Districts in accordance with the ground rules presented in the Awards booklet. Congratulations are extended to the following deserving honourees!



The Trillium Award

Wilma Wood of the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society was the deserving recipient of the Trillium Award. The award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium and was initially donated by Mrs. Thelma Boucher who was the Association President in 1941. It is awarded annually to a female member for outstanding service to horticultural societies for an extended period. The criterion is outstanding service in the areas of beautification, conservation, ecology, or administration at the Society, District or Provincial level.

Denise Edwards, who recently retired from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, was also presented with the Trillium Award. Denise has been the contact person for the Ministry, was a regular speaker at our conventions and Board meetings, and helped to keep member societies informed of their requirements and obligations. The Ontario Horticultural Association is proud to be able to acknowledge her efforts on our behalf.



The Silver Fir Award

Ted Reed of the Callander Horticultural Society was presented with the **Silver Fir Award**. This award has the same criteria as the Trillium Award but applies to the men. It is a silver lapel pin which was the gift of Alistair Crawford who was our President in 1975.

The Silver Medal

The **Silver Medal Award** was presented to **Audrey Whitcombe of the Simcoe Lake South Shore Society**. The Silver Medal, with its accompanying framed certificate, is the most prestigious award of the Association and is for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association.



The Award of Merit

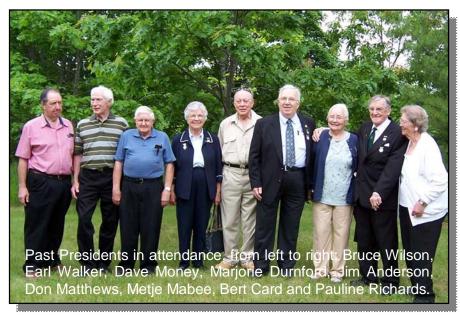
This award has been presented since 1933. This year, the Award of Merit was presented to Barbara Waddell of the Ancaster Horticultural Society. This award is given for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society. These may include beautification projects, outstanding work in the field of horticulture, supporting individuals or organizations in the area of communications, as well as other worthy efforts.

Tree Dedication

On June 14, 2008, a large contingent of Ontario Horticultural Association Past Presidents and family members gathered in the Memorial Oak Grove at the University of Guelph Arboretum to honour two Past Presidents, **Gladys McLatchy** from Richmond Hill and **Alistair Crawford** from Shanty Bay.

Bruce Wilson, Chair of the Past Presidents' Council welcomed everyone gathered for the occasion. Marjorie Durnford gave a brief history of the Arboretum and the Memorial Oak Grove.

Carol Dunk, District 16 Director, spoke about Alistair's work and involvement in horticulture through the years. President Jim Mabee then dedicated the oak tree in honour



of Alistair Crawford. Jean Crawford (below, left) spoke on behalf of the family by reading a birthday card Alistair's brother had sent to him. It spoke of all the work he had done in the cause of horticulture. She thanked the OHA for honouring him in this manner.

Past President Bert Card (below, right), a longtime friend of Gladys McClatchy, gave a brief resumé of her work in the town of Richmond Hill, the local society, District 15, and finally the OHA. President Jim Mabee then dedicated a tree in her honour as well. Each of the trees dedicated is identified by a plaque. Ric Jordan, Arboretum supervisor, spoke briefly about the changes which will occur in the future.

Don Matthews





Convention 2008 Youth Competition

Section A: Creative Writing "The Strawberry"

Class 1

- Age 6-8 years.
- 1st Maggie McDonald, Campbell
- 2nd Alexander Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Brianna Davis, Campbell

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 2nd Alexander Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Sharra James, Campbell
- 4th Brenden Bradshaw. Scarborough
- 5th Libby Matlatt, Scarborough

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot
- 2nd Megan French, Scarborough
- 3rd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4th Melissa McDonald, Campbell
- 5th Brooklyn McKinley, Wilmot

Age 15-18 1st Remy Marlatt, Scarborough 2nd Sarah McDonald, Campbell

Section A: Creative Writing "The Rose"

Class 2 Age 6-8 years 1st Maggie McDonald, Campbell 2nd Brianna Davis, Campbell

Age 9-11 years 1st Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot

- 2nd Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 3rd Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4th Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Shelly Wagler, Wilmot
- 2nd Melissa McDonald, Campbell
- 3rd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4^{th} Sharra James, Campbell

Age 15-18 years 1st Sarah McDonald, Campbell

Section B: Artistic Design **Bookmark**

Class 3: Age 6-8 years 1st Shae-Lynn Preiss, Stratford 2nd Savannah Taylor, Grafton

- 3rd Daniela Douglas, Scarborough
- 4th Tyrone Green, Brampton
- 5th Spencer Frayne, St. Marys

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Austin Preiss, Stratford
- 2nd Cara Livingston, Guelph Township
- 3rd Shawn Livingston, Guelph Township
- 4th Zachary Preiss, Stratford
- 5th Lamar Kinch, Brampton

Age 12-14 years

- 1st James Wynnter, Brampton 2nd Avery Foley, Stirling
- 3rd Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 4th Rachel Kelly, East Oro
- 5th Dana Marlatt, Scarborough

Age 15-18 years 1st Erin Batelaan, Stirling 2nd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough

3rd Sarah McDonald, Campbell 4th Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough

Section B: Artistic Design "My Pet Bug"

Class 4 Age 6-8 years 1st Cameron French, Scarborough 2nd Emilia Druzgala, Scarborough 3rd Karisa Xuan, Scarborough 4th Merissa Taylor, Grafton 5th Daniela Druzgala, Scarborough

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Alexandria Jones, Scarborough 2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Katie McCoy, Tillsonburg
- 4th Brenden Bradshaw,
 - Scarborough
- 5th Hunter Lupal, Guelph Township

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot 2nd Jill VanDaele, Tillsonburg
- 3rd Anthony Zimmerman, Campbell
- 4th Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Jason Sovie, Grafton

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Remy Marlatt, Scarborough
- 2nd Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 3rd Danielle Zimmerman,

Campbell

4th Shannon Hipson, Brampton 5th Katie Pinkston, Campbell



1st place – Seed Picture

Section B: "A Seed Picture"

Class 5

- Age 6-8 years
- 1st Emilia Druzgala, Scarborough
- 2nd Alexander Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Cameron French, Scarborough
- 4th Daniela Druzgala, Scarborough
- 5th Brianna Iles, Grafton

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 2nd Alison French, Scarborough
- 3rd Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 4th Jacob Milne, St. Marys
- 5th Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Jannine Koert, Tillsonburg
- 2nd Kender Danner, Wilmot
- 3rd Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 4th Eric Bender, Aurora
- 5th Shelby Wager, Wilmot

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 2nd Sarah McDonald, Campbell
- 3rd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4th Rachel Shearer, Campbell
- 5th Danielle Zimmernan, Campbell

Section C: Artistic Creativity "What Am I"

Class 6 Age 6-8 years

- 1st Bronwyn Snyder, Guelph Township
- 2nd Jesse Johnston-Newell, Grafton
- 3rd Nathan Reay, St. Marys
- 4th Shaylynn Ainslie, St. Marys
- 5th Jacob Douglas, St. Marys

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Hannah Koert, Tillsonburg 2nd Jamie Hazelwood, Grafton
- 3rd Michaella Snyder, Guelph Township
- 4th Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough

5th Liam Joiner, Aurora

Age 12-14 years 1st Melissa McDonald, Campbell

- 2^{nd} Neil Bender, Aurora
- 3rd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4th Eric Bender, Aurora

Age 15-18 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough 2nd Mary McDonald, Campbell 3rd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough 4th Danielle Zimmerman, Campbell

Section D: Living Material, "Market Day"

Class 7 Age 6-8 years 1st Daniela Druzgala, Scarborough 2nd Julia Ure, East Oro

Age 9-11 years 1st Taylor Schwehr, East Oro 2nd Natalie Shelswell, East Oro 3rd Alexandria Jones, Scarborough 4th Madeline Ure, East Oro 5th Libby Marlatt, Scarborough

Age 12-14 years 1st Dana Marlatt, Scarborough 2nd Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough 3rd Shawia Ricardo, Carlton Place

Age 15-18 years 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough

Section D: Living Material "A Day in the Country"

Class 8

- Age 6-8 years 1st Hannah Koert, Tillsonburg
- 2nd Jacob Douglas, St. Marys
- 3rd Emmah Douglas, St. Marys
- 4th Micheal Nelsons, East Oro
- 5th Mackensie Foley, Stirling

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 2nd Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 3rd Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 4th Katie McCoy, Tillsonburg
- 5th Jillian Barelaan, Stirling

Age 12-14 years 1st Dana Marlatt, Scarborough 2nd Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough 3rd Jillian Foley, Stirling 4th Jill VanDaele, Tillsonburg 5th Avery Foley, Stirling

Age 15-18 years 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough 2nd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough 3rd Shannon Hipson, Brampton 4th Erin Batelaan, Stirling

Section D: Living Material

"Let's Take a Walk" Class 9 Age 6-8 years 1st Scarborough 2nd St. Marys 3rd Campbell 4th Grafton





Section E: Fine Arts Harry Wyma Award "Canada's Flower City" Class 10 1st Emmah Douglas, St. Marys 2nd Grace Beaman, Oro-Medonte 3rd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough

Don Matthews Award "Drawing and Printing" Class 11

1st Sarah McDonald, Campbell 2nd Emila Druzgala, Scarborough 3rd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough

Maisie Bray Award

Class 12 1st Stirling 2nd St Marys 3rd Campbell

Section F Special Awards

Class 13. Ruby Bryan Scrapbook Award

1^{st.} St Marys 2nd East Oro 3rd Grafton

Class 14. Frances Lemke Award Strathroy-Caradoc

Class 15. Nothers Awards and Identification Ltd. Award 1st St. Marys

Class 16 Ruby Lobban High Point Award 1st Scarborough 2nd Campbell 3rd Wilmot

> Anna Peterson, Youth Competition Chair

Photographic Print Competition

Class 1 – A Change In Time

- 1st Judy McGrath, Pakenham, 2
- 2nd Marie Decker, Oakville, 6
- 3rd Grace Nelham, Streetsville, 15

Class 1B- A Change In Time

1st Bill Wood, Brampton, 15

Class 2 – Welcome & Unwelcome

- 1st Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 2nd Chris Temple, Stoney Creek, 6
- 3rd Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gloucester, 2

Class 3 – Trees of Distinction

- 1st Maryanne Weiler, Kitchener, 19
- 2nd Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6
- 3rd Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gloucester, 2

Class 4 – Working On The Farm

- 1st Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 2nd Linda Young, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd J. James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13

Class 5 – Lily Mania

- 1st Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6
- 2nd J. James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Virginia Dupuis, Gloucester, 2

Class 6 – Country Canada

- 1st Judy McGrath, Pakenham, 2
- 2nd Elizabeth McConachie, Markdale, 8
- 3rd Asna Black, Brampton, 15

Class 7 – Sky Images

- 1st J. James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 2nd Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gloucester, 2
- 3rd Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6

Class 8 – A Mirror Image

- 1st Uldis Broks. North York 5
- 2nd Kathy Ward, Stoney Creek, 6
- 3rd Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6

Class 9 – Follow The Rainbow

- 1st Martha Branigan, Brampton, 15
- 2nd Gloria Broks, North York, 5
- 3rd S. Temple, Stoney Creek, 6

Class 10 – Conventional Pictures

- 1st Martha Branigan, Brampton, 15
- 2nd Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gloucester, 2
- 3rd Gloria Broks, North York, 5

Class 11 – Dazzling Dahlia(s)

- 1st Virginia Dupuis, Gloucester, 2
- 2nd Linda Young, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Uldis Broks, North York, 5

Class 12 – Frame It 1st Mar

- Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gloucester, 2
- 2nd Marybelle Chang, Brampton, 15
- 3rd Virginia Dupuis, Gloucester, 2

Class 13 – Flowing Flowers

- 1st Marie Decker, Oakville, 6
- 2nd Virginia Dupuis, Gloucester 2
- 3rd Grace Nelham, Streetsville, 15

Class 14 – Tintype A Tulip

- 1st Elizabeth McConachie, Markdale, 8
- 2nd Kathy Ward, Stoney Creek, 6
- 3rd Uldis Broks, North York, 5

Best in Show – Uldis Broks, North York , 5,

for Class 8 – A Mirror Image

Ray Clement, Chair



TINTYPE A TULIP - CLASS 14 Elizabeth McConachie - 1 st Place

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Art Competition

*36 entries from 16 competitors

1 st	Sheila King, Kemptville
-	2 "Four Seasons" a collage any medium frame
1 st	Sheila King, Kemptville
2^{nd}	
_	Dorothy Shropshire, Creemore
1 st	3 "Lilies, a collection" any medium framed
2^{nd}	Donna Greenstein, Schomberg
$\frac{2}{3^{rd}}$	Patty Carlson, Richmond Hill
-	Dorothy Shropshire, Creemore
Class 4 Churc	With the set of the s
1^{st}	Dorothy Shropshire, Creemore
2^{nd}	Joan Stapleton, Manotick
3 rd	Sheila King, Kemptville
Class 5	5 " Spring Song - the first flowers"
1^{st}	Sheila King, Kemptville
2^{nd}	Allen Tomlingson, Bond Head
3 rd	Patty Carlson, Richmond Hill
Class (5 " Snow fell this morning"
	dried seeds or pressed materials
1^{st}	Kees Stryland, Porcupine
2^{nd}	Suzanne Stryland, Porcupine
Class 7	"Pretty Faces"
	acrylic or oil on gallery canvas 16" x 16"
1^{st}	Sheila King, Kemptville
2^{nd}	Kathryn Bury, Guildford
Class 8	B " Forever Flowers"
	flowers painted on a rock
1^{st}	Faye Page, Roselands
2^{nd}	Sheila King, Kemptville
3 rd	Kathryn Bury, Guildford
Class 9	
1 st	Ray Clement, Belle River
Class 1	-
1^{st}	Mary Buligan, Roselands
Best in	Show Rosette "Lilies"
	Donna Greenstein, Schomberg
	, .
Total p	points:
Most w	ooints overall – Sheila King, Kemptville

Runner up – Dorothy Shropshire, Creemore

Sheila King, Art Competition Chair

Poetry Competition

Class 1- 'Flowers'		
1^{st}	Sandra Flexhaug, Niagara Falls, 9	
2^{nd}	Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6	
3^{rd}	Anna Peterson, St. Marys, 10	
Class 2 - 'Friends We Meet'		
1^{st}	Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6	
2^{nd}	Sandra Flexhaug, Niagara Falls, 9	
Class 3 - 'Sharing Our Diversity'		
1^{st}	Barbara Johnston, Niagara Falls, 9	
2^{nd}	Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6	
3^{rd}	Sandra Flexhaug, Niagara Falls, 9	

Mary E. Young, Chair Outgoing District 19 Director

'Best in Show' was awarded to Richard Toivonen of the Brantford Garden Club for the following poem...

Friends We Meet

We enter our gardens with wonderment each day Who will be there to greet us? Welcome or unwelcome, invited or not, The mystery awaits.

Our favourite flowers, and volunteers too, Nod their greetings to us, plus The seedlings we have nurtured; Gladden the heart.

The visitors who praise our efforts, And neighbours who talk over the fence, Are a welcome diversion to Deadheading and weeding. The slithery snakes, and hoppy toads too, Frogs both tree and pond; Startle at first.

Raccoons, skunks, deer, and groundhogs; Share our produce, without saying thanks.

Birds; hummers and raven, pheasant or robin; Add music, movement and colour.

Newts, moles, voles, slugs and snails; All those denizens of the night Leaving evidence of nocturnal visits.

Playful or warring, those chipmunks and squirrels, Compete in the feeders.

Butterflies flutter by, and moths of every hue, Ladybugs, aphids, beetles (lily and singing); An entomologist's delight.

Who would say our gardening is a solitary activity?

Richard Toivonen

Publications Competition

Class 1 - Yearbook Cover – hand drawn 1^{st} Cloverleaf (Mississauga), 15 Class 2 – Yearbook Cover – Computer generated 1^{st} Lake Simcoe South Shore, 5 2^{nd} Brighton, 4 3^{rd} Oro-Medonte, 16 **Class 3 – Yearbook Cover – Photographic** 1^{st} Ottawa, 2 2^{nd} Richmond Hill, 15 3^{rd} Kanata-March, 2 **Class 4 – Special Event Poster** 1^{st} St. Marys, 10 2^{nd} Brampton, 15 3^{rd} Richmond Hill, 15 **Class 5 – Special Event Brochure** 1^{st} Oakville, 6 2^{nd} Richmond Hill, 15 3^{rd} Brampton, 15 **Class 6 – Society Brochure** 1^{st} Cloverleaf, 15 2^{nd} Russell & District, 1 3rd Ottawa, 2 **Class 7 – Newsletter Cover – Hand drawn** No winners Class 8A – Newsletter Cover, photographic, 10 pages or less 1st Oakville, 6 2^{nd} Richmond Hill, 15 3^{rd} Ottawa Valley, 2 Class 8B – Newsletter Cover, photographic, 11 pages or more 1st Grafton, 4 Class 9A – Newsletter Cover, computer generated, 10 pages or less 1st Smiths Falls, 2 2^{nd} Aurora, 5 3rd St. Marys, 10 Class 9B – Newsletter Cover, computer generated, 11 page or more 1^{st} Ottawa, 2 2^{nd} Brampton, 15 3rd Lake Simcoe South Shore, 5 **Class 10 – Youth Scrapbook** 1 st Grafton, 4 2^{nd} Brampton, 15 Class 11 – 2008 Yearbook. 8.5 x 11 1^{st} Ottawa, 2 2^{nd} Georgetown, 6 3^{rd} Gloucester, 2 Class 12 – 2008 Yearbook, letter size folded 1^{st} North York, 5 2^{nd} Orangeville, 7 3rd Creemore, 16

Class 13 – 2008 Yearbook, legal size folded 1^{st}

- Brighton, 4
- Class 14 2008 Youth Yearbook
 - 1^{st} Aurora, 5
- **Class 15 Show Schedule**
 - 1^{st} Leaside, 5
 - 2^{nd} Aurora, 5
 - 3^{rd} Brampton, 15
- Class 16 Short Story
 - 1^{st} Ron Nelsons, Oro-Medonte, 16

Marj Larson, Chair



For 2008 there were only two entries in Class 1, and 11 entries in Class 2 - the reverse of last year. The quality of all of the entries was high, and each had unique features that served as excellent examples for other Societies to use on their websites. I urge you to view the entries and gain inspiration for your Society. I wish to thank all of the entrants for the substantial amount of effort they continue to put into their web sites year after year. If you spend some time browsing these websites you will see the many hours of work it takes to maintain an up-to-date Society site. Websites are now a vital tool to communicate with your members and attract new ones with articles, news, and photos. 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 Cloverleaf Garden Club. 15 www.gardenontario.org/site.php/clover/
- 2nd Gloucester Horticultural Society, 2 www.gardenontario.org/site.php/glouster

Class 2 - Horticultural Society websites outside of gardenontario.org Web Shells (including websites hosted on gardenontario.org subdomains.)

- 1st Ottawa Valley Rock Garden & Horticultural Society, 2 www.ovgrhs.ca
- 2nd Kanata March Horticultural Society, 2 www.kanata-horticultural.com
- 3rd Cobourg Horticultural Society, 4 www.cobourggardenclub.org

Jeff Blackadar, Judge **Ottawa Horticultural Society** web@ottawahort.org

Horticultural Competition - Design

Class 1 – Canada, From Sea to Sea

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora
- 2nd Rowena Martin, Kitchener
- 3rd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Best In Show -

Shirley Binns, Aurora (design pictured below)



Class 2 – Crossing the Oceans

- 1st Marie Decker, Oakville
- 2nd David Elliott, Cloverleaf
- 3rd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 3 – Acadian Roots

- 1st Anne Clark-Stewart, Cloverleaf
- 2nd Roberta Roberts, Milton
- 3rd Mary Ann Vercammen, Aurora

Class 4 – Celtic Ancestry

- 1st Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 2nd Gera Koster, Etobicoke
- 3rd Letty Barolet, Alliston & District

Class 5 – Canadian Rockies

- 1st Belinda Gallagher, Georgetown
- 2nd Mary Ann Vercammen, Aurora
- 3rd Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora

Class 6 – Orient Express

- 1st Mary Ann Vercammen, Aurora
- 2nd Diane Marchese, Guelph
- 3rd Letty Barolet, Alliston & District

Class 7 – Global Connection |

- 1st Heather Bosman, Georgetown
- 2nd Sue Clarkson, G.C. of Toronto
- 3rd Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora
- HM Marie Decker, Oakville

Class 8 – Spice Market

- 1st Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
- 2nd Carrie Homes, Cloverleaf
- 3rd Ellen Karekacs, Cloverleaf

Class 9 – Panache

- 1st Rowena Martin, Kitchener
- 2nd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 3rd Darlene Irwin, Stratford
- Judge's Choice Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 11 – It's a Small World

- 1st Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington
- 2nd David Elliott, Cloverleaf
- 3rd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 12A – Fresh – Wee Friends

- 1st Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington
- 2nd Connie Bijl, Burlington
- 3rd Margaret Galamb, Roselands
- HM Sheila King, Kemptville

Class 12B – Dried – Wee Friends

- 1st Susan Clarkson, G.C. of Toronto
- 2nd Marie Decker, Oakville
- 3rd Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora
- HM Sheila King, Kemptville

Class 13 – First Nations

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora (**Most Creative Design**)
- 2nd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 3rd Sheila King, Kemptville



Pictured above is Rowena Martin's first place entry in Class 9 – Panache.

Horticultural Competition

Section A - Annuals

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Class 14	Aster
1st	Marianne Vantol, London
2nd	Phyllis Hall, Brampton
Class 15	Cosmos
1st	Krys Good, Milton
2nd	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean
Class 16	Geranium
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington
2nd 3rd	Dawn Teal, Roselands Florence Schurman, Richmond Hill
HM	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
Class 17	Marigold (over 7.5 cm)
1st	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
2nd	Margaret Galamb, Roselands
Class 18A 1st	Marigold (2.5 - 7.5 cm) Melanie Marjoram,
2nd	Orangeville Florence Schurman, Richmond Hill
3rd	Krys Good, Milton
Class 18A 1st	Marigold (2.5 - 7.5 cm) Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
2nd	Mary Cameron, Burlington
3rd	Anita King, Streetsville
Class 18B	Marigold (2.5 - 7.5 cm)
1st	Jackie Iovio, Grimsby
2nd	Sue Gemmill, Grimsby
3rd	Michelle Wilson, Brampton
Class 21	Salvia
1st	Dawn Teal, Roselands
2nd	Phyllis Hall, Brampton
3rd	Marianne Vantol, London
Class 22	Snapdragon
1st	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
2nd	Mary Cameron, Burlington
3rd	Kathleen Lang, Smiths Falls
Class 22A	Snapdragon
1st	Krys Good, Milton
2nd	Marianne Vantol, London
3rd	Dawn Teal, Roselands
Class 23 1st	Sunflower Eva Norman-Vestergaard,
2nd	London Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

3rd	Marie Decker, Oakville
HM	Marianne Vantol, London
Class 24	Zinnia
1st	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean
2nd	Margaret Galamb,Roselands
3rd	Marianne Vantol, London
010	Other Annual
Class 25	(under 33 cm)
1st	Dawn Teal, Roselands
2nd	Jean Barna, Streetsville
3rd	Gera Koster, Roselands
HM	Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
Class 26	Other Annual
	(33 cm & Over)
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington
2nd	Mary Cameron, Burlington
3rd	Dawn Teal, Roselands
Section B -	Hardy Perennials
Class 27	Coreopsis
1st	Marianne Vantol, London
2nd	Phyllis Hall, Brampton
3rd	Michelle Wilson, Brampton
Class 28	Coneflower
1st	Melanie Marjoram,
	Orangeville
2nd	Mary Cameron, Burlington
3rd	Jean Barna, Streetsville
Class 29	Green Hosta Leaves
1st	Gloria Broks, North York
2nd	Marianne Vantol, London
3rd	Trish Symons, Orangeville
HM	Heather Bosman, Georgetown
Class 30	Variegated Hosta Leaves
1st	Trish Symons, Orangeville
2nd	Heather Bosman, Georgetown
3rd	Heather Bosman, Georgetown
HM	Trish Symons, Orangeville
Class 31	Blue Hosta Leaves
1st	Trish Symons, Orangeville
2nd	Heather Bosman, Georgetown
3rd	Anita King, Streetsville
Class 32	Heuchera (Coral Bells)
1st	Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf
2nd	Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf
3rd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands

Class32A	Heuchera (Coral Bells)
1st	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
2nd	Jackie Iovio, Grimsby
3rd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
Class 32B	Heuchera (Coral Bells)
1st	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
2nd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
3rd	Marie Decker, Oakville
HM	Sue Gemmill, Grimsby
Class 32C	Heuchera (Coral Bells)
1st	Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf
2nd	Lynda Burke, Richmond Hill
3rd	Jean Barna, Streetsville
Class 32D 1st	Heuchera (Coral Bells) Heather Bosman,
2nd	Georgetown Daphne Van Ginkel,
2110	Cloverleaf
3rd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
HM	Lynda Burke, Richmond Hill
Class 32E	Heuchera (Coral Bells)
1st	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
2nd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
Class 33	Phlox
1st 2nd	Jean Barna, Streetsville Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf
3rd	Margaret Galamb, Roselands
Class 33A	Phlox
1st	Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
2nd	Marianne Vantol, London
3rd	Irene Oldford, Georgetown
Class 33B 1st	Phlox Barbara Downey, Nobleton & King City
2nd	Susan Morley, Chinguacousy
3rd	Krys Good, Milton
Class 34	Rudbeckia
1st	Lilly Powell, Credit Valley
2nd	Anita King, Streetsville
3rd	Gloria Broks, North York
Class34A	Rudbeckia
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington
2nd	Phyllis Hall, Brampton,
3rd	Anita King, Streetsville

Anne Clark-Stewart & Liisa Wolfgram, Chairs

Class 34B	Rudbeckia
1st	Sue Lusted, Grimsby
2nd	Eileen Hewitt, Grimsby
3rd Class 35	Elly Pennings, Markdale Ornamental Grass, Sedge, or Rush
1st	Elise Clement-Hollingworth Milton
2nd	Elise Clement-Hollingworth, Milton
3rd Class 35A	Elsie Baker, Orangeville Ornamental Grass, Sedge, or Rush
1st	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands
2nd	Krys Good, Milton
3rd Class 36	Margaret Galamb, Roselands Any other Perennial (under 33 cm)
1st	Marianne Vantol, London
2nd	Kira Dunham, Timmins
3rd	Lilly Powell, Credit Valley
Class 37	Any other Perennial (33 cm or over)
1st	Lilly Powell, Credit Valley
2nd	Elly Pennings, Markdale
3rd	Sue Morley, Chinguacousy
Class 37A	Any other Perennial (33 cm or over)
1st	Jean Barna, Streetsville
2nd	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean
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	lowering Bulbs, Corms, hizomes, Tubers
Class 38	Tuberous Begonia
2nd	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
Class 39	• •
2nd	Large Flowered Dahlia Barbara Downey, Nobleton, King City
3rd	Marie Pearson, Streetsville
Class 40 1st	Small Flowered Dahlia Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
2nd	Mary Cameron, Burlington
3rd	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
BEST DAHLIA - Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville	
Class 41	Solid Coloured Gladiolus

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2nd	Letty Barolet, Alliston
3rd	Melanie Marjoram,
	Orangeville

Class 42 1st	Bi-coloured Gladiolus Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
3rd	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy
Class 43	Lilium
1st Class 44	Mary Cameron, Burlington Any other Flower Bulb, Corm, Rhizome or Tuber
1st	Elsie Baker, Orangeville
2nd	Elly Pennings, Markdale

Section D- Roses

Class 45	Hybrid Tea
1st	Marie Pearson, Streetsville
2nd	Michelle Wilson, Brampton
3rd	Krys Good, Milton
Class 46	Floribunda
1st	Marie Pearson, Streetsville
2nd	Krys Good, Milton
3rd	Gera Koster, Roselands
Class 46 A	Floribunda
1st	Gera Koster, Roselands
2nd	Elly Pennings, Markdale
3rd	Marie Pearson, Streetsville Elizabeth Schleicher,
HM	Burlington

BEST ROSE - Gera Koster, Roselands

Class 48	Hardy Canadian
1st Class 49	Phyllis Hall, Brampton Any other Modern Shrub Rose other than Cdn.
1st	Pat Loy, Roselands
2nd	Judy Zinn, Credit Valleyi
3rd	Anita King, Streetsville
Class 50 1st	Miniature Barbara Downey, Nobleton, King City
2nd Class 51	Dawn Teal, Roselands Full Blown Rose Floating in a Bowl
1st 2nd	Emily Henkelman, Nepean Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington
3rd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands

Section E - Potted Plants

Class 52	Plant grown for Foliage
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington
2nd	Gera Koster, Roselands

3rd Class 53	Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls Plant grown for Variegated Foliage
1st 2nd	Irene Oldford, Georgetown Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf
3rd	Margaret Galamb, Roselands
Class 54	Plant grown for Blooms
2nd Class 55	Emily Henkelman, Nepean Saintpaulia (African Violet)
1st	Gera Koster, Roselands
2nd	Emily Henkelman, Nepean
3rd Class 57 1st	Emily Henkelman, Nepean Any other Gesneriad, grown for Bloom Liisa Wolfgram,
150	Credit Valley
2nd	Gera Koster, Roselands
Class 58	Orchid
1st	Sue Clarkson, G C of Toronto
2nd	Sue Clarkson, G C of Toronto
3rd	Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls
HM	Kira Dunham, Timmins

BEST IN SHOW - Sue Clarkson, Garden Club of Toronto

Class 59	Cactus
1st	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean
2nd	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean
3rd	Gera Koster, Roselands
Class 60	Any other Succulent
Class 60 1st	Any other Succulent Gera Koster, Roselands
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Horticultural Competition continued

Section F - Flowering or Fruiting Branches & Vines

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Class 61	Clematis	
1st	Krys Good, Milton	
2nd	Barbara Downey, Nobleton, King City	
3rd	Gloria Broks, North York	
Class 62	Hydrangea	
1st	Letty Barolet, Alliston	
2nd	Krys Good, Milton	
3rd	Lilly Powel, Credit Valley	
HM	Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf	
Class 62A	Hydrangea	
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington	
2nd	Daphne Van Ginkel, Cloverleaf	
3rd	Margaret Taylor, G. C. of Toronto	
Class 63	Buddleia	
1st	Elly Pennings, Markdale	
2nd	Dawn Teal, Roselands	
3rd	Sue Gemmill, Grimsby	
Class 64	Any other Flowering Branch	
1st	Sue Gemmill, Grimsby	
2nd	Ruth Bender, Chinguacousy	
3rd	Letty Barolet, Alliston	
Class 65	Fruiting Branch	
1st	Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls	
2nd	Elly Pennings, Markdale	
3rd	Marie Pearson, Streetsville	
Section G - S	pecial Collections	
Class 66	Mixed Garden Flowers	
1st	Mary Cameron, Burlington	
2nd	Phyllis Hall, Brampton	
3rd	Gera Koster, Roselands	
HM	Dawn Teal, Roselands	
Class 67	Garden Foliage	
1st	Judy Zinni, Credit Valley	
2nd	Jennifer Arnott, Roselands	
3rd	Jean Barna, Streetsville	
HM	Mary Cameron, Burlington	
JUDGES CH	OICE - Judy Zinni, Credit Valley	
Class 69	Collection of Dahlias	
1st	Judy Zinni, Credit Valley	
2nd	Barbara Downey, Nobleton, King City	
Class 70	Collection of Cut Herbs	
1st	Rosi Mikolajewski, Nepean	
2nd	Marie Decker, Oakville	
3rd	Sue Morley, Chinguacousy	



OHA Bursary Award Recipients

OHA. Scholarship Awarded May, 2008 in Ridgetown

President Jim Mabee presented the OHA Scholarship Award to James Toivonen. James is originally from British Columbia and graduated from the Univesity of Guelph Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, Ontario. His plans for the future are to move to Spain and start an apple orchard.

OHA Scholarship Awarded October, 2007 in Guelph

President Jim Mabee presented the OHA Scholarship Award to Christine Tobin of Portugal Cove, Newfoundland at the University of Guelph's fall awards presentation. After completion of her course, Christine plans to return to Portugal Cove and plans to work in a greenhouse after graduation.

Ontario Horticultural Association established the scholarship in 1999. It is presented to a B. Sc. student in the agricultural program who has excelled in courses in horticultural science and has completed six of eight semesters.



In Search of the Blue Poppy...



Members of District 5 horticultural societies and garden clubs gathered at the entrance to Reford Gardens, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, east of Rimouski. After leaving Toronto in the early hours of July 7th, we had travelled over 1 300 km to see the blue poppies for which the gardens are famous. The poppies are only one of over 3 000 species and varieties of native exotic plants that grow in Reford's 40 acres. Along the way, there was a side trip to a garden near Quebec City, Domaine Joly-de Lotbinière, an often overlooked oasis of calm, horticultural beauty, and song birds. A stay in Quebec City, a visit to a teaching garden in St-Hyacinthe, and a tour of the Montreal Botanical Gardens rounded out the return trip. Of course, there was the scenery to enjoy along

the way, from the familiar Ontario landscape to the wide-open eastern townships of Quebec and the wind-blown St. Lawrence shores in the western Gaspé. And for some excitement, there was an unscheduled blowout of one of the bus' rear tires at 100 km/h on Highway 20, east of Quebec City. Four and a half days after that early morning departure, we were back in Toronto, and ready to unload the myriad of memories contained in our cameras.

Malcolm Geast District 5 Director

In Memoriam Book

OHA would like to extend a special thank you to Alex McIntosh for his initiative in starting the *In Memoriam Book*. He has spent 13 years taking great care in entering the names of departed members and sending an acknowledgement to a member of the family of the name being included in the book. He brings this book to every convention for members to see and remains with the book throughout each convention.

Donations can be made to the *In Memoriam Fund* and a charitable tax receipt will be issued to you. Gifts for **In Memoriam** require a minimum donation of \$25.00. Donations to this fund go toward tree planting. Alex's replacement is **Joanne Hill-Atkinson, 4 Montour Place, Brantford N3R 5E5 519-753-4325** joanne.hill-atkinson@cibc.ca As reported at the 2008 Convention, there are now 560 deceased people who have been honoured by 100 of our 284 Societies or by individual friends. It should be noted that names may be submitted for family members, friends, or

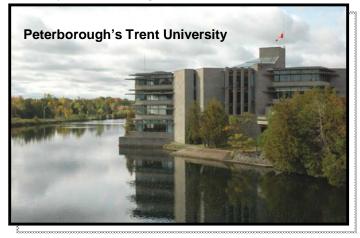
neighbours who enjoyed gardening. They need not have been Society members. It should also be noted that if Societies wish to have deceased members' names read out at the annual convention, they must notify the OHA secretary in writing. Names with donations for the Memorial Book will **not** be forwarded for the convention announcement.

Donor's Name & Address	
	P.C.
Name of Deceased	Year died
If you wish a family member to be notified	ed, give the full name and address.
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Mail with your cheque (payable to the O Joanne Hill-Atkinson, 4 Montour Place,	

Join us for the OHA's 103rd Convention In Peterborough

Nestled on the banks of the Otonabee River is Trent University, our home for the 103rd OHA Convention. From July 10th to 12th, 2009, District 4 welcomes you to stay in the residence at the new Gzowski College where you will be handy to all the planned functions. Sign up for a boat tour of Peterborough's famous Lift Lock. Our banquet speaker will be Martin Galloway.

Many come to Peterborough and the surrounding area to escape the busy cities and to relax. Why not make a vacation of the Convention? Stay awhile and explore. Whether you come for the business of the OHA or to spend time with friends, be prepared to be well cared for next July in Peterborough.



'Remember Yesterday – Protect Tomorrow'



AND THE WINNER IS.... ALONG WITH ANOTHER OFFER FROM GARDENIMPORT

During the convention banquet in Brampton, we were very pleased to announce the winner of the free presentation by Dugald Cameron, president of Gardenimport. The contest was based on per capita membership to be fair for all societies. And the winner is... **Ambassador Horticultural Society** in Windsor, District 11 with 80.39% of the membership signing up for catalogues. For your information, next in line was Rosseau Horticultural Society (District 18) with 62.50%, followed by Parry Sound Horticultural Society (District 18) with 50.96%. Thank you for participating! It was meant to be fun and it was an opportunity for you to be part of the contest, or not. It turns out some societies continue to send Dugald lists. Therefore, Gardenimport extends the gift certificate offer.

Dugald Cameron writes: Last year we offered a *free* subscription to our catalogues to members of the OHA. In return we sent a \$25 Gift Certificate to each society that sent us 25 names & addresses of members who didn't currently receive our catalogues. The deadline was July 31, 2008 but we have heard from a few societies since who were still interested. So we have extended our offer as follows:

Each Society who sends us 25 names (or more) and addresses of members interested in our catalogues (but not currently receiving them) will receive a \$25 Gardenimport Gift Certificate. The free subscriptions will start with our Spring 2009 Catalogue. The deadline is December 1, 2008 (The complimentary speaker event offer has been won and not offered this time). This should be distributed to your membership through the same channels as before with the society president or appointed board member forwarding the list to us by December $1^{st}/08$.

For further information, contact your district director. Still have questions? Contact: <u>flower@gardenimport.com</u>. Website: <u>www.gardenimport.com</u> Congratulations to Ambassador Horticultural Society AND to Gardenimport, celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and becoming a member of the OHA's "Garden Circle".

Liisa Wolfgram Past President 2006-2007

Thanking our Volunteers!

Denise Edward, our former OMAFRA rep, said it best – "The group that is most critical of volunteers is other volunteers." And of course we should all know better because being volunteers ourselves, we know that there is no compensation and little thanks. In fact, instead of praise volunteers hear criticism of what could have been done better. Often we single out what went wrong and ignore all the things that went smoothly.

Let's all make an effort to turn this around and find ways to thank, compliment, and respect the volunteers who plan our meetings, garden tours, plant sales, conferences, etc. Anyone who has organized an event knows how much work and time it takes. So when something goes awry – and we all know that Murphy's Law dictates that if something can go wrong it will – don't be so quick to sound off. Even if you're not assigning blame, the organizers have taken ownership of that event and will feel badly enough when problems occur without hearing grumblings from the masses.

That is not to say that constructive criticism is not welcome. Everyone knows that there is always room for improvement – as long as the feedback is legitimate, helpful, and politely worded.

So let's save our complaints for the weather and think only positive thoughts around our hardworking fellow OHA volunteers. After all, the rule - *If you can do better, do it yourself!* - still applies.

Mary Ann Van Berlo Gloucester Horticultural Society







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