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President's Message

It has been a year of meeting many wonderful people in Ontario and discussing their interests in horticulture.

Even though people live very busy lives, it is good to see that horticulture still plays an important role in today's society. With the return to the family garden plot, many generations are finding an interest in this healthy endeavor.

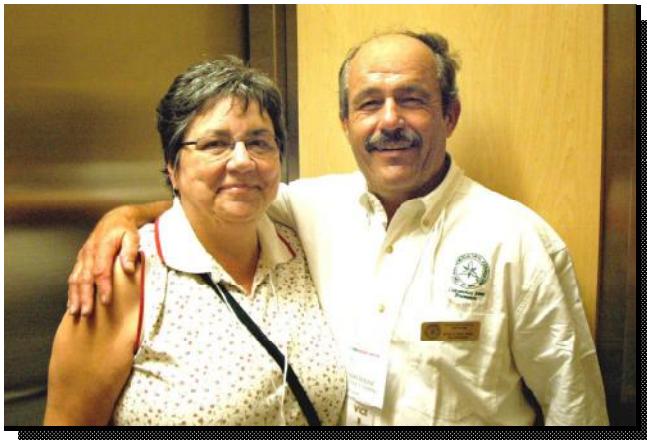
I want to thank and mention some of the individuals that have assisted me and given me advice over the course of the year. Don Matthews (Past President's Council), Vickie Weimer (1st Vice President), Carol Dunk (2nd Vice President), Janet Moyser (OHA Secretary), Sharon Hill (OHA Treasurer), Ken Fink (Past President) and Jim Mabey. I would like to also thank the nineteen District Directors who have given excellent support and have been good team players.

As Ontario Horticultural Association volunteer members, our focus should remain on the goals, purpose, and mission of the Association. The history of the OHA is well imbedded in the history of Ontario. Through reflection on this, we can look to a prosperous future.

It has been an honour and privilege to be your 2010 President and it will leave me with fond and lasting memories.

Looking forward to seeing you at the convention in Barrie.

Kees Stryland
President
Ontario Horticultural Association



Kees and his wife Suzanne



On behalf of the District 4 Executive we would like to give a huge thank you to John Sellers for all his commitment and dedication in helping us achieve many goals during his time on our board. We wish him success in his next venture.

Rose Odell
District 4 Director

From the Secretary's Desk

We've had a very unusual spring this year...summer-like temperatures then returning back to winter weather and blizzards. However, the gardens seem to have survived the indecisive weather.

The Spring Trillium mailing includes detailed information about the Barrie Convention along with a registration form. The convention is being held at Georgian College, in Barrie on August 13th & 14th. The theme is ***Everything Old is New Again*** and it is advisable to register early, especially if you are interested in taking part in the exciting tours that are being offered. The Registrar and Treasurer greatly appreciate registrations that are received well in advance of the deadline!

Enclosed with this issue are the following Convention documents: Minutes of the 2009 Convention, the resolutions that will be presented, a form for the new Q&A portion of the program, and proxy voting information. If your Proxy authorization form is completed and returned by July 15, the society proxy voting cards will be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk. Please review these attachments, along with the 2nd Vice President nominations included in this issue, with your society members as these items will be presented at the Barrie convention.

Have a safe journey to the Convention and I'll look forward to meeting you there.

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Nominating Committee Report

It with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee forwards a full slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Barrie in 2010.

VICKIE WIEMER, OHA 1st Vice President, has consented to let her name stand and move up the ladder to President.

CAROL DUNK, OHA 2nd Vice President, has consented to let her name stand and move up to 1st Vice President.

At this time, two nominations have come forward for the position of 2nd Vice President. The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that **SHEILA KING** of District 2, and **JOHN SELLERS** of District 4 have been duly and properly nominated by their districts. An election will take place at the 2010 convention in Barrie on August 13th -14th, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by **Ken Fink, OHA Past President & Nominating Committee Chair**

John Sellers

I would like to offer myself in nomination for Second Vice President of the OHA. I have been an active member of the OHA Board for six years, have a thorough understanding of how it operates, and have had much experience in chairing and organizing meetings. As OHA Director of District 4, I have acted as Chair or Co-Chair of the Constitution Committee since 2004 and co-chaired the revision of the OHA constitution in 2005/06. Those of you who have attended recent conventions will know me as the chair for the debates on constitutional revisions and fee increase. I am presently the Board member on the Organizational Advisory Panel reviewing the manner in which OHA operates.

My concerns for our future in OHA are: increasing our membership, staffing, and improving and streamlining the delivery of our services, perhaps through reorganization.

As District 4 Director, I chaired the organizing committee of the 2009 Convention in Peterborough. Last year's convention was a considerable success as a result of the tireless efforts of the District 4 Convention Committee and our volunteers. After retiring from the Toronto Board of Education where I held various positions of responsibility, I was appointed as a Member of the federal Immigration and Refugee Board. There I sat as a refugee claims judge in centres from Newfoundland to Alberta.

Upon my second 'retirement' in 1994, my wife Jill and I moved from the city and became members of the Colborne, now Cramahe, Horticultural Society. I became a Director and later was elected as President in 1998. I served five years as Assistant Director of District 4 before being elected Director in 2004.

Please consider me for Second Vice President when you cast your ballots at the convention this year in Barrie.

Sheila King

I was born in the beautiful County of Essex, England, privileged to be the daughter of two extraordinary gardeners. I learned from childhood to grow flowers and food for the table, and I continue to grow, show, and share to this day. Educated in Mechanical Engineering, I have worked and gardened on both sides of the Atlantic. Surviving a varied career in design engineering in what is mainly a man's world, I was never unemployed. My last ten years of full time paid occupation involved managing a successful consulting company. OHA would greatly benefit from my experiences and knowledge gained during my career.

With many years of volunteerism and service on boards of Horticultural Societies, I have proven to be a useful and capable organizer. I served three years as Assistant Director and two years as District Director for District 2 and took an active part in the 2006 OHA Centennial Convention. My seat on the OHA board gave me insight into the workings of the OHA. Presently I have the honour of chairing an OHA Judging School, training students from three districts. It has become apparent that it will be necessary to update the teaching requirements, testing, and continuing education of our judges. As the most recent Judging "guru" I would be the ideal candidate to head up a committee to investigate this important part of OHA life.

OHA must consider change over the next few years, restructuring and re-engineering along the way, growing in membership numbers, and giving our members what they and their societies want.

Aided by my past career knowledge and years of horticultural knowledge, my commitment to "*growing to show and showing what I grow; sharing and teaching*". I know I can be a strong and dedicated nominee and a valuable addition to the board of OHA. Please consider me for this position and entrust me with your vote.

Meet the New Directors

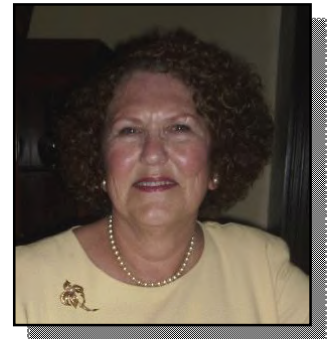


Rose Odell – District 4

My name is Rose Odell and I have lived in the wonderful town of Campbellford, Ontario since 1995, although we really bought our home in 1991. My husband Ron and I moved here to retire after living in Scarborough for 20 years and chose this community by chance on a detour from Ottawa to Colbourne while visiting family. We both joined Campbellford & District Horticultural Society in 1999 and were quickly asked to be on the board of directors. Sadly in 2003 my husband passed away. It is very easy to become a volunteer in any community and I quickly found many areas that complimented each other in taking care of the environment and the people of our town. In 2005 -2007 I served as President of our society and in April of 2006 I joined the District 4 board as Assistant Director. Being on a team with John Sellers (pictured at left) has been a learning experience, especially with hosting the OHA Convention in 2009. We were very grateful that John extended his term to accomplish this task. As Director for District 4, I look forward to getting to know the other directors on a more personal level and in bringing new ideas to our members.

Shirley Robson – District 14

I was raised in Cornwall, Ontario. After marrying my husband we moved to Nipigon and lived there for 12 years. Another move brought us to Thunder Bay in 1987. I now consider myself a Northerner since I've lived more than half my life in the north. I've always had my hands in the dirt so to speak. My brother bought a house in the country and the following spring mother and I had quite the garden of vegetables. I still garden and serve on horticultural committees, filling in as recording secretary. I became Society President in 2008 and am now a new District 14 Director. My career was with Health and Welfare Canada before transferring north. In Nipigon I worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources and transferred to the same ministry in Thunder Bay. In 2001 I took advantage of a retirement package. I am an active volunteer in my community, serving on the Allocations Committee for the United Way, as Team Captain and canvasser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and helping out with data entries at their office. I joined the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society in 1994 at the request of my next door neighbour to help out with garden visits and I've never regretted it. I take every opportunity to share my passion for gardening and my knowledge with my granddaughter. It is an honour and a pleasure to represent District 14.



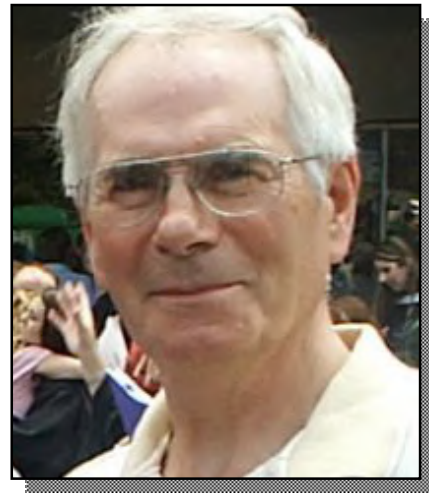
Judith Rogers – District 16

I was a late blooming gardener as neither of my parents had the time or inclination to garden. The extent of flowers at our home was a row of petunias along the driveway. After my husband and I bought our first home, I eagerly got my hands dirty and pretty much winged it as I didn't know much. Canadian Gardening, Family Circle, and Women's Day were about the only magazines with gardening articles back then and they were quickly absorbed as often as I could find them. Pouring over the pictures helped me decide on how to shape my beds and which plants to choose. In the late 90s, having moved to another house, I joined the local horticultural society where I served as secretary and president. This opened the door to further information and new friends. Still craving a deeper knowledge of gardening, I applied to become a Master Gardener. The training and associations formed with this group encouraged me to finally achieve what I had been searching for and that was the gratification of becoming an educated gardener, worthy of sharing my knowledge. I have been a freelance garden writer with a weekly column since 2001 and write for other publications on occasion. Organic methods are important to us as our property is a certified wildlife habitat; one without grass in the back or front I might add, and we've included many native plants. Joining our District 16 board came as a sense of duty to me as I care about the future of our societies, particularly for them to remain successful and able to attract new members.

Roland Craig - District 10

I came to Canada from Scotland in 1973 to set up a new life for myself and my family. Gardening wasn't a priority at that time although I always maintained a vegetable garden and some flower gardens. My mother worked on farms for over 30 years and I helped out at my Grandfather's farms as a boy during vacations. Jump to today and I'm taking on 24 clubs in District 10 which I realize is a big task. For the last 14 years I have been a serious gardener on the 1 1/2 acre property called Rosehaven where I host numerous garden tours.

As you can probably guess I grow a lot of roses - 450 at the present time. I have become quite an expert on these beautiful flowers and I give presentations to horticultural clubs on these as well as my other love, Dahlias, of which I presently maintain about 70. In addition I have a large vegetable garden. I am a member of nine horticultural clubs, President of William Saunders Rose Society, a National Roses Canada certified judge with some international experience, and an OHA judge. I am also a regular entrant in shows with many awards to my credit. The task ahead is something I will do my best to fulfill over the next five years although I have some large shoes to fill in following Anna Peterson.



Carole Spraggett – District 15



In the early nineties I met a horticulture guru who was a member of the Brampton Horticultural Society and he encouraged me to become a member. My husband and I had recently planted a large new garden with plant material I knew nothing about, so it seemed like a good idea. Before I knew it I was a Director. I participated in many of the activities, community gardens, plant sales, and flower shows. I was the City Liaison for community projects and partnerships. I then became 2nd VP & 1st VP in quick succession. I served approximately 3 1/2 years as President, at which time we developed the Front Garden Recognition Awards, which to date has recognized 3,000 Brampton residents for their contribution to beautifying their community.

At the request of the Boys and Girls Club of Peel, I started both a Community Garden and an after school gardening program for children at risk. While I was President, District 15 Director Liisa Wolfgram invited me to be Assistant Director for Peel, a position I have held until I became

Director at the beginning of May. With a group of like minded directors and members we have maintained the Kids' Garden at the Successful Gardening Show each spring for the past few years. I have been the City of Brampton's Communities in Bloom/Winter Lights Volunteer Community Chair for the past five years, working with the community and city at the international level of the competition.

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OHA's 18th Annual Successful Gardening Show International Centre, Mississauga

It was another "successful gardening" OHA show and the committee continues to come up with new ideas each year to keep the flower show and events fresh. Due to the economic times and conflicting dates with Canada Blooms, our show space was moved in to Hall 3 of the International Centre. We were the first exhibit area visitors experienced when they walked in to the show, and they got an eyeful!

The show committee extends a thank you to Showcase Marketing president Paul Newdick, and all his staff for the 5620 sq. ft. of space, skirted tables, curtains, carpeting, and special lighting. We also appreciated the extra space across the aisle to accommodate show classes and the Ontario Horticultural Association booth, to mention just a few of the courtesies extended to us during the show. We thank them as well for hosting our judges' luncheon. We extend our gratitude for \$2672.00 in exhibitor prize money and our demonstrator honoraria.

We recognize and thank the publicists, Linda Crane Communications and Kim Graham and Associates, for including us in the press packages and encouraging the media to visit our show area. This year they arranged for interviews with society members (both new and experienced gardeners) to promote joining your local horticultural society. Articles appeared in the National Post and local community newspapers.

We appreciate all of our volunteers who offered to sit at the OHA booth promoting our societies. It seemed to me they all enjoyed the experience very much. This event is much like a family reunion. Great to talk with old friends once again, from other districts too!

Congratulations are extended to all of our exhibitors and the show committee thanks everyone for their support.

The theme this year was "Magic. A few details:

Invitational Class: "Illusions" a free-standing design, not to exceed 7' in height:

1 st	Margaret Galamb	Etobicoke H.S. #15
2 nd	Pat Ware	North Toronto H.S. #5
3 rd	Mary Ann Vercammen	Newmarket H.S.. #5
HM	Cathy Faber Rowlands	Etobicoke H.S. #15
HM	Marie Decker	Oakville H.S. #6

Society Class: "Abracadabra" Pot Et Fleur

1 st	North Toronto H.S.	#5
2 nd	Oakville H.S.	#6
3 rd	Aurora Garden & H.S.	#5
HM	Streetsville H.S.	#15
HM	Georgetown H.S.	#6

We were very proud of our demonstrators, who encouraged the audience to make their own floral designs at home or to create their own spring planters. Show management received very positive responses from visitors once again. The show committee applauds:

"Simple and Effective Floral Designs for your Home"

Daphne Van Ginkell	Cloverleaf Garden Club #15
Judy Zinni	Credit Valley H.S. #15

"How to Design your own Planter"

Julie Forbes	North Toronto H.S. #5
Mary Audia	North Toronto H.S. #5

Pulling it all together wouldn't have been possible without the show committee. All team players have an enthusiastic, positive attitude. They each have their own 'niche' and run with it. I'm so lucky to have the following people on the committee, and they all agreed to stay on board for next year's show if I remain chair. It's such a pleasure to work with these people.

My respect and admiration to Ruth Bender, Lotte Brunner, Wendy Gay, Gera Koster, Heinke Zemancik, Dawn Teal, Barb O'Malley and Celia Roberts. We have fun working together and are proud when we look at the show and how well it represents the Ontario Horticultural Association's talented members and affiliated groups. That's what it's all about, isn't it?

We encourage you to visit the show, take part, and/or represent your society by entering the show. We promote all societies in our Association!

We are honoured to have our sister organization members from the Garden Clubs of Ontario participate and judge our shows. The president of Garden Clubs of Ontario, Elaine Mayo, was the accredited design judge this year. Elizabeth Schleicher from Burlington Horticultural Society was our accredited horticultural judge. Job well done team!

Liisa Wolfgram, Show Committee Chair

OHA Team at Successful Gardening



Back, left to right: Heinke Zemancik (Credit Valley), Wendy Gay (registrar, Roselands), Barb O'Malley (Credit Valley), Gera Koster (Etobicoke), Lotte Brunner (Cloverleaf), Liisa Wolfram (Credit Valley), Celia Roberts (Oakville)
Seated: Dawn Teal (Roselands), Ruth Bender (Chinguacousy)

Ridgetown is Blogging!

The members of the **Ridgetown Horticultural Society** invite you to visit their blog:

www.ridgetownhorticulturalsociety.blog.ca

Our blog was one year old on March 23rd, 2010 and we are delighted with the response so far. We have many readers, not only among our own members, but also from far and wide.

It is an eclectic collection of gardening and plant related topics. Please come and visit us on our blog! We welcome your comments. Feel free to re-use any of the articles that may be of interest to you, with our compliments.



You can also follow us on Twitter - "LightSoilWater" and on Facebook: "Ridgetown Horticultural Society".

Elaine McEwen
Secretary and Blogmaster
Ridgetown & District Horticultural Society

Convention 2010

August 13 and 14
Georgian College, Barrie, Ontario

Convention information: 705-737-0147 or
http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2010_convention_program_overview.pdf

Competitions: <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/com.php>

Accommodation:
<http://summersuites.ca/pages/reservations.htm>

Registration: http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php

Harriston Society Receives Award



The Minto Chamber of Commerce held its first Business Achievement Awards night. At the banquet the Harriston and District Horticultural Society received the Outstanding Organization Award sponsored by the Harriston Home Hardware. In the photo from the left are John & Patti Mock, owners/operators of the Home Hardware, Linda Campbell, a past president, and Margaret Reidt, the current society president. The Harriston and District Horticultural Society has been working in the community for 58 years doing its part to make Harriston a beautiful place in which to live.

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Ideas for Growing Society Membership

During our 2009 Fall District Advisory Council meeting we discussed various ways to attract new members and retain current ones. The ideas are listed below. Are you a board member of a Society? I ask you to add to your board agenda a discussion on growing membership. Use the ideas below as a starting point. Set a goal and put a plan in place of specific ways you can grow your membership.

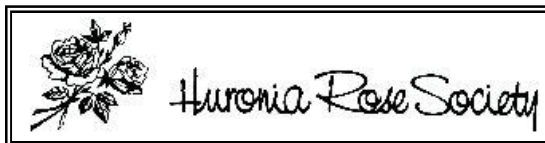
- Bring in special speakers. Have a discounted admission price for members and higher admission for non-members.
- Apply any visitor fee toward the membership fee if the visitor joins.
- Encourage members to bring a friend. Have a draw for new and old members.
- Distribute brochures and flyers at community events, libraries, stores and garden centres.
- Encourage members to invite friends, family and work colleagues to meetings, sales, and shows.
- Conduct a door to door membership drive. Deep River Horticultural Society does this and has a very high rate of membership in its village.
- Keep in touch with members via e-mail. Most new members have e-mail. Remind them of meetings and other events so that they are encouraged to take part.
- Have discounts for members, like at plant sales. Spending money at the plant sale = a free membership.
- Use name tags.
- Have meeting greeters. The greeters can help give out name tags.
- Pair new and old members.
- Identify new members in some way so that other members can welcome them.
- Survey membership to see what members want – speakers, workshops, etc.
- Utilize groups such as Welcome Wagon, New Canadians, etc.
- Advertise in the local paper for new members and write articles about your speakers.
- Have various contests such as photography and award prizes, eg free membership.
- Allow new members to sign up at your plant sales and other events. Never refuse a membership due to a lack of forms or the time of year. Get the new member signed up right away.
- At society plant sales, have a flyer ready to give to the public with each sale.
- Inform guests how to sign up as new members at each meeting. They may not be aware.
- Make sure new members get an introduction letter telling them about the society and inviting them to get involved. New members who feel welcome and know what's going on are more likely to renew. Invite new members to help at your plant sales. They are one of the best places to meet other members.
- Send an e-mail or letter to lapsed members – they may want to rejoin.
- Find out what discounts you have with local garden centres. Make your members aware of them. List the discounts on the back of your membership cards.
- Have a half year membership.
- Buy a new membership. Give the membership amount back in free plants.
- Encourage photographers from other clubs to enter your society photography competitions.

**Make the growth of membership a priority.
Put together a plan,
follow it up,
and you will see your Society membership grow!**

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The OHA Welcomes its Newest Associate Member ...



The old adage "*You can't grow roses north of Toronto*" was proven wrong by the many members of **Huronian Rose Society** who have been enjoying gardening with roses over the years. Also, our annual rose shows testify to the excellent roses grown in Huronia.

As early as the first year of existence we have held an annual Rose Show, an evening tour of members' gardens, and published a newsletter called "*Rose Petals*" several times a year as a reminder of upcoming meetings and events. Over the years, the annual Rose Show has been of great interest to members and the area's residents.

Public meetings are held, featuring informative speakers on all aspects of growing roses and other gardening techniques, for sharing problems and successes, as well as socializing with rosarians from the Huronia area. A lending library of rose resource information (including copies of Canadian Rose Society's publications) is available for members. Since Barrie's Floral Emblem is a red rose, two HRS members have been invited to sit on the Communities in Bloom committee. Through this involvement, we have had several opportunities to promote our Rose Society.

In the spring of 2000, when the Barrie White Rose Nursery established a rose garden at Barrie's Royal Victoria Hospital, planted with a new rose variety introduced by White Rose called "*Royal Victoria Hospital Rose*", a fund-raising venture for the hospital, members of Huronia Rose Society assisted with the planting. For several years we had sought a location to establish a rose garden of hardy Canadian Roses. In 2000 as a Millennium project, our Millennium Memorial Rose Bed was created as a gift to the city and an educational project to promote growing Canadian bred roses. The city donated and prepared the garden and members donated the cost of 28 roses in memory of loved ones.

Each year a fund-raising sale of rose bushes to members and friends was organized and still continues. In 2000 a sale of rose bushes to the public was held at the Barrie Farmers' Market, focusing on hardy Canadian roses and this successful event has been repeated each May since.

Our first rose garden tour was offered to the public in 2000. "*Huronian Roses: A Garden Tour*" featured ten gardens in the Barrie area. Each one featured roses but also many other wonderful garden plants, each one different. Over 100 visitors had a delightful Sunday enjoying our members' gardens.

Millennium Memorial Garden, Southshore Centre, Barrie



This garden of hardy Canadian roses was established in 2000 and is maintained by volunteers of the Huronia Rose Society. In 2003 a low wall of Owen Sound rock was created with help from the City of Barrie. In the summer of 2006 a display case was placed in front of the roses with a garden guide identifying each of the kinds of roses in the garden. It has a shelf underneath the case where the society book marks are available to the public. These book marks give the current year's society information, meeting and Rose Show dates, roses for sale at Farmers' Market, society contacts.

Growing Roses in a New Era

(Huronia Rose Society's Tips for growing roses in your garden without a lot of work)

Huronia Rose Society's first objective is to "Promote interest in and create a love for, the care and cultivation of the rose". Rose gardeners have been told in the years since W.W.II that a heavy regime of spraying roses with many chemicals must be followed to prevent insects and diseases and produce the perfect rose. For some people this made the growing of roses a burden rather than a pleasure, and we now realize it also caused a health risk that need not be taken.

As members of the Huronia Rose Society, we have been proponents for sometime of organic rose growing and rose care. Now, in 2009, as residents of Ontario, the pesticides and insecticides that used to be available, won't be. So if we haven't been gardening environmentally in the past, we certainly will have to be now. By following good gardening practices when planning a garden with roses, one builds a good foundation for beautiful, healthy roses without spending hours every week caring for them when you could be relaxing and enjoying them.

The following guide will help the home gardener to grow roses to enjoy their beauty and to share their roses with others while not being a slave to your garden unless that is your passion above all else!

Pointers for Beginning a Rose Garden

- Choose a well-drained location, with good garden soil enriched with compost or very well aged manure.
- A minimum of six hours of sunlight is essential
- Good air circulation is desirable, but not too windy a location (a fence can be installed on the windy side)
- Buy well-grown, hardy rose bushes that have been grown in Ontario. There are Ontario rose nurseries that one can visit or ask the garden centre where their rose bushes have been produced. The Huronia Rose Society sells hardy rose bushes each Sat. in May at the Barrie Farmers' Market and at the Orillia Farmers' Market, at least one Sat. in May.
- Plant the bush with the graft (where the roots join the main stems) at least 3" to 4" below the surface of the flower bed.
- Water well for a month after planting, and if rain is scarce throughout the summer, water deeply weekly..
- Mulch with compost, bark chips, etc. to hold in the moisture and prevent weeds from growing.
- For detailed instructions on planting and caring for rose bushes, see the pamphlet "Your Guide for Planting and Caring for a Rose Garden", produced by the Huronia Rose Society.

Tips to Grow Roses Organically

For new Rose Gardens

- Choose healthy bushes, with no sign of diseases with smooth, green (or red – some roses have red canes) bark, not dried out from poor watering.
- Some rose bushes are more resistant to insects and diseases than others. Any rose that has Rosa rugosa in its background is one of the best. The foliage will have a "quilted" appearance, to indicate the rugosa trait. Examples are Blanc Double de Coubert, Hansa, Jens Munk*, Martin Frobisher*, Therese Bugnet *.
Roses with leaves that have shiny surface with thick texture are less susceptible to insects and diseases.
- Follow the tips below throughout the growing season.

*Canadian roses – extremely hardy as well.

For Existing Rose Gardens

- In early spring, when the daytime temperatures are around ten degrees, and no rain for 24 hours, an application of dormant spray should be applied to the rose bushes and the ground around them. This is a kit with two kinds of natural ingredients:– lime-sulphur which kills any over-wintering disease spores, and a horticultural oil to smother

any over-wintering insects. Do this when the little leaf buds are red, but not yet showing green growth as these ingredients are applied at a strong rate.

- Grow healthy roses, watering when necessary to give approximately 1 inch of water per week. Early morning waterings are best, as having foliage wet going into night encourages diseases.
- Be sure to keep all debris gathered off the surface of the ground so any possible insects or diseases don't have a hiding place.
- A quick look over the roses once a day will keep one ahead of any major insect or disease problems.
- Planting the annual plant "Sweet Alyssum" around the edge of a garden acts as an attraction to a beneficial insect that keeps Saw Fly larva away.
- A handful of Epsom Salts once or twice in spring and early summer helps to produce healthy bushes.

Insect Control

- Hand picking insects such as aphids, or green worms will control most insects. If one is planning a holiday and a few insects are seen, one may use insecticidal soap as a spray to get rid of a potential problem while one is gone.
- A strong spray from the hose will dislodge small insects.

Disease Control

- Neem Oil is a natural insecticide and fungicide that can be used when a problem seems to be developing
- A dilute form of the lime-sulphur in the dormant spray can be used against fungus diseases such as black spot. Follow directions.

OR

- Mix 1 tsp. of baking soda in 1 quart of water, stir well, and leave over night. Pour off the clear liquid into the sprayer so the burning salts on the bottom are not used. This will help prevent diseases on the foliage. Black spot fungi like a neutral ph. Therefore if you make leaf surfaces either acidic (lime sulphur) or alkaline (baking soda) it will discourage growth of the spores that cause the disease. We at HRS wish for everyone beautiful roses without a lot of work. Sometimes we can accept a few insects or a bit of disease without dragging out a lot of equipment.

Enjoy the beauty and fragrance of your roses and enjoy a clean, healthy environment to live in.

COMPANION PLANT FOR 2010

The Huronia Rose Society has chosen the Companion Plant for 2010 to grow with your roses. It is the annual plant -Sweet Alyssum. **Sweet Alyssum** is a ground-hugging plant that likes the same growing conditions as roses. It has many attributes:

- Attracts parasitic insects that attack caterpillar or worms that may bother your roses. It is an excellent organic insect control.
- Blooms all season.
- Very fragrant.
- Forms a perfect round mound to use as a border around your rose garden, making an attractive edging.
- Some varieties are trailing and can be grown in hanging baskets or mixed containers.
- Comes in white (*Snow Crystals* is a recommended variety), rose, lavender, purples, and blues.

Visit the Huronia Rose Society's website for more resources, advice, and coming events....

<http://www.huroniarose.usethis.com/>

Stoney Creek Donates to OBA

Our speaker in March, Walter Zimmermann, requested that we make a donation to the Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) in lieu of his speaker's fee. Walter spoke on ***Bees and Honey*** which proved to be a very interesting topic as shown by our attendance that evening (56). Below is the letter we received from Maureen VanderMarel of the OBA:

*On behalf of Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) we wish to thank the **Stoney Creek Garden Club & Horticultural Society** for the generous donation to the OBA Tech Transfer Program. The presentation was made at the well attended March 27 OBA Spring Meeting. Your donation will be used to support education and research of good beekeeping practices. OBA's mandate is to "keep beekeepers beekeeping." The bees will continue to pollinate and help your horticultural product flourish. Thanks for your support!*



Pictured left to right: Walter Zimmermann, Beekeeper; Janet Tam, OBA Tech Transfer Specialist; Tim Greer, OBA President

Kathy Ward,
Stoney Creek Garden Club & Horticultural Society

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Leaside Celebrates 20 Years at Lyndhurst



This year, the **Leaside Garden Society** celebrates twenty years of planting and maintaining the gardens at the Toronto Rehab - Lyndhurst Centre in Toronto. The project was initiated shortly after the society was formed and has continued since then under the direction and assistance of some very dedicated volunteers. Every Monday morning during the growing season, the volunteers meet to plant, weed, prune, and water the perennial and annual flower beds.

There are seven gardens in total, and their contents range from dramatic grasses to dainty rock phlox, from sun-loving daisies to shade-tolerant ferns and hostas, and complemented by plantings of annual begonias. In 2006 Lyndhurst received a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation for the creation of a therapy garden for the patients.

The Leaside Garden Society played a major role in planting the new gardens and the patio, gazebos, raised gardens, and ground-level flower beds are now part of the beautiful grounds to be enjoyed by patients and visitors.

The Lyndhurst Rehab Centre will be on the Leaside Garden Tour this June, which is a nice way to show off this project to the public and to recognize the 20 years of volunteer work done by the society.

Barry Schneider,
Director, Community Planting/Outreach

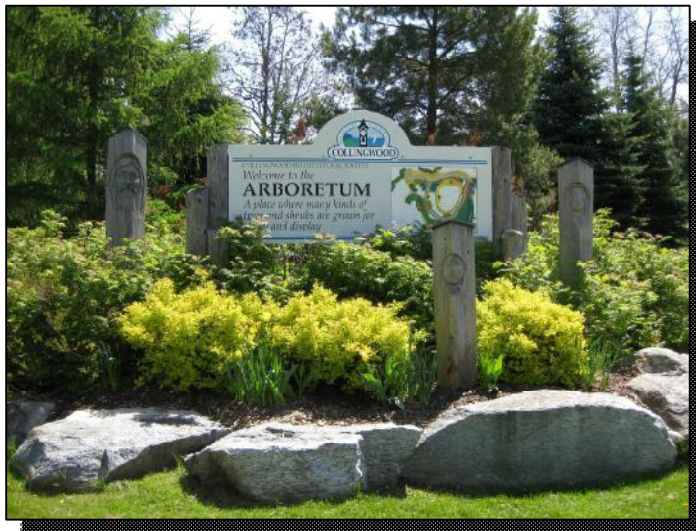
Collingwood Horticultural Society - The Arboretum

For many years the Collingwood Horticultural Society dreamed of creating a beautiful arboretum - a place for quiet retreat and thoughtful contemplation, a place for learning about and appreciating the importance of trees. For many years it was just that - a dream.

In 1995 two generous legacies were bequeathed to the Collingwood Horticultural Society. The vision that was once a dream became a possibility.

The search was on for the perfect location. On the southern shores of Georgian Bay five acres of land, once an industrial dump, lay stockpiled with rubble, broken glass, and carpet remnants. Five acres stockpiled with evidence of our wasteful industrial revolution - five acres waiting to be reclaimed. With support from the Town of Collingwood and donations from membership and the community, the vision became reality. The area was cleared of much of the rubbish and soil was brought in to topdress the area. The membership worked hard.

Over the years a variety of coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs have been planted. To date, 140 trees, most indigenous to North America and this area, have established their roots in that topsoil brought in 13 years ago. There are 80 different tree families with many cultivars of the same species to illustrate the difference in shape, appearance, and growing habit. Imagine, six different species of oak, a Paperbark Maple, a Black Tupelo, a Tulip Tree, and one of the oldest trees known to mankind, the Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo).



At the centre of the location is a pergola, a lovely vantage point for looking out onto Georgian Bay, the Georgian Trails, the Boardwalk, and Harbourview Park. Of interest, the steel columns supporting this structure were clad with bricks recycled from the original Collingwood Station when it was rebuilt. Throughout the Arboretum are benches for sitting and reflecting as the birds chirp all about, even a little bench for the wee tots. At the water feature birds bathe and take a quick drink (as do our canine friends who wander through with their owners).

This beautiful Arboretum is testament to the many years of dedication and hard work by the Collingwood Horticultural Society membership. It is also a community affair with high school students, other volunteer organizations, and local businesses all contributing to our yearly Earth Day clean-up, as well as the town providing much needed support when called upon. We can all share in and be proud of "our little gem".

This parcel of land is no longer an industrial dump but a lovely tree park on the southern shore of Georgian Bay. It is established and maintained for all to enjoy. On your next visit to Collingwood, we welcome you to visit our Arboretum located at the north end of Hickory Street.

Take a few minutes to relax with your picnic lunch and take in the beauty with your camera. Welcome!

CHS Arboretum Committee

Use Native Plants to Attract Butterflies to Your Garden

Sometimes called flying flowers, butterflies enchant all those who watch their erratic flights. Although the butterfly's metamorphosis may be mysterious, attracting butterflies to your garden is simple. Even better, the results are beautiful. What do butterflies need? Butterflies need food, shelter, warmth, and a suitable place to raise a family (in a rather absentee-parent way that's fashionable in butterflies).

Lasagna gardening is one way to achieve all those things. A lasagna –garden uses layers of materials to quickly produce a low maintenance garden. First pick a sunny sheltered spot to make your garden. Then you outline the area with string or a hose. On top of the grass, lay down cardboard or overlapping sheets of newspaper (at least 10 pages thick). In the next few years the cardboard will decay, but by then the grass will be dead. Next, you need to cover this area with at least one foot of soil or compost. Consider purchasing compost from your landfill. Since you have been diligently bringing those green bins to the curb each week, it is time to enjoy the fruits of your labour. You will also need some mulch, which your community may have depending on the season. Once the soil is placed, add a healthy layer of wood-chips - about two to four inches deep. Do not skimp on the mulch. Lots of mulch means little weeding.

Now comes the fun part - selecting the plants for your garden. There are two types of plants that are critical for attracting butterflies. They are host plants and nectar plants. Host plants are the ones that caterpillars munch on. The mother butterfly will fly from plant to plant tasting each with her feet until she finds the right one to lay her eggs on. Some butterfly species depend entirely on one type of host-plant. For example the life cycle of the Karner Blue butterfly depends solely on wild blue lupines. Since these plants have declined, the butterfly has become endangered. Nectar plants provide sweet fuel for the butterfly's search for a mate and the laying of eggs. Ideally you want a variety of nectar plants so some are flowering all year long. Violets flower in early spring, then rockcress, forget-me-nots, chives, and dianthus. Next come the summer-blooming yarrows, daisies, mallows, milkweeds, coneflower, and rudbeckia, followed finally by Joe Pye weed, goldenrods, and asters.

The diversity of native plant species should also be encouraged in your garden landscape to keep the butterflies coming to your garden



Kees Stryland, Conservation and Environment Committee

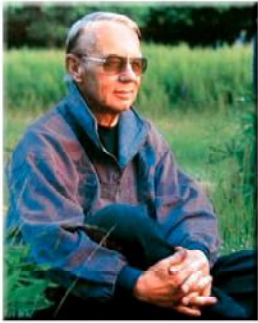
Dryden Hosts District 14 AGM

The **2010 District 14 AGM** was hosted by the **Dryden & District Horticultural Society** whose members also celebrated their 40th Anniversary. The AGM started on Friday evening with networking and a belly dancing demo, workshops all day Saturday around the "Lets go Green" theme, and concluded with a Sunday brunch at the local greenhouse. Participants made vermi-composters complete with red wigglers to take home.

Below, Joy Robinson (District 14 Past Secretary/ Treasurer), Marjorie Larson, (Past District 14 Director), and Marie Hynna (Assistant District 14 Director) have their photo taken with the new banner. Joy Robinson and Liz Lang made and donated the beautiful quilt that was auctioned off. On the left is happy winner Phyllis Garton of the Thunder Bay Society.



Coming Events



An Evening with Freeman Patterson

November 6th at 7:30 pm @ The Meeting House (2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville, ON)
Pre-Show Event 6:30 pm

JOIN internationally acclaimed photographer, teacher of visual design and writer Freeman Patterson for the inspirational show: Gardening with what you have. Freeman believes that just as "the best place to see and make photographs is wherever you are," the best place to garden is also wherever you are. No place is too unsuitable or too small, and success depends entirely on a person's imagination and common sense. Come and share this photographic celebration of gardening.

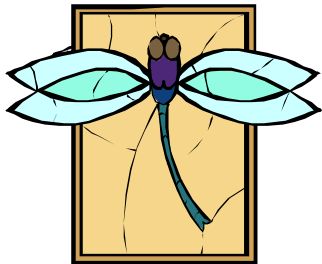
visit www.oakvillehort.org

This is an Oakville Horticultural Society fundraising event to support the redesign of the Anderson Bridge Parkette - a model for biodiverse gardening and the use of drought tolerant sustainable plants.

Ticket information: Regular seating: \$35.00

Tickets are available from the Oakville Horticultural Society,
Through the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts box office and online at:
www.oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm

Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society's Summer Garden Tour



Sunday, July 11th, 2010
12:30-4:30 p.m.
Tickets \$10.00

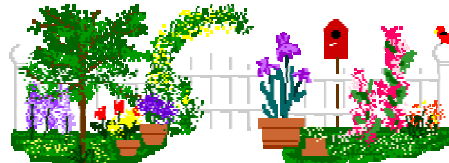
8-10 Country Gardens
in close proximity so you can take your time
enjoying their features.

Contact Jackie Powell at 705-325-0078

Open Gates Garden Tour

Enjoy a summer day strolling through eight beautiful private gardens in Richmond Hill, get ideas for your own large or small space, and meet members of the Richmond Hill Garden and Horticultural Society at its sixth annual
Open Gates Garden Tour.

Open Gates will take place, rain or shine, on **Saturday, June 26th** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets, with location maps and garden descriptions, are \$10 per person, children under 12 free (no strollers, please) and are available from late May at Flower Smart, 10520 Yonge St. (Richmond Heights Plaza), Hillcrest Florist (Hillcrest Mall), & Books on the Hill, 12 Centre St. East. Visit www.RichmondHillGardenSociety.org for more information.



It isn't easy being green!

Kermit the Frog

The Story Behind the Olympic Bouquets

During the Vancouver Winter Olympics, the unusual bouquets of flowers presented to each medalist on the podium - 1,800 in all - were all the same, made up of green spider mums with hypericum berries surrounded by leather-leaf fern, monkey grass, and aspidistra leaves. They were all made by **Just Beginning Flowers**, a non-profit company in Surrey that employs women who are just out of prison, abused, fighting addiction, or with special needs, and teaches them how to be florists.



VANOC wanted to wrap the bouquets in dried cedar but learned some people can have severe reactions to the oil found in the bark so the idea was nixed. Long stems of grey and white pussy willows, known for their furry catkins, that grow wild across the country were also considered but were dropped because of safety issues — when a bouquet is tossed into the crowd it could cause injury if it contains pointy materials. The longevity and durability of the bouquet and the hardiness of the greenery in wintry conditions for an extended period of time were also determining factors in the selection.

Packaging of the flowers was also minimal for delivery to the venues. Heavy duty cardboard cartons of biodegradable recyclable material were used rather than plastic. The cartons were lined with a biodegradable recyclable material that holds moisture. Each carton held ten Vancouver 2010 athlete bouquets individually protected with a biodegradable sleeve.

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Trillium Editor