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Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association Newsletter

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Jack in the Pulpit
(*Arisaema triphyllum*)

Richard Toivonen



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A Message from President Vickie

Today has been a beautifully sunny winter day. As I look out my window, everything is so white and clean. Here in North Bay we have quite a bit of snow but we have not had the really bad storms that have been happening in some other parts of the province. The days are getting longer now and soon it will be spring.

This year the Ontario Horticultural Association, through its Funding Committee under the chairmanship of Carole Spraggett, is undertaking to sell bulbs again. In the past we have sold tulip bulbs twice. This time we will be selling large Alliums. These are spectacular large balls of flowers that bloom in the late spring. They are very eye-catching in the garden and look wonderful in arrangements, either fresh or dried. Please watch for instructions on ordering these bulbs on pages 4 and 5 or on www.gardenontario.org. Please support this initiative!

Suzanne Hanna and her team have been working hard on the convention in Sudbury, July 15th to 17th. The more I think of the theme *A Growing Experience – From the Ground Up* the more intrigued I am. Of course we know about the ground that we grow our plants in. But have you ever looked at your Society as being the ‘ground’ from which a lot of interesting things develop? It is the ‘ground’ that supports this association of horticultural societies, known as the OHA. It also provides a ‘ground’ from which people can develop their varied talents and interests. Sometimes they discover talents of which they were unaware. How many times has an individual been asked to do something as a member of a society and, while reluctant to begin with, has just blossomed until he/she has become comfortable with the role and has gone on to achieve success? Speaking of jobs, we are still looking for a secretary. The deadline for applications has been extended so

please check further in this newsletter or on the website for details. This is both a challenging and rewarding position. Thank you Jan for continuing on for a little bit. It is truly appreciated.

Soon the Officers and some Past Presidents will be fanning out over the province to visit your District AGMs. These are very important meetings at which Societies elect District Directors who will represent them on the OHA Board. These meetings include information about both the organization and gardening. I hope you will make an effort to attend the one in your District.

The website under webmaster Jeff Blackadar is becoming increasingly important. As was mentioned in the winter Trillium, we will not be sending out some of the forms and documents that were previously inserted in the Trillium mailing. This was a very time consuming process. They will now instead be available on www.gardenontario.org or from your District Director.



President Vickie Wiemer and her husband Rupert toast the Sudbury Horticultural Society on its Centennial Year.

Vickie Wiemer, OHA President, Pollyanna38@sympatico.ca



The important forms listed at right are now posted on <http://gardenontario.org>.

1. **Convention Registration Form**
2. **Volunteer Hours Form**
3. **2012 Arts Competition Permission Form**
4. **2012 Photography Competition Release Form**
5. **2012 Photography Competition Permission Form**
6. **2012 Creative Writing Permission Form**
7. **Allium Order Form**

OHA Seeks New Secretary

The Ontario Horticultural Association is looking for an enthusiastic person to fill the position of Association Secretary. The successful candidate will be a member of a horticultural society in Ontario with a good understanding of the OHA.

Key requirements include:

- ✓ at least 3 years' experience working in an office in an administrative position
- ✓ good keyboarding skills for taking accurate minutes on a laptop
- ✓ efficient knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as the ability to use and manage an active email account
- ✓ good organizational skills, including accurate record keeping
- ✓ good communications skills
- ✓ ability to work cohesively with a variety of volunteers
- ✓ ability to respond promptly to emails, phone enquiries, faxes and correspondence
- ✓ ability to attend all board meetings, conventions, and committee meetings
- ✓ good time-management skills - able to organize tasks and complete them in a timely manner



Compensation will be offered and may include office space allowance for a maximum of \$5500 per year.

A detailed job description will be available to candidates on the short list after April 17th, 2010.

To apply, please send a letter and resumé including references to jobs@gardenontario.org no later than **April 17th, 2010**. Electronic mail only, please.



It's "Just About Time" at the 19th Annual Successful Gardening Show, March 31st to April 3rd, 2011 at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. Once again 2400 square feet will be dedicated to the Ontario Horticultural Association, promoting horticultural societies and showcasing members' gorgeous plant material and designs.

The design section will have you "Suspended in Time" with hanging designs and make you want to "Take Time to Smell the Flowers", a plants and flowers exhibit for Societies to enter. Of course, you'll also want to take a "Moment in Time" to enjoy the miniature designs and the invitational class of free standing designs up to 7 feet tall. The cultural section of the show has something for everyone, from prickly cacti to velvety African violets and unbelievable orchids. There are 62 classes of houseplants, cut garden plant material, and special exhibits.

Be inspired by the two demonstrations offered daily: "Simple and Effective Floral Designs for your Home" and "How to Create your own Outdoor Planter."

We encourage you to participate by entering one or more of the classes, volunteering at the OHA booth, or simply visiting the show. Check out the schedule or volunteer today. Before you know it, it'll be Show Time.

The schedule and entry forms are available at <http://www.homeshow.net/successfulgardening/swgoha.htm>.

To volunteer, contact Barb O'Malley at 905-278-1958 or email her at tom.omalley@sympatico.ca.

Kirkton Horticultural Society Celebrates 80 Years

Fun, food, fellowship, frivolity, and flowers were the order of the day as President Cindy Bilyea welcomed members and guests to the 80th birthday celebration of the Kirkton Horticultural Society on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Fifteen former directors were introduced and applauded for their efforts in making this Society the vibrant club it is today.

OHA Past President Jim Mabey and District 10 Directors Anna Peterson (outgoing) and Roland Craig (current) brought greetings and congratulations as they presented a certificate commemorating the 80 years of gardening instruction and information that the Kirkton Club has provided its community. Further greetings were extended by visiting contingents from Hensall, London/Fanshawe, St. Marys, and Thorndale Horticultural Societies. Director Pat Harlton introduced the evening's featured speaker, Brenda Campbell. As a certified designer, Brenda has taught floral design for fifteen years at Conestoga College and has managed Cozyn's Garden Gallery near Stratford for the past ten years. Using flowers and greenery from the Kirkton directors' own gardens, the audience was entertained and educated, as Designer Campbell quickly created six uniquely beautiful designs.



The just-demonstrated design techniques were then put to good use as six invited, but unaware, guests were asked to come forward and put their newly-acquired skills into practice. Each one of these lucky men donned an apron, handmade by Director Rosemary Schaefer. While certified judge Jim Mabey gave encouragement and advice, these six good sports attempted to emulate the skills they had just witnessed Designer Campbell apply in her floral design work. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the hilarity of the presentation and six fortunate folk were the recipients of these arrangements when door prize drawings were held. All enjoyed this opportunity for visiting, viewing the photography and memorabilia, and appreciating the Festival of Flowers exhibit.

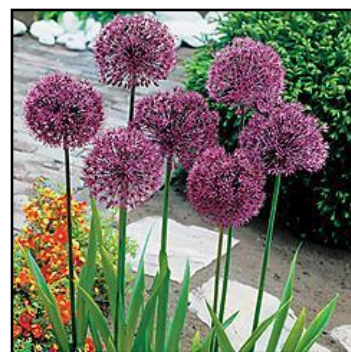
**Patricia Harlton,
Kirkton Horticultural Society**

2011 Allium Fundraiser

Brighten up your garden and help raise some funds for your society/garden club and the Ontario Horticultural Association. ALLIUM - A colourful naturalizer! This is an opportunity for you to buy premium, high quality bulbs at an excellent price, while at the same time raising a little money for your society/club. You have a choice of four different Allium varieties.

The cost per package is \$5.00. Your society receives 50 cents on every \$5 package sold. The fundraising sale extends from February to May 2011. Your order must be received by your society/garden club complete with payment. Bulbs will be distributed in early/mid September to your Society. These are suitable for fall planting through to heavy frost in your area. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to order some bulbs also. Our Community Gardens would benefit from a selection of all varieties. Not only are Alliums naturalizers but they are also deer resistant and drought tolerant. We have chosen to use the name *Allium Bulgaricum* for *Nectaroscordum* as we have been advised that it has been placed back in the Allium group.

Your District Directors and Society Presidents will be receiving posters and order forms in the near future and we encourage you to place your order as soon as you can and pass the word on. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us for more information.



Carole Spraggett, Fundraising Chair
Spraggett.c@rogers.com 905-457-0295

Ontario Horticultural Association

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- . Delivery for Sept
- . \$5.00 per package
- . Society receives .50 ¢ per pkg



**Information and order
forms are with your
Society**





ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION 105TH CONVENTION

Friday, July 15 to Sunday, July 17, 2011
Radisson Hotel, 85 St. Anne Road, Sudbury, ON



A GROWING EXPERIENCE

The City of Sudbury is abuzz with excitement at the thought of hundreds of gardeners from across this province gathering in this fair city for the 105th Ontario Horticultural Association's Convention to hear speakers, attend workshops, tour local gardens and sites of interest, share horticultural information, and socialize with fellow members.

The theme of our Convention - **A Growing Experience—From the Ground Up** - reflects the desire of the members of District 13 to share with gardeners of widely varying skills and knowledge some initiatives and practices that have originated from the ground up—from grassroots members who have led us to experience growing pains, the stretching of our imaginations, and the subsequent growth and rejuvenation in our societies in the North. By fostering a sense of awareness and discovery and encouraging advocacy and interaction, we can cultivate a sense of openness to all possibilities and allow ourselves to truly bloom where we are planted.

PRE-CONVENTION THURSDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY – ‘Guerilla Gardening’

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENING SOCIAL EVENT - a night of diverse, lively entertainment acts from the North

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

Friday: Sudbury's Regreening Story - Dr. Stephen Monet, Greater Sudbury's Manager of Environmental Planning

Saturday: Seeds of Diversity - Canada's Latest Initiatives - Bob Wildfong, Executive Director of Seeds of Diversity Canada

Sunday: "Harvesting in a Field of Dreams or a Hellish Wilderness" Gerry Loughheed Jr., managing director of Loughheed Funeral Homes and a Greater Sudbury community leader, activist and motivational speaker

SEMINARS OF INTEREST: Registrants may choose to attend **two** sessions during the afternoon.

- **From the Ground Up...Perennials in the Woodland**
- **Gardening on the Rocks**
- **Manageable Techniques for Accessible Horticulture: Enabling Everyone**
- **Photography in the Garden**
- **Growing Your Own Native Trees from Seed (in English and French)**
- **Three Billion Years: Geology, Habitat and Flowering Plants in Northern Ontario**
- **Bats: Those Amazing Creatures**
- **Get to Know Your Backyard Birds**
- **First Nations' Gardening and Food Initiatives**
- **Hardy Fruit Trees & Giant Pumpkins**

BUS TOURS: Offered both Friday and Saturday afternoons. Space is limited. Book early.

- **GARDEN TOUR** – 9 private gardens in 3 neighbourhoods - \$10.00 per person
- **SCIENCE NORTH TOUR** – includes admission and 4D film - \$25.00 per person
- **REGREENING TOUR** - sponsored by Xstrata Nickel - \$10.00 per person
- **DYNAMIC EARTH TOUR** – Sudbury's newest tourist attraction - \$25.00 per person

COMPETITION JUDGING UPDATES - Registrants may choose to attend **two** sessions during the afternoon.

- **Exhibiting and Judging Garden Vegetables for Competitions**
- **Being a Winner**
- **From the Ground Up with Trevor Fielder**

INFORMATION AND SKILLS SESSIONS:

- **Computer Lab: Using the Internet for Gardening Information**
- **Computer Lab: Troubleshooting 101**

HANDS ON WORKSHOPS: The following workshops, which run from 1-4 pm, are restricted to 25 registrants only and require a \$10 fee to cover the cost of materials and handouts. Registrants may attend only **one** workshop during the convention.

- **NO PLOT IS TOO SMALL--Community Stewardship 101**
- **HOW TO SAVE YOUR OWN SEEDS**

COMPETITIONS:

Enjoy horticulturally themed exhibits in the categories of Art, Photography, Creative Writing, Publications, Web Shell, and Youth. View inspiring floral designs, cut flower specimens, and well maintained houseplants at the Flower Show. Some competitions require pre-registration. Full details are available on the OHA website, www.gardenontario.org.

YOUTH CAMP 2011:

Camp Falcona, operated by YMCA, is located on Nelson Lake, in a well protected bay. It is approximately a one hour drive from downtown Sudbury. The camp offers an extensive sports and activity program, including kayaks, canoes, two large water trampolines, a large sports field, basketball facilities, beach volleyball court, crafts, skit night, and campfires. The facility has a large staff of cooks, counsellors, administrators, and a nurse.

We invite you to check out Camp Falcona's website at www.sudbury.ymca.ca which includes a Parent and Camper Handbook. A Camper Registration Package will be available on the OHA website at www.gardenontario.org or contact Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director, for more information. Fee: \$135 per camper; \$80 per Youth Leader.



ACCOMMODATION:

Booking a Room at the Radisson

For the past few years, our Conventions have been held at college and university campuses. In some ways this has made the booking of rooms an easy task, largely because the educational facilities have numerous residences and a lot of rooms that can be potentially rented out. In the case of the Radisson Sudbury Hotel where our 2011 Convention will be held, there are a limited number of rooms. Arrangements have been made with the hotel management team to block 120 rooms for OHA Convention attendees until **June 15, 2011. After June 15th any rooms not booked will be released back into their inventory and available to the general public on a first come, first served basis.** This block includes

- 40 rooms (2 double beds, main level) @ \$115 + 13% HST
- 40 rooms (2 double beds, fridge, microwave) @\$125 + 13% HST
- 30 rooms (1 queen bed, microwave, fridge) @\$135 +13% HST
- 10 rooms (1 king bed, microwave, fridge) @ \$135 +13% HST

The rooms are quite spacious, clean, and comfortable. They have Sleep Number beds which adjust to how firm or soft you prefer your mattress. Rooms on the main level have access to the beautifully landscaped courtyard via balcony doors which can be an asset in the summer.

***Other accommodation options, details, directions, and maps are posted on www.gardenontario.org in the Convention Information Package. For further information, contact Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director, at wildgardener@shaw.ca or 1-705-759-2893.**



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
ARTS 2012 COMPETITION 106th Convention
Niagara College
Niagara, Ontario
August 17-19, 2012

Host: District 9 Theme: "Gardening Then & Now 1812-2012"

Chair: Rose Odell, 6322 County Rd 50, R.R. 4, Campbellford, ON K0L 1L0
Phone: 1-705-653-5767 Email: arnaro@sympatico.ca

RULES and REGULATIONS:

1. Open to all members of the Ontario Horticultural Association and Affiliates.
2. Each member is allowed to submit only one entry in each class. All artworks *must* be pre-registered with the Chairperson noted above by **Aug 10, 2012**.
3. Name of the artist should be covered for judging.
4. All classes must have a horticultural theme.
5. Entries should not exceed 36" in any direction including framing.
6. All artwork must be finished and ready to hang. 'Finished and ready to hang' means that all artwork on paper (drawings, watercolour, etc.) must be behind glass with a mat and frame. Any paintings on board are to be framed. Any paintings on canvas must be framed unless the sides of the canvas are an integral part of the image and are painted with no staples or other hardware visible. All artwork must have securely fastened hanging hardware capable of holding the weight of the finished piece.
7. **Each entry must have an entry tag**, giving name, address, (use a return address label) and Society's name and District. Entry tags will be supplied by the Ontario Horticultural Association.
8. All works must be original, completed in the last *five years*, and not previously exhibited in the Ontario Horticultural Association Art Competition.
9. Ribbons and prize money awarded will be given at the convention.
10. Reasonable security will be supplied for exhibitors' property; however, the Ontario Horticultural Association assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
11. All winning entries will be photographed for possible posting on www.gardenontario.org.
12. When registering, please indicate if you are interested in selling your painting. Business cards may be added *after* judging is complete, write price on *back* of business card.
13. **To grant permission or refusal of permission** to post a picture of your painting, fill out permission form and submit form at the time of registration for the competition.
14. All entries **must be received** on site between **8pm & 10 pm, Thursday, Aug 16 or prior to 9 am Friday, Aug 17, 2012**.
15. All entries **must be removed** between **5 - 6:30 pm on Saturday, Aug 18 or 7:30 - 9 am on Sunday, Aug 19, 2012**.

Class 1. – "Wine Country" - An interpretation of a VINEYARD using any type of grape leaves & vines - Max 15" any direction.

Class 2. – "Niagara Falls" - Make a framed watercolour painting of a waterfall and rocks - Max 18" any direction.

Class 3. – "Butterfly Conservatory" - Create a design of butterflies in an 8 1/2" x 11" picture frame using any seeds.

Class 4. – "Garden Scene" - Paint a scene of your favorite season in the garden using oil paint.

Class 5. – "Honeymoon Capital" - Create a quilted wall hanging showing a bouquet of flowers fit for a wedding.
Not to exceed 36".

Class 6. - "Rainbows" - A coloured pencil drawing of rainbows over the falls. Max 14" any direction. Matted with a 1" border.

Class 7. – "Fruit Country" - Create fruit using fabric and display in a 3 litre basket that has been painted.

Class 8. – "Fields of Flowers" - A painting of flowers on a rock not to exceed 12" in any direction.

Class 9. – "Grapes" - Make a stained glass or painted glass sun catcher with a design of grapes.

Class 10. - "Trees Aged With Time" - Make a tabletop design of a beautiful old tree using weathered wood. Max 15" any direction.

Prizes: First \$10.00 Second \$8.00 Third \$6.00 Best in Show – Ribbon only.

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ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
CREATIVE WRITING 2012 COMPETITION 106th Convention
Niagara College
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 17 & 18, 2012

Host: District 9 Theme: "Gardening Then & Now 1812 - 2012"

Chair: Dorelene Anderson, 84 Arthur Street West, Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0
Phone: 1-519-338-3467 Email: dandd@wightman.ca

RULES and REGULATIONS:

1. This competition is open to all members of the Ontario Horticultural Association.
2. Each member is allowed only one entry per category.
3. All poems must be fresh, original, and not previously published.
4. Poems to be submitted are to be typed, with no name or distinguishing features, on white 8.5" x 11.0" (216x279mm); letter-size paper in 12 font New Roman (if possible), along with class name.
5. Please send the Chairperson your poem as an attachment in MS Word as well as the mailed copy. Confirmation email is sent to acknowledge receipt of your entry.
6. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so your printed copy of your poem(s) can be returned to you along with the judge's comments.
7. All entries will be displayed at the convention. Winning poems may be read at the convention.
8. Please enclose a permission form, fully completed, which is attached and can be found on the website <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pub.php>.
9. Please include a covering letter with your name, address and postal code along with your Society name and District number.
10. All entries must be sent to the Chairperson postmarked by June 1, 2012.

Class 1: ABC. A poem that has 5 lines, creates a story, mood, picture or feeling. Lines 1 to 4 are made up of words, phrases or clauses while the 1st letter of each line is in alphabetical order. Line 5 is one sentence long and begins with any letter.

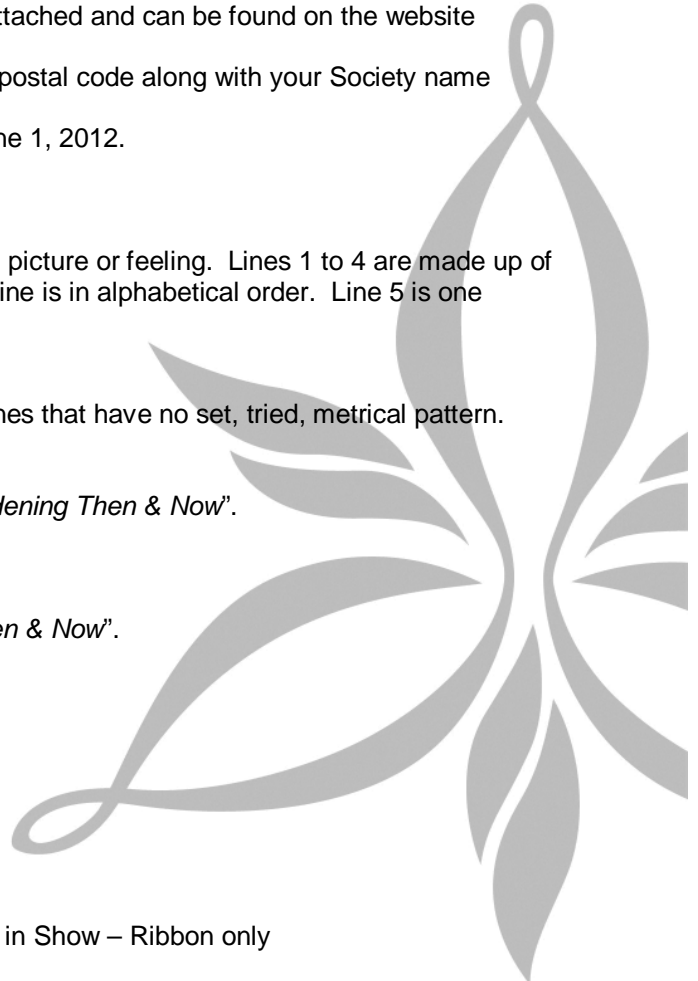
Class 2: Free Verse Poetry written in rhyme or unrhymed lines that have no set, tried, metrical pattern.

All poems must be horticultural-related and using the theme "*Gardening Then & Now*".

Class 3: Story based on the convention theme "*Gardening Then & Now*".
Story to be between 600 and 700 words.

Prizes: First \$10.00 Second \$8.00 Third \$6.00 Best in Show – Ribbon only

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PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT 2012 COMPETITION

Niagara College,
Niagara Falls, Ontario
August 17 & 18, 2012

Host: District 9- Theme: Gardening Then & Now 1812 - 2012 "



2012

CHAIR: Jennifer Plaus, 7258 Churchill Line, Watford, ON, N0M 2S0
Phone (519) 849-6208 E-Mail: tandjplaus@brktel.on.ca

RULES and REGULATIONS:

Prints to be colour, unless otherwise stated

**** Print Size MAXIMUM 5" X 7" MATTED NOT MOUNTED** MATTED SIZE TO BE 5" X 7"**

1. Prints must be taken in Ontario during the past 24 months.
2. Entries must be **COLOUR PRINTS** (unless stated otherwise), matted size 5" X 7" (outside measurement) (**THE MATTING IS PLACED ON TOP OF THE PHOTO**, if you are unclear about this rule, call or e-mail the Chair to avoid being disqualified)
3. Prints may be picked up at the end of the Convention or will be returned to the exhibitor **ONLY** if a **Stamped, self addressed Envelop** is included with the entries.
4. All prize-winning photographs will be scanned. The images may be used for any use the OHA designates, but ownership of the photograph is retained by the photographer.
5. **Open to all members of the Ontario Horticultural Association and affiliates.**
6. Entries are limited to **ONE** per person in each class.
7. Each print must have **TWO** labels with the **Name, Address, Society and District** of the exhibitor, as well as **Class number & Title**. One the exhibitor is to attach, **on the Top Right Corner** on the back of the entry. (this will assure the judge(s) judge the entry the way you wish it to be viewed). One will be used for display purposes. **Entry tags are not required.**
8. No name or title of any kind is permitted on the front side of the print.
9. The exhibitor must have taken the photograph and it must not have been previously entered in the OHA Photo competition.
10. All prints must include some horticultural material.
11. Entries must be mailed to the Photography Chairperson (see above) and postmarked no later than **JUNE 1st, 2012**.
12. Please include your email address (if you have one) for better and faster communication.
13. Please be sure to include with your entry, your **RELEASE FORM** and (if needed) a **PERMISSION FORM** for individuals in your photos.
14. In the event that fewer than three entries (3) are submitted for a class, the prize(s) awarded will be at the judge's discretion.
15. Reasonable security will be supplied; however, the Ontario Horticultural Association assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
16. Entries that are designated for pick up are not to be removed before Sunday of the convention. A signature is necessary for removal of the entries. Entries to be removed between 7:30 – 9 am Sunday Aug 19, 2012.

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| Class 1. | "What did they Grow to eat" (Heritage Vegetables) |
| Class 2. | "What did they Grow to Admire" (Heritage Flowers) |
| Class 3. | "Splish/Splash" (a waterfall – don't forget horticultural element) |
| Class 4. | "The Ancient One(s)" (Old tree(s) in Sepia) |
| Class 5. | "They were there before European's came" (Native Plants) |
| Class 6. | "Daylily Delight" (Daylilys) |
| Class 7. | "Overflowing with Flowers" (A planted Urn) |
| Class 8. | "Orchid(s)" (one or more Orchids – wild or cultivated) |
| Class 9. | "Whispering in the North Wind" (Ornamental Grass(es) in Winter) |
| Class 10. | "It's a Rocky Business" (Landscape that incorporates rock) |

PRIZES:

First \$10.00
Second \$ 8.00
Third \$ 6.00
Best in Show: Ribbon Only

JUDGING SCALE

Horticultural Value	40%
Photographic Value	40%
Appearance & Impact	20%



Liisa Wolfgram – in Memoriam

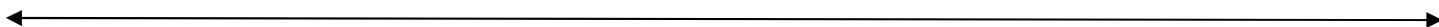
Members of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) are saddened by the passing of Liisa Wolfgram, a past president, active leader, and volunteer. Liisa was born and raised in Toronto, resided in Ottawa, and then lived in Mississauga for over 30 years. She pursued a music career as a vocalist and entertainer.

A love of plants and gardening drew her to join the Credit Valley Horticultural Society in Mississauga where she volunteered in the society and later became its president. She was given the honour of life membership in the society. Liisa was also a founding member of the Mississauga Master Gardeners. Liisa then served as a volunteer with the Ontario Horticultural Association, of which Credit Valley

Horticultural Society is a member. She became the Director of District 15 of the OHA and provided leadership to 18 nearby societies. During her time as an OHA District Director she spearheaded several projects for the OHA that are of lasting importance. She led a team that secured a grant from the Trillium Foundation, rebuilt the association's website, rewrote procedure manuals, and gave the association a new visual identity, among other accomplishments. She also served as the chair of the OHA's flower show at the Successful Gardening Show held in Mississauga each year.

Liisa was elected to the executive of the OHA and served as its President in 2006-2007, taking office during the 100th anniversary of the association. She continued her hard work after her presidency, leading work on a long term plan for the OHA and implementing a program for associate members. She continued to represent the OHA at meetings and events of many like-minded groups. She was active with community beautification and worked with Communities in Bloom at both the provincial and national levels. She also served as the co-chair of the Mississauga-in-Blooms steering committee. She was a member of the Toronto Gesneriad Society, The Ontario Hosta Society, the Toronto Cactus and Succulent Club, the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society, and the Canadian Rose Society.

On Saturday, February 12th, a memorial service was held in Mississauga for Liisa. A wreathed certificate was displayed indicating that the Ontario Horticultural Association will be planting a memorial tree in her honour later this year. Approximately 160 friends attended and shared their memories. Members of the Ontario Horticultural Association will miss her passion for the OHA, her hard work, ideas, leadership, and enthusiasm.



Tree Dedication at Guelph Arboretum

On Saturday, September 11th, eight Past Presidents – Don Matthews, Metje Mabee, Marjorie Durnford, Dave Money, James Anderson, Shirley Daniels, Ted Reed, and Bert Card, plus our current President Vickie Wiemer met at Guelph's Oak Grove to dedicate two trees. One was in memory of Doris Lightheart and the other for Roy Carr. The group posed for the photo at right. At lunch afterward, the group discussed the need for improved updated signage at the Oak Grove Memorial Tree area.



Top 10 Reasons to Join your Local Hort Society

Ten reasons why it simply makes sense for any gardener (or would-be gardener) to belong to a local garden society:

1. Inside dirt on what will work in *your* garden. Your local garden society isn't only for experts. But they are there, and they like to share: well-informed, experienced, generous gardeners who happen to live near you. They've conquered the garden problems you're grappling with now. Knowing what works (and what won't) can save you time, money and a lotta dead plants.

2. Plants, plants, plants. In April and May, many garden societies organize their own plant sales – to fund the good works they do. While prices might not be cheaper than in stores, the selection is usually better, with interesting, hard-to-find varieties (as well as the common garden sort). Members also contribute things from their own gardens at good prices. Plus, when you shop at a society garden sale, there are lots of cognoscenti around to help you decide. You won't always find that in a garden centre. Don't forget, you can often get a snip of something from your new friends' gardens at other times, too.



3. Garden voyeurism. Those who like to peep over the garden fence get plenty of eye candy at society garden tours, usually in June. There are tours all over the city. Members get discounts and advance ticket sales. Some do sell out early. Your society might also organize members' tours to gardens, inside the city and out, that you otherwise might not see. These are great value.

4. Ribbons! I became addicted to ribbons as a former long-term member of the Beach Garden Society (BGS) [I'm now a member of the East York Garden Club]. Monthly meetings are paired with a horticultural and flower show, from March to September. Got a healthy asparagus fern you nursed through the winter? Or a just-opened tulip? Bring it in, fill out a card and put it in the show. Who knows? You might go home with a ribbon.

5. And while we're on the subject: Creative juices. I discovered flower arranging – something I never imagined, and was a regular at BGS flower shows. Members who were talented floral designers willingly

gave workshops to us rank beginners. It's a kick to see your creation, and learn from your mistakes and others' creativity. And did I mention the ribbons? Everything in life should come with ribbons. (*Great job cleaning the kitchen -- definitely an Honorable Mention.* Wouldn't that be nice?)

6. Bulk bonanzas. The society members might band together to get group discounts on things like bulb orders. Again, great, unusual varieties along with better prices. Now, if they would only come and plant them for me, all would be perfect.

7. Winter garden therapy. When things look their bleakest outdoors, in November or February, it's a treat to get together one night a month to think green, leafy thoughts. A monthly speaker, often with an inspiring visual presentation, grows your garden knowledge and feeds your garden optimism.

8. Garden porn. The BGS had a great gardening library to share, and I suspect this is a feature of many societies. A wide selection of glossy garden books is just waiting for you to sign them out.

9. Getting to the *hort* of the matter. *Hort*, of course, means horticultural. But saying "hort society" in that casual, off-hand manner makes you one of the club.

10. Community. That's a good thing to have in a big, anonymous city like Toronto. The people you meet at a garden society come from all kinds of backgrounds and have all kinds of other interests. They just happen to like gardening... as you do. Sharing is good.



From the blog 'Toronto Gardens' by sisters Helen Battersby and Sarah Battersby. Visit their blog at www.torontogardens.blogspot.com.

A Gardener's Responsibility

All seriously acquisitive gardeners love to find a new or different plant to add to their gardens. When adding a new plant to their gardens, however, they need to have a good dose of environmental responsibility. Some of the plants we buy and put into our gardens are invasive and will endanger our native plants should they spread beyond the garden.

What garden plants have become problems? Consider Purple Loosestrife and Himalayan Balsam. Creeping Bellflower is certainly a problem in some areas of Ontario. All over Ontario Queen Anne's Lace is competing in meadows with our own native Ontario wildflowers. Queen Anne's Lace was brought from Europe along with Tansy and Oxeye Daisy. Currently there is, and rightfully so, a lot of fuss about Giant Hogweed. This invasive and harmful plant was imported as a garden exotic and conversation piece. All these plants were brought, bought, or smuggled into Ontario or North America by gardeners or plant nurseries. For a while they enhanced someone's garden. Now they threaten our native plants. Gardeners need to take some responsibility. May I suggest a code for gardeners?

A Gardener's Code:

I am a gardener who cares.

1. *I will make myself aware of the invasive plant species in Ontario.*
2. *If a plant is a known invasive, I will not introduce that plant into my garden.*
3. *Before I purchase a new and exotic plant for my garden, I will research it and be aware of its habits.*
4. *I will tour my garden and identify alien bullies that I have planted.*
5. *I will deadhead known bullies to control them and restrict them to my garden.*
6. *I will get rid of those bullies that I cannot control.*
7. *To atone for the sins of past gardeners, I will take part in "pulls" of invasive plants.*

It's just a little thing we do but what a difference we can make.

Carol Dunk
Chair, Conservation & Environment Committee

Volunteer Appreciation/ New Members Event

The Brampton Horticultural Society held its annual Volunteer Appreciation/New Members event in September, 2010. It was held again at Peel Manor, a nursing home where Brampton Horticultural Society members volunteer to maintain their garden as one of our community services. That day the weather threatened rain, but it turned pleasant once the event began. Many society members attended, and we had food, guessing games (number of items in a jar etc.), as well as a Canadian Trivia Contest. Members also had a chance to visit the garden, to meet other members in a relaxing atmosphere and to find out about other events that the society is involved in. This encourages the new members to get more involved in society activities.

A few residents of Peel Manor also came out to meet the volunteers who work in the garden. All in all, it was a good day and a great opportunity to thank all of our members. Their volunteer service to the society and to the community each year includes working at community gardens, the annual plant sale, annual and monthly flower show, annual garden tour, and gardening workshops. Everyone present thanked those members who provided the event for them this year.



Jan Hymers, President
Brampton Horticultural Society

Attention Youth Leaders!

Please share information about your group's grants, initiatives, and projects with Harry Wyma so that they can be included in the next Youth Newsletter.

Pictures are most welcome!

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Education Committee Chair Sandy Rakestrow would like to know how many societies are meeting with youth groups in schools during or after school. Email Sandy about your program at sandy888@sympatico.ca.

Ayr Swans



Every year two mute swans live in the Ayr ponds. These great white birds add such beauty and grace to the village. Each winter the swans are taken from the pond to winter in a more protected area. For the past two winters the female swan, Phyllis, has thwarted all attempts to catch her. Again this winter "the notorious and elusive swan at Jedburgh Dam in Ayr has won the battle" with her caretakers and she will spend the winter outside on the waterways of Ayr.

As long as she has open water and a food supply, the wing-clipped swan can survive the winter in the wild. Donations from the local Ayr Horticultural Society and several residents of Ayr supply the corn for Phyllis.

Catharine Arrowsmith
President, Ayr Horticultural Society

Shea Family Attends Re-Dedication of Bobcaygeon Park

Shea Park, which was named in honour of the late Ted Shea, Reeve and important community businessman in Bobcaygeon Ontario, has been undergoing revitalization over the last couple of years. Several improvements have been undertaken by the City of Kawartha Lakes Parks Department in association with the **Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society** and the local **Beautify Our Bobcaygeon** Citizens' Committee.

The pathway into the park from East Street to Kingsway Drive was paved. A limestone entrance from East Street was constructed and landscaped. The boulder monument and plaque honouring the late Ted Shea were relocated to an island landscape where a xeriscopic garden was designed and planted by Horticultural Society volunteers.

It will serve as a demonstration garden to teach others about drought-resistant plants. In addition, several trees, shrubs, and benches were installed by the Parks Department to help beautify the space. The park will be on the Horticultural Society's Garden Tour on July 9th, 2011. Funding was provided by the City of Kawartha Lakes and the Bobcaygeon Legacy CHEST Committee.

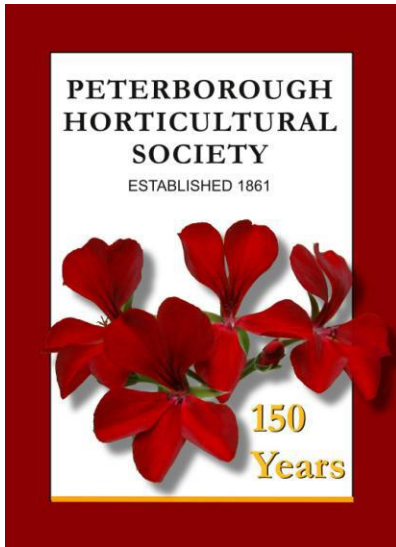
It serves as an ideal model illustrating what can be accomplished when local parks departments, private companies, citizens' committees and horticultural society volunteers combine resources for the common good.



John Bick,
Past President,
Bobcaygeon & District Horticultural Society

Peterborough Horticultural Society Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

This year, the **Peterborough Horticultural Society** celebrates 150 years. Wow, how the time has flown, since Vincent Clementi sat down with his group of gardening friends in April 1861! Through the years we have strived to live up to the



purposes we have set for our society. In 1862 we planned the terraced gardens in Victoria Park and planted the gardens there. Over the years, we have planted trees and rose gardens around the city, donated to places like the Filtration Plant and Zoo for their own gardens, set up Junior Horticultural Clubs in schools like Kawartha Heights Public School, and held plant sales to raise money for our society and promote gardening.

We have held flower shows in local malls, organized trips to the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Chelsea Flower Show in England. Because of our successful Garden Show, we have been able to set up permanent annual Scholarships of \$1000 at both Trent University and Fleming College. We also give out up to six annual awards of \$1000 to post-secondary students studying a field related to Horticulture, as well as giving annual awards at two local high schools for excellence in Horticulture.

Our website offers our newsletters as well as links to the Master Gardeners and other educational links. We currently maintain the Fleming Park gardens at the corner of Aylmer and Brock St. in Peterborough and have for many years now. We continue to hold plant sales to promote gardening. Our own library is bursting with books to help our members with their gardening plans.

To celebrate this special year, we have set a program of our favourite speakers for our monthly general meetings. We will be offering our members some historical trivia in our monthly newsletter. We plan to hold a members-only garden tour in June. We will celebrate with cake at our spring general meeting. We are planning some other fun events throughout the year including participating in the Peterborough Canada Day Parade.

If you visit our Peterborough Garden Show at the Evinrude Centre this April 8th, 9th and 10th, stop by our membership table and wish us a Happy Birthday!

Chris Freeburn,
Anniversary Committee Chair,
Peterborough Horticultural Society

Celebrating Campbellford's 35th Anniversary

In January 2011 **Campbellford and District Horticultural Society** celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

The members are a vibrant group in the community, taking care of flower beds, having spring and fall plant sales, hosting a garden party in July, and a Pumpkin and Sunflower Contest in the fall, which had a pumpkin weighing over 800 pounds. They work with the youth at schools and the local fair to educate them in taking care of our environment.

They created a yearly award for each public school and a bursary for the local high school. All the funds that are raised go back into the beautification of the community and to support educational programs.

The members of this Society were also the leaders in bringing Communities in Bloom to the municipality, with the award of 4 Blooms in 2008 and 5 Blooms in 2009. The monthly meetings not only update the members but also feature an interesting speaker and a mini flower show. Points are accumulated throughout the year for the entries to vie for the society trophy. You are invited to join them at their meetings held on the first Monday of each month.



Pictured above, cutting the cake, are the current President Nancy Boivin and Past President Marg Doohar.

Rose Odell,
District 4 Director
Photo provided by Mary Weilandt

The Lady with the Purple Dahlia

For many years I had visited the local Flower and Vegetable Show where I always saw many beautiful specimens. But one year I was swept away by the beauty of the Best Gladiolus in Show and the Best Dahlia. Both had been grown by the same woman. The glad was an unusual brown and very lovely but the dahlia ... So big! So purple! So gorgeous! I had to find out where it had been purchased. I looked up the name of the lady who had shown it and called. In fact I called several times and there was never an answer, so I gave up.



That fall I decided to attempt the Horticultural Society again: I had tried it before and was not made to feel very welcome. I would give it another chance. I arrived late and luckily found a seat beside a very pleasant white-haired lady who instantly began talking to me. As a matter of fact, we talked through the announcements, through the introduction to the speaker, and through the presentation. We had our own meeting.

Then it was announced that the prizes for the Flower and Vegetable Show would be given out. Much to my amazement, when the prize for the dahlia was announced, up jumped my white-haired companion! I had been sitting beside the very person I wanted to meet! Our conversation continued and I exclaimed how I had been trying to reach her and what a beautiful dahlia she had shown. Her response was, "Do you want some of it?" I was speechless. Surely no one would share such a prize as this dahlia was.

Even though she asked for my telephone number I never expected to hear from her. About three weeks later she called to say that she would save a seat for me at the upcoming Hort meeting. All through that winter we began to build a friendship and in the first part of May she called to see if I could come for my dahlias. Over I went. There behind her house were several boxes and pots of dahlias. True to her word she gave me the prize purple specimen along with several others. Voila – I was in love with dahlias!

The sweet soul had never had any children and she became like a grandmother to me throughout the remainder of her life. During our time together she encouraged me to attend meetings, to take office, and to exhibit in that famous show. Without her kind influence I would never have become

**... James Graham,
District Director for District 19**

Creating Your Very Own Garden

Start by imagining your ideal garden and how you can bring together the best of tradition and modern landscaping into a lush and beautiful oasis. Next survey your space and tune in to how the area around your home functions and is affected by the elements. Afterwards, put together a wish list of the kinds of landscape features like a deck, pathway or fence that might be well suited to your space. When planting, consider the eventual height of plants you introduce. Tuck smaller plants at the front of your garden and introduce larger ones at the back to create an inviting layered effect.

What defines a beautiful garden are the plants and flowers that satisfy our sense of sight, smell, sound and touch and can play many roles in the landscape. Plants should be placed where they will achieve the most dramatic visual impact and where they make most efficient use of water resources. Be sure you can see the plants, not just from your patio, but when you are looking out of your kitchen or den window.

Use large shrubs, hedges and trees as natural fences to block unwanted views, and around your home to shield it from summer temperatures. Plant fragrant flowers and shrubs near entrance ways or sitting areas for full effect. Think about which colours work together to create a dramatic effect. Planting large groups of plants together creates a visual impact that cannot be achieved with one plant alone. Remember to spread mulch over your beds after planting to retain moisture and prevent weeds. These are a few ideas to keep in mind when creating your oasis.

Kees Stryland

Healing Hands Project

This project was started in February 2010 and was a partnership between Parkwood Estate, **Oshawa Garden Club** and Lakeridge Health Oshawa site. It was started to provide Horticultural Therapy for hospital patients recovering from stroke related disabilities. This collaborative was comprised of Linda Paulocik (Heritage Garden Programmer for Parkwood Estate), Sandi Bradley (Lakeridge Health Oshawa Therapeutic Recreationist), Eckard Brackerow, Judy Lambert, Margaret Perkin, Jo-Ann Thow, and Ann Couch (volunteers of the Oshawa Garden Club).

The value of Horticultural Therapy is recognized for many special populations including children, the sick, the elderly, people in prison, people with addictions, and the mentally ill. This therapy uses plants, gardens, and the natural landscape to improve cognitive, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being. As many as ten patients take part in this project each session and are assisted to and from the sessions by LHO Auxiliary volunteers who may also stay to assist with the program when required. The sessions are held the last Thursday of each month at 9:30 am and last one to two hours. The OGC volunteers often meet between sessions to discuss projects and items required for those projects.

The patients who attend have various disabilities that temporarily or permanently affect their mobility, speech and cognitive functions. Our goal is to encourage them to socialize and have fun in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere while using their senses of touch, sight, smell, sound and taste (when permitted). This is encouraged through the use of different plant materials (cuttings, bulbs, seeds, water plants, herbs, annuals, perennials, silk plants and evergreens). The mediums are diverse, (soil, water, oasis and peat moss). We use a variety of containers to stimulate sight and touch (clay or plastic pots, ceramic containers, glass vases, pumpkins and metal containers). There are usually decorative items to enhance these projects, (ribbons, pine cones, stick characters, pebbles and sparkles).



On Jan.27th the Oshawa Garden Club presented the Stroke Rehab Gardening group with a check for \$200 towards materials to continue their work.

There is no set budget for this project. Some of the items were covered by Lakeridge Health and Parkwood Estate and the Oshawa Garden Club volunteers provided plants, cuttings, evergreens, water plants, some containers and some decorative items. In January 2011 we were informed of budget restraints at Parkwood Estate resulting in the cancellation of the Heritage Garden Program. However Lakeridge Health Oshawa and the Oshawa Garden Club have consented to continue with this worthwhile project. The Oshawa Garden Club will make a donation of \$200 from their cook book sales and will also receive a donation of \$200 from Margaret Perkin's Sorority - Beta Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho Chapter. We are contacting service clubs and individuals to support this successful initiative. If anyone has seasonal decorative containers to donate, it would be appreciated.

Ann Couch, Oshawa Garden Club

The Plant List

As the 2010 United Nations International Year of Biodiversity came to a close, the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG Kew) announced the completion of **The Plant List**. This landmark international resource is a working list of all land plant species, fundamental to understanding and documenting plant diversity and effective conservation of plants. The completion of The Plant List accomplishes Target 1 of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), which called for a widely accessible working list of known plant species as a step towards a complete world flora. The Plant List can be accessed by visiting www.theplantlist.org.

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