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Up North and Down to Earth
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President John's Spring(?) Message

Sometimes it is easy to become confused over whether it is winter or spring in our area. I am not in Florida, though I went to Key West before Christmas. Here, just north of Lake Ontario, this winter is trying to make up for last year's winter that wasn't, with fields of snow up to my knees. Then I look around me and see a giant double amaryllis that flowered in our living room last week. In the winter bulb storage, the calla lilies are starting to send up shoots, pruning of the apple trees has begun in this area, and seed catalogues are jamming up my mailbox.

This is a busy time of year for all of us. Annual reports are now in and your nominations for provincial awards and applications for tree and project grants are due by the end of February. New this year are the Community Garden Project grants of up to \$500. Check the website for details. Your orders for crocosmia will be delivered in the next month or so.

March and April are busy months for the OHA Board, which is made up of the executive officers and your directors. At its two-day March meeting the Board will receive reports on the activities of the past year which included the planting of a Bur Oak in each district last September in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth. Bursaries were also granted to three graduate students working in areas of interest to the OHA, one of whom, Monica Parker, has since completed her doctorate. The Board will also select recipients of our major awards, deal with the budget, and conclude the plans for our AGM at the convention in Thunder Bay. Director Shirley Robson and her team have a wonderful programme planned on the theme *Up North and Down To Earth* from July 19 to 21. See the description on page 3.

In April the officers and a couple of directors will fan out across the province to attend eighteen District AGMS. These meetings provide the opportunity for the societies in your district to elect the person who will represent them as a director on the OHA Board. These visitors come bringing information and seeking to learn about your area, your needs, and your interests. Some of their journeys are long and involve over-night stays. If you can accommodate them, as some districts traditionally do, let them know. It gives them a chance to visit with individuals, make contacts, and avoid additional costs to the OHA.

I look forward to meeting you then, or seeing you in Thunder Bay.

**John Sellers,
OHA President**

➡ **The deadline for the Summer
Trillium has been moved up to
May 14, 2013.** ⬅



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Now on GardenOntario.org

[All 2013 competition schedules and permission/release forms](#), as well as the [2014 Arts, Photography, Youth, and Creative Writing schedules and forms](#) are now available on GardenOntario.org.

Watch the website for news and registration details about this summer's OHA Convention in Thunder Bay.

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Up North and Down To Earth



Ontario Horticultural Association 107th Convention and District 14 Annual General Meeting hosted in Thunder Bay by District 14 July 19 - 21, 2013

Thunder Bay Horticultural Society members are eagerly anticipating a vibrant influx of visitors from across the province this July, for the Ontario Horticultural Society's 107th Annual General Meeting and Convention. This event is hosted by Northwestern Ontario's OHA District 14 which includes the communities of Atikokan, Dryden, Fort Frances, Geraldton, Longlac, Nipigon, Sioux Lookout and Vermilion Bay! TBHS, established in 1923, will commemorate 90 years of local gardening and growing this same weekend. Last year's AGM/Convention attendees received a personal invitation from



our 'floral' delegation to join us this year! The AGM and Convention is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience nature in and around Thunder Bay. From the awesome escarpment of the Sleeping Giant to our own 'Niagara of the North', Kakabeka Falls, we are truly Superior by Nature! You will find us on the northwestern shore of the largest of the five Great Lakes. Lake Superior is the largest lake in the world

by surface area and the third largest by volume. Our lake is truly spectacular! As gardeners, being located on such a vast body of water both helps us and hinders us since its proximity influences our climate in all seasons. Come and see what we can do where we live!

The AGM/Convention will be based at the Valhalla Inn near Thunder Bay Airport at the junction of Highway 61 and Arthur Street. This location will be easily accessed by visitors traveling by air or by car.

Conference at a Glance:

Plenary Speakers:

Dr Robert Stewart *The Great Lake*
Kevin Belluz *Slow Food, Superior Style*
James Graham *Community Gardens*

Seminars:

Sharon Illingworth *Our Up North Garden*
Shirley Lamontagne *The Miracle of the Monarch Butterfly*
Roland Craig *Everything You Need To Know About Dahlias*
Bradley Doff *Urban Forests*
Jim Mabee *Judging Collections*
Graham Saunders *Challenges of Growing Vegetables in the North*
Trevor Fielder *Artistic Floral Displays*
Susan Dykstra *Photographic Tapestry of Thunder Bay District*
Delphine Butter *The Many Uses of Herbs*
Helen Scutt (OMAFRA) *Growing Your Membership*

Bus Tours:

Thunder Bay City Tour
Vanderwees' Home and Garden Centre
Ouimet Canyon/Amethyst Gift Shop/Terry Fox Monument
Hope and Memorial Gardens
Vintage Pixie Artisan Studio & Garden
Landale Garden Centre
Kakabeka Falls and Village

Friday BBQ and Social:

Our Friday evening social will provide an opportunity to relax and socialize in the Valhalla Inn Courtyard, with local musicians providing entertainment. In addition to the 'shopping therapy' available in the Vendor Area, the focus of the evening will be a Silent Auction bursting with many wonderful items on which to bid.

Saturday Banquet:

A relaxing Valhalla dinner will be a wonderful wrap-up of two busy days! We will also be entertained by local writer, Fred Jones. The vendor area will still be at your fingertips!

Pre - convention AGM for District 14 on Thursday, July 18, 2013:

Early visitors are invited to take advantage of the map available in your registration bag. Once you have registered and settled in, you can check out Thunder Bay. Registration information will soon be available at www.gardenontario.org

If you're 'Up North and Down to Earth'... we'll see you in July!

Sandi Sissons and Celeste King



Coming Events across Ontario

12th Annual Peterborough Garden Show -Apr. 12 to 14

More than 125 vendors, Celebrity Flower Arranging Contest, Children's Garden, Paul Zammit, Beckie Fox, and more...

www.peterboroughgardens.ca



District Six, a 'Carolinian District' Spring Workshop & Flower Show - April 20

Doors open at 8 a.m. at McKinnon Park Secondary School, Caledonia. \$15 admission, open to the public and pre-registration is requested. The latest information from OHA, speakers on heritage gardening, demos on floral design, music, raffles, auction, door prizes and, new this year, an Artisan Avenue!

Sat. May 11 - Leaside Garden Society's 'Mostly Perennials' & Member-donated Plant Sale. Trace Manes Community Centre, 110 Rumsey Road, Toronto (near Eglinton & Laird) 9 am - noon.

Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society 5th Anniversary Super Plant Sale - May 5 from noon to 4 pm at the Toronto Botanical Garden's Floral Hall. Plants are refreshed through the day until closing!

Thorndale Horticulture Society Annual Plant and Perennial Sale
The Optimist Club will have their Compost Sale at the same site.
Saturday, May 11 at the Cow Shed at the back of Thorndale Community Centre
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Plant Sale & Silent Auction Milton & District Horticultural Society - Thursday, May 16,

7:00 pm rain or shine
Milton Fairgrounds, 136 Robert St., Milton
Featuring annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, hostas, ground covers, trees & shrubs, and more!
Proceeds go towards community beautification projects.

Englehart & District

Horticultural Society will be holding its annual Plant & Bake Sale on **Saturday, May 18** at the Royal Canadian Legion on 4th Avenue. bonnie@ntl.sympatico.ca

Sudbury Gardening Festival Sat. May 25 – Parkside Centre

Free admission
www.sudburygardeningfestival.ca

12th Annual
Garden Festival

Saturday, June 1st
8 a.m to 2 p.m.

NEW LOCATION

Harriston Community
Centre (Pavilion Area)
111 George St. S.
Harriston, ON

Harriston & District
Horticultural Society

For more information
call
519-338-3012
or email
lindajcampbell@gmail.com

FREE ADMISSION

Bracebridge Horticultural Society Spring Plant & Bake Sale on Saturday May 25

A variety of Muskoka hardy plants and fresh baked goods will be available from 8:30 am until noon. Millennium Garden located on Ecclestone Dr. in Bracebridge. For information – call 705-646-2618.

Lambeth Horticultural Society's 38th annual Rose & Flower Show

This year's theme is **Back to the Farm** and all the design classes will reflect rural life. **Saturday, June 15**, starting at 1pm at the Lambeth United Church at the corner of Main St. and Colonel Talbot Rd. \$5.00 entry fee includes a tearoom and baked goods.
www.lambethhort.com

Saturday, June 22: 11 am – 4 pm
Leaside Garden Society's Magical Gardens of Leaside Tour. This year's tour again promises to be an exciting mix of garden styles and plants.
www.leasidegardensociety.org

Listowel and District Horticulture Society Garden Tour will take place **Saturday, July 6** from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Rotary Millennium Park/ North Perth Library in Listowel.
mepet@sympatico.ca

Annual Garden Tour
Sunday, July 8 - 11 am to 5 pm
Various gardens in **St. Thomas and Elgin County**
<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/thomas>

For more events, check out
GardenOntario's calendar ...
<http://gardenontario.org/eve/calendar/?kk=3&v=2013>

Make Room for Nature in Your Backyard

Consider setting aside part of your garden for nature this year. Why would you do that? Douglas Tallamy says it best in this excerpt from his book, *Bringing Nature Home*:

Now, for the first time in its history, gardening has taken on a role that transcends the needs of the gardener. Like it or not, gardeners have become important players in the management of our nation's wildlife. It is now within the power of individual gardeners to do something that we all dream of doing: to make a difference. In this case, the difference will be to the future of biodiversity, to the native plants and animals of North America and the ecosystems that sustain them.

Following are some suggestions for increasing the biodiversity in your garden:

The Whole Nine Yards or A Little at a Time

Inspect your garden. What space are you willing to spare for nature? The area you return to nature can be one small corner or the whole garden. The easiest approach is to start small and expand your natural habitat area a little each year. Find that spot in your garden that seems to cry out to be given back to nature and do it: simply set aside a little room for the environment.

Include Native Plants.

In your natural area, use those plants that have been part of the local setting for hundreds of years. Your lovely alien hybrids, while most attractive to you, won't be nearly as enticing to the wildlife as are the plants considered native to your part of the province. Find out what plants historically belong to your area. Shop your neighbourhood nurseries for those plants or start some from seed and place them in your new, natural area. Sit back and wait for the bees, butterflies, and birds to find them.

Plan for a Water Feature.

One of the things that will bring nature back to your garden is a water feature. A garden water element can be as small as a bird bath or as large as a pond. Your water feature will add interest to your garden, and the sound of dripping or flowing water will work like a magnet attracting a wide range of the wildlife to your garden. As a bonus, the sound of water will have a relaxing effect on the gardener!

Get Over Your Neatness.

Don't clean up your natural area - especially in fall. Leave things where they lie, and let Nature take care of the details. "Your garden," as a friend once told me, "isn't your living room." Birds will thank you for leaving a few seed heads as winter food. Insects and other life will use the sticks, leaves, and stems left from last season's growth as winter homes. Nature cleans up after herself, but on a different timetable from yours. As material rots, it feeds smaller and smaller organisms and eventually all of the garden leftovers become a nutrient-rich part of your soil.

Build a Log or a Brush Pile.

If you have room at the back of your lot or an out of the way area, construct a log or brush pile as habitat. Each of these features will attract overwintering butterflies, small amphibians and mammals, insects and small birds. The site will become a small community in itself.

If you have access to the Web, here is the address of one of my favourite habitat ideas from Cheshire, England: http://www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/file/s/advice_invertebrate_habitat2.pdf

If I had room, I'd plunk this habitat made of pallets right out in the open for all to see and for all sorts of critters to use.

Do I Really Want to Attract Insects?

Yes, you do. You want to attract lots of insects (and toads and frogs and salamanders) to your natural garden and to your garden as a whole. Giving a home to a diverse group of critters is a sure-fire way of solving any insect pest problems. You'll find that once you stop using pesticides and provide more habitat, the beneficial, predatory insects and amphibians will return to your garden and keep the pesky insects in check. It's almost like magic. Your garden will become balanced with the good guys taking the bad guys out of the picture. Now you see them - now you don't.



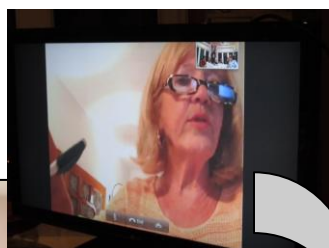
So my last suggestion for bringing nature home to your garden is to protect your wildlife community by NEVER EVER using pesticides.

**Carol Dunk,
Conservation & Environment Committee
Photo from Sierra Club, May 6, 2010**

Bobcaygeon Executive Meets the Challenge

It is that cold time of the year when the warm breezes of Florida beckon as they did for our president Diane Hearse. What to do about important executive meetings? We thought perhaps sending emails back and forth, but then we realized **FaceTime** was the answer. Diane and secretary Barry Scully both have iPads with the FaceTime App. In addition, Barry has an Apple adaptor that enables him to connect his iPad to a television and voila Diane could be clearly seen, heard, and conversed with by all seven members of the executive. It was a success!

Needless to say the meeting was focused, fun, and fruitful. This is definitely the way of the future and hopefully will ensure that executives can be Snowbirds and still run things efficiently! Barry was also able to show correspondence that Diane did not have by using the camera built into the iPad.



Today, many of our members are eager to learn about technology and how to use it to meet personal needs and volunteer commitments. One of our executive objectives is to encourage and assist our members to glean gardening information from the web and hopefully entice more members to sit on the board. We also want to reach out to our youth to become involved with our Society through the use of technology and their deep interest in it.

If your Society might be interested in holding a meeting via FaceTime and needs support in setting up the technology, please contact Barry Scully via email: b.scully@sympatico.ca

**Barry Scully, Secretary,
Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society**

Be part of the new and exciting Youth Photography Competition in 2013!



OHA Photography Competition 2013 Thunder Bay Convention Theme: Up North and Down to Earth

Do you know any young people who like to take photographs? Encourage their interest in horticulture as well as photography by telling them about our new venture.

Two classes for young people.

Please note that they do not have to be members of any horticultural society so encourage your kids, grandkids, neighbours, etc. to participate.

Class 11 "My Favourite Flower"

(Flower choice is yours)

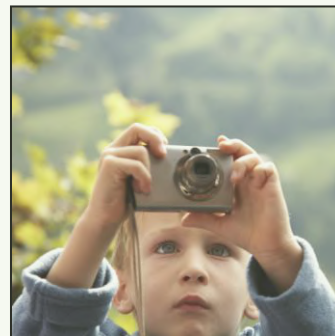
- a)** for ages 6 – 11
- b)** ages 12 - 17

Class 12 "My Favourite Vegetable"

(Any vegetable growing in a garden)

- a)** for ages 6 – 11
- b)** ages 12 – 17

See www.gardenontario.org under conventions/future/competitions for details or contact **Jenn Plaus, Photography Chair at tandjplaus@brktel.on.ca**





Pickering's Golden Gnomes

Are you lucky enough to have a good working relationship with your municipality? The Pickering Horticultural Society is fortunate in this regard. Over the years, an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust has been nurtured by both sides.

In order to enhance the beautification of Pickering's streetscape, the City of Pickering initiated the Pickering Blooms Garden Showcase a few years ago. Our society was pleased to be asked to be an active partner in this program. This is not your typical garden competition with only a small number of winners. We do not judge – we mentor. Residents are asked to register in one of three categories:

- *Budding Garden* if they would like advice about improving their front gardens;
- *Established Garden* if they are pleased with their gardens and would like to hear what other gardeners think; participants in this category are eligible to receive the coveted 'Garden of Distinction' designation.
- *Blooming Garden* just to show support for the program but do not want to have their gardens assessed.

In July of each year 14 to 16 members of our society get to work. We view the gardens and then write reports, either full of advice or full of admiration. Viewing and reporting usually takes eight hours or more per team member. City staff members then pass those reports on to the registrants who have increased in number and enthusiasm.

In 2012 the City decided that the mentors who had done this for five years or more deserved special recognition at the Garden of Distinction awards event. All this was kept top secret. You can probably imagine the surprise for the mentors and the hilarity of the audience when the 'Golden Gnome Award' was announced and three of six golden gnomes magically appeared.

As you can see, in Pickering we have a win-win situation; a win for our society in that we get the opportunity to strut our stuff, and a win for the city in getting dedicated and knowledgeable gardeners to help keep Pickering beautiful.

**Sigrid Squire,
Pickering Horticultural Society**

Community-based Food Projects

For the new OHA publication about community based food projects in Ontario we are looking for case studies of community gardens, Seedy Saturdays, farmer's markets, agriculture fairs and community supported agriculture. The case study can be of a successful project or even one that failed. The case studies should be 500 – 1000 words.

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- *What is the project?*
 - *Where is it?*
 - *Who are the leading and partner organizations in the project or is it a grassroots effort?*
 - *Who spearheaded the project?*
 - *What challenges did the project face to get off the ground?*
 - *What challenges does the project face today?*
 - *What factors contributed to the project's success or failure?*
 - *Advice for others doing a similar project?*
 - *What does the future hold for the project?*
 - *Website for the project?*
 - *Photos?*
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There is only room for a limited number of case studies in the printed book, so please contact Jeff Blackadar to see if the case study can be included. All case studies that meet editorial standards will be included in the web edition of the book.

Jeff Blackadar
jeff@gardenontario.org
613-841-9263

Leaside Garden Society Special Project Grant

Q *What did 500 bucks, 4 dears, and a designer do on a Friday morning in June?*

A *They built a habitat for the future, of course!!*

Last year the Leaside Garden Society was honoured to be selected as one of the recipients of The Ontario Horticultural Association's Special Project Grant.

The Leaside Garden Society used these funds to create a beautiful perennial and native garden in Trace Manes Park near the Leaside Public Library, close to where they hold their monthly meetings.

Along with backing from the City of Toronto Beautification Program, The OHA and the LGS members, the project was completed in time for summer. The larger perennial bed of shrubs, evergreens, grasses and native plants has replaced the original bed of annuals and hostas. Throughout the season the plants flourished from the protective hands of the volunteers attending the garden. Neighbours were quick to note that the new bed is a beautiful addition to the community.

The new garden will be a lasting benefit not only to the Society and the community but also to the wildlife that has already found the site.

The Leaside Garden Society would like to thank The Ontario Horticultural Association for its generosity and long term commitment to its member Societies.

Even a small project can take a lot out of a Society's funds but with the support that the OHA provides, we can bring horticulture and the love of gardening back to our communities, one garden at a time.

**Rick Hutchings,
Leaside Garden Society**

Before



Planting Day



After



Cloverleaf Junior Program

The glimmering flakes of snow are falling like white feathers to the earth below. There is a damp chill in the air that is being gently warmed by a cozy fire. A hand-knitted shawl from a dear teacher-friend covers my shoulders. It occurs to me that Nature is never in a hurry. The seasons are not rushing to get it over with, and yet somehow Mother Nature manages to get everything done. In addition, she wastes nothing. What children experience with parents and other adults strongly impacts who they become. The **Cloverleaf Garden Club** generously supports its Junior Program, knowing that children learn and grow in Nature.

The recent documentary 'Play Again' reports that the average child recognizes more than a hundred corporate logos but can't name ten types of plants. I wonder - if this trend were reversed, would attention deficit disorder (ADD) be so alarmingly widespread? For a child with ADD it feels as if everything is happening at once.

Thankfully, Mother Nature doesn't pressure the flowers or the students to grow faster. As chair of The Cloverleaf Junior Program, now in six schools in Mississauga, I have had the privilege of taking children from ages 5 to 12 out of the classroom to experience Mother Nature from the ground up. Yes, our nails get dirty. For some children it was the first time they had touched soil. Together we have laughed, shared stories and experienced an alive world as we planted tulip bulbs (Oakridge Public School), had "scratch and sniff" field trips (Ecole Horizon Jeunesse) created a raised bed vegetable garden in the Spring of 2012 to make home-made "Stone Soup" in the Fall 2012 (The Froebel Education Centre), The EcoGreen Thumbs and EcoChefs made garden fresh Harvest Soup (Forest Avenue Public School) and finally, donated plants from the May 2012 Cloverleaf Plant Sale were added to spruce up the front entry garden (Mineola Public School). Our newest school garden was at St. Gerard Catholic school with the beginning of an aboriginal turtle garden at the front entry.

Communicating with plants and Nature does require patience, especially when five or more young eager students want to water the same plant! Or could it be simply slowing down and pausing to observe their play with Mother Nature as she works her magic with them. Nature adheres to her own timing, and when we bring opportunities for children to connect to her rhythm, they experience a part of themselves. Albert Einstein once said; "Learning is experience. Everything else is information." Nature is a forgiving teacher. I have seen how children, given the chance, thrive in her timeless embrace.

Kimberlay Oly. Chair

Kirkton HS Reaches out to Seniors



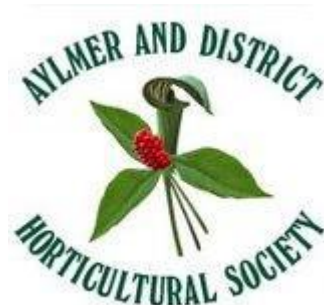
On July 27, 2012 five Kirkton Horticultural Society Directors led a floral design activity at the Wildwood Care Centre (a senior's residence and nursing care facility) in St. Marys. Many Directors provided containers, flowers and other materials. Ten residents had registered for the activity and three or four more joined in as we got underway, while others were entertained watching the activity.

It was a great afternoon with the flowers triggering memories from their childhoods or from growing their own gardens. They shared stories of this with us as they worked. It was a wonderful sensory experience for all and especially for the visually impaired participants. The residents got to take their creations to their rooms to enjoy and share with others. A very rewarding event!

Doris Richardson, Secretary

Aylmer & District Horticultural Society
has a Facebook Fanpage.

I 'like' it ... You will too!



And don't forget to 'join' the
GardenOntario Facebook group.

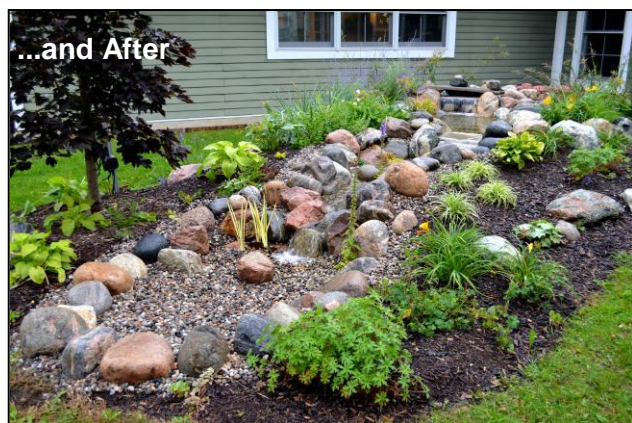
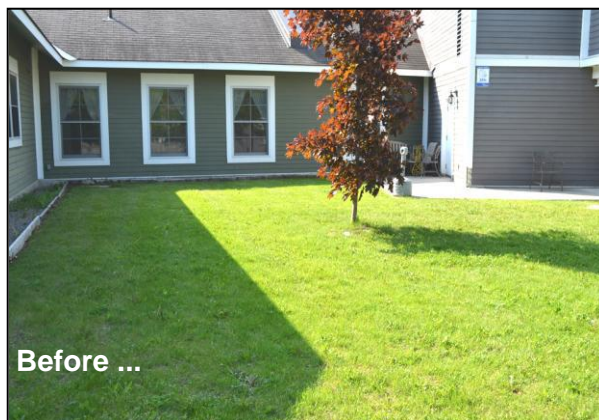
Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society

2012 Community Project

“We make a living by what we get, but make a life by what we give”- Winston Churchill

GOWGHS members each gave themselves a huge “pat on the back” for the wonderful gift of the water garden completed the summer of 2012 at the Peter D Clark Long Term Care facility in Ottawa. The project was perhaps a tad too ambitious and we did have significant challenges but the fabulous team of volunteers and contractors (led by one of our members) transformed a boring lawn into a courtyard oasis. The pictures shown below give you a glimmer of how beautiful this new garden is.

The list of volunteers is too long to acknowledge, but we had some serious sweat equity donated by our members and their families. We had member landscapers who volunteered their time and that of their employees on this project. Other members donated plants and funds. Local firms donated tons of rocks and gravel. Profits from our 3rd and 4th annual Water Garden Tours funded our community project. The OHA tree grant that we received allowed us to purchase two beautiful white magnolia trees that we planted at the site. Sheila Brandt, Director of the Centre, sent us the following email: “I would like to express a tremendous thank you to the GOWGHS for the beautiful water feature. We have received so many compliments and everyone smiles when they see it. Residents, families and staff are so grateful. Thank you!”



Pat Gordon, President of the Family and Friends Council at Peter D. Clark wrote, “On behalf of the Family and Friends Council and all the residents and their families, thank you for the wonderful donation of the waterfall. It is so peaceful and calming for the staff, the residents, their families, and the volunteers. Thank you again for your generous donation.”

I would suggest that both of these notes indicate that GOWGHS members certainly achieved our goals this year to promote the therapeutic benefit of water gardening and horticulture.

The best gift in life is giving ...such a GREAT feel good project!

Brenda Knight
Chair of the Community Project Committee
GOWGHS President

The Grand Ole Opry holds two shows per year and proceeds go to a local organization. In order to reap the benefit, the Chesley and District Horticultural Society members provided and served lunch, and sold tickets at the Opry. The

Opry’s Robin Woodyard (left) is pictured presenting a \$700 cheque to Chesley President Elaine King. The money will be used for new plantings in the town flower beds.



Young and Old Growing Together Inside and Out **London Fanshawe Horticultural Society - Salvation Army Adult Day Care Partnership**



In 2009, London Fanshawe Horticultural Society formed a partnership with the Salvation Army London Village to launch an indoor and outdoor horticulture therapy program for seniors attending the Adult Alzheimer's Day Program. Its purpose was to actively engage the Alzheimer participants in a year round gardening program that responds to their unique interests and needs in a safe environment. The first step was to create an accessible, safe outdoor garden area with raised planters, seating, and shade. Along with the landscaping undertakings, a Garden Therapy program was begun with everything from seed starting to Christmas swag making. Of significant note was our first intergenerational activity, held last November, when kids from the Day Care program and Adult Day Care folks teamed together to pot up spring bulbs for forcing. Young, old, and LFHS volunteers all had fun with that one.

The next step was to to beautify the overall appearance of the Village facility and make it more accessible. A lack of rest areas restricted some from participating in outdoor activities and enjoying the natural environment.

This past spring, the Society embarked on a plan to plant trees, shrubs, and flowers along a paved walkway to the pool area, added benches and constructed a new pergola for the Adult Alzheimer's participants and Summer Day Care children to enjoy for many years to come. A grant from the Sisters of St. Joseph and funding from other donors enabled the work to progress. The willing hands of volunteers made it happen.

Finally the big planting day arrived. Even though the weather was very hot, volunteers spread top soil, planted perennials, and layered mulch. Lots of willing hands made for a fun and rewarding day. The plants looked a bit sparse initially, but it was a great improvement over the bare walkway.

Despite the very hot, dry summer, diligent work by the volunteer waterers and drought resistant plant selections by designer Daryl Bycraft resulted in a great display



later in the season. Not only did the seniors enjoy the show but the children attending the daycare and those individuals with intellectual disabilities who receive care through the Salvation Army Respite program and their families really appreciated the gardens and new benches.

The Salvation Army Therapy Garden Courtyard also served as a great venue for a wrap-up social of LFHS's 2012 Garden Walk. Fall clean-up time came with a surprise of 300 daffodil bulbs donated by Van Noort Nurseries. We all are very excited to see the beauty they will provide as they burst into flower next spring. The LFHS - Salvation Army Partnership has grown and continues to be a rewarding community outreach program for the volunteers.

Bob Crowhurst,
London Fanshawe Horticultural Society

MAY 3-5, 2013 - ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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_____ Postal Code: _____

Relationship to Deceased Person: _____

Mail with your monetary donation (minimum donation is \$25/name) to: Ontario Horticultural Association, c/o Marilyn Cox, 86 Church Street, R.R. #2, Keswick, ON L4P 3E9. For information, call 905-476-3000.

NOTE: If you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention, please notify the OHA Secretary (secretary@gardenontario.org). Funds from donations to the OHA Memorial Book Special Fund are available for memorial tree grants.

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NOTE: No money needs to be sent if you wish to have a deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention. However, you must notify the OHA Secretary (secretary@gardenontario.org) not the Memorial Book Custodian. With your request, please include your district's number, if applicable. An electronic version of this form is available on the OHA website. www.gardenontario.org

A deceased person's name will be entered in the OHA Memorial Book if the Memorial Book Custodian (Marilyn Cox, 86 Church Street, R.R. #2, Keswick, ON L4P3E9) receives a Memorial Book Form (Nov 2012) and a monetary donation (minimum donation is \$25/name). For more information, call 905-476-3000.

