

# Trillium

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## A Message from OHA President James Graham

Many years ago I told of my plans to join a horticultural society after I retired, but long before that happened I was attending horticultural meetings without a clue where that would lead me! For a small boy from rural Ontario this has been a giant leap from hoeing the vegetable garden. Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and support. I look forward to visiting with societies and districts over the coming year throughout this beautiful province.

We see a great interest and a resurgence of that vegetable garden yet we continue to discuss membership in our organization with furrowed brows. At the recent convention in Thunder Bay I touched on this issue in a brief introductory address which I will share with everyone via the *Trillium*.

To begin with, I want you to know that I have a secret agenda....it is that we can all win! As part of a winning team we need to make changes to increase our membership. Change is essential for growth. Ideas for improvement float around at horticultural meetings but sometimes they are met with scorn and resistance.

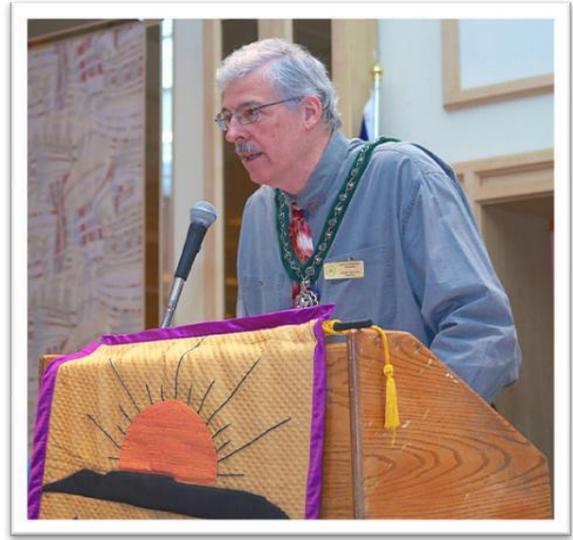
One such idea was proposed by one of the younger members of my own society in Waterloo. The idea was to organize a Garden Fair with vendors, information stations, draws, and a cafe corner. "What a stupid hair-brained idea!" When she pointed out it could be done for approximately the same cost as a regular speaker, the board reluctantly agreed to try it. The event was a howling success with people flooding the auditorium.

Another example of this was when one of our oldest board members had suggested all new members be given a paper bird house made out of seed packages. "For sure this was really a de-brained idea!" They were indeed made and people loved them! Who could have known?

The moral: try something new... make your meetings a warm and friendly place for old and new members and those strangers checking it out for the first time.

At the convention the delegates enjoyed the morning greetings given by the District Directors. Do you have a Greeting Committee at your meetings? This is NOT the person sitting behind the membership table but someone whose sole job it is to stand at the door and welcome the people as they arrive. A smiling introduction and helpful information about the meeting and society can be a big help to a new-comer at no cost to the society.

So....at your next meeting imagine you are a stranger. Imagine you have never been to this place before. You don't know anyone. You don't know what to expect. You



are completely unfamiliar with every aspect of the meeting. Imagine yourself sitting in 'The Uncomfortable Pew'.

Then ask yourself: "What would make this a better experience?" Next, change one thing at your meeting and tell us all about it in your Annual Report for the OHA Yearbook.

Successful change is made in small steps or flutterings like a butterfly in a garden. By sharing we grow. It was best said by Margaret Mead - "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the *only* thing that ever has."

**Horticulturally Yours,  
James**

### **New Members of OHA's Executive Council**

At the OHA's board meeting in Thunder Bay, two new members of the OHA's executive council were elected by the board to serve until the next convention. These two members of the executive council each represent half of the province's 19 districts. The representative for South and South-West Ontario (Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17 and 19) is Kathy Smyth, Director, District 11. Northern and Eastern Ontario (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18) are now represented by Kathy Lindsay, Director, District 2.

Pat Stachon, Director, District 1 is also serving on the executive council since she will be hosting the 2014 convention in Cornwall. Best wishes to Kathy, Kathy, and Pat in their duties serving on the OHA executive council.

**OHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jeff Blackadar**

## From the Secretary's Desk

The 2013 OHA Convention in Thunder Bay was unforgettable for me! I had a number of firsts at the convention including flying, fishing, and sailing on Lake Superior. It was a great experience that I will never forget!



District 14 taught us many things about the north, including a very interesting discussion on *The Lake Superior Basin Ecosystem*. and showed us how even in the north you can have wonderful vegetable and flower gardens. The bus trips were terrific and one bus trip included a trip to Kakabeka Falls. It was quite a sight to see! Because of its size and ease of access, it is referred to as the *Niagara of the North*. It's definitely a must see if you are in the area.

As one convention ends, we start to focus our attention on the next convention, which will be in Cornwall, Ontario. Please look on the [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) website soon for details. I'd like to give thanks to all of the volunteers in District 14 for their efforts and their hospitality. It was truly a wonderful convention!

In preparation for the next convention, the Youth Forms for the 2014 Convention have now been posted on [GardenOntario.org](http://GardenOntario.org). Please ensure the Youth Leaders receive the following: the 2014 Youth Competition Schedule, 2014 Youth Competition Entry Sheet, and the 2014 Youth Club Activity Report. Please distribute these to your Youth leaders as soon as possible.

Two years ago, Carol Dunk implemented a corporate brochure for the OHA. It showcased our volunteerism and our projects in the community, as well as providing an update as to what is happening in our province. This is a great tool for our convention hosts when requesting support for the convention and really showcases the value of our association and all of its societies when working with community groups and municipalities. This would be a great tool for those seeking support from their towns or cities for local projects. Carol has agreed to stay on in this capacity as Writer and Editor of the OHA Corporate Report. If you have a story, information, or pictures of completed projects that would be great in the corporate report, please email it to Carol Dunk at [ohacorporatereport@gardenontario.org](mailto:ohacorporatereport@gardenontario.org). Thank you, Carol!

With Thanks  
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## Trillium Editor Needed!

The OHA is currently seeking a new editor for the organization's quarterly newsletter. This position involves the following responsibilities.

The Trillium editor:

- Solicits, edits, and collates content provided by the OHA Executive and Directors, as well as articles from representatives of local horticultural societies throughout Ontario. Currently, the deadline dates for copy are February 21 (spring issue), May 21 (summer issue), August 21 (fall issue), and November 21 (winter issue). The newsletter generally consists of either 16 or 20 pages.
- Communicates with the OHA Secretary to ensure that important notices and directives from the OHA Board are included in the appropriate issues.
- Emails the electronic newsletter to OHA societies, subscribers, and sponsors on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, May, August, and November. This involves approximately 400 recipients.
- Arranges for each issue to be printed locally. Submits invoices to the OHA Treasurer.
- Mails between 100 and 150 hard copies (using Canada Post's Publication Mail protocol) to other societies, subscribers, and sponsors. This is completed during the first week of March, June, September, and December.

The successful applicant will have the support of the current editor to ensure a smooth transition. Applications should be emailed to **OHA Secretary Kelly Taylor** at [secretary@gardenontario.org](mailto:secretary@gardenontario.org). Please include a one page synopsis of your qualifications. There is a small honorarium with this position.

**Winter Trillium  
deadline for submissions:  
November 21, 2013**

## Looking Back at Convention 2013 *Up North and Down to Earth*

This year's 107<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention was proudly hosted in Thunder Bay by Northwestern Ontario's District 14, comprised of nine societies. In the west, we have Atikokan, Dryden, Evergreen Thumbs, and Fort Frances. Sioux Lookout is one hour to the north of Dryden. To the east we have Geraldton, Longlac, and Nipigon-Red Rock, and in the centre, Thunder Bay. A total of 93 District 14 volunteers came together, wearing their purple t-shirts with the new District 14 logo, ready to assist the delegates.

Opening Ceremonies were held on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> commencing with the Piper Ian MacLeod piping in the Flag party, dignitaries, Past Presidents, OHA Board, and District Directors. Announcements for those entering the room were given by Ian Robson. Bert Card led the delegates in singing the Canadian National Anthem, which was followed by greetings from dignitaries.

The plenary sessions on Friday morning started with a power point presentation by Dr. Robert Stewart on the topic 'The Great Lakes' Action Plan to protect, conserve, and restore the Lake Superior Basin Ecosystem'. On Saturday morning, Kevin Belluz of Belluz Farms spoke on 'Slow Food Superior Style' and left freshly picked strawberry baskets to be enjoyed by the delegates. James Graham spoke on Sunday morning on the importance of Community Gardens.

The delegates had a choice of 11 seminars on a variety of topics which they could attend during the afternoons. Five different bus tours left



both Friday and Saturday afternoon and on Sunday, volunteer drivers brought groups out to the Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour. Those interested in Floral Design had three judging updates to select from.

The competitions for adults and youth in the various categories were on display in the hotel's Viking and Scandia rooms. A meeting for the OHA Judges was held

on Friday afternoon in the Scandia rooms where Ken Fink and Kathryn Lindsay had the judges in attendance practice judging on the entries that had been already judged in the morning. The participating judges gave their reasons for the choice and then the actual status of the entry was revealed. Several judges were thrilled to see they had selected the same winners. The judges were then reminded about the rules and guidelines used by judges to assess the quality of exhibits and the awarding of prizes. The Youth Leaders held their meeting late Saturday afternoon, so that they also could take advantage of the various seminars and bus tours.

The barbeque and social held on Friday evening was very well attended. The delegates had the choice of eating in the Valhalla's open air courtyard or bringing their plates to eat in the Ballroom. *Jim 'n' I* offered the delegates a wide repertoire of original, traditional and contemporary melodies in the courtyard and ballroom during the dinner hour. The delegates were given time to mingle, renew acquaintances, and make new ones. Delegates

also had opportunities to look at photo albums on display and bid on the Silent Auction items.

*Flipper Flannigan's Flat Footed Four* had some delegates up on their feet dancing to the music, while others enjoyed watching. They played a variety of Celtic and Bluegrass music. During the break in the entertainment, OHA President John Sellers presented Erika North, President of the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society, with a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary letter and Certificate from the OHA.

Current and Past Presidents were invited to the celebrations. Photos were taken to document the event and Erika cut and distributed the celebratory cake.

As with all other conventions, the OHA business and reports were conducted at the Saturday plenary session. At the Saturday night Gala Dinner and Awards, the names of the recipients of the Community Improvement, Youth Leader, Award of Merit (2), and Honour Roll Awards(2) were read and presented. Vice-President James Graham presented the Trillium Award to Cecile Young from District 12 and Katherine Andrachuk from District 15. President John Sellers presented the Silver Medal Award and certificate to Gary and Dianne Westlake from District 4.

The Gala keynote speaker Fred Jones was introduced by Kathryn Lindsay. At each OHA Convention Awards Banquet, the keynote speaker is funded by the Richmond Hill Garden and Horticultural Society in memory of Gladys McLatchy. Fred entertained the delegates by recounting how he had to help both his mother and grandmother (both experts in the garden) and now wife Laura in a presentation entitled 'Confessions of a Gardening Grunt'. Fred said he did not inherit his forbearer's green thumb but is very happy that Laura has.

Trevor Fielder's floral installation '*Stretching the Mind through Creative Design*' made an exceptional floral display. He created an outdoor picnic scene, with the



sunset reflecting in the lake; an arrangement made with a variety of brightly coloured snapdragons that resembled a camp fire, sparks and all. A blanket lay across pine boughs along with a picnic sandwich made with birch bark (bread) with a filling of rose petals, a fruit salad, and sherbet for desert. Loblaw's sponsored some of the flowers.

The Sunday Plenary dealt with more OHA business, elections, and presentations to retiring Directors and the retiring President, John Sellers. Incoming President James Graham spoke of the importance of a Community Garden and the sharing of its produce. In closing, Shirley Robson thanked everyone for coming 'Up North and being Down to Earth'. Pat Stachon, Director of District

1, was invited to the stage for the transfer of the standard. Her crew of volunteers came on stage to welcome everyone to Cornwall and distributed loot bags filled with information about Cornwall and a gift of their local Maple Syrup.

In closing, let me say that this process has been difficult yet exhilarating, exhausting yet uplifting, and

above all rewarding. To quote William Arthur Ward – "I have found that the pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; and the realist adjusts the sails."

**Shirley Robson, Director, District 14**

- Photos:* 1 - Welcome!  
 2 - Just Sitting Around  
 3 - Joan and Lois at the Information Desk  
 4 - President Erika North cutting Thunder Bay Society's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake  
 5 - Hopping to the beat of Flipper Flannigan's Flat Footed Four  
 6 - Passing of the OHA Flag  
 Shirley Robson, DD14 to Pat Stachon, DD 1

## OHA Awards Presented at Convention 2013

The following awards were presented at the Convention Awards Banquet:

**Silver Medal** was presented to **Gary and Diane Westlake**, Peterborough Horticultural Society. The Ontario Horticultural Association Silver Medal, with its associated framed certificate, is the highest award of the Association. The award is given for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association.

**Silver Trillium/Fir Award** was presented to **Katherine Andrachuk**, Parkdale & Toronto Horticultural Society and **Cecile Young**, Kirkland Lake Horticultural Society. This award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium. The award was initially donated by Thelma Boucher who was the OHA President in 1941. Two awards annually may be given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period.

**Community Improvement Award** was presented to **Joyce Bockmaster**, Woodbridge Garden & Horticultural Society. This award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

**Award of Merit** was presented to **Bob Wilt**, Ancaster Horticultural Society and **Manuela Neto**, Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga. This award is a framed certificate and is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society. The Awards Committee may elect to present more than one Award of Merit in a given year.

**Honour Roll** certificates were presented to **Barbara Waddell**, Ancaster Horticultural Society and **Lotte Brunner**, Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga. The Awards Committee may select a maximum of two candidates from those nominated.

**Youth Leader Award** was presented to **Kim Oly**, Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga. This plaque is presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of five years.

Congratulations to each of these deserving recipients!

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*In 2009, after much discussion and with the desire to reflect current standards, the Silver Trillium, once given to the outstanding lady, and the Silver Fir, presented to the outstanding gentleman were amalgamated into one award for the two best candidates overall. The criteria for these two awards were the same and would remain as such but the winners would be selected regardless of gender.*

*These awards have not been privately funded for quite some time, but rather supported financially by the OHA. However, out of respect for the originators of each award, the symbols of recognition have remained the same.*

*The result of this change has meant that the winners are selected by merit. This means that we may see two gentlemen or two ladies or one of each win this award. In 2012 two gentlemen were deemed the most worthy and in 2013 two ladies were selected as the most deserving of this award.*

*As someone said about this combined award, "Let the best candidates win!" One of this year's winners declared that it made the award more special.*

**OHA President James Graham**

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## Arts Competition

### Class 1 – Heritage Plants

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Erika North, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kees Stryland, Timmins, District 12

### Class 2 – The Sleeping Giant

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Sebesta, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Roddy, Thunder Bay, District 14

### Class 3 – Bold Birch

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14

### Class 4 – Good Morning Sunshine

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dorelene Anderson, Harriston, District 7

### Class 5 – Northern Tundra – no entries

### Class 6 – Silence is Golden

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Roddy, Thunder Bay, District 14

### Class 7 – Roaring Thunder

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dorelene Anderson, Harriston, District 7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Sebesta, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Roddy, Thunder Bay, District 14

### Class 8 – Rock My World

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lois O'Brien, Petawawa, District 2

### Class 9 – Pretty as a Picture – no entries

### Class 10 – Amethyst Treasures

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Irene Warmenhoven, Thunder Bay, District 14
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Roddy, Thunder Bay, District 14

### Best in Show – Marilyn Boyle – Bold Birch



Donna Hussey, Arts Competition Chair

## Photography Competition

### Adult Division

#### Class 1 – Stars of Wonder

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Moody, Sault Ste Marie H.S. District 13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Dow, Fergus H.S. D 7
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste Marie H.S., D 13

#### Class 2 – I Fall to Pieces

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter McLarty, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Ratcliffe, Stouffville H.S. D 5

#### Class 3 – Shade of Amethyst

- 1<sup>st</sup> Debi Foster, Oshawa H.S. D 17
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Griessen, Mississauga H.S. D 15
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Rycquart, Tillsonburg H.S. D 10

#### Class 4 – Flutter By

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Rycquart, Tillsonburg, D 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- H.M. Debi Foster, Oshawa H.S. D 17

#### Class 5 – This Rugged Coast

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fluerette Huneault, Ottawa H.S. D 2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13

#### Class 6 – Kitchen Harvest

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Rycquart, Tillsonburg, D 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter McLarty, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste Marie H. S. D 13

#### Class 7 – Two for One

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Rycquart, Tillsonburg, H.S., D 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Debi Foster, Oshawa H.S. D 17
- H.M. James Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13

#### Class 8 – Our Green Inheritance

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patricia Griessen, Mississauga H.S. D 15
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Rycquart, Tillsonburg, H.S., D 10

#### Class 9 – Up North & Down to Earth

- 1<sup>st</sup> Abigail Obenchain, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Ratcliffe, Stouffville H.S. D 5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13

#### Class 10 – O Christmas Tree

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Earl, Athens Garden Club, D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> James Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Tibbles, Sault Ste Marie H.S. D 13

### Best In Show – Abigail Obenchain for Class 2

### Youth Division

#### Class 11 (a) “My Favourite Flower”

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bianca Fenning, Sudbury, Age 6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Dufresne, Waterdown, Age 6

Jennifer Plaus, Photography Competition Chair

## Creative Writing Competition

### Class 1:

1<sup>st</sup> - Fleurette Huneault, Gloucester, District 2 \*

2<sup>nd</sup> - Brenda Stericker, Waterloo, District 19

3<sup>rd</sup> - Eileen Fisher, Englehart, District 12

4<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14

5<sup>th</sup> - Susan Morley, Chinguacousy, District 15

6<sup>th</sup> - Jean Gordon, Guelph Twshp., District 7

### Class 2:

1<sup>st</sup> - Marilyn Boyle, Thunder Bay, District 14

2<sup>nd</sup> - Eileen Fisher, Englehart, District 12

3<sup>rd</sup> - Brenda Stericker, Waterloo, District 19

4<sup>th</sup> - Alison Robinson, Dryden, District 14

### Class 3:

1<sup>st</sup> - Eileen Fisher, Englehart, District 12

2<sup>nd</sup> - Sylvia Grant, Guelph Twshp., District 7

3<sup>rd</sup> - Alison Robinson, Dryden, District 14

4<sup>th</sup> - Brenda Stericker, Waterloo, District 19

**Best of Show:** Eileen Fisher, Englehart

**Dorelene Anderson, Chair**

## \*Singing Softly

Grasping waves erode Superior's shores

As wind and sleet pummel inland soil

Rest easy slumbering seeds

Deafening storms will soon recede, and gardeners,

Emerge from tillers' rows

Note the changing sky, then,

Sing softly to the earth,

in praise of sun drenched gardens.



**Fleurette Huneault,  
Gloucester H.S.**

## Ted Reed Web Site Competition

Thank you to Malcolm Geast of District 5 for judging the websites of all of the horticultural societies in the OHA. Malcolm has done this year after year and it takes a tremendous effort to judge and rank all of the web sites.

Congratulations and thank you to the volunteers who maintain the websites. The many hours of work are apparent in the winning web sites. Keep up the inspirational and innovative work!

### Class 1:

GardenOntario web shells using standard features as outlined in the manual "Garden Webs for Societies" or "Garden Webs for Districts" (as appropriate).

**1<sup>st</sup> - Bolton Horticultural Society, District 15**

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/bdhs>

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Collingwood Horticultural Society, District 16**

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/collingwood>

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Cloverleaf Horticultural Society, District 15**

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/clover>

### Class 2:

Horticultural Society web sites created outside of gardenontario.org. The creators of these sites have full control over the design and appearance of their sites, and can usually include a larger amount of graphics, pdf files, or other information.

**1<sup>st</sup> - Perth & District Horticultural Society,  
District 2**

[www.perthhortsociety.com](http://www.perthhortsociety.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Omeme & District Horticultural Society,  
District 4**

[www.omemeblooms.ca](http://www.omemeblooms.ca)

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Prince Edward County Horticultural Society,  
District 3**

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

**Honourable Mention - Englehart & District Horticultural  
Society, District 12**

[www.engeharthort.weebly.com](http://www.engeharthort.weebly.com)

**Jeff Blackadar, Chair  
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# Publications Competition

## CLASS #1 - YEARBOOK COVER - PRIMARILY HAND DRAWN

Thunder Bay H.S., District 14 first  
 Lake Simcoe Gardener, District 5 second

## CLASS #2 - YEARBOOK COVER - PRIMARILY COMPUTER GENERATED GRAPHICS

Harriston and District H.S., D7 first  
 Elmvale and District H.S., D16 second  
 Nobleton and King City H.S., D15 third

## CLASS #3 - YEARBOOK COVER - COVER ILLUSTRATION PRIMARILY PHOTOGRAPHIC

Georgetown H.S., D6 first  
 North York Garden Club, D5 second  
 Guelph Twp H. S., D7 third  
 Oro-Medonte H. S., D16 hm

## CLASS #4 - 2010/2011 SPECIAL EVENT POSTER

Nobleton and King City H.S., D15 first  
 Cloverleaf Garden Club, D15 second  
 Credit Valley H.S., D15 third  
 Georgetown H. S., D6 hm

## CLASS #5 - 2010/2011 SPECIAL EVENT BROCHURE/PAMPHLET/FLYER

Cloverleaf Garden Club 15 first  
 North York Garden Club 5 second  
 Greater Toronto Water Garden 5 third  
 West Carlton Garden Club 2 hm

## CLASS #6 - CLUB/SOCIETY BROCHURE/PAMPHLET/FLYER

Leaside Garden Society, D5 first  
 Cloverleaf Garden Club, D 15 second  
 Mount Albert H.S., D5 third

## CLASS #7 - NEWSLETTER COVER (2) - ILLUSTRATIONS HAND DRAWN 10 PG OR LESS

Atikokan H.S., D14 first  
 Lake Simcoe South Shore, D5 second

## CLASS #8 - NEWSLETTER COVER (2) PRIMARILY PHOTOGRAPHIC 10 PG OR LESS

Mount Albert H.S., D 5 first  
 Leaside Garden Society, D5 second  
 Greater Toronto Water Garden, D 5 third

## CLASS #9 - NEWSLETTER COVER (2) - GRAPHICS COMPUTER GENERATED, 10 PG OR LESS

Cloverleaf Garden Club, D15 first  
 Credit Valley H.S., D 15 second  
 St. Catharines H.S., D 9 third

## CLASS #10 - CURRENT YOUTH SCRAPBOOK

Cloverleaf Garden Club, D15 first

## CLASS #11 - CLUB/SOCIETY BOOKMARK

Leaside Garden Society, D 5 first  
 Oro Medonte, D 16 second  
 Lake Simcoe South Shore H.S., D5 third

## CLASS #12 - PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Leaside Garden Society, D5 first  
 Brooklin H.S., D17 second  
 Russell and District H.S., D1 third

## CLASS #13 - 2013 YEARBOOK 8.5x11

Sudbury H.S., D13 first  
 Georgetown H.S., D6 second  
 Thuncer Bay H.S., D 14 third  
 Gloucester H.S., D2 hm

## CLASS #14 - 2013 YEARBOOK - FULL LETTER SIZE 8.5" x 5.5

West Carlton Garden Club and H.S., D2 first  
 North York Garden Society, D5 second  
 Leaside Garden Society, D 5 third  
 Alliston and District H.S., D16 hm

## CLASS #15 - 2013 YEARBOOK - LETTER SIZE FOLDED INTO BOOKLET STYLE 8.5" X 7"

Brooklin H.S., D17 first  
 Mount Albert, D5 second

## CLASS #16 - 2013 YOUTH YEARBOOK

Mount Albert Garden and H.S., D5 first  
 Guelph Twp H.S., D7 second

## CLASS #18 - CURRENT SHOW SCHEDULE

Credit Valley H.S., D15 first  
 Brooklin H.S., D17 second  
 Russell and District H.S., D1 third  
 Guelph Twp H.S., D7 hm

**Sue Lusted,  
 Publications Competition Chair**



# Ontario Horticultural Association Youth Competitions 2013 Results

*Keeping Ontario Beautiful*

## **Class 1 "One of Nature's Best"** 6 to 8 years No Entries

### **9 to 11 years**

1st Lauren White, Wilmot

### **12 to 14 years**

1st Alexander Wagler, Wilmot  
2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot

### **15 to 18 years**

1st. Shelby Wagler, Wilmot

## **Class 2 "Blue Power"** 6 to 8 years

1st Gillian Sanzsole, Elmvale  
2nd Brady B., St. Marys  
3rd Lauren G., St. Marys  
4th Jakob, St. Marys  
5th Emile Draper, Elmvale  
HM Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot

### **9 to 11 years**

1st Jarod M., St. Marys  
2nd Kaitlyn O'Gay, Elmvale  
3rd Michael K., St. Marys  
4th Darcy Fay, Elmvale  
5th Laueen Rheleimer, Elmvale  
HM Michael K., St. Marys

### **12 to 14 years**

1st Adam Huras, Wilmot  
2nd Callum Livingston, Wilmot  
3rd Jarod M. St. Marys  
4th Lauren White, Wilmot  
5th Jaci Mitchell, Krkton  
HM Michael K., St. Marys

### **15 to 18 years**

1st. Shelly Wagler, Wilmot

## **Class 3 "Natures Bounty"** 6 to 8 years

1st Brady M.. St. Marys  
2nd Lily Smith, Wilmot  
3rd Jakob K., St. Marys  
4th Cassy Bender, Wilmot  
5th Avert A. St. Marys  
HM Ashley Simpson, Kirkton

### **9 to 11 years**

1st Adam Huras, Wilmot  
2nd Alexander Wagler, Wilmot  
3rd Jarod M. St. Marys  
4th Lauren White, Wilmot  
5th Cullum Livingston, Wilmot  
HM Michael K., St. Marys

### **12 to 14 years**

1st Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot  
2nd Chantal Mueller, Wilmot  
3rd Joshua Bergel, Wilmot  
4th Emily Huras, Wilmot

### **15 to 18 years**

1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot

## **Class 4 "Up North and Down to Earth"** No Entries

## **Class 5 "Happy 90th Thunder Bay"** 6 to 8 years

1st MacKenzie Cressman, Wilmot  
2nd Carley Cressman, Wilmot

### **9 to 11 years**

1st Amber Bloomfield, Grafton  
2nd Lola Dickson, Grafton  
3rd Marly McKenzie, Grafton  
4th Rowyn McKenzie, Grafton  
5th Eve Melvanin, Grafton  
HM Grace Wilson, Grafton

### **12 to 14 years**

1st. Nicole Brenner, Guelph Township  
2nd. Sydney Partington, Grafton  
3rd. Ashley Lansley, Grafton  
4th. Hailey Lindsey, Grafton  
5th. Lyndsey Partington, Grafton

### **15 to 18 years**

Shelby Wagler, Wilmot

## **Class 6 "Our Moss Garden"**

1st St. Marys  
2nd Grafton

## **Class 7 "My Favourite Tree of the Boreal Forest"** 6 to 8 years

1st Jacob K., St. Marys  
2nd Lauren G., St. Marys  
3rd Madilynn Mae Cressman, Wilmot  
4th Dustin, St., Marys  
5th Brady M., St. Marys  
HM Tyler B., St. Marys

### **9 to 11 years**

1st Marley McKenzie, Grafton  
2nd Jarod M., St. Marys  
3rd Rowyn McKenzie, Grafton  
4th Michael K., St. Marys  
5th Leah Brooks, Grafton  
HM Eve Melvanin, Grafton

### **12 to 14 years**

1st Nocole Brenner, Guelph Township  
2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot  
3rd Alexander Wagler, Wilmot

### **15 to 18 years**

1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot

## **Classes 6 & 7**

Awarded by Anna Peterson, St. Marys,  
Past District 10 Director, 2005 - 2010

## **Class 8 "Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award"**

1st Nicole Brenner, Guelph Township  
2nd Aedan M., St. Marys  
3rd Cyler P., St. Marys

## **Class 9 "Don Matthew's Award"**

1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot  
2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot  
3rd Satah Kinch, Wilmot

## **Class 10 "Maisie Bray Award"**

1st Wilmot  
2nd St. Marys

## **Class 11 "Ruby Bryan Award"**

1st Grafton

## **Class 12 "Frances Lemke Award"**

St. Marys

## **Class 13 "Nothers Award"**

No Entries

## **Class 14**

1st Wilmot  
2nd St. Marys  
3rd Grafton

Total number of entries 162

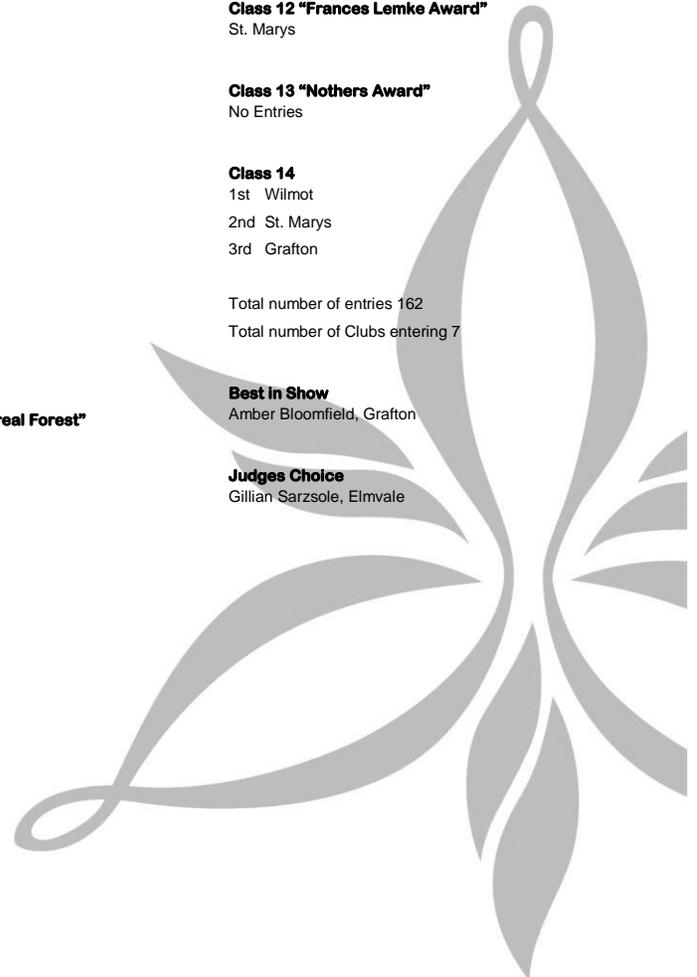
Total number of Clubs entering 7

## **Best in Show**

Amber Bloomfield, Grafton

## **Judges Choice**

Gillian Sarzsole, Elmvale



## A Great Speaker:



**The anchor for your society meeting is also the key to education.**

Speakers are critical to the success of horticultural societies and our mission of education. Good speakers bring existing members into meetings and attract new ones. They can inspire, spread the adoption of improved gardening technique, or raise awareness of environmental concerns. They can also entertain and be an enjoyable centrepiece of a horticultural society meeting.

Given the importance of speakers, as an association of horticultural societies we need to foster our speakers. We can create a virtuous circle of speakers improving their presentations and then getting more speaking engagements, with more horticultural societies benefiting from higher quality presentations. We also need to grow new speakers and new presentations. Horticultural societies cultivate good speakers; good speakers help societies keep growing.

### To Horticultural Society Program committee chairs:

Program committee chairs in each horticultural society must encourage speakers to register on the OHA's speakers' registry. If a speaker did a great job presenting to your society, pay that forward so that a neighbouring society can book that speaker too, and also so that the speaker can build on their presentation in front of a new audience. Provide specific constructive feedback to speakers on what they did well and if there is anything they can improve. When booking speakers, ask for references to make sure you are getting a high quality presentation for your members.

Please review the OHA's speakers list for your district. If you see incorrect information, send a note to [speakers@gardenontario.org](mailto:speakers@gardenontario.org) so it can be updated. Help build the OHA's speakers list into a more useful tool. The OHA speakers list has the potential to help societies find high quality speakers and for speakers to obtain more engagements.

Help your speakers. Provide them with good directions to the venue and someone to help them set up and get oriented. Make sure you know the speaker's technology needs if they are bringing a computer presentation as most speakers do. Try to get the presentation sent to you in advance and make sure it runs on your computer. View some of the text of the presentation to ensure people can read it from the back of the room. Test sound systems and listen from different points in the room to make sure that all of the audience can hear the speaker well.

### To Speakers:

Please register on the OHA's speakers' registry so that you can be booked by more societies. [http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/spe\\_add.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/spe_add.php) Ask for feedback about your presentation and make continuous improvements to evolve your presentation. Consider working with your horticultural society to come up with new ideas for presentations. Be aware of your speaking time slot and rehearse your presentation for if you go over your allotted time you may be robbing another speaker of their time. Keep your presentation focused, while pictures of tarantulas may be interesting they have little to add to a presentation about peonies.

### To Aspiring New Speakers:

You may be the next Marjorie Harris or Paul Zammit! Your society should consider having a meeting where two new speakers are given half the time to make a shorter than normal presentation about an aspect of gardening or design they are passionate about. This would provide an entrée for new speakers and also give the audience some fresh voices to hear. Your society could also make a call for new speakers to put together a presentation and then work with them to perfect it. Your expertise, gardening passion, or favourite type of plant may be the spark for a new presentation that inspires and educates audiences in your horticultural society and others.

**Jeff Blackadar**  
**OHA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

# News for Webmasters of Society and District web shells hosted on gardenontario.org

Two new tools have been added to the society and district web shells.

## 1. Change HTML Editor

For the past nine years gardenontario.org has had a web page editor that worked only with Internet Explorer. Users of Macs and other internet browsers such as Chrome or Firefox could not edit web pages with the editor. As of now, societies and districts can use an updated editor that works with many different internet browsers, including Safari, Chrome and Internet Explorer version 10.

To use this new editor, click on “Manage Society and District Sites” then click to edit your society or district's web site and then click CHANGE HTML EDITOR. Please review the instructions and click the choice for “Tiny MCE editor.”. Finally push the Save Changes button and you will now be able to edit pages on your site with a more sophisticated editor. Please keep the following in mind: When linking to other webpages on this web site GardenOntario.org, with the TinyMCE editor you must replace [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) with `../..../` so that a link to [http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/web\\_manual.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/web_manual.pdf) would be entered as `../..../docs/web_manual.pdf`. This is a relative link.

## 2. A new files tool

Have you wanted to add your electronic newsletter to your site? How about more pictures? When you are editing your website, click on FILES. You can add a file and it will be stored on the OHA's server. These files could be your yearbook, constitution, meeting agenda, or pictures. Assume that files are accessible by members of the public so if you have any confidential information you should store that elsewhere. Once you upload files you can add links to them on your web pages, or display them as images.

If you have questions, please contact the OHA's webmaster Sue Lusted at [webmaster@gardenontario.org](mailto:webmaster@gardenontario.org)

Have fun with these new tools!

**Jeff Blackadar**

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*From OHA Treasurer Sharon Hill:*

***DUES & INSURANCE INVOICES***  
*are being mailed and will be due*  
*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.*

*Also included with the invoice will*  
*be a Treasurer Letter of Credit*  
*form.*

*The Letter of Credit will cover the*  
*period January 1st, 2014 to*  
*December 31st, 2014 or until a*  
*new society Treasurer takes*  
*office.*

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### ***District 18 News:***

*This is a very special year for Parry Sound and*  
*District Horticultural Society as they celebrated*  
*their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 26, 2013. I enjoyed*  
*sharing this special time with them. It was a*  
*wonderful evening!*

*Powassan Horticultural Society is having a very*  
*successful year. Their executive is introducing*  
*many new ideas and I applaud all the members,*  
*especially the long term members who have*  
*embraced and supported the innovations. At their*  
*last meeting, they had 50 people present.*

***Sandra Hartill***  
***District 18 Director***

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## Have A Seat - Norfolk Horticultural Societies Team Up To Donate New Benches! Gift inspires new Legacy Program



Whistling Garden's cozy new botanical gardens 'Waiting Area', located under the 85 year old Cottonwood tree, is now complete, thanks to the generosity of local Norfolk County Horticultural Societies.

*Back left to right: Anne Faulkner, President, Port Dover & Woodhouse Horticultural Society  
Bob Williams, President, Simcoe & District Horticultural Society  
Darren Heimbecker, Owner, Whistling Gardens  
Terri Vanbruggen, Secretary, Waterford & District Horticultural Society  
Dottie Smith, President, Delhi & District Horticultural Society  
Donna Hussey, District 6 Director, OHA*

Norfolk County has heart! Our family has received goodwill and encouragement from so many community groups, churches, businesses, and private citizens offering generous in-kind gifts of services, volunteering, and donations towards the ongoing development and maintenance of the gardens, this has really caught us by surprise. From day one, our local Horticultural Societies have been cheering us on! Once visitors become aware of our story, kindness and inspiration follow, we can't thank you enough for your support.

As the building of Norfolk's first botanical gardens continues for generations to enjoy, we realize it's time to establish a **Legacy Program** to recognize generous gifts in the names of families, organizations, and businesses. To learn more, please check out our website at <http://www.whistlinggardens.ca/mission.php>.

**Darren and Wanda Heimbecker, Whistling Gardens Ltd.**  
698 Concession 3, RR #1 Wilsonville, ON N0E 1Z0  
Voted: 2013 Canada's Best New Garden Experience

### **Carmine Tedesco Wood** August 12 1950-May 27, 2013



Carmine was a very active member of the **Gananoque Horticultural Society** for 27 years, joining in 1986. Carmine was on the board of directors and held a variety of positions including President. In addition, Carmine was on the **District 3 executive**, serving as the Secretary/Treasurer during the later 1990s and was part of the group that was responsible for the hosting of the 1995 OHA convention in Kingston. All of our members and the community have benefited from Carmine's never tiring dedication to the Gananoque Horticultural Society's objectives. Without the talents and commitment of people like Carmine our organization could not continue to do all our good work in the community. All who had the opportunity to work with Carmine will greatly miss her. A tree will be planted in town in her memory.

**Penny Stewart**

## Cherry Lane Tree Planting

On June 6, 2010 an F1 tornado passed through Leamington and destroyed dozens of large shade trees and in many cases completely changed the landscape.

I would like to share with everyone a special project the **Leamington Horticultural Society** undertook after the tornado. The Society received donations from several horticultural societies to assist in the replanting of trees in the tornado area. In 2011, with the assistance of Leamington's Parks & Recreation Department, the Society arranged for these contributions to be utilized in the planting of 28 trees on the west side and 23 trees on the east side of Cherry Lane. What a delight it is to now drive down Cherry Lane and see the greenery provided by these trees and to visualize what it will look like once they become fully grown. A commemorative plaque was placed on the west side of Cherry Lane in recognition of the donor organizations, whose names were inscribed on the plaque. The Leamington Horticultural Society would like to thank the OHA, Districts 1 and 11, and the Essex, Amabassador, Belle River, Fort Malden, Ridgetown, Sarnia, and Tilbury societies for their generosity, which made possible this tree planting project.



Pictured above, the Society's Tree Committee this year created a flower bed of red geraniums, hostas, and ornamental grasses surrounding the plaque. The red geraniums are very appropriate as it is the flower chosen to represent the Leamington Horticultural Society. Tree Committee members, from left to right, are Ken Habing, Committee Coordinator Joan McDonald, Eileen Wonnick, and Ken Clark. Members Susan Ross and Peter Scorrar were not available for the picture taking:

**Catherine Riediger, Publicity Committee Chair  
Leamington Horticultural Society**

## The OHA Welcomes the Wasaga Beach Garden Club!



The Wasaga Beach Garden Club held its inaugural meeting as the newest member of the OHA on August 14. On hand to welcome them into the OHA were OHA President James Graham, D18 Director Sandra Hartill and Assistant Director Gilberte Lambert, D19 Director Gary Brenner and D16 Director Russ

Talbot with Assistant Directors Paul Barolet, Joyce McGillivray and Lynn Wilkinson. Pictured is Wasaga Beach President Maureen Andersen with OHA President James Graham.

**Russ Talbot, District 16 Director**

## District 16 Judging School



In June, the D16 Flower Judging School held its 3rd session. The students are shown creating their designs to be judged.

**In District 16**  
we have two societies celebrating momentous anniversaries this year.

The **Orillia Horticultural Society** is  
**125 years old**  
and the **Stayner Garden Club** is celebrating  
its **90th anniversary**.  
Congratulations to both for reaching these  
milestones!



## A New Pollinator Garden

A presentation by former OHA President Carol Dunk at a regular **Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society** meeting last year inspired the President of the Society, John Carley, to create what he hopes will be the first of many pollinator gardens in the Township. Ron and Barb Bentley stepped up to offer an 18' x 10' plot close to Highway 15 and Chaffey's Lock Road, complete with watering. John covered the plot with old carpet this past spring to kill off weeds and grass. Bob Leblanc cultivated the plot and John, Joanne McLean, and the Bentleys planted it. Barb has been the ongoing caretaker. Karen Earl donated some plants and others were purchased at Kiwi Gardens in Perth. The garden consists of a border of light and airy

blue flowers on 24" stalks, with Rhapsody in Blue cranesbill anchoring the corners, and various specimen plants in the centre, including Fireball beebalm, gallardia, Pink Spike bugbane, dianthus, fuschia-coloured coneflowers, phlox, and lilies. The total cost was about \$130. Congratulations to John and the whole team for helping out our pollinator friends while gracing this little corner of Rideau Lakes with a splash of colour.

**Yvonne Helwig**

## Bath Gardening Club 'Floats'!



Each year, the lovely little Village of Bath hosts a Canada Day celebration second to none in the area. It lasts all weekend, and includes craft and farmers markets, vendors' kiosks, BBQs, children's bicycle decorating contests, fireman's foam, and a myriad of other events designed to include the entire community. The highlight of the celebration is the Annual Canada Day Parade. Each year the **Bath Gardening Club** enters a float in the parade and this year the Club won first prize for *Best Adult Float*. The float represented the 'First Gardens' of our forefathers and in keeping with the theme, our float riders dressed in period clothes and the float itself contained plants which would have been growing at that time. At our first monthly members' meeting of the season on September 16, a first prize trophy will be presented to our float chair and committee by Joe Hudacin, Co-Chair of the Bath Canada Day Committee. Well done, Bath Gardening Club!

**Wendy O'Neill**



The **Beaverton Horticulture Society** held its "first-in-recent-memory" garden tour on July 7 this year. Despite the inclement weather, enthusiastic visitors ventured out to enjoy the nine gardens on the tour. Feedback has been extremely complimentary, with participants and volunteers commenting on the diversity, uniqueness, visual appeal, and horticultural aspects of the featured gardens. One of the gardens drew the attention of Canadian Gardening magazine and will possibly be featured in next summer's edition. Stay tuned....



**Ildi Connor**

## Massey-Walford Society Celebrates 50 Years

Silvana Espinosa, current President of the Massey-Walford H.S., wrote the following poem to celebrate the occasion which she read to those in attendance at the Massey-Walford Horticultural Society's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show and Luncheon held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the Massey and District Community Centre and Arena.

### *Imagine!*

*Imagine, our society is 49 plus one!  
A new decade has now begun.  
For only 2 ½ years, I have been President  
So I don't know where the heck 48 years went!  
I just wanted to plant petunias in the park.  
Now I go to meetings, shows, and do learn a lot.*

*Plants I find are a lot like us,  
They want you to enjoy them, not make a big fuss.  
Some like sun, others prefer shade  
Some are perennials, while others fade.  
Others are more thirsty or require sandy soil  
Just need a little sweat from us and love as we toil.  
Some attract butterflies, and others bees  
While others attract weeds that ache our knees.*

*I may not know their botanical name  
But now I know Black-eyed Susan and Rudbeckia are  
one and the same.  
Just one more thing, I must say  
Our members are few and we work hard, so enjoy this  
day...*



Pictured, from left to right: Silvana Espinosa, President; Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director; Klara Kluge, Past President; Patricia Hnatuk, Deputy Mayor for the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers. In the foreground are the OHA Anniversary certificate and Congratulatory letter from the Township.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Flower Show for Evergreen Thumbs Horticultural Society



Evergreen Thumbs Horticultural Society is in Vermilion Bay, a small town about 158 kilometers from the Manitoba border and the farthest society west in District 14. It was established in 2002 with a starting membership of about 35 people.

After 11 years, we had our first Flower Show on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This year was not the year for flowers (or gardens) as the weather has been anywhere from cold, to cool, to warm, and then to hot, then back to cool again. We have also had our fair share of rain, but being in a zone 2 growing area, we survived and bloomed.

We had nine people entering and a total of 50 entries for the show. District 14 Director Shirley Robson, along with Master Gardener and show Judge Marie Hynna, travelled the 396 kilometers from Thunder Bay to help and guide us along the way to having a successful Flower Show.

The morning of our '1<sup>st</sup> Flower Show' dawned to 14 degrees Celsius, but sunny. We were having an outdoor event! The weather reached 22 degrees, but it was a bit windy to say the least. Flowers, vases, tags, ribbons, and table cloths all had to be anchored down, but we managed. Evergreen Thumbs Horticultural Society had a successful 1<sup>st</sup> Flower Show and is looking forward to many more.



**Joy Robinson, President**  
Evergreen Thumbs  
Horticultural Society  
in beautiful District 14



It's been quite a year for the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society! 2013 has brought many updates to the 94 year old institution.

At our first meeting of the year we held a contest to name one of our most successful projects, the new & improved FFHS Newsletter. Jane Clark's entry won by a large margin and in May we published the spring issue and debuted the new name Backyard Buzz. Along with updating our official logo and flyers, we have also launched our Facebook page where we will build community awareness around our society and speakers, and promote attendance at our monthly meetings.

Fenelon Falls held their annual home show, the Country Living Show, in May. The Horticultural ladies were out and looking fabulous in their flower hats, handing out information flyers and drumming up excitement. Next year the FFHS will have its very own booth to showcase the work we are doing about town this year.

On a personal note, as a new resident to the Kawartha Lakes I was eager to start vegetable gardening, but had no idea where to begin! It's a daunting task to a new gardener, who had a spotty record at keeping indoor houseplants in good health. I consider myself very lucky that a friend's neighbor told me about the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society. I was instantly hooked at my first meeting. Oh, the information! The comradery! The fun!

I volunteered for the board right away and became the proud editor of the Backyard Buzz. We have started our vegetable garden this year and I'm looking forward to a season of growth, in veggies and flowers and in knowledge. Having access to the Society has filled me with confidence and has quickly become a wonderful bright spot in my new country life. I am committed to spreading the word about gardening and the FFHS and can't wait to see how big we can grow!

**Shannon Peters Bain**  
**Editor, Backyard Buzz**  
**Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society**

## Paris Society Project



Our society is into its second year of our project at the Paris Fair Grounds. This past June, we planted approximately 100 various shrubs and perennials. This is the second stage of our multiyear plan to landscape the approx 600 ft. bank at the fairgrounds. The Paris Horticultural Society has partnered with the Paris Agricultural Society to develop this landscape over the next three to four years. It is one of the largest public plantings in Ontario undertaken by a horticultural society. We had several members from the Paris Society participating in the planting on June 15<sup>th</sup> as well as working the soil June 14<sup>th</sup>.



Group Photo: from left to right Dave Collins, Linda Head (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President PAS), Serryn Stephenson, Pat Hasler-Watts, Bob, Hasler, Hilary Whittaker, Carol Reansbury, Doug Hanna

**Serryn Stephenson**  
 Publicity Director  
 Paris Horticultural Society



## Supplies Newsflash!

I am happy to announce that we have new service pins on the list of OHA Supplies. In addition to the 10, 15, 20 and 25 year Service Pins we now stock 30, 35, 40 and 50 year pins. These new pins will be available in the fall. I urge societies to seek out and recognize those individuals who have given remarkable service to their group. The pins could be presented along with a Society President's Certificate. As well we stock a new Peel and stick decal for members to display proudly. In addition to the President's certificate there are the usual Life Member certificates which include a Life Member card.

A revised supplies list will be posted on the website in the future. If societies wish to save on postage please send me your order and I will see that it gets to your District Director at the fall or spring Board meeting.

You may still email me at [supplies@gardenontario.org](mailto:supplies@gardenontario.org) or call me at 519-338-3243.



Don Matthews

## TBG Welcomes New Executive Director



We are delighted to report that the Toronto Botanical Garden has a new Executive Director: **Harry Jongerden**. Harry comes to us from VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory in Vancouver where he has been the Garden Director.

In his five years at VanDusen, Harry was instrumental in leading a garden revival that included a new \$22 million "Living Building" Visitor Centre. After the City of Vancouver threatened to close the Bloedel Conservatory, Harry devised the strategy to revitalize and secure it as part of VanDusen.

Other successes include the development and execution of world-class art exhibits and special events which attracted new audiences and increased revenues.

Prior to his role at VanDusen, Harry held the positions of Head of Horticulture and, previous to that, Garden Designer/Horticulturist at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario. While with the RBG, Harry achieved many important accomplishments in both their horticultural and administrative operations. Some of the numerous highlights during his tenure include revitalizing RBG's gardens and recasting the Horticulture Department to become a leader in its industry.

Before joining the RBG Harry spent eight years with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival as Head Gardener. His professional career started with the Metropolitan Toronto Parks Department where he served as Head Gardener at the Toronto Islands and the Canadian National Exhibition.

In addition to the above highlights, Harry is also the author of numerous articles plus a book on the 'how-to' and 'why' of horticulture, *This Other Eden*. He is a member of, and very active in the American Public Gardens Association (APGA). Under Harry, VanDusen Botanical Garden was also the winner of the first ever Canadian "Botanical Garden of the Year" award in 2013.

Harry has recently come on board, filling the vacancy created in April by the resignation of Aldona Satterthwaite, who retired after many years of service to the Toronto Botanical Garden.

Allan Kling  
Co-Chair and President  
Toronto Botanical Garden

# Ennismore and District Horticultural Society Makes a Difference!

**You must be the change you wish to see in the world – Mahatma Gandhi.**

Gandhi's words of wisdom are never more relevant than they are today.

The Ennismore and District Horticultural Society is providing an opportunity for all ages to develop a healthy interest in horticulture while making positive changes to the face of Ennismore. We are in the process of planning gardens and planting trees that will feed and house the birds and the bees while beautifying our community. Not only are we enhancing Ennismore, our frequent guest speakers are educating us on everything from the life cycle of nursery stock, to the perils of tilling your garden. Who knew that you could never get rid of the weeds in your garden? No, you have to out smart them!

Our Society has a number of fundraising seeds that we have planted. One in particular is our partnering with the Ennismore Library and their bi-annual book sale. Our spring plant and magic fertilizer (horse manure) sale at the Ennismore Library is on Saturday, May 25 from 9 - 1. Drop by to have a chat and pick up your bag of magic and a few healthy perennials for your garden.

By encouraging an awareness of horticulture and the natural world around us, we are doing our part to be the change we wish to see in the world. We are learning to act as thoughtful custodians of our small corner of Ontario. Become a member of the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society as we work towards spreading the joy of horticulture while enhancing the natural beauty of Ennismore! Junior members are welcomed.

Monthly meetings are held from February to November on the third Thursday with a brief social time at 6:30. Guest speakers, demonstrations, garden tours and the planning of gardens begin closer to 7:00. Meetings are held at 549 Ennis Road, upper level, next to Ennismore Library in Ennismore. Membership fees are an annual \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Information: Sarah Sullivan – 705-292-6209 or Helen Young – 705-292-9483.

Sarah Sullivan



## Inspirations

*When walking through a woods  
Look down upon the ground  
In among the leaves and trunks  
Inspirations can be found,  
The Flowers*

*When walking on the tundra  
During a spring day  
amongst the rocks and soil  
Inspirations come your way,  
The Flowers*

*When walking through the city  
Made of cement and brick  
Amongst the tallest buildings  
Inspirations, please don't pick,  
The Flowers*

*They will grow anywhere  
With soil, warmth, and light  
They have the strength for  
survival  
Inspirations for our life.  
The Flowers.*

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## Credit Valley Member Honoured

On March 19, 2013, **Ron Allen Tennant** passed away at the age of 77 after a 37-year valiant struggle with cancer. Ron was a dedicated member of **Credit Valley Horticultural Society** in Mississauga since joining in 1995 with his wife, Liz. If help was needed, Ron volunteered, always with a smile. In 1999, as part of CVHS's community projects, Ron and Liz took on the responsibility of maintaining the Oncology and Children's Gardens at Credit Valley Hospital and six years later, the Rehabilitation Garden, which was designed and installed by CVHS members. They lovingly tended all these gardens to ensure they were a welcoming respite for patients and their families. On July 5, Credit Valley Hospital honoured Ron for his devotion to the gardens and the well being of patients with the dedication of the Rehabilitation Garden in his memory.



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## Ontario Horticultural Association Memorial Book

Donor's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

District No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish a family member to be notified, please complete the following:

Circle title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Other:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail with your monetary donation (minimum donation is \$25/name) to:

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**c/o Marilyn Cox**  
**86 Church Street**  
**R.R. #2, Keswick, ON L4P 3E9**

For information, call 905-476-3000 or email: [inmemoriam@gardenontario.org](mailto:inmemoriam@gardenontario.org)

Funds from donations to the OHA Memorial Book Special Fund are available for Memorial Tree Grants.

**NOTE:** *Do you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention?*

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### Convention Acknowledgement

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