

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

Winter 2013/2014



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President's Message



James Graham

Throughout much of the province most of us have had a taste of the weather to come, with a sprinkling of snow very much on the scene. It reminds us that winter is not that far away and with it travel is often restricted. Yet in days gone by winter was "the visiting season". House parties, card tournaments, and hockey games coincided perfectly with the decreased work load on farms and reduced outdoor activities elsewhere.

It is also the time when most horticultural societies have their meetings, with the exception of some districts where the weather makes travel just too dangerous! It can be the ideal time to invite someone to attend a meeting with you. As a "newbie" to the wonderful experience of a horticultural society, it is important that this person develops a warm cozy feeling about the event. Being welcomed is great but some people are very uncomfortable with being singled out and would prefer a quiet conversation. Be a good host and make your guest comfortable!

During the fall I have been very fortunate to visit several societies and it is always a treat to see how different the meetings can be. If you get a chance to call on a society other than your own, you may be able to "steal" an idea that will be useful. I recently heard a story about one group conducting a flower show where the members did the judging by placing pennies, supplied by the society, in paper bags set in front of the entries. The entrant whose bag contained the most pennies won that category. This sounds like fun! It may also encourage participation in more formal shows.

For a successful society, fun plays a big role. Are the members enjoying themselves? The social time has been referred to as "the meeting within the meeting". Items and ideas are exchanged and often these would be of real interest to the entire membership. If you have an idea or a suggestion, bring it forward so it can be discussed properly. Something I have seen is a "feature table" where members are encouraged to "show off" an unusual horticultural item. It might be a little known plant which the membership is asked to identify, or a choice specimen, or a bug that mystifies. Conversation and fun follow as the people discuss and learn from the experience.

It is also at this time of year that most societies hold their AGMs. Joining the executive in any organization can be somewhat frightening. Be patient with yourself if you are taking on a new office. It takes time to learn the roles and responsibilities of any position.

A great help to a new president is the booklet **The President's Quick Start**. Every society should have one. Please do ask where your copy is if it has disappeared!

A member's responsibility is to support and work with the executive to make a constantly growing and successful society. Don't "blow them out of the water" with a barrage of suggestions. Let them get their feet wet first. Change that "tiptoes through the tulips" is more effective than change that moves like a tsunami! Best wishes for 2014 as you reach out to show others how gardening benefits the body, the mind, and the soul.

Horticulturally Yours,

PS

To the member who questioned me about her lilacs. .. I suspect it is Oyster Scale that is causing the problem. Check further on this and I can see where removal and dormant oil will be part of the treatment.

Then there was the plant that looked like Solomon's Seal. Why? Because it is False Solomon's Seal, something others may want to investigate.

Happy Gardening
Jag

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jag", written in a cursive style.

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Thanks, John!



During the 2012/2013 year of the OHA we were very lucky to have had John Sellers as President. During this time John dealt with some contentious issues which he resolved in a quiet and efficient manner. Sometimes the answer wasn't always what every party wanted to hear but the matter was never treated lightly and serious thought was employed.

At the board table John strove to keep business flowing. Sometimes, with a large board of strong minded people and intelligent members, this can be a challenge.

Volunteerism has been identified as one of the building blocks of a successful and fulfilling life. Thank you, John, for your time with the horticultural societies of Ontario. We hope you gained something from the experience too!

James Graham

OHA Nominations

The election of the Ontario Horticultural Association President, as well as Vice President, is an important part of the Annual Convention. Usually, there is a normal progression into the President's chair. It is essential to have continuity in the flow of these offices. To be eligible for a position, one must be a past or present District Director or a past or present executive member of the Ontario Horticultural Association Board of Directors for a period of not less than two years. This person must be willing to serve and consent must be obtained before nominations can be considered.

Nominations for any of the above offices must be received on or before February 28, 2014. Please send the nomination to the Association Secretary, Kelly Taylor. This nomination must be sent by Canada Post as there must be an original signature on the nomination.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by a horticultural society that is affiliated with and in good standing with the Association and must be on society letterhead. The society **MUST** have the consent of the nominee and include a resume with qualifications and past or present offices held.

Nominations for Association Awards

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors a number of awards which are presented annually during the Convention. Each society should have an Awards Booklet available to inform the members of the awards available and the procedure to follow to place a nomination. This information is also on the website for downloading by societies.

Awards presented at the convention are:

- Silver Medal Award
- Trillium Award
- Silver Fir Award
- Award of Merit
- Community Improvement Award
- Environmental Award
- Youth Leader
- Honour Roll

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to:

Awards Coordinator, Grace Esposito
130 Riverview Avenue
Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2L6

The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28, 2014. The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The Awards Committee is composed of the President (chair), two Vice Presidents, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards Coordinator, and Chair of the Past Presidents' Council.

Please give serious consideration to selecting people who would be worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.

Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2014

- Spring Issue - February 21st
- Summer Issue - May 21st
- Fall Issue - August 21st
- Winter Issue - November 21st

Introducing Trillium's New Editor



Bernice

We would like you all to welcome warmly your new Editor for the Trillium, Bernice (Green) Whidden. Bernice recently retired as a Business Analyst from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) or whatever they call themselves now. She had a long, interesting career first with the University of Guelph and then with the Province in vari-

ous data and IT positions. She is currently the editor for the Guelph Horticultural Society. She does their year-book, newsletters, and materials for the Guelph Showcase Garden Tours. She has been doing that since 2008, and her garden was in the 2008 tour as well. So she is eminently qualified to take over the Trillium.

Bernice – don't read this next bit. After cobbling the winter issue together as complete novices, we have an even greater respect for the work that Linda Hugli has done for our organization for the last eight years. We, more than most, understand the work that has gone into every issue. Linda, if you are reading this as we think you probably are, take your right hand, reach over your left shoulder and give yourself a well deserved pat on the back - job well done. And Bernice, because we know you are reading this against instructions, don't worry, this great organization will give you all the help you need.



Linda

Dianne and Gary Westlake

~~Temporary~~ ^{interim} short-term editors

.....we're out of here

Begin a Special Project

As part of the ongoing support of member societies, the Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association annually awards **Special Project grants** of up to \$500 each for the use of societies toward the completion of projects having a long lasting benefit to their society or community. The grant is to be used for planting materials such as perennials, trees, and shrubs and not for the planting of annuals or for mulch, manure, compost, or hard surface materials. When preparing your application, be sure to include information about the location and use of the project, a budget for the project, a planting plan, one or two photographs of the site, a list of plant materials to be used, and the estimated costs. Please keep your applications to a maximum of six pages.

The Ontario Horticultural Association will grant up to ten projects a year to a maximum of \$500 for each project with a limit of one project per society per year. Any society that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years.

To be considered for a Special Project grant in 2014, an application form and the accompanying information should be completed and mailed to your District Director no later than February 28, 2014. Application forms are available on the OHA website at www.gardenontario.org or from your District Director.

OHA Community Garden Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association encourages its member societies to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. OHA will award a grant of \$500 each to two societies to assist in the funding of a new community garden or the upgrading of an existing community garden.

A community garden is a plot of land, either publicly or privately owned, that is used to grow food for gardeners and/or the surrounding community. Either the whole space is communal or each member maintains a plot. Members share in the upkeep of the garden (work bees) and are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process and socialize with other gardeners.

Eligible expenses include costs related to site development such as the construction of raised beds, as well as soil, tools, and equipment purchases. Upgrading a garden may take the form of adding a washroom, a compost area, a water harvesting area, fencing, or other installations that support the gardening activities of the members.

When completing your application, please include information about permissions to build a garden on your site, insurance waivers for participants, a budget, a plan of your project, and any partners in your project.

To apply, complete the Community Garden application form and mail it to your Director no later than February 28 of the current year. If your community garden project is awarded a grant, payment will follow a completion report including receipts and pictures of the completed project.

There is a time limit on the issuing of the grant. The completion form must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator before December 31 of the next year. i.e. a grant awarded in 2014 must be received by December 31 of 2015. If a completion report accompanied by receipts is not received by this time, it will be assumed that the community garden project will not be completed and the grant will cancelled.

A River Runs By It



The St. Lawrence River runs by the City of Cornwall and the NAV Centre, the venue for the Ontario Horticultural Association's 2014 Annual Conference.

Cornwall, situated in the southeast corner of the province, is just a short hour's drive from Ottawa and Montreal.

The NAV Centre is the largest conference facility in eastern Ontario. This beautifully landscaped location will provide for all the needs of conference participants. Yes, you'll find it all under one roof: accommodations, restaurants, meeting spaces, and the banquet hall. The NAV Centre boasts an Irish pub, a full-service spa, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, and a pool.

From July 18th to July 20th District One has an array of special speakers lined up and bus tours to gardens, historical sites, and areas unique to the region. You will learn about the events that surrounded the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway, about the Lost Villages, Upper Canada Village, and the Alfred Bog.

There will be seminars and workshops on a variety of topics, pollinators, soils, and dahlias to name a few. A night of entertainment in a Bistro setting is planned for Friday evening. At the Banquet on Saturday, the keynote speaker is Larry Hodgson, a free-lance garden writer, lecturer, photographer, and author of over 40 books.

For those who like camping, there are several campgrounds nearby that will appeal to fishermen and wildlife enthusiasts. There is a site with recreational trails and even one with a private boat launch.

Come visit us, renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and discover Cornwall, one of Canada's oldest settlements.

Tina Lachance
Promotion and Publicity
Convention Committee

Plant a Tree

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Grant whereby a society or district of the Ontario Horticultural Association may apply for up to \$200 for a special tree planting. Up to **25**

tree-planting grants will be awarded in 2014.



The grant is to be used for the purchase of a tree to be planted in a community or public space. A request by a society or district outlining the species of tree to be purchased, where the tree will be planted, and whether the planting commemorates a special event for the Society/District/Community should be sent to the Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator: **OHA Awards Coordinator, Grace Esposito, 130 Riverview Avenue, Woodbridge, ON L4L 2L6.** The tree grants will be awarded on a **first come basis** after December 31, 2013, up to a maximum of 25 awards per year. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for three years. The awarded society or district has to complete the planting of their tree by the end of that given year. For example: if the grant is awarded in 2014 – the tree must be planted by the end of 2014.

Once approved, payment is made upon submission of an original receipt for the tree and a digital picture of the planting. The picture becomes the property of the OHA.

Callander Sign Dedication

The Callander Horticultural Society (District 18) proudly announces the Rededication of a new sign in Memory Tree Park. About 100 people stood in the rain for the ceremony which was held

on Sunday, September 15th, 2013. The picture, all made with icing, shows our new sign. Various fund raising events, with assistance from the Municipality,



made this new sign possible, which cost about \$20,000.00, and was completed over a four year period. Plaques are placed on the board in memory of loved ones or in recognition of an anniversary or birthday as well as sponsors of the sign, donors of trees, park benches, or contributions to the walkway in the park.

Ted Reed



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
HORTICULTURE/DESIGN 2013 COMPETITION 107th Convention
 Valhalla Inn
 Thunder Bay, Ontario
 July 19 - 21, 2013

Host: District 14 Theme: "Up North, Down to Earth"

Flower Show Competition Results

Submitted by:

Erika North and Susan Jaward, D14 Flower Show competition co-chairs

Kathy Lindsay, OHA Board Flower Show competition chair

Design

Theme: Northern Perspectives

Class 1: *Heaven and Earth*

1 st	Erika North	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Lynda Lahteenma	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 2: *A Walk in the Woods*

1 st	Nancy Wilson	Georgetown	D6
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 3: *Sunshine and Shadows*

1 st	Monique Misonne	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Lynda Lahteenma	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 4: *Superior Shores* –water-viewing

1 st	Kathy Lindsay	Ottawa	D2
2 nd	Penny Stewart	Gananoque	D3
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
HM	Lois Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 5: *Firefly* – Fresh miniature

1 st	Nancy Wilson	Georgetown	D6
2 nd	Penny Stewart	Gananoque	D3
3 rd	Erika North	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 6: *Firefly* – Dried miniature

1 st	Mary Ann Vercammen	Aurora	D5
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 7: *After the Wild Fire*

1 st	Erika North	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Lynda Lahteenma	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Lois Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
HM	Penny Stewart	Gananoque	D3

Class 8: *Berried Treasure* – a small design

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Kathy Lindsay	Ottawa	D2
3 rd	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 9: *Nature's Sculptor* – using decorative wood

1 st	Mary Ann Vercammen	Aurora	D5
2 nd	Lois Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 10: *Glamorous Amethyst*

1 st	Nancy Wilson	Georgetown	D6
2 nd	Mary Ann Vercammen	Aurora	D5
3 rd	Lois Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14

Best In Show: Mary Ann Vercammen - Class 9 Nature's Sculptor

Judge's Choice: Mary Ann Vercammen - Class 6 Firefly (dried miniature)

Horticulture

Section A: Annuals

Class 11: *Calendula*

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 12: *Cleome*

No entries

Class 13: *Cosmos*

1 st	Monique Misonne	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 14: *Lavatera*

No entries

Class 15: *Marigold – 2.5 - 7.5 cm*

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Class 16: *Marigold – 7.5 cm & Over*

No entries

Class 17: *Nasturtium*

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 18: *Pansy*

No entries

Class 19: *Verbena*

No entries

Class 20: *Any other annual*

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14

Section B: Hardy Perennials

Class 21: **Astilbe**

1 st	Anne Sikkima	Dryden	D14
2 nd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 22: **Astrantia**

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 23: **Campanula**

1 st	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 24: **Filipendula**

No entries

Class 25: **Heliopsis**

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Class 26: **Hosta – Solid Colour**

1 st	Sharon McGillivray	Dryden	D14
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 27: **Hosta – variegated**

1 st	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 28: **Phlox**

No entries

Class 29: **Rudbeckia**

1 st	N/A		
2 nd	T. Wolsiffer	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 30: **Shasta Daisy (Leucanthemum)**

No entries

Class 31: **Veronica**

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 32a: **Any other perennial**

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 32b: **Any other perennial**

1 st	T. Wolsiffer	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	T. Wolsiffer	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 32c: **Any other perennial**

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Anne Sikkima	Dryden	D14
3 rd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14

Section C: Flowering Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes & Tubers

Class 33: **Small Dahlia**

No entries

Class 34: **Large Dahlia**

No entries

Class 35: **Asiatic Lily**

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Anne Sikkima	Dryden	D14
3 rd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 36: **Any other Lily**

1 st	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 37: **Any Other Flowering Bulb, Etc.**

1 st	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Anne Sikkima	Dryden	D14
3 rd	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14

Section D: Roses

Class 38: **Any Rugosa Rose**

1 st	N/A		
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 39: **Any Other Rose**

1 st	Sharri-Lyn Safir	Beach Garden	D5
2 nd	Mary Ann Vercammen	Aurora	D5
3 rd	Sharri-Lyn Safir	Beach Garden	

D5 Horticulture (continued)

Class 40: **Rose floating in a container**

1 st	N/A		
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Section E: Potted Plants

Class 41: **Plant for decorative foliage**

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Ann Roddy	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 42: **Plant for blooms**

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 43: **Orchid**

1 st	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 44: **Cactus**

No entries

Class 45: **Any other succulent**

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Class 46: Saintpaulia (African Violet)

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Section F: Flowering Branches or Vines

Class 47: **Clematis** No entries

Class 48: Lilac

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Class 49: Any Other Flowering Branch or Vine

1 st	Paul Sebesta	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Irene Warmenhoven	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Section G: Collections**Class 50: Mixed Cut Garden Flowers**

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	T. Wolsiffer	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Marie Hynna	Thunder Bay	D14

Class 51: Cut Garden Foliage

1 st	Sharon McGillivray	Dryden	D142 nd
	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	Kees Stryland	Timmins	D12

Class 52: Lilies

No entries

Class 53: Culinary Herbs

1 st	Eloise Rodger	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
3 rd	N/A		

Class 54: Collection of Cacti/Succulents

1 st	Susan Jaward	Thunder Bay	D14
2 nd	N/A		
3 rd	N/A		

Best In Show: Susan Jaward Class 32a (Yellow Peonies)

Judge's Choice: Sharon McGillivray Class 51 (Garden Foliage)

Patrice Locker

Our very own Patrice Locker received the **OHA District Six Service Award** at the Spring Workshop and Flower Show, Saturday, April 20, 2013. The event was held at the McKinnon Park Secondary School in Caledonia. This honour was bestowed upon Pat for her outstanding contributions in the advancement of horticulture on a Society, District, Provincial and Community level. Pat has made leading edge contributions in the fields of leadership, creativity, volunteerism, and membership advancement. As a member of the Glen Morris Horticultural Society for over 45 years, Pat was instrumental in organizing the first Plant Sale, a Coffee Party and



a day-long Bus Trip which still continues. By challenging Society members to plant and nurture a variety of flowers and vegetable seeds, she inspires members to learn and be successful gardeners. Pat is always devising creative activities such as the Scarecrow Invasion or Share a Seed. Pat was one of the founding members of the Brantford Master Gardeners in 1987. She has held many executive positions at the local and District levels and has been instrumental in organizing seminars, conferences and competitions. Judging and flower arranging have taken her to places across the province. Pat continues to write articles for local newspapers and has published many booklets dealing with horticulture.

Pat is an amazing lady! She is admired for her skills and talents, her wonderful sense of humour, and above all her outstanding knowledge of horticulture. We are very proud of you, **Saint Pat!**

Margaret Fleury, Vice-President, GMHS

Adopt-A-Planter in Delhi

The Delhi & District Horticultural Society in partnership with the Delhi Business Improvement Association teamed up over 10 years ago to offer the Delhi Adopt-A-Planter Program. Fifty-five cement planters were traditionally planted by the horticultural members and funded by the BIA, however, watering the planters was a major problem. The Adopt-A-Planter program started out as a simple idea but proved to be a solution to this problem.



Left to Right: Adopt-A-Planter Junior Division Winners: Stephanie Purget - 1st Place & Madi Carter - 4th Place

Annually, each planter is adopted to any community minded group which includes families, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and more. Everyone is encouraged to get involved. Adopters choose their planter then it is up to them to get creative, plant it and maintain it throughout the summer. All planters are pre-judged with a final judging to decide upon the winners. Prize money is given to both a Junior and Senior Division. Over the years, there have been some very unique and creative planters.

This is a sample of a community partnership and who knows, in the future, maybe one of our junior participants will be inspired to become the President of the Delhi and District Horticultural Society!

Donna Hussey,
Past President, DDHS

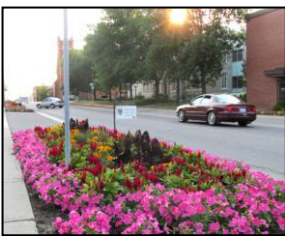
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Pembroke Wins International Communities in Bloom Award



This past October after a long and determined effort, the City of Pembroke placed first in the medium size category to win the International Communities in Bloom Award. Pembroke first entered the competition in 1999, winning at the provincial level in 2003 and capturing the national award in 2007. Along the journey to becoming international winner, Pembroke has won several program criteria awards including The Butchart Gardens Award for Best Land Reclamation Project for the Waterfront Park, and Special Recognition Awards for Heritage Conservation, Floral Displays, Cultural Preservation, Environmental Efforts, Community Involvement and Landscaping of Algonquin College Campus.



Chairperson Mary Ethier and members of the Communities in Bloom committee, along with Mayor Ed Jacyno, Susan Ellis, Economic Development, Tourism and Recreation Manager for the city, dedicated volunteers, businesses, institutions and residents

of the Pembroke community have been earnestly involved to make Pembroke the international winning city. The role of the Pembroke Horticultural Society has been to beautify Pembroke by planting and maintaining several flower beds at Pansy Patch Park and other areas in the city. The Society has also been a financial sponsor, while several of its members work on the CIB boulevard beds, help with the Communities in Bloom spring cleanup, and judge residential gardens. The National and International judges have all commented on the critical role that the PHS plays in contributing to Pembroke's success. The residents of Pembroke have achieved a new honour for which they can be so proud. Congratulations to this lovely little city on winning the International Communities in Bloom competition.

Grace McLaughlin

District 6 celebration



During our recent District Six Fall Breakfast Meeting, 96 members were pleased to honour two of our Ancaster Horticultural Society members. Barbara Waddell and

Bob Will were the recipients of two OHA Awards presented during the 2013 OHA Convention in Thunder Bay. I had the pleasure of accepting these awards on their behalf. On September 28th, Barbara Waddell, recipient of the OHA Honour Award and Bob Will, recipient of the OHA Award of Merit, were presented their well deserved awards. A beautiful cake was cut and shared in celebration.

Congratulations, Barbara and Bob
Donna Hussey, DD6

Stoney Creek Pumpkins



Stoney Creek Garden Club and Horticultural Society enjoyed an interesting guest speaker Lizzie Matheson. Their biggest crowd ever – 62. She is an outstanding and humorous speaker, very talented in her field.

Kathy Ward
Stoney Creek Garden Club

Thunder Bay Horticultural Society



An ongoing beautification project has taken place at the Oliver Road Community Centre that has been the home for the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society for a number of years. Construction of a pergola and gardens began in 2008. In

2009 a total of 28 shrubs and trees were planted. Donations from our members and family have covered the cost of the plants and amendments to the soil and a soaker system did wonders. In 2010 a donation from the estate of William Swan (Swan Acres Nursery) was used to purchase large stone bench and a commemorative rock with plaque. A donated large rock was placed on the south east portion of the property. In 2011 – 2013 additional trees were planted to complete the project.

Marie Hynna, Chair, Dedication Garden
Thunder Bay Horticultural Society

50th Anniversary for Parry Sound



This past June the Parry Sound and District Horticultural Society celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

We enjoyed a catered dinner with our MPP Norm Miller, District Director Sandra Hartill and her husband, Past Presidents Ken Lalonde and Ted Wallace; Parry Sound's Mayor, Jamie McGarvey in attendance. Carol Dunk entranced us with her presentation on "My Serendipitous Garden". We received Congratulations from Tony Clement and John Sellers of the O.H.A. It was a great evening filled with fun and laughter as we reminisced of past members and looked forward to new projects. Our lovely Margaret Hutchinson created a detailed booklet on the history of Parry Sound's Society, including pictures and facts of the past 50 years. Attendees received this booklet as a gift.

Tabitha Stapleton

Tree Dedication at the Guelph Arboretum



On September 28th two commemorative Oak trees were dedicated at the arboretum on the grounds of the university of Guelph. These planted trees were in memory of Marjorie Durnford from Guelph, President of the OHA in 1985 and in memory of Kevin Healey from Elmvale, President of the OHA in 1999.

Thirty guests were present at the dedication including 10 Past Presidents of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Jim Mabee read a history of the Arboretum. Ric Jordan welcomed us all as representative of the University of Guelph. Many family members as well as many friends were also in attendance. A brief history and a biography of the nominees were read. Thankfully we were also blessed with lovely warm weather. Many photos of the group were taken. Past President Ken Fink was M.C. for the event.

Ken Fink

Dedication Ceremony for Ann Greer-Wootten



On October 30th a Dedication Ceremony was held in the honour of Ann Greer-Wootten, a prominent and influential member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society. Ann was not only a PHS President for two separate terms, but was also a driving force in founding the Peterborough Garden Show in 2001, then called "For the Love of Gardening." Ann died of cancer in

2009, and it was decided then that a tree would be planted in her honour at Kenner Collegiate where she spent most of her teaching career. Ann was an avid gardener with a true love of gardening. She often opened her garden to others and I remember pleasant tours, workshops and picnics in her backyard English Country Garden sanctuary.



Earlier this year her favourite tree, the Little Leaf Linden, was planted in the Kenner Courtyard. On Oct 30th the Dedication took place along with a striking plaque in the shape of a tree with inscribed stainless steel leaves created by Williams Design in Bethany. Peterborough Horticultural Society members, former teaching colleagues and Kenner students from the Floral Design class attended the ceremony.

Pat DeVilliers, President

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Hosta Virus X



Over the last 15 or 20 years Hosta Virus X (HVX) has been spreading through our gardens. If you see a shattered pattern in the leaves like in the photo, this is probably not a sport or new hosta but an old hosta infected with HVX.

No variety is immune to the disease and it is incurable, staying with the plant until it dies. If you find this disease in your garden the best thing to do is to carefully dig out the whole plant and dispose of it in the garbage, then thoroughly clean your tools. The virus is transmitted by moving sap from one plant to another. Do not replace with a hosta. Unfortunately, it may take years for an infected plant to show symptoms. There are a few things that you can do to minimize your risk. If all your hostas are several years old without symptoms, then you are probably virus free. Be careful where you buy new ones and ask about the supplier's precautions. Instead of cutting down green hosta leaves in the fall, wait until they are yellow and mushy and pull them off by hand thus avoiding spreading the sap on your tools.

Georgina-Brock Garden Club Gourds



You may have heard about the giant vegetables that our youth group grows at Georgina-Brock Garden Club in District 17. Here is a craft using giant gourds grown last summer in 2013. These 3 gourds reached weights of 75 to 90 lbs each. After a year to dry, they have been painted white and decorated to suit. Twinkly lights provide a very festive and Christmassy display which is truly unique. Youth Leader Dorothy Shier had her grandchildren Daniel and Abbi (Members of 4H GB Giants) help her to paint and decorate them and they named them Wanda, Bobby and Frank Stephenson. They added lights around them to light up after dark.

Denise Sheedy

Cornwall and District Horticultural Society



The Cornwall and District Horticultural Society has helped to kick off the 2013 Children's Christmas Fund Cereal Drive with a \$720 cheque.

Grimsby Garden Club 50th Anniversary



January 2014 begins the 50th anniversary of the Grimsby Garden Club. Members and non-members alike can look forward to participating in events such as: a special "Tea" event in March. This joint venture with the Grimsby Author Series will feature Frankie "Flowers" Ferragine in May, a Plant Sale and auction in May, a juried Flower Show in June, a Tour of our local gardens on July 5, and a superb line-up of outstanding speakers and activities throughout the year. Watch for more information on all of our activities on our website and Facebook as the year progresses. We look forward to everyone helping us celebrate this very special milestone.

Wendy Fletcher

Pauline Richards – A Horticultural Journey



Archie Graham, Pauline Richards, Eve Norman-Vestergaard, Sheila Shearing

On Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013 Pauline Richards was honoured with the Jack Davis Award for volunteerism by the Board of Directors of Western Fair District at their Annual General Meeting.

Pauline was raised on a farm near Harriston, ON. She started to exhibit in flower shows in public school and at local fairs. She joined her first Horticultural Society in 1952 (Harriston).

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In 1965 Pauline moved to London and joined the London Horticultural Society. She served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Society from 1970 to 1980. In 1975 she decided to take on the position of District 10 Director for the Ontario Horticultural Association. In 1980 she became President of the O.H.A. The convention theme that year was 'Growing for Showing'. From 1982 to 1984 she was President of the London Horticultural Society.

Many Societies have benefitted from her practical experience as a speaker and/or Judge. For these and many other accomplishments thank you Pauline.

Pat Graham

District 6 Fall Dinner in Paris



P.H.S. President Pat Moore and Mayor Ron Eddy.

Paris Horticultural Society hosted the Annual District 6 Fall Dinner in November. It was a successful event with 231 people attending. Guests at the head table were piped in by members of the Paris Port Dover Pipe Band. Pat Moore, President of P.H.S., welcomed everyone. The Master of Ceremonies was Doug Hanna. Greetings were given by Mayor Ron Eddy, County of Brant MP Phil McColeman, OHA President James Graham, as well as District Six Director Donna Hussey. The guest speaker for the evening was Marilyn Cornwell who spoke on "Exploring Great Public Gardens in Search of Magic and Mystery". Thanks to the planning committee and the efforts of our members, the evening was enjoyable for our guests from the OHA.



Speaker Marilyn Cornwell

Serryn Stephenson
Publicity Director, Paris Horticultural Society



The fall issue of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Newsletter can be found at www.mgoi.ca

Peterborough Garden Show, April 11, 12 and 13, 2014

As you are getting ready for Christmas, the Peterborough Garden Show committee is looking forward to spring and presenting the 13th annual show. Start the gardening season off with a bang and attend central Ontario's most exciting and informative garden show. It is held at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd., Peterborough and you don't want to miss it. The show is proudly presented by the Peterborough Horticultural Society, the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners, and the Northumberland Master Gardeners. It is a show organized by gardeners for gardeners.



Admission is \$7 per day and children under 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The show hours are Friday 5 to 9, Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 4. Once again we have lined up fabulous speakers and demonstrators including Steven Biggs, Marion Jarvie, Martin Galloway, and Peter Keeping. New this year will be the Horticulture Couture – Posh New Plants and Phenomenal Products on Parade. This will happen on Friday evening at 6:30 and again on Sunday at 2:45 and will showcase the best new plants and products for 2014. We plan to have mystery models parading these exciting new horticultural ideas. It promises to be a fun event!

The Little Green Thumbs Children's Garden gets more and more popular every year and will have a Garden Critters theme for 2014. It will be a fun and educational experience for budding horticulturists. The 125 vendors and exhibitors will be showing everything from hostas to bulbs, garden art and tools, seeds, and so much more.

Parking is available at the Evinrude Centre and across the street at the Canoe Museum for a small donation collected by the Rotary Club. Additional free parking and a free bus shuttle to the show is provided on Saturday and Sunday from the Kinsmen Centre on Sherbroke.

Advance tickets and bus tour information is available from Joan Harding at harding@i-zoom.net or 705 799-5378. Visit www.peterboroughgardens.ca and click on the garden show or contact Sandy at 705-761-9220.

Put April 11, 12 and 13 in your diary and we look forward to seeing you in Peterborough.

Rachel Burrows

Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society Supports Its Local Public School and the Struggling Monarch Butterfly.



The Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society applied for District 4's Children's Grant of \$150. We were fortunate to win this grant in the fall of 2013. Our membership felt that a Monarch Butterfly Way Station located at the

Bobcaygeon Public School's "Peace Garden" would be a worthy project.

The objectives of the project were to involve students in an inquiry-based unit in which they would research and learn about:

- monarch butterfly habitats,
- preservation strategies of this species,
- their migration phenomenon between Canada, U.S., and Mexico
- how various environments and plants in the Way Station attract butterflies and other insects.

The project got off to a great start when Diane Hearse (president, BDHS) and Barry Scully (secretary, BDHS) met with Jane Austin, the Principal of the school, to discuss how best to initiate this project and what grade would be a good fit for the program. She was very enthusiastic about this partnership and connected us with Angie Kimble, a grade 2 teacher, who was embarking upon an inquiry-based and hands-on unit about insects with her students.

To support the unit we provided several helpful items to Ms Kimble:

- Barry researched and supplied a list of appropriate Ontario Curriculum Expectations in Science, Mathematics, and the Arts to connect with the Unit.
- The grant monies provided two copies of *The Family Butterfly Book* by Rick Mikula as a resource for the library and for her grade 2 classroom.
- The monies also provided a wooden butterfly house, garden soil, manure, mulch, and a variety of plants for the Way Station.

Barry was invited to talk to the children in their class and share information about the characteristics of butterflies and the types of plants and colours of flowers the monarch prefers. During a question and answer period, organized by the teacher and the students, Barry answered questions and Carol Peters, our Society photographer, captured their excitement.

Following the classroom instructions, dates were set with the Grade 2 class to construct the Way Station garden. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm as many brought plants from their home gardens to add to the plants purchased using the grant monies!

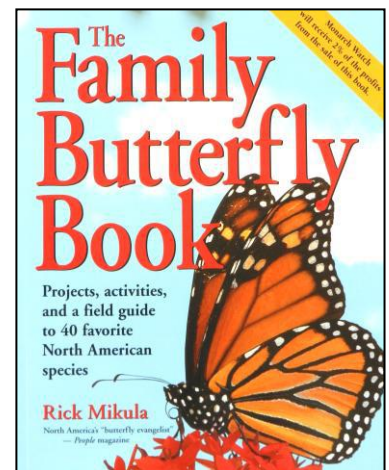
The planting day was very exciting as the students came dressed for the occasion and were prepared to stir, dig, plant, and mulch. Needless to say they found lots of treasures in the existing soil and had countless questions during our planting time.

Over the summer Barry tended to the garden and watched the plants blossom in their quest to attract those winged beauties, the Monarch Butterflies.

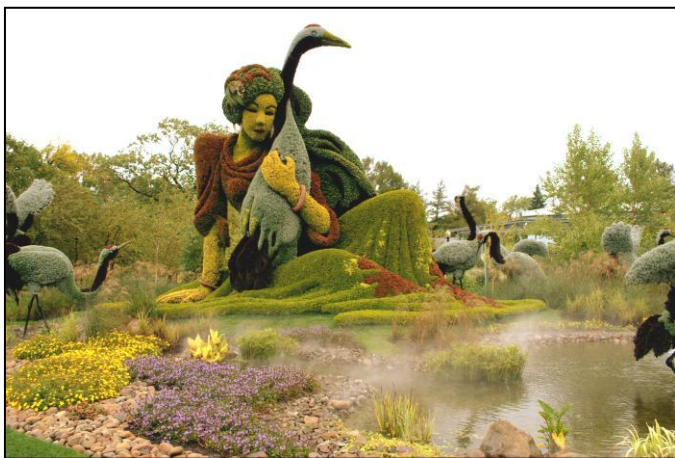
Now that fall is upon us, the students want to tidy up the garden, prepare the plants for winter, plant additional flowers, and hang the colourfully decorated butterfly house.

Our society is excited to continue this program with the local public school. It has clearly heightened the students' awareness of the importance of caring for the natural world around them. It also helped our society achieve several of its key mandate objectives: Stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture, encouraging the planting of shrubs and flowers, as well as promoting outdoor beautification.

If anyone desires further information about this project and associated resources please feel free to contact Barry at b.scully@sympatico.ca.



Barry Scully,
Secretary, BDHS



The Woman Who Loved Cranes

Mosaiculture

This was the largest exhibition of horticultural art in the world. Staged every three years in a city selected by an international committee, this year's theme was "Land of Hope", which aimed to illustrate the beauty and fragility of life on earth. This is when the word awesome is appropriate to use in discussion. My friend and I stopped so many times to slowly take in all the aspects of these sculptures. Many of them like "The Man Who Planted Trees" was so large, encompassing running horses, a herd of sheep, a huge sheep dog, and an enormous man kneeling in the act of planting a tree. They weren't all of this magnitude. A little scaled down were playful pandas or a lone chameleon on a branch embossed with *Echeveria secunda* 'Glaucua' or 'Vert'.

Many of the plants used were different types of *Alternanthera dentata* like 'Purple Knight', 'Fine True Yellow', and 'Christmas tree'. *Santolinas*, *Echeveria* rosettes, *Sedums* of all kinds, and grasses like 'Black Mundo' were used frequently. Close to three million plants were used and they were chosen for their uniformity, texture, ability to tolerate the unique growing conditions, ability to be trimmed regularly for a bushier look and, most importantly, disease and pest free. I have a new respect for ground coverings.

The 3D structures were designed on paper and then realized using steel. The sculptor-artist-welders formed superb metalwork, checked by structural engineers to make sure the frames would be strong enough to hold the horticultural materials assembled by a crew specifically assigned to the design. Then there is the upkeep by maintenance people who work seven days a week per structure, shaping and watering it. Teams would work together, manicuring their display and then keeping each other in the know as to what needed to be

done the next day. The bottom line I was told by one of the gardeners was "to find the areas that require cleaning up and trimming before the visitor sees it."

Most importantly the pieces made you stop and receive their messages that were so carefully thought out by the designers. They ranged from "The Woman who Loved Cranes", based on a true story from China, to the "Tree of Birds", with each branch supporting an endangered bird. The tree symbolizes all the biodiversity that surrounds us and how fragile it is. This reminds us that we are not more important than anything else in nature and that we should be modest and mindful of our existence within it.

Diane Marchese, Guelph Horticultural Society

Lorne Cutts, Callander Horticultural Society

The Callander Horticultural Society (District 18) proudly announces great news about one of its members, Lorne Cutts. Lorne has been a member of the CHS Society for over 15 years, as a Director and a Past President. He is also a member of the North Bay Horticultural Society.

The 82 year old gentleman was awarded both the provincial and national winner of the Home Instead Senior Care network's salute to Senior Service Award for his dedicated community service. Lorne has 10,000 hours and 18 years under his belt at the North Bay Regional Health Centre. He has served several terms as President of the NBRHC Volunteer Association.

As one of nine Provincial winners. Lorne earned \$500.00 and for the one National award, he earned \$5000.00. Lorne donated his entire award money to the NBRHC Foundation to be used towards the purchase of a central fetal monitoring system. Congratulations, Lorne!

Isla Reed

Pine Ridge Garden Club Bus to Canada Blooms

Bus Tour to Canada Blooms, March 19th, 2014. The cost of bus, admittance, and driver gratuity is \$45.00. Leave Nestleton 8:45, Port Perry 9:10. More info call Shirley 905-986-5330 shirlove100@gmail.com.

Shirley Love, Publicity Director

Thorold Garden Chosen for Gardens Central



Gardens of Rina Mascitelli

In late spring of 2013, the Thorold Horticultural Society was contacted by the Canadian magazine Gardens Central. We were asked to pick some members' gardens to be considered for inclusion in their magazine in 2014. The magazine features private Canadian gardens along with zone specific advice for home gardeners from the novice to the expert. To this end Patsy Ingoldsby, Barbara Berry, and myself, Leslie Daniels (photographer), visited seven of our Thorold members' gardens and took pictures to submit for their consideration.

In June, we were informed that they had chosen the gardens of Rina Mascitelli for a photo shoot in mid-July by Adam Gibbs, their award-winning principal photographer.

We all look forward to seeing her gardens in the magazine sometime in 2014.

Leslie Daniels, President
Thorold Horticulture Society

Fergus Horticultural Society AGM



From left to right President Roberta Vlietstra, Marj Dow in the centre and Centre Wellington Mayor Joanne Ross-Zuj.

Roberta Vlietstra

Working on the Paris Fairgrounds



A group of volunteers met on October 5th at 9 am at the Fairgrounds to continue working on our Fair-ground Landscaping Project; we plant-

ed 20 more trees and shrubs, along with topsoil and mulch.

Some daffodil bulbs were planted as well. We also used up the rest of the topsoil and mulch in the previously landscaped area. The project is proceeding very well. The Volunteers for Saturday were Doug Hanna, Dave Collins, Harold Edgar, Bob Hasler, Pat Hasler-Watts and Serryn Stephenson.



Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director
Paris Horticultural Society



Secretary Maggie Willis and President Susan Kenny accept with pride the OHA District 13 Membership trophy on behalf of the Bruce Station Horticultural Society in acknowledgment of their society's significant increase in new members in 2013.

OHA 2nd VP Suzanne Hanna

A New Community Garden Grows in Thornhill



A new “food-producing” garden in Thornhill, now known as the TUC Community Garden, started this past spring in Thornhill on a small plot of land donated by the Thornhill United Church (TUC).

Lynne Koss and Seeds for Change were, and continue to be, extremely valuable resources to the gardening group. The Thornhill Garden and Horticultural Society provided expertise, continuing support from a three-member steering committee, financial assistance, and a variety of garden tools and other necessities donated by Hort members and one of our corporate supporters.

The coordinator of this neighbourhood project is Kate Vinokurov, a young, enthusiastic and energetic leader, who has since become a member of the Thornhill Hort and has agreed to be on our Board of Directors in 2014. This Community Garden is a wonderful example of community members and organizations working together to establish a food-producing garden which had over 40 different varieties of edible plants this past growing season.

In addition to the main garden of eight small plots, a smaller “Three Sisters” plot (corn, squash, beans) and a children’s learning garden area were established. The garden now has a “berry patch” and the gardeners recently sowed garlic buds, thanks to donations from some of our members. “Community Kitchen” and other events have been held. The garden group of community volunteers is now planning next year’s garden and will be holding a “lasagna” garden event later this month to prepare the soil for next spring’s planting.

The OHA 2015 Challenge

The Thornhill Garden and Horticultural Society is initiating a challenge to all horticultural societies in Ontario. Based on, and in co-operation with, the 2015 Challenge originated by Lynne Koss, Founder of Seeds for Change in and for York Region, we would like to go province-wide with this initiative. Each OHA District is asked to promote and participate in the creation of 2015 new food garden plots by the end of the year 2015. Hort Societies will report their members’ new (or added plots to) “food gardens” to a District rep who will register all submissions on the 2015 Challenge website page.

A garden ...

- started, or added to, after January 2012
- grown by an individual or a group of people who agree to share his/her/their harvest and /or knowledge with family and neighbours
- in a backyard, on a balcony, on a windowsill, in containers, in a community garden, on private or public property (ex. churches, schools, municipally-owned land, places of work, day care centres, etc.)
- having at least three food-producing plants or three new food plots added to an existing garden
- growing food organically (no pesticides or chemical fertilizers)

... can be registered under the 2015 challenge.

Participants are encouraged to take before and after photos of their garden plots so their successes can be shared with others.

We are working on providing a page on the OHA / Thornhill Hort website which can be used by the districts to register their food garden plots for the 2015 challenge and to show garden photos.

We hope all Hort Societies will participate in the OHA’s 2015 Challenge to establish more food-producing gardens across the province, thus providing opportunities for people to grow local healthy food for their families and their communities.

Bernadette Burns
President,
Thornhill Garden and Horticultural Society

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REVENUES		
Membership Fees		87,580
Insurance	liability	18,695
	directors & officers	31,808
Sale of OHA Supplies		5,025
Judges Registry		1,200
Web space sales		40
Newsletter		100
Donations/Supporters		6,300
Advertising		500
Special Projects	trsf fr restricted funds	5,000
Memorial Tree Plantings	trsf fr restricted funds	5,000
Miscellaneous Income		1,200
NET OPERATING REVENUE		162,448
EXPENSES		
Equipment Acquisition	computers, software,	1,500
Meeting Expenses	Board Meeting Expenses	30,000
	Committee Expenses - i.e. social marketing, youth, constitution/by-laws, conservation, education, judge's registry, long range planning, funding,	9,270
Other Meeting Expenses		12,600
District Expenses		5,500
Audit/Legal Fees		1,000
Bank Charges		20,000
Insurance	Liability	31,000
	Dir & Officer's Insurance	1,750
Mailing Costs/Print & Stationery		5,800
Secretary	Honorarium & Office Expenses	9,200
Treasurer	Honorarium & Office Expenses	1,500
Awards Co-ordinator	Honorarium & Office Expenses	2,000
Awards & Prizes		5,000
Special Projects Grants	grants to societies	5,000
Memorial Tree Grants	tree grants to societies	500
Youth Club Grants		1,000
Community Garden Grants	2 x 500 ea year	2,000
Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards		3,000
OHA Supplies	Supplies purchased	800
	Admin-Postage etc	1,900
Newsletter/Youth Newsletter		3,000
Annual Report/Yearbook		4,300
Education/Promotion/Publicity	includes improvements to website	3,500
Exhibitions, incl.storage		
NET OPERATING EXPENSES		161,120
NET INCOME (LOSS)		1,328

Irish Gems

On a recent trip to Ireland I discovered that the Emerald Isle has many jewels when it comes to the world of plants.



The journey actually began last March at Canada Blooms where we had a discussion with the wonderful folks from Tourism Ireland whilst admiring the marvellous display garden created by a Landscape Ontario member Parklane Nurseries. The garden inspired me to want to re-visit Ireland and tour the wonderfully diverse gardens, so indeed last autumn that's exactly what I was able to do thanks to an invitation from my good friend Mark Cullen who had been asked to tape a series for CTV. The two of us had a great time visiting stately homes and private gardens. Whilst Mark was busy taping the segments, I had a chance to wander off the beaten path and discover some wonderful plants, some of my favourites included.

For tree lovers there are some historical arboretums in many parts of Ireland. I was fascinated by the stately dawn redwoods (*Metesaqueoia*) at Powerscourt Estate in County Wicklow. One specimen was over 150 years old, the largest in Ireland. Moving on to County Cork we visited Fota House and Gardens, where it's worth taking time to stroll through the tree collection, a great example of the work of the early plant explorers such as William Lobb and Robert Fortune. It was a photographer's dream being surrounded by mature Chilean flame trees (*Embothrium*) California nutmegs (*Torreya*) and handkerchief trees (*Davidia*) to name a few.

And of course it was apple harvesting time in most counties. It was nice to see a genuine interest in rediscovering heritage varieties with tantalizing names such as 'Irish Peach', 'Widows Friend' and 'Bloody Butcher'. We did our part for the local economy and sampled a few pies and glasses of cider. The highlight was being able to sample a delicious dessert at the world renowned cookery school at Ballymaloe.

Back in Dublin we were fortunate to visit one of Ireland's famous gardeners, Helen Dillon. Whilst Mark was busy interviewing Helen for CTV, I got to walk every corner of this delightful city garden, which includes arbours, sculptures, secluded seating areas, an aviary and of course, a marvelous collection of plant material. A question that is difficult for many gardeners is when they are asked to choose their favorite plants. For 2013 Helen highlighted a few which included *Kniphofia* 'Erecta' an interesting and rare form of the red hot poker plant, Rosa 'Bengal Crimson' a single-flower variety that flowers four times a year growing on a sunny wall, and *Woodwardia unigemmata*, a terrific large fern with beautiful coral red new fronds.

For more information about the Gardens of Ireland I would suggest three things. Firstly, view the Tourism Ireland web site www.ireland.com and plan a trip. Secondly, go to www.markcullen.com and click on the CTV link to see the series, and thirdly, visit Canada Blooms in March 2014 where Mark and I will be giving a special presentation on The Gardens of Ireland... see you there.

Denis Flanagan,
Membership and Public Relations Manager,
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06-02	GardenOntario Bookmarks	Free				Note Cards - 5 per pkg w/envelopes			
					05-01	Trillium Design	\$5.00		
04-01	Pin - President	\$5.00			05-02	5 packages	\$20.00		
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