

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

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President's Message

Greetings from the OHA President, Rose Odell

It's spring....Well almost!!!

In some parts of the province there are tiny green shoots coming up through the soil and other parts are still shovelling snow from their driveways.

And many of us have likely had our noses in a seed catalogue or have been to the nurseryjust to check out what may be in already.

The pussy willows are out down here in Trenton and they are my first sign that spring is not far away.

Next are the plants sales. Thank you, to all of you, who help to organize these days with your Society. Also to the ones who dig and donate quality plants from your gardens. And to those who help with information so buyers have a good idea of what they are getting, where to plant them and how to care for them. It is also a great time to have your Society information handouts so the people buying who are not members could consider coming to one of your meetings and getting hooked on all you do in your community. They not likely have any idea how much is done by all of you.

Your District AGMs will be starting soon and I hope you take the chance to attend and get to meet others in your area that may have some ideas for you to take back to your members. This is one of the things we do best. I am attending five in five weekends and sending out a representative to the other 14 locations. They will be sharing a letter from me to you giving an update on all the Board of Directors have been doing lately.

And don't forget to register your GardenOntario Week events on the web page: www.gardenontarioweek.org so that people who are travelling through your area can stop and see what you have planned for them to enjoy. GardenOntario Week runs from June 9th to the 17th. And take time to visit some of these special events yourself. You may pick up some good ideas while there.

I hope to also be visiting the Societies that are celebrating special Anniversaries this year to congratulate them on their milestones. There are two celebrating 100 years – Aurora & Welland. Three celebrating 90 years - Campbell, Lynden & Pelham and one, celebrating 50 years – Wilmot. Congratulations to all.

If you have a question I would try to get an answer to you.

Happy gardening everyone.

Regards,

Rose Odell





Preparing for Our New Web Space

April Davies, OHA Webmaster

Spring is here... well, almost. It's what we wait for all winter. This year, we are also waiting patiently for our new website! I am happy to report that the content is now being entered and we are still on track.

Photos (images) are a large part of our website and I thought you might like a few tips that will help to make your images shine online... There is a real difference between images used for print and for online viewing. Speed is key online and the smaller the file, the faster it loads which means less time waiting for images to appear.

Images created for print (.tiff or .eps) are high resolution files that use the CMYK colour processing (cyan, magenta, yellow, black). These files are much larger and need to be converted, optimized and resized before they can be used online.

Today, most of us have a digital camera, scanner or smartphone... these create images that can be used online easily but... they shouldn't be used straight from your device! This image file usually has a resolution of 72 ppi (pixels per inch), uses the RGB colour processing (red, green, black) and is saved usually as a .jpg (jpeg) file. But, it is also much bigger than it should be for posting online. It is still recommended to optimize and resize so it doesn't slow down on screen.

Whether you have a .tiff, .jpg or .png, most editing software has an "optimize for web" feature that will convert the file for you. Just save this file for web use and you are good to go. Do not save over the original file, instead give it a new name with '_web' at the end to identify it from others.

There are three file formats for the web, .jpg (most photos) and .png (photos or images with transparency effects) and .gif (logos with transparent backgrounds or animations). Size requirements for an optimized and resized image should be less than 50kb which creates a smaller file that can be loaded on screen quickly. Even with today's browsers and online apps, its still recommended to optimize your photo for the web.

Helpful Hints:

- Images can always be made smaller but should never be made larger as they are more likely to lose resolution resulting in a fuzzy or distorted image.
- To find the size and dimension of an image you want to use, open the folder your image is in and hover your mouse over the filename for it to appear. Check out www.pixelyzer.com/image_size_calculator.html for an automatic online calculator which will give you the image size on screen and in print so you can adjust it accordingly to match your needs.
- Be aware of copyright. Images or video you own*, royalty free images or ones that have been purchased for use usually do not require photo credits or permission forms. **But, the people or private spaces depicted in those images may require permission. If in doubt, ask for permission to use the photo.*

Once again, please make sure any information you wish to keep from your existing webshell, including text, documents or pictures, are copied so you have it all on your computer for safe keeping. To prepare for the new webshell form, please take some time to refresh your text, images and documents so you will be ready to go when it is available.

Cheers,
April

Please note that this newsletter is available with higher quality photos at
www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2018-01_spring.pdf

Cover Photo: Penny Stewart (Gananoque Horticultural Society, District 3)

Introducing Our New Treasurer

Our new Treasurer, Jane Leonard, has been involved with gardening and bookkeeping for many years, though initially she was on Wanted posters in many nurseries for plant neglect. Through extensive rehab, she became a Master Gardener. She worked at Sheridan Nurseries head office for 15 years, starting in the shipping department, and finishing in the store office. She snuck into the Georgetown Horticultural Society but they caught her and put her on the executive and several committees. Every spring Jane looks forward to returning to her garden and watching the revival of the flora.



Does Your Society Need Abuse Liability Coverage?

Shawn LaPalm, The Co-operators Insurance

An important part of any board's duty is to protect the organization's viability for the long term, have a strong risk management program in place, and make sure the members and organization have proper insurance. Should a situation develop that requires a non-profit to defend itself, the cost of doing so can be disastrous. It can lead to the non-profit being forced to compromise its goal to fight for its own survival. With the rise of lawsuits in Ontario, every non-profit organization should consider abuse insurance coverage. **This coverage is intended to respond to any act or threat involving molestation, harassment, corporal punishment or any other form of physical, sexual or mental abuse.**

By having systems and processes in place, your association is doing its due diligence to protect the people you are serving. You will also be protecting your group's reputation and ensuring financial sustainability in the event of a claim. **Any organization that delivers services for children should make certain they have Abuse liability coverage.**

Your organization should have the following procedures and policies in place at a minimum:

- Abuse prevention program;
- Training and awareness program;
- Have a written procedure in place for handling reported or alleged abuse;
- Have procedures in place for working with employees or volunteers who have had an allegation of abuse made against them;
- Have a process to ensure that abuse prevention policies and procedures are reviewed, implemented and enforced;
- Have rules and a code of conduct and disciplinary measures established for your members, your paid staff, and volunteers, which clearly define your abuse policy and the consequences of failing to follow it; Have a written policy that clearly establishes your commitment to abuse protection that has been reviewed by your lawyer;
- Have rules and a code of conduct and disciplinary measures established for your members, your paid staff, and volunteers, which clearly define your abuse policy and the consequences of failing to follow it;
- Have a process to ensure that abuse prevention policies and procedures are reviewed, implemented and enforced;

If you have any questions regarding this important coverage, please reach out to me, Shawn LaPalm, The Co-operators 1-888-712-2667.

Royal Botanical Gardens has a New Canadian Horticultural Societies Collection!

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The Centre for Canadian Historical Horticultural Studies, a scholarly centre within Royal Botanical Gardens, has many interesting and unique documents detailing the history of Canadian horticulture. As you know, horticultural societies played a very important role in this story, and the Centre is pleased to announce that a new collection containing documents from sixty-six Canadian horticultural societies has now been organized and is ready for use by researchers.

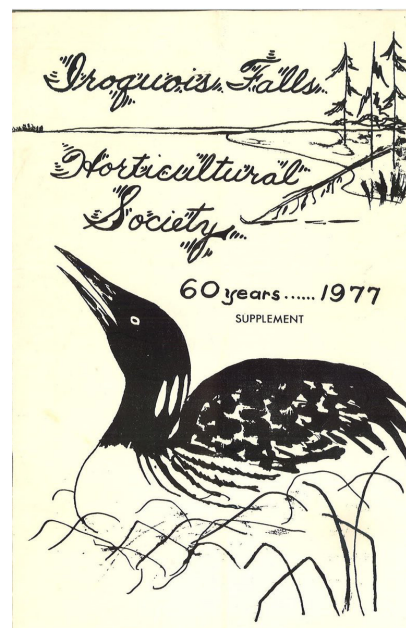
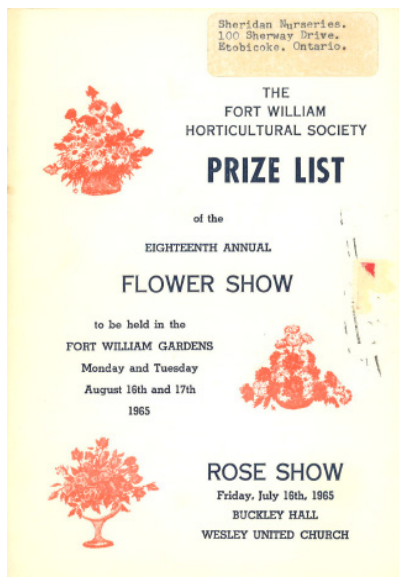
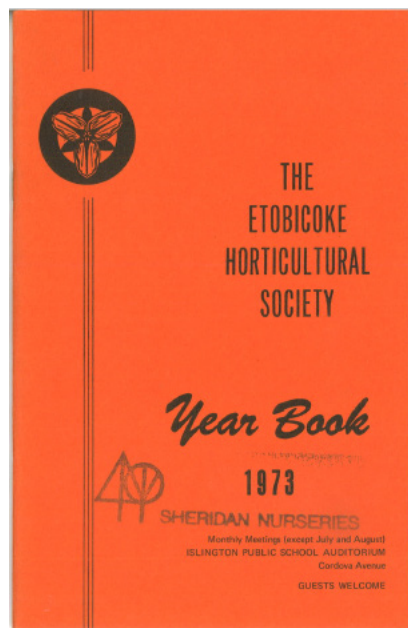
Archives Intern Stephanie Bellissimo organized this collection under the supervision of Erin Aults, Library and Archives Specialist. Her favourite part of researching horticultural societies has been seeing how they have admirably responded to local, regional, national, and international events, planting flowers along the way. Originally, society members beautified towns and cities as a means of fostering good, moral citizens. They then raised their trowels to harvest and reap vegetables throughout two world wars. Many early women also filled societies' ranks participating in increased numbers throughout the century. These stories, and many others, are chronicled within the collection.

In March, Stephanie curated an exhibit, *Cultivating Beauty: Ontario Horticultural Societies from 1906-Present*, at the Burlington Public Library. She also gave a presentation, providing the audience with an overview of horticultural societies' history, showcasing the commendable efforts of members who have worked hard to make Ontario beautiful. She felt honoured to read the words of horticultural society members who read those very words during their own speeches throughout the century. They spoke with such beautiful sentiment and she felt proud to share their story.

If you are interested in learning more about this collection, please check out our archive's page on Archeion, the Archival Association of Ontario's online database at www.archeion.ca.

To access the online version of the exhibit, please visit Stephanie's personal blog, Canadian Heritage Matters at <https://bit.ly/2pBKQoj>.

If you possess any historical materials pertaining to your horticultural society, such as old minute books, annual lecture brochures, posters, letters, photos or newspaper articles, we would be delighted to see them. Please contact Erin Aults at (905) 527-1158 ext. 259 or eaaults@rbg.ca, or David Galbraith, Head of Science, at (905) 527-1158 ext. 309 or dgalbraith@rbg.ca.



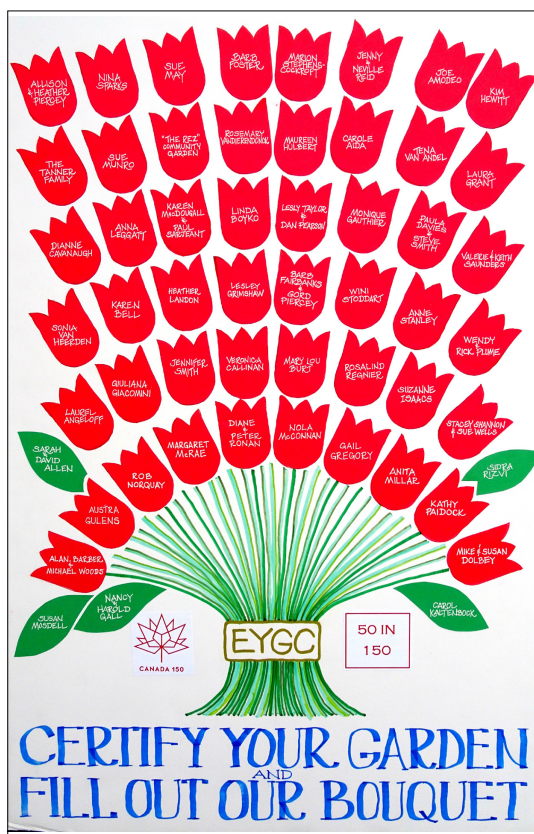
A few of the items in the RBG Canadian Horticultural Societies Collection

East York Garden Club Makes it 50 in 150

Stacey Shannon, East York Garden Club

What do you give a country that has everything? Why, a birthday present of 50 gardens that are certified wildlife friendly, of course! East York Garden Club member Diane Ronan had the idea to answer the OHA's call to honour Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation in a unique way – no tulip planting for her! The goal was to certify 50 gardens with the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Backyard Habitat Certification Program in Canada's 150th year – dubbed "50 in 150". The board enthusiastically endorsed the idea and it was not hard to get seven members to spontaneously volunteer to form a committee. I was privileged enough to be on the committee and work alongside the others to guide EYGC members to certify their gardens with the Canadian Wildlife Federation. And we did it!

Diane served as committee chair and established a firm link with CWF's Education Officer Carole Wheatley. To qualify, members had to fill out a certification form either online or on paper, provide a garden layout plan, a few photos and pay a processing fee of \$10. Being confronted with a form is not anyone's idea of a good time but 25 or 30 folks quickly responded, and word got back to us that they were duly certified. We were on our way! Club member Michael Woods created an equivalent of a thermometer chart to record progress – a "Tulip Chart" where every certified garden was recognized with a beautifully hand-lettered flower.



But as everyone knows, our Canadian summers are short. And whether EYGC members were out in the garden, on holiday or cowed by the process, certification numbers were stalling by August. Time for a committee meeting! We put our heads together to figure out what we could best do to get members certifying again. Were folks lacking the skills to create a garden plan? Were they lacking the ability to take photos and transmit them? Were they unsure about plant identification or just plain lacking the time or confidence to do it? We worked tirelessly to get to the root of the problems, by telephone, email, club meeting chats and home visits and paired them up with folks willing to remove barriers to certification.

December loomed, and I remember sending an email to Diane essentially saying, well it was a great idea, but we wouldn't make it to 50, as we had seven gardens to go and didn't we give it a good try? Well, the procrastinating EYGC members had a surprise for us. Not only did the last seven certify but so did five more! What a wonderful experience in which to have been involved, and a great way to meet the other members of the club who value not only our patches of green earth but how we care for those places now and into the future. One very special "Legacy Gift to Canada".



Some of the East York members whose gardens were certified with the Canadian Wildlife Federation

From Shore to Shield

Explore the Gardening Diversity of District 3

*Friday, July 27
to
Sunday, July 29*

OHA 112th CONVENTION



Registration is now open for the 112th OHA convention, which will be held on the last weekend in July at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre in Kingston. Registration forms and all the convention information that you're looking for can be found on the OHA's website, www.gardenontario.org. Take advantage of the Early Bird rate and register by July 1. Last date for meal orders is July 10.

The Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre is located at 550 Princess Street, about three kilometres south of Highway 401, one and a half kilometres south of the Kingston train station, and 10 kilometres northeast of the Kingston Airport. The hotel has free parking, free Wi-Fi, and a pool with a water slide. Room rates are \$135 a night. Information about alternate accommodation in the area is available on www.gardenontario.org.

Friday Night

GARDENING "ROCKS" with 60s and 70s music with "The Reasons". Dig out your tie-dyes and bell-bottoms and plan to step back in time and party! Bring your camera for the 60s photo booth and the Board fashion show! **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE**

Silent Auction

The Friday night District fun will include a silent auction. So dance the night away to your favourite tunes and Bid! Bid! Bid! on all the terrific auction items. Credit cards will be accepted.

Meals

See the web page for the delicious meals that are being offered. Great food at reasonable prices. An on-site restaurant is also available.

Vendors

Our Vendors Market is SOLD OUT!! With a waiting list! The lovely sunny Atrium at the Ambassador will be the site of the Garden Market. We have some popular return vendors plus new and interesting garden related products. Come shop with us.

New and returning vendors are Deborah Lyall, offering printed items with original art; Fernwood Nursery offering the best native and hardy exotic ferns; Bonnibrae Hostas and Daylilies; Soul Speak Glass Art; Bee Happy Honey; Urban Nature Store; CW Metal Design (garden art); Glocca Morra Studio; Walt's Sugar Shack; and more.

District Growing Contest

We are going to have a friendly District Growing Competition. Seeds for our Challenge plant have been distributed to District Directors for distribution. Stay tuned!

OHA Convention 2018 Speakers

Friday Morning Plenary Speaker

Pat Webster: *Creating a Personal Paradise: The Story of Glen Villa*

Friday Seminars

Suzanne Brant: *Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge*

Iain Jack: *Ferns in Garden Design*

David Cybulski & Colleen O'Connell: *Maitland Garden of Hope: Award-Winning Garden with a Mission*

Cathy Hooper: *Edible Landscape: Food-producing Plants in the Residential Landscape*

John-Shaw Rimmington: *Dry Stone Walls and Other Creations*

Walter McGee: *How History Changed Plants and How Plants Changed History*

Joyce Hostyn: *Food Forests*

John Madden: *Tree Pruning, Hands on Demonstration*

Saturday Morning Plenary Speaker

Susan Sutter: *Hidden Treasures in your Garden an overview of Contemporary Canadian Floral Art*

Saturday Seminars

Susan Sutter: *How To Grow Floral Designers: Start With Your Seedlings*

Elizabeth Churcher & George Thomson: *Gardening For Nature*

Constitution Tutorial/Q&A, Using Social Media

Astrid Muschalla: *Soil Health.*

Deanna Groves and John Riedl: *Quinte Botanical Gardens: Creation of a New Horticultural Site*

Judges on Judging: *An update opportunity for OHA judges and exhibitors*

Saturday Workshop

Butterfly House Workshop with Lee Valley Tools

Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker

Carson Arthur: *Understanding & Embracing the New Gardeners: Intro to the Millennials and How to Attract Them to your Society*

Sunday Morning Plenary Speaker

Tony Spencer: *The New Perennialist – Wildish at Heart*

Vacation Planner

The Kingston area is part of Great Waterway Tourism area and home to the Rideau Canal and Fort Henry (UNESCO World Heritage sites), as well as the Frontenac Arch Biosphere (a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve), plus many other historic sites, such as the Kingston Penitentiary and Museum, and the the Kingston Pump House Steam Museum. Plan to make this a vacation stay. Check out Prince Edward County for arts, food and wine.

OHA Convention 2018 Bus Tours

Thursday Early Bird Bus Tour: Come Early to Convention

Relax on a coach bus as you lunch and then tour four of the beautiful Rideau Canal and Thousand Islands Garden Trail gardens. These are beautiful private gardens that are amazing.

Dinner is planned at the Ivy Club, a unique local dining experience with a beautiful view of the St Lawrence River. Travel back to the hotel is via the picturesque route along the river. Full details can be found at www.gardenontario.org.

Friday and Saturday Bus Tours

All tours will leave at 1:00 p.m. and return around 4:30 p.m.

Tour 1: West

This jam-packed tour includes six diverse, private gardens that feature all forms of horticulture – ponds, veggies, shrubs, grasses, etc. Some gardens are tiny, others are good-sized city lots. Stops at the gardens will be short, in order to see as many as possible. Difficulty: Moderate – No steep inclines or long walks, but this is a quick paced tour.

Tour 2: North and East

This tour includes four large private gardens that feature perennial displays, shrubs, ornaments, art, ponds, faerie gardens, veggies, shrubs, grasses, etc. Stops at the gardens will be modest lengths, to see as many as possible. Difficulty: Moderate – No steep inclines or long walks but includes some woodland paths.

Tour 3: Gananoque Gardens

This tour includes four private gardens in Gananoque that feature perennial displays, shrubs, ornaments, art, ponds etc. Stops at the gardens will be modest lengths, to see as many as possible. The tour will be completed by a stop at a Shade plant nursery. Difficulty: Moderate – No steep inclines, a short walk to one garden.

Tour 4: Cruise and Garden

Enjoy a relaxing one-hour boat cruise through a small part of the scenic 1000 islands. See why this area became known as the playground to the wealthy. While the boat does cross into American waters, no stops are planned so passports are not necessary. A visit to a waterfront garden in Gananoque will round out the afternoon. Difficulty: Easy – No steps to the boat and the garden is level.

Remember to enter the competitions

June 1st is the last entry deadline for: Art pre-registration: Creative Writing entries, Flower Show pre-registration for Design & Special Exhibit classes, Youth "estimated list of all entries to be provided".

Entry Dates/Times at Convention:

- Art and Youth entries will be accepted Thursday, July 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., or Friday, July 27 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Flower Show entries can be placed on Thursday, July 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Friday, July 27 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- No late entries will be accepted; no exceptions.
- Entry tags are supplied at the Convention by the OHA.
- Competitions Schedules can be found on our website at www.gardenontario.org/sho/com.php, or by following the links on the homepage (www.gardenontario.org)



Gone Native

Carol Dunk

I've gone native! Now when I plan for next year's garden, my mind's eye no longer drifts to a specimen from a faraway place or a new cultivar limited to only a few customers. Instead, I dream of Joe-Pye-Weed and Black-Eyed Susans and the joy of another native spring ephemeral. I plan bee houses and bug hotels. I let my leaves and plant stalks stand in the fall, and I rejoice at the site of a dragonfly or a new bee.

My conversion didn't come overnight. It crept up on me gradually and was scarcely noticed. It came from rereading Sara Stein and Rachel Carson and from the words of Douglas Tallamy and from listening to David Suzuki. It came as I looked at my garden and yard, my local area, my city, through their eyes and realized what had been lost. My local ecosystem had been converted to asphalt plains and plants that didn't belong. Alien plants, sidewalks, paved roads and shopping plazas covered all that once was native and natural. How had this happened? How many species had been lost? Was the original ecosystem forever gone?



At first I complained and lamented that governments and damned capitalists were allowing our natural resources to slip away. The blame for the situation rested squarely on the shoulders of a populace that did not care. Letters to an MP, snippy tweets and interruptions into casual conversations were my modus operandi. I pointed out to all and sundry that others were ruining what was once the glory and abundance of the natural scene.

Soon, I said, there will be no space for wildlife at all. The natural flora and fauna will be gone forever, I said. And it's all the fault of the non-thinking public, I said. The public has allowed this to happen, I said.

And then, like a slap on the side of my head, I realized that I am the public. What happens to the local ecosystem is up to me. Now with clear eyes, I reviewed my garden. I saw the expensive aliens, the must-have cultivars, and the collection of plants from wherever that I had insinuated into the piece of the environment that I controlled. I noted the lack of any habitat for critters and creatures, and I was ashamed.

So.... I am doing my best to restore a sense of place to my garden. I am welcoming back the life that once belonged in this space. I've gone native.

Carol Dunk is an OHA Past-President. She was the recipient of the 2012 Pollinator Advocate Award, presented by the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. In 2015, Carol was awarded the OHA's Silver Medal.

Garden
OntarioWeek
June 9 - 17, 2018

An invitation to spread the BUZZ all over Ontario

My name is Shelly Candel and I'm the founder and Executive Director of Bee City Canada. I've had the pleasure of meeting some of you last summer on the lawn on Queen's Park. I believe there is a great opportunity for the OHA and Bee City Canada to collaborate and further our shared goals.

Bee City Canada is a federally-recognized charity whose goal is to inspire and engage communities to create healthy habitats for pollinators throughout our cities, in our school yards and around our businesses. The Bee City program also promotes public education about the importance of pollinators and engages communities to celebrate International Pollinator Week which happens during the third week of June.

To date, we have recognized 13 "Bee Cities" for taking such steps, nine of which are in Ontario (Toronto, Stratford, City of Kawartha Lakes, St. Catharines, King Township, Whitby, Kitchener, Waterloo and Niagara Falls). Many more cities are currently planning to join the Bee City family.

We invite OHA members to help promote the Bee City programs in the cities and towns and municipalities where you live including the local schools, businesses and other organizations. If your city or town would like to be or has been recognized as a Bee City, who better than an OHA member to sit on the Pollinator Working Group to plan and implement the goals of a Bee City.

Another possibility for OHA members would be to join the upcoming Bee City Ambassador Program, through which trained volunteers will help to educate school groups and community organizations about gardening and the importance of pollinators.

I invite you to visit our website at www.beecitycanada.org to learn more about us and the work being done in Bee Cities, Schools and Businesses across Canada.

Like you, I, too, am a volunteer and do what I do because I'm passionate about bees and pollinators and wish to leave behind a healthy mother earth for all future generations.

As the honey bees have taught us, it's only when we work together that we can produce enough honey to sweeten the world!

Warm regards,

Shelly Candel
Executive Director
Bee City Canada



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Waterloo Becomes a Bee City

Kathy Pearson, President, Waterloo Gardeners

Waterloo Gardeners was asked to support a proposal from retired Master Gardener Anne Morgan to have the city of Waterloo designated as a "Bee City". Bee City communities support collaboration to establish and maintain healthy pollinator habitat within their municipalities. In February 2018, City Council supported the proposal. For its part, Waterloo Gardeners will continue to highlight the need to protect pollinators through displays at our meetings and community events like Earth Day and articles in our newsletter and on our website. The resources available from the OHA will help with this initiative. We are encouraging our members to grow, not mow and create a pollinator patch at home. Anne has created a list of recommended native pollinator plants which will be shared with the members.

The City of Waterloo has experienced a construction boom over the past few years seeing many single family residential homes being torn down making way for high density housing. The loss of these backyard habitats for so many animals, birds and beneficial insects makes our message even more important as we encourage residents to help our environment by supporting pollinator protection.



Emerging From a Long Winter - LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, Public Relations Officer & Treasurer, LaSalle Horticultural Society,

Having survived a very long winter, our society did so by having a PJ & robe night complete with popcorn, chips and a movie on plants of course. We are now busy working on our summer plans. We have started out with a contest amongst members to help plan a fully landscaped garden. The garden we are working on is one donated to our society by the town of LaSalle. Its original use was for our 150th celebration garden of tulips.

The first weeks of May, will again bring year eight of our tulip rescue program. We receive over four thousand fresh bulbs from area donors each spring, and we recycle them. This year, we invite any other society that might want to fill an area school or church garden with tulips to let us know and we will kindly donate some to you to beautify your town. Also, the Saturday before Mother's Day, we have our very successful plant sale in which the community gardeners arrive quite early to see what we're offering for their gardens. We again thank our volunteers and donors, for without them, we are unable to support our town with new area benches and other projects which require funds.



In June, rain or shine, we are headed out on our annual bus trip. Our destination, (though not in stone yet) is to view a trial garden complete with lunch! We're inviting all nearby societies to join us.

Who doesn't love a parade? Well, we do. This is year four for our society to join in on the LaSalle Strawberry Festival Parade. It's a fun event and we challenge other societies to join their town parades. You get out for a walk, plus, it advertises your society, which promotes new membership. Don't forget to give out postcards with your info on the back complete with meeting and location details, contacts and your Facebook address.



Above, left to right: Susan Boucher, Pat and Barrie Hoare and Marina Scott, at the LaSalle PJ & Robe Night.

Left: The Canada 150 tulip garden in Gil Maure Park, in LaSalle that will undergo a complete redesign in 2018.

Deadline for the Summer Trillium: June 5

In the Winter Trillium issue, new deadline and publication dates were given for 2018. Unfortunately, unexpected circumstances have meant that **the deadline for the Summer issue must be moved forward 10 days to June 5**. The deadline dates for the Autumn and Winter issues will remain at September 15 (publication September 20), and December 15 (publication January 2).

Articles for the Trillium should be sent in Word format or plain text. If you have a Mac, and would rather use Pages, I can also accept that. Photos and other graphics should be sent as separate files (i.e., not as part of a Word file), with a resolution of at least 1000 by 800 pixels. Full-sized original files will be happily accepted.

Email your articles to editor@gardenontario.org. If you're unable to send your material via email, I can also accept them via Canada Post at:

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Mapleton - Looking forward to 2018

Jerry Ottens, Mapleton Buds and Blooms

We are excited to begin the 2018 season. We have many interesting speakers booked who will be sharing information on topics we haven't had before. In March we look forward to hearing Joanna Baars tell us about 'living' in a nursery – this implies that she spends a lot of time there! In April Leonard Bauman will show us how to care for our tools. He will answer questions and we are invited to take some tools along. Each year we are thankful for the speakers who are willing to come to Moorefield to share their inspiring ideas with us.

We also can't wait until planting time. We will continue working on reconstructing a garden in Drayton. It had been maintained by the township but then washed away in the Drayton flood in the spring of 2017. Township was busy helping the town clean up and the garden was not top priority. Even though a good part of the dirt was gone the weeds grew. In early fall our president, Jo Houston, got permission to have Mapleton Buds and Blooms take over the maintaining

of the garden. We started by removing weeds and planting bulbs so that the garden would spring to life in 2018. Someone donated around 15 mums which we planted for fall colour. In the spring the township will be adding soil and we will be planting mostly pollinator-friendly plants.

We look forward to the flower shows this year. A committee has made some changes so it will be fun to try out the changes in the various categories. A number of judges will be visiting Moorefield and we look forward to their advice to help us improve our flower shows and our entries. We are very thankful for the judges who come to our flower shows.

In 2016 we celebrated our 90th anniversary. In doing so we learned about our history and dedication of many people over the years. One such couple was Lukas and Jean Dobben. For many decades they actively served in various capacities as members of our society. The last few years they had retired from active participation

but they attended almost every event and monthly meeting. They dropped in at the 2016 District 7 fall meeting held in Drayton because Jean had the honour of cutting our 90th anniversary cake, which was then served to those attending the meeting. Sadly we learned that on July 19, 2017, Jean went home to be with her Lord, and on August 23, 2017, Lukas also passed away and joined her in their heavenly home. They had been married for 61 years.



Mapleton Buds members at work in Centennial Park, in Drayton:

Weeding the garden (above) and planting bulbs and mums (right)



Wilmot Horticultural Society Celebrates 50 Years

Marlene Knezevich, Wilmot Horticultural Society

Wilmot Horticultural Society is celebrating 50 years this season. In 2012, a daylily was selected from Jack Kent's nursery (The Potting Shed, Dunnville) and fifty pots of two plants



were purchased. We have been propagating them since with 500 for sale. The daylily is registered as our very own Wilmot Summer Sunset. Since we had our very own daylily, we decided to replace our rose and create a new logo and banner.

With 128 attending, we held our Anniversary Gala Dinner on Thursday, October 5. It was exactly 50 years to the day and time since the first meeting on Oct 5, 1967, held to determine interest in having a horticultural society in Wilmot Township. The first general meeting was held in January 1968 and the process of getting the OHA charter was started.

In attendance at the Gala were Les Armstrong (Mayor of Wilmot), Meaghan representing Mike Harris (Kitchener-Conestoga MPP), Rose Odell, (OHA President), Kelly Taylor (OHA secretary), Gary Brenner (District 19 Director) and James Graham (OHA Past President). We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, followed by Paul Zammit, our keynote speaker and Marlene Knezevich who reviewed Gwyn Brundrett's highlights of WHS history. What a lot has been accomplished!

Paul Zammit, a bundle of energy and passion, is the Nancy Eaton Director of Horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden. His love of gardening was nurtured by his grandmother. He loves engaging with people and children and nourishing the earth. He shared many garden tips he learned over the years.

As Paul told us, the benefits of gardening are many:

- Opportunity to express ourselves
- Learn and share
- Improve quality of life
- Keeps us moving
- Touching the soil provides health benefits by touching the organisms in the soil
- Time to get re-grounded and connect with the earth
- Connection to where our food comes from if growing veggies or fruit

Paul noted that so many people are disconnected from horticulture, and have no idea where their food comes from. He suggested reading *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv which indicates that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development and for the physical and emotional health of children and adults. We need to get programs for families gardening together and learn the joy of picking fresh food and it can



be imperfect. He noted that it is important to learn about bio-diversity and how having our food being perfect means using pesticides, and how this negatively impacts birds, insects and our bodies. Paul encourages buying local to support our hard-working farmers. Keep learning! Did you know Hosta flowers are edible? Do you know how to keep your soil healthy? Thank you Paul for a great presentation!

On March 17, our annual **Garden Explosion** brought in a burst of spring colour and smells, with the room filled with plants and flowers! Our theme of 'Nifty @ 50' and St. Patrick's Day, filled the room with green and gold with a 70s vibe. Our roster of four speakers was:

- Brenda Campbell of Cozyn's Garden Gallery, 'Soil Amendments'
- Dan Cooper, our 'Gardening from the Hammock' guru
- Thelma Kessel (Colour Paradise Greenhouses) demonstrated how to combine herbs and annuals for colour and provide flavour for the palette and colour for the eyes.
- Tara Nolan, 'Raised Bed Revolution' completed the day with a wonderful presentation.

We will continue to celebrate with a June Barbecue & Picnic and special speakers for the rest of the year. We are also hosting the District 19 AGM with Wendy Shearer OALA, FCSLA, ASLA, CAHP speaking on *Historic Kitchen Gardens* and Marlene Knezevich on **Golden Memories** (of WHS).

Congratulations Wilmot Horticultural Society. You have accomplished so much!

Editor's note: 2018 is also the 100th anniversary of the first society in Wilmot Township. The New Hamburg Horticultural Society held its first meeting on March 15, 1918.



Wilmot President Judy Yutzi, Paul Zammit, and Marlene Knezevich

A Multiple-Anniversary Celebration in Fergus

Kathy Bouma, President, Fergus & District Horticultural Society

The Fergus & District Horticultural Society celebrated a 160th Anniversary with the planting of a Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) in Terry Fox Park.

President, Kathy Bouma welcomed fellow Horticultural society members and guests on a sunny and cool October 10th morning for this special occasion of the 160th anniversary of the first Fergus & District Horticultural Society. "We are truly proud of the work that our members have done within our Community over this long period of time."

Canada, our county is celebrating 150 years. With these two events, it was fitting that we plant this Tulip tree. Why a Tulip tree? It was decided and agreed that a Tulip tree would be a good fit for this park. It is a hardy deciduous flowering tree native to eastern North America. However, we will have to wait to see those beautiful golden yellow flowers in the spring as they say it takes 10 to 15 years before flowers shaped like tulips appear. But we should see the fall colouring which is spectacular – bright golden yellow leaves. This tree was funded with the OHA Tree Planting Grant. A permanent plaque will be installed marking this special occasion.



Brantford Garden Club "Antler Project"

In January of 2018, one of our major Club sponsors approached our Board with a Community Service Focus. Antler Services has provided our organization with many dollars' worth of raffle table prizes for many years and offers our members retail discounts.

After a brief presentation to the Board, it was unanimously agreed that we would provide a \$2,000 donation to Antler to support the Inner Court Yard Re-Build to benefit Participation House Brantford. A registered non-profit, charitable organization, Participation House Brantford provides support and services to individuals in the community with a physical disability, individuals with complex health concerns and seniors.

It is the intent of Antler Services to create a **Sensory Garden** designed not only to be accessible to people with disabilities, but to systematically and sensitively nourish all five basic senses. The estimated cost of the project is \$50,000.

Throughout the year, we will be holding 50/50 draws at monthly meetings and have also applied for a grant through the OHA. When planting time comes, I'm sure our Club will be there, getting dirty and lending a hand wherever needed.



Mark Meloun, 2nd Vice President, Brantford Garden Club; Temple Swift, Antler Services, Wendy Bowman, President, Brantford Garden Club

Nobleton & King City Garden Club Wins "Trees Of Giving" Community Fundraiser Competition

The King Heritage & Cultural Centre hosted its second annual "Trees of Giving" Christmas Tree Fundraiser Contest which ran from November 25 to December 16. First place was awarded to Nobleton & King City Garden Club's decorated tree "Nature's Beauty". The Tree's decorating team consisted of members Bonnie MacTaggart, Judy Onorato, Anna Santarossa and Lucille King.

Nine beautifully decorated trees from King Township Community Groups were entered and a whopping total of \$1,282 was raised and presented to Carol Ann Trabert of the King Township Food Bank.



Nobleton & King City Garden Club representatives Lucille King, Co-President (right) and Anna Santarossa, Director (left), winners of King Heritage and Cultural Centre's "Trees of Giving" Fundraiser, are pictured with Carol Ann Trabert of the King Township Food Bank (Centre).



Charles Freeman's Garden Folly

We weeded as best we could and thought that we had all of those pesky little devils, but then one day we noticed something protruding from the top of a sunflower - guess we missed one



Peterborough Garden Show: April 13 to April 15

The Peterborough Garden Show will be back once again for its 18th year! This year's dates are April 13, 14 and 15, with Friday from 5 - 9 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 4 pm.

The theme "**Come Grow With Us**" has an emphasis on sustainability and growing to eat, reflected in our list of speakers and their topics. As well as speakers this year, there will be a series of workshops presented by the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners.

New this year will be a Celebrity and Florist Design Competition. Teams of a local celebrity and florist designer will each create their own dress made up of flowers, vegetables and herbs. The creation will take place Friday evening and be on display for voting throughout the weekend.

Filling the two double pads of the arena will be more than 130 garden vendors, many of them new. Clearwater Creations will create a display garden at the entrance to one of the pads.

Upstairs the ever-popular "Little Green Thumbs" Children's Garden will be teaming with liveliness and action! The theme this year is "Water" and children will be involved in learning activities, as well as face painting, crafts, making a floral take-home and other activities.

BE Catering will again be providing a delicious range of lunch and snack choices and Kyoto Coffee, as well as their locally roasted fair trade coffees, has a new tasty, healthy line of Smoothies.

Profits from the Peterborough Garden Show go back to the community each year and continue to fund beautification projects, local community gardens, and a number of post-secondary scholarships for students studying in a horticulture-related field.

We hope you are able to join us again and "**Come Grow With Us**" this year. More details can be found on bus trips, places to stay, purchasing tickets, our speakers and workshops and many other related topics by visiting the show's website at www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

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18th Anniversary

Friday, April 13 5 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, April 14 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, April 15 10 am - 4 pm

**Admission: \$8 Advance
\$9 Online, \$10 at Door**
**Weekend: \$14 Advance
\$15 Online and at Door**
(Children 12 & under free with an adult)

Evinrude Centre, Peterborough
(911 Monaghan Rd., North of Lansdowne St.)

A \$2 donation would be appreciated by The Rotary Club of Peterborough for parking at the Evinrude Centre and Canoe Museum

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Speakers

Saturday, April 14th
10:30 Dianne & Gary Westlake
What are Lawns Good for—Let's Stop the Madness
12:00 Jillian Bishop
Urban Gardening and Seed Saving
1:15 Ken Brown
Vertical Vegetables
2:30 Dan Cooper
Gardening from a Hammock

Sunday, April 15th
10:30 Kathryn Pimmett
Heritage Plants and Gardens
12:00 Garry Edwards
*Meadowview Gardens
Tales from a Victorian Garden*
1:15 Sean James
Working with Nature
2:30 Gladys Fowler
Square Foot Gardening

 **The Little Green Thumbs
Children's Garden
FREE for all children
with an adult**
Located upstairs
at the Evinrude Centre

 The Peterborough Garden Show  @PtboGardenShow

Mark your calendars:

Saturday, June 16 - The County Garden Show

Prince Edward County Horticultural Society is the host for this annual event. The gala will be held at the Wellington Town Hall, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the Flower Show & judged floral competition, our Plant Sale, a Silent Auction, the Victorian Tea Room, a Kids Program, and local vendors.

www.pechorticultural.org

Kathy Andrachuk, Horticultural Societies of Parkdale & Toronto

Kathy Andrachuk, a stalwart member of the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale and Toronto passed away on October 28, 2017.

An enthusiastic gardener, she was a member of the Garden Club of Toronto as a young person. In 1973, when she was only 22 years old, she decided to join the original Toronto Horticultural Society. Kathy completed many important executive positions and finally became president in 1986. With many aging members, the society had been experiencing declining membership, so Kathy encouraged an amalgamation with the newly formed Parkdale Horticultural Society in order to continue the legacy of the Toronto Hort. Today, the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale and Toronto is blossoming. Not only does it support many local community gardens, but also involves itself in numerous horticultural events and activities.

Kathy was a champion volunteer. Every spring she organized the assembling of the hanging baskets at St. George the Martyr Church, at Queen and McCaul. Kathy would spend years patiently negotiating with different agencies and eventually in 2012, arranged for the refurbishment of a brand-new courtyard for the 100th anniversary of St. Christopher House (now The West Neighbourhood House) at Dundas and Ossington (then one of The Hort's sponsored gardens). Every year, volunteering on behalf of the OHA, Kathy worked in the

flower show at the CNE, and she organized the staffing of horticultural specialists at numerous Loblaws garden centres. For many years during the Christmas season, Kathy joined a team of society members to create two to three extraordinary wreaths in the Allen Garden conservatory.

Within the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale and Toronto, Kathy organized nominations of members for the volunteerism recognition awarded by government agencies, as well as the OHA service awards. Kathy's involvement with the annual Plant Fair, Garden Tour, Bus Tour, monthly meetings, and her ability to solicit raffle prizes along with her liaison with OHA, earned the respect and admiration of her peers.

Kathy received the Canada Day Achievement Award 2001, OHA District Appreciation Award 2006, Horticultural Service Certificate 2006 and Volunteer Service Award 2006. In 2013 Kathy proudly received her most precious and treasured OHA Trillium Award.

In memory of Kathy, the Horticultural Societies of Parkdale and Toronto is currently engaged in planning to create The Kathy Andrachuk Memorial Grove and Pollinator Garden in Stanley Park, in Toronto. The garden will be made up of native trees, shrubs, and perennials which will provide shade, spring to fall flowers for pollinators, and brilliant fall leaf colour.



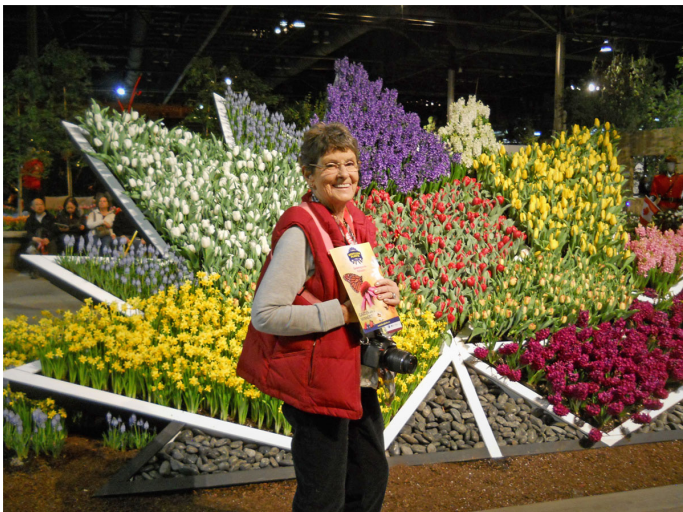
Kathy Andrachuk and her husband, Bill Cheng

Pat Grice, Niagara Falls Horticultural Society

On October 26th, the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society lost a long-time member, Pat Grice. Pat just loved to garden and said that her fingernails were evidence of that. In particular, she loved roses. Each month, this society has a small themed flower show competition which was begun by Pat. She loved to compete and always said that it was never about winning or losing but the accomplishment of what you have created. Pat and her sister regularly chaired the society's annual rose show in June of each year. At the convention 2012, Pat was an enthusiastic volunteer for the floral competition and assisted in the setup as well as volunteering. She was a constant in the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society and, although she will be missed, she will be remembered for sharing her expertise so readily and all that she contributed. Niagara Falls Horticultural Society and District 9 will miss you Pat.



Marilyn Trunks, Pine Ridge Garden Club



On November 15, 2017, the Pine Ridge Garden Club lost its president, Marilyn Trunks.. An enthusiastic, hard-working individual, Marilyn was the Club's longest serving president, having been in the position since 2011. She also served as interim treasurer and headed up many committees. Marilyn was involved in all our community projects over the years, and was always willing to help when the need arose. Her favourite was working and appearing on the Pine Ridge Garden Club float every August in the Blackstock Fair Parade. She was a serious competitor and had entries in every show and won almost every award.

As well as serving as the Pine Ridge president, Marilyn was also the District treasurer, a role that she willingly accepted when asked to take on the job in 2016.

Marilyn's spirited personality and constant smile was always evident. She is sadly missed by our members, Board of Directors, and the District 17 Executive.

Youth Activities News

Pressing Flowers

You can press flowers or parts of flowers all year long. You will have greater success if you choose fresh flowers.

Soon there will be little Johnny Jump-ups appearing in your lawn and pansies will be available at your local greenhouse. Their colours are rich and vibrant and look amazing when dried! The drier the flowers are, the better they will press, so the best time to harvest flowers for pressing is in the morning after the dew has dried or late in the day.

You don't have to own a flower press. You can use a book or cardboard as long as they are weighted down.

First, you will need something that is smooth and porous to lay your flowers on. I use facial tissue. Lay flowers of similar type on the tissue, making sure they do not touch each other. Repeat this process, for flowers of another type, leaves, etc. When using a press, start with cardboard, then the tissue with your thickest flowers or leaves, cover with a tissue (without flowers) making sure that it is flat, then cardboard and repeat this process making sure to leave enough space to place the top part of the press in place so that it can be screwed down tightly.

If you are using a book, go to a page near the back of the book. Slide one of your tissues covered with flowers on to the page, cover it carefully with a tissue that is not covered in flowers, and then carefully cover with a few pages of the book. Repeat this step until all your prepared tissues are between pages, making sure to cover each carefully with a second tissue and leaving enough pages between each sample to ensure a flat surface for the next sample. Place a weight of some sort on top of the book and wait...

If you prefer, you can simply use pieces of cardboard instead of pages of a book. The trick is to make sure the flowers and the tissue covering each sample remain flat. A book is easier to move from one location to another without disturbing your flowers. You can keep your pile of cardboard together by binding them with ribbon (or something similar) or by placing your pile in a cardboard box of similar size. I would not use a plastic container as it keeps the moisture in and it may take longer for your samples to dry. A weight should be placed on top of either option.

Do not disturb the flowers for at least 3-4 weeks.

In the meantime you can think of ways you would like to use your flowers:

- Make a Mother's Day card or bookmark
- Create a framed piece of art
- Arrange flowers between two pieces of glass
- Adorn a candle

Use your imagination!



Interested in making your own flower press? You can find instructions on the Internet. Here are a couple of sites you might wish to try:

www.gardentherapy.ca/handmade-flower-press/

www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Flower-Press



Creating Your Own Seed Tapes

Children as young as three years old want to help mom and dad or grandma and grandpa in the garden. They often want to help plant.

Seed tapes are an efficient work-saver in the garden, but they can be expensive. So why not make your own? This is a great activity to help young people learn about the various sizes of seeds and spacing. Start with larger seeds (beans, zinnias for example) then mid-size seeds before working with the very tiny ones.

Step 1: Materials

You will need:

- Seeds and zip lock baggies or plastic containers, each one marked with name of seed tape that will be in it
- 1 tbsp. corn starch; 1 cup of cold water; paper towels cut in strips 1½ to 2 inches and folded in half; any squeeze type bottle, (a recycled mustard or ketchup bottle); a drop of food colouring (optional)

Step 2: Prepare Your 'Seed Glue'

- Dissolve cornstarch in water over a medium heat until it boils and thickens. The mixture should be opaque and cling slightly to a fork before dripping off.
- Let it cool and transfer it into squeeze bottle. Add 1 drop of food coloring and shake the bottle to make your 'Glue Dots' easier to see.



Step 3: Prepare Your 'Seed Tape'

Lay out paper towel strips, and place dots across one side of the fold with the cornstarch mixture spacing the dots according to the planting directions of the seed packets.



Step 4: Add Your Seeds

- Place seeds on top of the dots, fold other half of paper towel on top and let it dry completely.
- When dry, store in a plastic bag or container until you are ready to plant.
- Drop the seed packet with instructions in with your seed tapes for future reference.



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