

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

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President's Message

Greetings from the OHA President, Rose Odell

Hello Gardeners and all those who tend the earth and make things grow. Summer has finally arrived although not officially. I go for a drive and when I pass garden centres I see them full of people who are hopeful that this is the year their garden will be spectacular. And I see many volunteers out in the community gardens making them tidy and adding some colour.

Thank you to all those who create beauty on earth whether it is in their own space or somewhere that many can relax and enjoy what you have helped create.

I find it hard to believe that my year as your President is almost finished. As of the convention coming up in July in Kingston a new President will take over from me and put their spin on how and what we do to work towards our goal of "Keeping Ontario Beautiful"

Take the time to look into the schedules of competition that the committees have worked hard at to make them interesting for you. Please consider entering some of your creations whether it is Artwork, Floral Design, Horticulture specimens, Publications or Youth Competitions. Time to show off.....

Much has been accomplished over the past year with the team of Officers and the District Directors. And a warm welcome to the newly appointed Directors who I will have the chance to meet at the pre-convention meeting. I enjoyed meeting some of you as I travelled to the AGMs around the province and thank those who took my place to represent me in the Districts I couldn't be in.

Many plant sales and Seedy Saturdays have already taken place and now we will be looking for that special Garden Tour or bus outing that are shared with each other. Take lots of cash, as there is likely a spot to stop and buy that other specimen for your garden that you just must have.

I wish all of you a very happy growing season and thank everyone for their support over the past year.

With warm regards,

Rose Odell



Secretary's Report

Happy Spring Everyone! This has been a busy spring for me with the March OHA Board Meeting and then into District AGM's and on to convention preparations.

Convention is fast approaching and in preparation for it, there are some important documents and links I need to share with you:

OHA 2017 Convention Minutes: The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from 2017 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at

www.gardenontario.org/docs/convention2017/21Jul17OHA_CMin.pdf

This year's convention is being held at Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre in Kingston from July 27-29, 2018. This year's theme is "From Shore to Shield". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes July 1, 2018. Check out all the details of this year's convention at www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php



OHA Nominations Report: Please note that the Nominations Report and biographies of the candidates for this year's convention were sent out via email to all societies and were posted on the gardenontario.org website at www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php.

OHA Resolutions: Please note that the Resolutions and Society Proxy Authorization Forms for this year's convention were sent out via email to all societies and were posted on the gardenontario.org website on June 7 at: www.gardenontario.org/docs/convention2018/oha2018resolutions4convention.pdf.

Please take some time to review the resolutions this year, also noted below, and have your voice heard. Please cast your vote!

Proxy Authorization Forms: Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and returned by July 15, 2018 so that the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk. Proxy forms are available on the gardenontario website at www.gardenontario.org/docs/convention2018/ohaproxyform_final6jun18.pdf

For your society Proxy Authorization Form, an electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to: secretary@gardenontario.org

Safe Travels to the 2018 OHA Convention!! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary

Please note that this newsletter is available with higher quality photos at www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2018-02_summer.pdf

Cover Photo: The Comfort Maple, Pelham (more information on page 15)

OHA Nominating Committee

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Kingston.

Katharine Smyth has agreed to stand for the position of President.

Charles Freeman, District 1 Director, has been nominated by the Russell and District Horticultural Society for the position of Vice President and has agreed to stand for the position.

Rose Odell has agreed to stay on as Past President.

Calls for further nominations, for each position, will be held each day of the convention.

Please note that the nominating report and biographies are posted on the gardenontario.org website at www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php

The Proxy Authorization Form will be made available to societies in early June, once all of the resolutions have been finalized.

Charles Freeman for OHA Vice President

Good Day One and All,

I am Charles Freeman, Director, District #1. I have accepted the nomination submitted by Russell and District Horticultural Society for the position of Ontario Horticultural Association Vice President.

My wife, Louise, and I currently are enjoying our retirements: Louise after 45 years as a career Elementary School supply teacher and myself after 30 years as a Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.). We take advantage of the opportunities when we can to visit our 2 sons and daughters-in-law and 4 grandchildren as well as visiting friends and travelling.

While working with the O.P.P. I was involved in many different rewarding endeavors outside of policing such as being a Cub/Scout leader for 11 years, chaperoning High School band exchanges for 10 years, running a summer softball league for 350 kids between 4 and 17 years of age for 11 years and being the treasurer and an organizer for the Ontario Special Olympics Hawkesbury Community for 12 years. I was also the Detachment representative for the O.P.P. Association for 20 years and the treasurer of the District #11 Branch for 2 years. I also started refereeing High School and Community basketball more than 35 years ago.

In retirement, I am still refereeing, sitting on the Constitution Committee and Discipline Committee for the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials, sitting as the treasurer for Seaway Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials and helping Louise with her Ottawa Little Theater trips for 50 people 8 times a year. I now have the time, sometimes not enough, to look after our modest gardens, something I learned to enjoy when I met Louise, the florist's daughter, over 50 years ago.

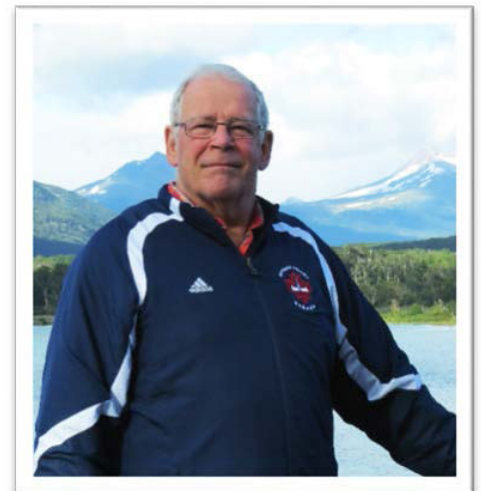
I have been a member of the OHA for 12 years with the Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society. I have served as a Director with the Society, represented the Society as a member of the Organizing Committee for the 2014 Convention in Cornwall, been an Assistant District Director for 4 months and then the interim District Director for 8 months and, I am the current District Director having served 3 terms.

Horticulture is a wonderful science. Have fun with it, and above all, "enjoy just digging in the dirt!"

Sincerely,

Charles Freeman

Director, District #1



Katharine Smyth for OHA President

I am Katharine Smyth, your Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association. I have been a member of the Tilbury Horticultural Society for 18 years and have held various positions and I am currently the Past President. I have been a board member of the OHA for six years, representing District 11, which is comprised of Essex and Lambton Counties and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. I have completed the OHA Judges Course and have been to updates held at convention and in our district. I participate in our society flower show and enjoy judging other shows. I am currently the Chair of the 2019 OHA Convention to be held in Windsor. I have gardened ever since I can remember, having grown up on a farm in Chatham-Kent with vegetable, fruit and flower gardens covering two acres. I love trees, perennials, annuals and containers and have a large garden with lots of shade.

I have been married to Doug for fifty years this year, have four children and nine grandchildren. Two children live close by and two live at the other end of the province. Our oldest son is in the military and we have travelled to cities and countries where he has been stationed.

I, along with my husband have owned and operated a Bed and Breakfast for twenty years. Upon retirement from a career in Medical Laboratory Technology, I became involved in my community by joining the Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas (BIA) and was Treasurer for six years. I was chair of the OMAFRA First Impressions and Treasurer of the Tilbury Revitalization Committee. I am on the board of our local Heritage Committee and on the Board of the Chatham-Kent United Way. I am a member of the Chatham-Kent Tourism Advisory Committee. I also trained as a Culinary Judge and judge at many local fairs. I became a member of Beta Sigma Phi in 1965 and have held many executive positions in this cultural, service and social group. I have worked with my community as member of the Chatham- Kent Communities in Bloom Committee since 2008 and have first-hand experience earning the coveted 5 Bloom Award as winner in Provincial, National and International categories and as the National winner in 2010.

I love to cook, bake, and preserve our local produce and freeze vegetables I have grown. I enjoy gardening, birding, photography, travelling, reading and baking and decorating wedding and special occasion cakes.

I love meeting OHA members from other communities and enjoy seeing their passion and enthusiasm in bringing horticulture to others. My goal, if I am elected President, would be find ways to reach and engage young people in our communities, to encourage and grow membership in our societies and to find ways to empower young people to attend and participate in society meetings. I believe we need to teach our youth how to take care of and nurture a garden and enjoy the benefits.

Alfred Austin once said "The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."





Almost There...

April Davies, OHA Webmaster

We are almost there! Launch date is getting closer. Thank you for your pictures, they really perk up the page! Please continue to send them to webmaster@gardenontario.org.

There is still some testing and tweaking going on, so it isn't quite ready yet for you to enter your society information, but please continue to copy and refresh your content on your computers including any files like pictures, logos, posters or newsletters.

How do I copy my content?

First, copy and paste the text content. The easiest way to do this is to log into your web shell and also open a blank document in Word or similar. Copy from your web shell tabs and paste it onto the blank page. You can enter titles and notes in between to give direction as well like "[insert picture of garden tour poster here]".

Next, save a copy of all your files. To do this, open your society web page in a browser (I prefer to use Chrome) and right-click on the first image or underlined link. A menu will appear and choose either Save image as... if it's a picture; or Save link as... if it's an underlined link to a document. To save it, choose which folder it goes in and then click the Save button. Repeat this for all files you want to save. If you have hundreds, we can help you too, just email us for assistance.

How do I keep my files safe?

Everyone needs to do a few things regularly to keep their data safe. All sorts of things can happen to your computer that causes data loss and it can happen suddenly. Here are a few tips that might help:

- Follow the 3-2-1 Rule: Keep files in at least three separate locations... two on-site and one off-site. Ideally, one on your computer hard drive, one backed up onto an external hard drive, and one online encrypted.
- Regularly & frequently backup your data (or at least your important data). Windows and Mac come with backup programs to do this automatically every time a file has changed.
- Encrypt or password protect confidential files – especially those stored online or sent by email.
- Societies should keep detailed notes and instructions on their processes, files and locations including logins and passwords. All should be stored in a secure place, so it is always there when you need it.

Well, that's all I have for now. See you at Convention.

Cheers,
April

Kingston Home & Garden Show 2018

Bill Allen, Kingston Horticultural Society Secretary

During March 23 – 25, 2018, the Kingston Horticultural Society participated in the 7th annual Kingston Home, Garden & Boat Show held at the huge Kingston 1000 Islands Sportsplex. In collaboration with three other local horticultural organizations – Rideau 1000 Islands Master Gardeners, Kingston Area Seed System Initiative (KASSI) and Loving Spoonful – a significant area of the show space was dedicated to featuring aspects of gardening. A Speakers' Theatre was developed, offering a daily variety of gardening presentations, along with an area for kids (and adults) to plant seeds to take home and grow, a beautiful succulent table display, a daily gardening basket draw, and a variety of live plant displays.



Kingston Horticultural Society members Adrian Cooper and Sandra McCance at the Society's table



Jean Barna, Kingston Horticultural Society president, helping her next door neighbour's children with seed planting

In addition, members of the public could bring their questions to any of the four organization tables set up with interesting displays. The event was greatly appreciated by many of the 10,000 visitors who attended and it was an excellent occasion for promoting the Kingston Horticultural Society and acquiring new members.

The hope for next year is to grow the gardening section at the show.

Trillium Deadline & Publication Dates for 2018

The deadline dates for the final two 2018 issues of the Trillium will be 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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LaSalle Horticultural Society

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

LaSalle Horticultural Society has had several things on the go this gardening season. May started with our most successful plant sale ever. Even if it was in a downpour for most of it. We have been very blessed to have a building with a covered porch which over-looks the Detroit River. Our shoppers started coming even earlier than expected this year.



Our President, Susan Boucher, visited with one of the area schools to do a presentation on tulip bulbs, teaching about the history and importance of bulbs, and how to plant them. The students at this particular school were extra excited, for their school received over three hundred bulbs from our "tulip bulb rescue program", which is in its eighth year. To refresh other societies again on this program, it was started by Jan Dugdale, who says to ask and get the word out to various companies, corporations and local businesses in your area if they, at any time, wish to change their décor and want to rid themselves of tulip or daffodil bulbs, then donate them to area societies for recycling. Our society gives them to area schools, retirement homes, etc. to not only spruce up our town, but Windsor also.

June brought us back to marching in the LaSalle Festival Parade. Our decorated pick-up, complete with flowers, benches and scarecrow, plus followers with wheelbarrows, wagons and decorated hats has made us first place winners two out of our four years entered. It's a fun thing to do and gets great exposure for your society, so think about entering your area parade.

Our annual bus trip at the end of the month will bring us to Steed and Company Lavender Bloom Celebration Tour, Moore Water Gardens in Port Stanley, Heritage Garden Gallery in London and finally, Canadale Nursery in St. Thomas.

Before the end of our season, we are adding permanent perennials and native plants to our "150th Celebration Garden". The final look of the garden was put to members with a design contest which had to include a rock and tree which were already donated by the town. The winner received a twenty-five-dollar gift card to an area nursery.

We will now put shovel to ground, complete the garden and say, see you all in September.

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

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; Simple Plesures Green House; Bee Happy Honey; Urban Nature Store; CW Metal Design (garden art); Glocca Morra Studio; Enchanted Creations and Garden Decor.

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

1:30 to 2:30

Suzanne Brant: *Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge*

Iain Jack: *Ferns in Garden Design: from the height of fashion into the shadows and back again*

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*

3:00 to 4:00

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

1:30 to 2:30

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

Elizabeth Churcher & George Thomson: *Gardening For Nature: attracting & keeping wildlife in your garden*

Charles Freeman: *Constitution Tutorial: a relaxed session to help societies understand the importance of governance*

3:00 to 4:00

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 (1:30 to 4:00 p.m)

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*



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: Friday tour sold Out!

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

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)

**Come prepared to Dance the night away Friday
with the “Reasons”**

Pack your 60s gear and your dancing shoes

DYING TO SEE YOU !!

Ripley & District Horticultural Society Hosts the District 8 AGM

Christine Roberts, Secretary, Ripley & District Horticultural Society

After a tempestuous start to spring, including high winds and power outages the day before, a sunny, warm day was specially ordered for the Ontario Horticultural Association's District 8 AGM held May 5th at the Point Clark Community Centre. The Ripley and District Horticultural Society (RDHS) hosted over 100 members and guests representing 16 societies from Huron, Bruce and Grey Counties for a day of business, socializing, competition and inspiration.

RDHS President Sandra MacDonald and District 8 Director Vicky Culbert welcomed the crowd of gardening enthusiasts, followed by greetings from Huron-Kinloss mayor, Mitch Twolan and Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, who expressed their admiration and gratitude for the community beautification work of local horticultural societies.

Greetings from the OHA President Rose Odell were delivered by Gary Brenner, District 10 Director, who reminisced about enjoyable time spent in the Point Clark area in his younger years. He spoke about the OHA Pollinator Initiative and gardens at Queen's Park and praised the RDHS and leader Tryntje Eisen for their active youth group while encouraging other societies to embrace social media as a means to attract younger people to gardening.



District 10 Director Gary Brenner and District 8 Director Vicky Culbert

District 8 Assistant Directors Sharon Nivins, Theresa McLaughlin, and Karen Redmond representing Bruce, Grey and Huron Counties each presented inspirational garden-themed readings before reading the names of members who had died the previous year.

In her Director's Report, Vicky Culbert reflected on the past year: attending horticultural society meetings and events, the District's representation at the 2017 Plowing Match, and the pleasure of working with the people on the District board. She exhorted members to record their volunteer hours and invited attendance to the 2018 OHA convention in Kingston in July.



RDHS President Sandra MacDonald welcomes the assemblage while Huron-Kinloss Mayor Mitch Twolan waits to greet the AGM crowd.

During breaks, attendees enjoyed browsing the flower show, poster and photo contest displays, shopping for plants and garden art and patronizing the penny auction. Draws for door prizes and penny auction items began after lunch with many happy winners choosing from a wide selection of garden and nature-themed prizes.

Two guest speakers were featured: Betty Lamont, a well-known local Master Gardener and former Communities in Bloom judge who specializes in hybridizing day lilies, and Kerry Jarvis of Southampton,

a photographer, naturalist, author, presenter and avid gardener whose passion for monarchs resulted in the community-based project: The Butterfly Gardens of Saugene Shores (www.butterflygardensoffss.ca).

As the AGM drew closer to its end, the incoming District 8 executive was announced and Gary Brenner performed the installation. The board remains largely the same, with Elly Pennings and Susan Watson in Secretary and Treasurer roles and the addition of Teryl Sewell to the photography committee.

With all the prizes awarded or drawn, and all the business concluded, District 8 Director Vicky Culbert thanked the many people responsible for making the AGM a success and sent everyone off into the sunshine to get growing.



RDHS youth members & leaders with winning poster entries

District 5 AGM and Celebration for Aurora's 100th Anniversary

Cindy Scythes, District 5 Director and Aurora Horticultural Society Past President

District 5 held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday April 28, 2018. The host Society was the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society (AGHS), and they were celebrating their 100th anniversary this year in high style.

Our meeting theme was "Preserve our History, Protect our Future". Two hundred and thirty-four members of the 18 Societies in District 5 came to help us commemorate both events.

During the morning session, David Tomlinson, Landscape Architect, came out of retirement to provide a provocative talk about our natural environment, how we treat the land, what happens when we make certain decisions, and the impact of urban sprawl on our future.

To cap off the day, Mark and Ben Cullen entertained, and talked about the past and future of gardening. We are very thankful to Aurora Home Hardware who sponsored Mark and Ben as our speakers, it was a terrific honour to have them at our meeting.

In addition, Aurora's champion member, and part of the Aurora Home Hardware team, surprised us with special presentations for Aurora's 100th Anniversary from Leona Alleslev, MP (Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill); Kyle Peterson MP (Newmarket—Aurora); and MPP (Newmarket-Aurora), and Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Chris Ballard. They brought certificates of congratulations, plus a letter from the Prime Minister!

We of course had to have cakes for the party. One cake was decorated for Aurora's 100th Anniversary and one for the District 5 AGM. Credit for the awesome cake decorating goes to a local bakery in Aurora, called Hurst Bakery.



A floral competition, and publications competition are held during our AGM. Four prestigious OHA judges judged the design and horticulture divisions. District 5 then gives out four trophies. The Adult Design Trophy is for highest points earned by a Society, and was won for an unprecedented 8th year in a row by AGHS. The Dave and Bev Money Trophy,



for highest points in horticulture and design combined, was won for the first time by AGHS. For highest points in Horticulture, the trophy was awarded to the East York Garden Club. For Youth, we have a combined trophy for highest points in Design & Horticultural, and the youth from the North York Garden Club won the trophy this year.

Oh, and of course we conducted our business meeting to close out 2017. As part of the business part of the meeting we gave out two grants for community planting, and one grant for youth projects to District Societies. As well, we have a trophy for the Society with the most new members. For 2017, that trophy went to Lake Simcoe Gardeners.

We were graced by the presence of Rose Odell, the OHA president, who came as the OHA representative to help to install our Executive Committee, and she also brought a letter and certificate from OHA to acknowledge Aurora's 100 year achievement.

It was a day full of beautiful flowers, surprises, gardening friends, great speakers, awards, honours, and the antics of Aurora's super pollinator.



Pelham Garden Club Celebrates 90 Years of Gardening Together

Laura Masterson, Pelham Garden Club

90 years or ninety years - it's a long time. Based in the heart of the Niagara Peninsula where fantastic fruit, vegetables, greenhouses and nurseries abound, our members live and breathe gardening.

Pelham Garden Club's 90th anniversary was well fêted during GardenOntario Week. On June 11, members were treated to a bus trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, where peonies and iris were highlighted in the Laking Garden.

On June 14 the Pelham community celebrated the opening of an extension of the Library Garden in Fonthill with congratulations and appreciation for our community contributions from our District 9 Director Marg Tanaszi; MP, Dean Allison; Mayor Dave Augustyn and a tribute from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Members with 15 or more years of service were recognized with a lovely mandevilla plant. As guests crossed into our Peace Park across from the Library for lemonade and strawberry shortcake, our president described interesting plants in the new garden.



Members of Pelham Garden Club with the Eloise Schumacher award (for the Garden Club with the most members attending the Spring and Fall forums), a scarecrow and Sandra's first place Farm Fresh arrangement in Port Colborne, Sept. 30, 2017.

L to R: Front: Ginette O'Hara, Sandra Cruz

Back: Trish Rybski, Sandra Black, Helena Oud, Donna Kalailieff



Our regular June meeting is our annual Evening Garden Walk which is featuring some of our members' Pollinator Gardens for 2018.

Each year, the Town of Pelham, the Mayor and members of Council invite many of the local volunteers from several organizations to the Town of Pelham's Annual Volunteer Recognition Social. The Pelham Garden Club is appreciated as

a group and a number of our members were also invited. There is also a special "Peer Award" given to one of the outstanding members of each group. For 2017, well-deserving Marjorie Tuck was selected to receive this award.

Pelham Garden Club is hosting the District 9 Fall Forum Sept. 28, 2018 at the Rockway Vineyards.



Pelham Garden Club members plan, plant and maintain gardens around town including the Pelham Library in Fonthill where we see Sandra Black watering the garden. Photo by Sandra Cruz

The Comfort Maple: Our Cover Photo

This issue's cover features the Comfort Maple, one of Ontario's most remarkable trees. A sugar maple with a height of 80 feet (24 metres), a circumference of 20 feet (6 metres), and a canopy that casts a noon-time shadow with a diameter of 100 feet (30 metres), it's one of the largest and most magnificent trees that most of us will see without leaving the province. But more notably, the Comfort Maple is estimated to be about 500 years old and is thought to be the oldest tree in Ontario.

The property on which it is located is in the Town of Pelham, in the Niagara Region. Originally part of land granted to the family of Laura Secord, it was sold to Robert Comfort in 1816. There is little doubt that, even at



that early date, the nearby forest had already been mostly cleared by First Nations people, but that the tree, by virtue of its already significant size had been spared.



The Comfort family farmed the surrounding property until 1946, at which time Earl Comfort and his sister Edna offered the farm for sale. But when they did, they retained a half acre plot of land with the tree in the middle, along with a laneway leading in from Metler Road to the north. When Earl passed away in 1961, Edna leased the plot to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for the life of the tree for one dollar.

In June of 2000, the Comfort Maple was designated as a heritage tree under the Ontario Heritage Act.



The four seasons of the Comfort Maple courtesy of Trish Rybski, Pelham Garden Club

Ribbon Cutting and Celebration of Pollinator Garden in the Gananoque Horticultural Society Park

Joan MacKinnon, President, Gananoque Horticultural Society

On May 24, the Gananoque Horticultural Society celebrated the installation of a new sign for their Horticultural Society Park, and the creation of a Pollinator Garden with a ribbon cutting and planting of a "Canadian Shield" Rose. Guests of honour Mayor Erica Demchuk and OHA President Rose Odell assisted in cutting the ribbon on the new Park sign with Society President Joan MacKinnon. The sign, in the style used by the Town of Gananoque, but featuring the Society's petunia logo, reflects the pride that the Horticultural Society has in their Park, which they have owned and cared for since 1924. This site originally belonged to the Macdonald family, who ran the first store and post office in town. When William Stone Macdonald, the last Macdonald owner of their stately home, Blinkbonnie, located across the street, died in 1923, his widow donated the land to the Gananoque Horticultural Society. Over many years, the Park has undergone numerous changes and improvements, and well over one thousand Society members have worked on the garden at some point.



The most recent addition to the Park is the newly created Pollinator Garden, started in 2017. The bursary provided by the OHA for the development of Pollinator Gardens was an important impetus to create the new garden. President Rose Odell helped add to the Park by planting a "Canadian Shield" hardy rose in front of the Park sign, with the assistance of Penny Stewart, District 3 Director, who is also a member of the Gananoque Horticultural Society. The Park is also part of the 1000 Islands and Rideau Canal Garden Trail, marked by the colourful banner featuring a swallowtail butterfly. Following the ceremony, refreshments were enjoyed by all.



Lindsay & District Horticultural Society

Local newspapers are rapidly disappearing in many communities across the country. But for those that still have them, these newspapers are often the best method of letting the community know about the work of its horticultural society. Writing an article for the paper is something of a symbiotic relationship, since, not only does it support the society, but it also strengthens the publication's connection to the community, which helps to maintain or even boost circulation, in turn helping to justify its continuation.

Following is an item that was submitted to the local paper by Betty Mitchell, president of the Lindsay & District Horticultural Society.

As the local paper I thought you might be interested in some of what is happening at one of our local schools, namely I. E. Weldon secondary school.

To begin, I am President of Lindsay & District Horticultural Society and as such very aware of the plight of our natural pollinators and the need for concern. Our parent organization, the Ontario Horticultural Association has promoted the constructing of a Bee Habitat by each Society (there are 17 in District 4) to be erected throughout their communities. In our efforts to accommodate this request and, through a suggestion from a Board member we approached an I.E. Weldon teacher she knew, Pete Tamlin in the woodworking area to see if he and his students might take on this project. A meeting with Pete found him very receptive to the idea and at meetings end he left loaded with pine boards and metal siding, compliments of Home Hardware who donated it to our project. A drawing of what we had in mind plus dimensions, post saddles and dedication plaque were given to the I. E. Weldon students by our Society.



In the meantime we approached the Parks and Recreation department and met with Ryan Smith (Supervisor) and Megan Phillips (Horticulturist) to see if they would entertain a place where we could erect our Bee Habitat. They were very receptive and offered a spot in Mayor Flynn Park. We were to supply a picture with dimensions of what it would look like and they would supply and install mounting posts possibly 4 x 4's. Also included in this package was a copy of the letter sent to the Principal, Mark Cossarin of I. E. Weldon secondary school outlining our request to the teacher.

Through this association with the school we learned the students had planted a community Garden and we were invited to tour it and heard this is the first year for the garden but they have lots of room to expand if they wish. Anyone can come into this garden and harvest and it has a native Indian flair. From the garden we visited a building built by Pete Tamlin and the students from recycled materials and heated and powered by solar panels and was introduced to an extremely long canoe built by the students and named Isaac. This canoe is often leased out for events and the money earned goes to the Terry Fox fund. From there we were led to a building and stepping inside found several canoes in various stages of build all done by students. One of the builders is a female. We were blown away. Then we were led to a firsthand look at our Bee Habitat. What a grand creation. We are so pleased.

At the moment we await a date from the parks department when we will have our Bee Habitat erected. It is hoped that Pete Tamlin and his students can attend this happening that bears a plaque honouring them.

West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society's Canada 150 Project

Donna Christie, Denise Burnham and Donna Caldwell, West Carleton Reading Garden Project Committee

Horticultural societies have a mandate to make a contribution to the community and involve themselves in public plantings. In 1995, as a means of fulfilling its mandate, the West Carleton Garden Club accepted an invitation from the library to contribute towards the landscaping of the new Carp branch of the library that was to be built at the Diefenbunker site.

In the year 2000, the reading garden was established, with three groves of trees and two sturdy trellises with seating areas, all designed by local gardening personality and author, Trevor Cole. Also included were many benches, an octagonal picnic bench on paving stones and a large boulder with an identifying plaque. Since then, two lovely peony beds, some shrubs and memorial trees were added. The club continues to maintain these gardens.

As a Canada 150 project, a committee was set up to look into installing a walkway to join the front of the library to the reading garden. This committee consisted of Donna Christie, Denise Burnham and Donna Caldwell. The objectives were:

- To provide access to the reading garden from the front of the library.
- To beautify the existing arbor with planting areas around each of the twelve posts. Trellises would be installed on the posts and vines planted.
- To encourage members of the community to walk around the library building and make use of the garden area.
- To facilitate better access for those with mobility issues.

In the summer of 2016 a garden tour was held to raise funds and these funds were augmented by a grant from the City of Ottawa and from the Library from funds raised at the Diefenbunker Classic.



Last spring, asphalt and patio stones were removed and the land was graded and drainage pipes installed. A five-foot-wide pathway of interlock stone was built to join the front of the library to the back where the Reading Garden is. A river-wash stone strip lines the path along the wall of the library and planters were built at the base of the 12 posts that line the outer side of the pathway. Grass seed was planted around the curbed gardens, down the path where the asphalt had been and down over the culvert to the reading garden. Since the completion of the work, the West Carleton Garden Club has added twelve pieces of metal lattice with spacers to the posts. Seven "Englemann Ivy" and four "Sweet Autumn" clematis have been planted. Mulch was then placed around each vine.

We appreciated the guidance and help of our local councillor, Eli El Chantiry; the support of Rural Affairs Office and Geraldine Wildman; the project funding from the City of Ottawa through the Rural Community- Building Grant Program; the contribution of the Deifenbunker Trust Fund through Lori Fielding, the Library Supervisor; our local garden members from the West Carleton Garden Club; the support of the local community in coming to the garden tour; and Cutting Edge Landscaping for their suggestions and their timely completion of the project.

We are very proud of this project and our community. It definitely enhances the public library and the use of the reading garden.

Marjorie Bell, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society

Janis Hamilton, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society

With the passing of Marjorie Bell on January 9, members of the Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society are left with a feeling of profound sadness and loss. As a founding member of our Society who was a very active throughout her 50 years on the executive, we will miss her sense of humour, dedication, hard work and her friendship.

Marjorie held many positions throughout the 50 years: Secretary from 1978 to 1981 and then from 1999 to 2004, President in 1973 & 1974 and again in 1985, 2nd VP, 1st VP, Past President, Plant Sale Co-chair for over 15 years, Flower Show Chair, Publicity Chair, Nomination Committee, leader of our Youth Garden Club (five years), slide library chair (seven years), Photography Contest Chair, (three years), Program Chair (two years), and yearbook committee member. She became an accredited Judge of Design by Garden Clubs of Ontario in 1983 and of Horticulture in 1987. Marjorie had organized and taught numerous flower show workshops in District 16 and across the province. She offered help to those starting to do exhibits for our flower shows and mentored as needed. She was part of our open meetings as an emeritus Master Gardener answering the Q & A section of the meeting on plant problems and made presentations at our meetings on numerous occasions. On countless garden tours, Marjorie volunteered as our on site Master Gardener answering questions from many of our 200+ guests at each tour. In 2017, Marjorie and two other Past Presidents accepted the John Graves Simcoe Medal of Excellence on behalf of our horticultural society.

After joining the District 16 Board as Treasurer in 1978, she served as an Assistant Director from 1979 to early 1985, before moving up to District 16 Director, a post that she held until 1990. She was on the Dr. Ives Bursary Committee for a number of years. This District fund provides bursary money to horticultural students and those in environmental studies in a post secondary education with a two-year program. She travelled all over the province, judging and speaking to horticultural groups. She presented floral design workshops at the OHA convention as well. Marjorie earned the Trillium Award from OHA in 1993. She also ran for OHA President but was not successful. Marjorie rarely missed attending the OHA Conventions and was known and respected by everyone!



Marjorie Bell at the Oro-Medonte 50th Anniversary celebration in May, 2017

Marjorie was also a dedicated hiker with the Ganaraska Hiking club for many years. She was a founding member of the former Oro Trails Association which then became the Oro-Medonte Trails Association before becoming the Oro-Medonte Ganaraska Hiking Club in 1998. Marjorie was on that executive for many years. Always giving back! She was in a bowling league for many years and bowled a month before her death. Also, our local OHA hockey team, The Colts, sent her an 80th birthday card signed by all members. She even attended practices for the team. The Barrie Bay Cats Ball Team got the same attention from Marjorie. She was also involved deeply in Women's Institutes locally as President and being on most committees before moving up to W.I. District Director. Marjorie was active in the W.I. for over 60 years.

Marjorie made a difference in all our lives and she will be missed.

Youth Activities News

Gloucester Horticultural Society's Seed Planting Workshop

Angela Davis, Youth Leader, Gloucester Horticultural Society

Every May long weekend, the Gloucester Horticultural Society (GHS) holds a plant sale at the North Gloucester branch of the Ottawa Public Library. Mary Ann Van Berlo, Gaston Tessier, Denise Kennedy and now Laurie Loh and Maria Sievers have been the powerhouses for making it successful over the years. Madeleine Tessier and Angela Davis have organized the Youth Seed Planting workshop for the past three years as part of the day's event.

The GHS seeks opportunities to connect with children and families. The plant sale is a good fit because the library is open and families are coming and going with books, for swimming lessons and buying plants. The long weekend is traditionally planting time in Ottawa.

The library gives us a free room because the workshop is an educational program. This room offers what we need: a sink and counter, washroom, tables and chairs and a whiteboard. We set up two large tables with four or five chairs, protective tablecloths and newspaper, containers of earth, watering cans, labelling markers

and pens, etc. GHS members donate cardboard egg cartons. We set up a separate table divided in three – one with snacks, fruit, crackers, small paper cups, water glasses etc. In the middle, we placed demonstration material: charts of parts of a plant, stages of plant growth, some seeds sprouting, containers showing the base of a celery or romaine lettuce that had sprouted. This year we had glass jars with a variety of soils: black garden earth in clumps, grey earth that had been used as a path, peat moss and compost.

Who presented: This year's volunteers were Angela Davis, Michelle Emond, Madeleine Tessier and Millan Davis, our youth member. All are bilingual. Various GHS members popped in to see the children at work and what was happening.

Who attends: A variety of family groups, parents and children and friends. A grandmother who spoke neither English nor French but who was the family gardening expert. Although the workshop is centered on children, adults are very engaged.



What happens: Children are given a demonstration.

This year it was on soil and the need for organic material, composting and needs of plants. Children as young as three sit at the table while younger siblings watch from a parent's knee. They spoon soil into the twelve cups in the egg carton, then choose seeds to fill each cup – usually pumpkin, lettuce, carrot, beans, sunflower or other flower seeds. Then sprinkle with water. Sometimes we place the cardboard egg carton into a plastic tray, and cover them to carry home. There are usually other plants available, e.g. herbs, tree plug or onion set.

Here are a few interesting situations that we observed this year:

- One little girl carefully filled each cup and gently dropped 2-3 seeds in each cup, while a boy about her age and much larger, dumped the earth in a pile and dropped the seeds and was finished.
- A father came with his children and said they didn't need more seeds but wanted to ask questions about a pond. We referred him to our Master Gardeners.
- A grandmother was very helpful with her granddaughters, in choosing seeds and instructing them quietly.
- One mother had three children and a baby in a stroller, her oldest daughter around 8 years was an expert at knowing about plants. They lived in an apartment and had no garden, as did many who came.

It is always a rewarding morning. Thank you GHS for giving us this support and making it successful with volunteers, supplies, advice and suggestions. We'll do it again on Victoria Day Weekend 2019.



Do you have news about youth-related events that your horticultural society or garden club is involved with? Maybe you have some suggestions about activities or crafts that you can share with other societies. Send us your ideas articles, and they can appear in this space. As with other items for the Trillium, articles should be sent in Word format or plain text. 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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Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2018 OHA Convention

RESOLUTION 18-1: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

RESOLUTION 17-2: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, his Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

RESOLUTION 17-3: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 3 who worked to plan and conduct the 2018 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

RESOLUTION 18-4: Be it resolved that: Article VII of the Constitution be amended as follows:
Current Wording:

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 10 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion.

Proposed Amendment:

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion.

Rationale:

1. Brings the notification timeline into line with By-Law 6, 6.3 and By-Law 16, 3. - all required notifications now will have the same timelines.
2. Using the 10-day minimum would not allow adequate time for members to properly review a proposed amendment.

RESOLUTION 18-5: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.3 be amended as follows:
Current Wording:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process. (17-6)

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Proposed Amendment:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 50 to 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process.

Rationale:

1. Allows for the notification to be done via the Trillium with no extra notifications needed.
2. Brings the time line into line with Article VII of the Constitution.

RESOLUTION 18-6: Be it resolved that: By-Law 16, 3 be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

The Secretary shall notify all societies of proposed amendments 50 days prior to the meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

The Secretary shall cause all societies to be notified of proposed amendments 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting.

Rationale:

1. Allows for the notification to be completed by publishing the information in the Trillium.
2. Brings the timeline into line with Article VII and By-Law 6, 6.3.

RESOLUTION 18-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 8, 8.2 be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the President, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. The Awards Coordinator has a voice but no vote. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document.

Proposed Amendment:

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the Awards Coordinator, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document.

Rationale:

1. The OHA pays an honorarium to the Awards Coordinator who currently cannot chair the committee he/she coordinates.
2. By placing the Awards Coordinator as Chair, the Awards Coordinator would still have voice as is the current case and would only have a vote in the case of a tie vote.
3. By title, the person is the Awards Coordinator and cannot coordinate/chair the meeting/committee.

RESOLUTION 18-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.10 be created as follows:

The OHA Board of Directors may establish and approve Policy and Procedure for implementation by the OHA and the Districts.

Rationale:

1. Currently, there is no governance to allow the Board to establish any Policies or Procedures.
2. This authorizes the Board, which is the governing body of the OHA, to establish Policies and Procedures which are not required to be a part of the Constitution and By-Laws but will still require the same degree of compliance.

RESOLUTION 18-9: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

Proposed Amendment:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President **or the member of the Past Presidents' Council appointed under By-Law 6, 6.9**, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

Rationale:

1. Allows for the person appointed to be an Officer and assume those responsibilities associated with being an Officer of the OHA.

RESOLUTION 18-10: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.7 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The District Treasurer shall present to the membership at the AGM, reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than 1st of February each year. The District financial year shall be from 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December 2010. (10/7)

Proposed Amendment

The District Treasurer shall present to the membership at the AGM, reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than **2 weeks after their AGM but no later than May 31st each year**. The District financial year shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December 2010. (10/7)

Rationale:

1. 1st of February is before most if not all District AGMs.
2. This date allows Districts to have audited financials produced after the year end of Dec 31 as required and to present them to the membership at the District AGM as required.
3. This gives Districts ample time to hold District AGMs in the spring in good weather and gives them time to submit the required documentation to the Treasurer of the OHA so that the Treasurer can keep the District financials on file as required by CRA.

RESOLUTION 18-11: Be it resolved that: By-Law 18 be created as follows:

By-Law 18 Age

No person under the age of 18 years shall take any action nor hold any position as described in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Rationale:

1. Follows most closely the intent of the Age of Majority and Accountability Act R.S.O. 1990 c.A.7.
2. Ensures that people who may be held accountable are able to be held fully accountable.

RESOLUTION 18-12: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.10 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon reports filed for the previous year with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Proposed Amendment:

Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon the annual report filed for the previous year with the **Ontario Horticultural Association**.

Rationale:

1. Follows the wording in the Proxy Authorization form.
2. Allows for easier verification for the calculation of votes allowed.
3. Keeps all information used in one location and from one source.
4. OMAFRA have no requirement that the membership numbers submitted to OMAFRA be used for determining voting members

RESOLUTION 18-13: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President and Vice President are elected annually by the general membership. (16/13)

Proposed Amendment:

The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President and Vice President are elected annually by the general membership. **The two Regional representatives shall be elected during the Post-Convention Board meeting held in conjunction with the Convention and AGM. The term of the regional representatives shall start at the time of election and terminate at the Post Convention Board meeting held at the Convention and AGM the following year.**

Rationale:

1. Allows the representatives to serve even if their term as Director within their respective District has ended.
2. The current wording creates a void in that no person can hold the position and the Officers' numbers are reduced.
3. New wording allows for the regional representatives to act in the capacity of Officers and also be included in By-Law 14-Indemnification.

RESOLUTION 18-14: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.7 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A serving Director, other than the two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, whom is elected to provincial office of the OHA shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a District General Meeting called for that purpose.

Proposed Amendment:

A serving Director, other than the two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, who is elected to provincial office of the OHA shall **resign** the directorship, and the District affected shall **rely upon the process set out in By-Law 13, 13.5.1**.

Rationale:

1. This eliminates the two different processes currently identified in the Constitution and By-Laws to address the same circumstance of a serving Director being unwilling or unable to fulfill the mandate.
2. Using the process noted in By-Law 13, 13.5.1 where the District Board appoints a replacement is easier and less onerous upon the affected District - eliminates mileage costs and scheduling problems to get Society delegates together to hold an election.
3. The two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2 are elected from and by the Board, thus this process would not apply to them.
4. The current wording in By-Law 13, 13.5.1 covers any and all possible circumstances where a serving Director should be replaced.

RESOLUTION 18-15: Be it resolved that:

The OHA purchase Abuse Liability insurance as a part of the current coverage through Co-operators Insurance. The cost of this additional insurance would be added annually to the billing each Society receives. The cost for 2019 will be an additional \$25.00 per Society/Club with a coverage limit of \$100,000.00.

Rationale:

1. With the increased number of claims coming over the past year in the insurance industry and considering that the OHA would be named along with the Society/Club regardless, due to their association, this coverage would protect both parties.
2. Purchase of insurance through the OHA insurance policy would be much less expensive than individual Societies/Clubs seeking this protection solely. Therefore, the Board is proposing that the coverage be added to all Societies/Clubs to ensure coverage for all Societies, Districts and the Association.
3. Because Societies/Clubs deal with the public at large and in situations such as school environments, situations involving those persons who may be deemed to be "challenged in one capacity or another", etcetera, the actual contact possibilities are real and thus expose the Societies/Clubs and the OHA at risk.
4. The abuse insurance would provide coverage for all members of the Societies/Clubs, Districts and the OHA. This insurance coverage would not be specific to children only; moreover, cover adults and children.

RESOLUTION 18-16: Be it resolved that:

The position of Second Vice-President be added to the definition of the Officers of the OHA and that the noted position be added to all relevant By-Laws where the Officers are defined and/or mentioned, as applicable.

Rationale:

1. The elimination of the position with an argument of financial considerations has not truly been shown. The claimed expense savings would appear to have been in the \$450 to \$500 range annually. There would be additional expense for rooms, meals and travel for Board meetings.
2. The elimination of the position has created a very steep learning curve for anyone in the current Vice-President position with the individual having basically only one year of experience. It is felt that this is insufficient time to prepare for the position of President and to have the experience required to perform the duties of President.
3. This all-encompassing approach is more efficient than identifying each section applicable and then having multiple Resolutions for each By-Law and section affected.

RESOLUTION 18-17: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

- 1 - Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Grenville and the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.
- 2 - Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland. (14/5)
- 3 - Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward
- 4 - Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes (13/3)
- 5 - Toronto East, York Region East
- 6 - Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk
- 7 - Dufferin, Wellington Counties
- 8 - Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
- 9 - Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
- 10 - Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
- 11 - Essex, Kent, Lambton Counties
- 12 - Cochrane, Timiskaming, North Nipissing
- 13 - Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury
- 14 - Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay
- 15 - Peel, York Region West, Toronto West
- 16 - Simcoe County
- 17 - Durham Region
- 18 - Parry Sound, Muskoka, South Nipissing
- 19 - Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Proposed Amendment:

The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

- 1 - Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland and the municipality of North Grenville.
- 2 - Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.
- 3 - Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds and Grenville except the municipality of North Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward
- 4 - Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland, Peterborough,
- 5 - Toronto east of Bayview Avenue, York east of Road 34
- 6 - Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk and that portion of Haldimand known as Ward #3
- 7 - Dufferin, Wellington
- 8 - Bruce, Grey, Huron
- 9 - Haldimand except Ward #3, Niagara
- 10 - Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth and that portion of Lambton that is Lambton Shores
- 11 - Chatham-Kent, Essex, Lambton
- 12 - Territorial District of Cochrane, Territorial District of Timiskaming
- 13 - Territorial District of Algoma, Territorial District of Manitoulin, Territorial District of Sudbury
- 14 - Territorial District of Kenora, Territorial District of Rainy River, Territorial District of Thunder Bay
- 15 - Peel, York west of Road 34, Toronto west of Bayview Avenue
- 16 - Simcoe
- 17 - Durham and the portion of York that includes Georgina
- 18 - Territorial District of Parry Sound, Territorial District of Muskoka, Territorial District of Nipissing
- 19 - Waterloo

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Rationale:

1. This wording conforms with the current legislation of the Province of Ontario under the Territorial Divisions Act, 2002, Ontario Regulation 180/03, Division of Ontario into Geographic Areas and allows the OHA to identify legally the areas that each District represents.
2. There is no move to change or force change upon Societies and how they locally/colloquially refer to their respective geographic area descriptors. As an example, some Societies in District 2 refer to their geographic area as "The Ottawa Valley" or "The Upper Ottawa Valley" neither of which is a legally identified area-colloquially the reference is one that the Societies make and use of such reference is not affected by this proposed amendment. In the same vein, references to "The GTA" as a geographic area are colloquial and not legal.
3. This amendment now allows for the OHA to legally describe the geographic areas of the province that are associated with each District.
4. This amendment allows the OHA to report legally to OMAFRA the geographic area that was covered by any Society which ceases to operate or in the instance of a Society coming into existence, allows the legal geographic area in which the new Society is located in to be identified.
5. The current wordings in this By-Law have not been addressed since at least the 1950's in at least one case, the wordings used were in conflict with descriptors from the 1850's.
6. This amendment does not change the geographic boundaries of any District.
7. In the case of a Society wishing to move from one District to another, there is a requirement upon numerous parties to debate the move and it is incumbent upon the OHA to legally identify where such a Society would be coming from and/or going to.

TABLED FROM 2017 CONVENTION:**RESOLUTION 17-24: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1 be amended as follows:****Current Wording:**

The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

- 1 - Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Grenville and the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.
- 2 - Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland. (14/5)
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- 4 - Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes (13/3)
- 5 - Toronto East, York Region East
- 6 - Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk
- 7 - Dufferin, Wellington Counties
- 8 - Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
- 9 - Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
- 10 - Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
- 11 - Essex, Kent, Lambton Counties
- 12 - Cochrane, Timiskaming, North Nipissing
- 13 - Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury
- 14 - Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay
- 15 - Peel, York Region West, Toronto West
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- 17 - Durham Region
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Proposed Amendment:

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Rationale:

1. More accurately reflects the geographic areas of Ontario Horticultural Societies.
2. As the listing for District 6 stands now as "Brant, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth, Hamilton" it does not include Haldimand West which is in fact not in any of the currently listed geographic areas.
3. Haldimand Horticultural Society is currently listed on the OHA web-site in the Alphabetic listing of Societies as being in District 6 yet its location is not listed in By-Law 13, 13.1
4. This geographically better describes the catchment areas of Haldimand Horticultural Society.
5. It is the opinion of the Society that the omission of Haldimand Horticultural Society's geographic identity is a clerical error and would not affect either District 6 or District 9 as the Society is already affiliated with District 6

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