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Floral Showhouse

Niagara Parks presents the "Cyclamen Show" for everyone's enjoyment at the Floral Showhouse in Niagara Falls.



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Editor's Message



One of my favourite outings in the dreary part of the year, is to visit a nearby Garden Centre or Greenhouse, although some are not open during the off-season. Recently, an excursion to the Floral Showhouse in Niagara Falls, home to cheery blooms and greenery and the promise of spring to come, was a wonderful way to spend some time. I hope that all of you have a local place like this to help shorten the gloomy part of winter. Soon, warm weather will arrive and the frost warnings will be behind us.

Thank you to all of those who submitted stories, messages, photographs and news for the spring issue of the OHA Trillium newsletter. The articles and information is very well-written which makes my job easier and more fun. Thank you to proofreader, Marjorie Tuck, from Pelham Garden Club, for the details that she points out. There are some particulars we cannot check, but with everyone doing their best, any errors can be kept to a minimum.

Be sure to check out the back cover/last page of the Trillium for another way to let people know what's coming up at your club.

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions and have a great day.

Laura Masterson
editor@gardenontario.org

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and who took the pictures so that
a credit can be included.

The *Trillium* is the quarterly newsletter of the OHA, (Ontario Horticultural Association).

This is *your* newsletter. It is for all members of all Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario in every district. If you want to know what is going on in gardening, it is in this newsletter. If your club/society has a special project and you would like to share the news, please send in a story and photographs.

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- June 1 – Summer issue
- Sept. 1 – Autumn issue
- Dec. 1 – Winter issue

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Please check the date and place of events as some have been **cancelled** due to the Covid-19 virus.

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Ontario Horticultural Association

President's Message

Here it is the end of February and spring will be here on March 19, the Spring Solstice – a couple of days earlier than normal. I must say, we here in the southern part of Ontario have had a very nice winter. Temperatures have fluctuated between plus 10° and -6° C. My snowdrops have been blooming on and off since the end of January and my daffodils are up about three inches. As we turn our clocks ahead in a week, those of us who like to get ready for spring will be planting seeds to start that early growth of plants and vegetables that we love to eat. I hope you were able to order those seeds through the fundraiser sponsored by the OHA and Make it Sow. There is still time to order your seeds. Check with your society president.

Now to some serious talk. We have had notice of some societies voting to dissolve because no one will come forward to take over as president or any of the other offices. The problem seems to be that some people have been "running the show" for so long and "have alienated" other members that no one wants to take over the offices while "they" are still involved. This is so sad because some of the societies have good membership and others are barely hanging on.

We need to relinquish our hold on these offices. We need new ideas, new members and not the same old same old. I know some of you do not want to hear that your time is over – you have done good work – and we thank you, but now let someone else take over – let them take the helm and see what happens. Some do not want to hand over the archives or Financial books and this makes for some illegal acts which could or may be prosecuted. These things do not belong to an individual – they belong to the society. One person does not have the right to keep these articles. Bank accounts belong to the group. Cheques are to be signed by two members with the approval of the membership for the bill or bills to be paid. If there is no hope after everything has been tried, then there is a process to dissolve as outlined by OMAFRA in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act.

We have had societies with some problems reach out to the community by putting up fliers that advertised an open meeting featuring an experienced speaker on a popular topic. The result was 20 new members, an elected board and an executive ready to take on the task. Some societies have even decided

to rotate board members as president every month. The treasurer and secretary are appointed or elected, whatever way is chosen. Ideas were brought forth from the people in attendance and no idea was thrown out. Only through cooperation and determination did the societies continue their approved work in the community.

We, as executive of your provincial body are here to help. We are willing to come to your society and help you to get a new start. Meetings need to be a fun learning and sociable time.

One society I visited had name tags ready for members as they signed in (one way to keep volunteer hours). Draw tickets were handed out to everyone. All were welcomed at the door by a board member. A guest speaker was introduced by another board member and thanked, and then a social time with tea, coffee (everyone brought their own mugs) and goodies took place (provided by members who signed up for a month). Then everyone was called back by the president, to listen to a treasurer's report and what was planned for the coming month. A secretary kept track of the evening and, if anyone wanted to read past minutes, they were available. A master gardener answered any questions from those present. Draws were done and many went home with a divided house plant or something else a gardener would love. It was a learning and an enjoyable evening, and everyone was out in 2 hours. Flower shows are held sometimes at meetings. This is only one example.

There are so many ways to have good meetings and I have been to quite a few of them. We must open our minds and accept everyone who wants to learn about growing vegetables and have lovely containers and beautiful gardens. We are in a country of many faces who have much to teach us.

Have a great Spring.

Kathy Smyth

Katharine Smyth

President of the Ontario Horticultural Association



Katharine Smyth

LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, President & Public Relations Officer, Photos by Jan Dugdale

Spring has almost sprung and our society is as excited as the other societies to get going in their gardens, trying not to get in there too early to rake, for we know the critters and insects under the leaves need more time.

Our society members are preparing for the very exciting AGM that we are hosting in LaSalle at the Vollmer Complex which is at 2121 Laurier Parkway. This should be an exciting event for all to attend with a great meal and desserts, morning refreshments and snack. There will be table snacks, door prizes and silent auction prizes plus our special guest speaker, Shaolin Klosin, who is the provincial government greenhouse specialist and co-editor of the magazine "Growing Greenhouses & Vegetables". Shaolin is an expert in greenhouse crop production, growing systems, water and fertilizer management, root zone and micro-climate management. We can't wait for this April 25th event to hear what he has to teach us.

Prep continues for our upcoming plant sale on the 9th of May by having our annual get-together with gardening members to plant donated canna bulbs, getting them into our borrowed greenhouse space at an area school, to start growth so we can sell them and make a profit. We have been using this profit for years towards two \$500 scholarships given to graduating St. Clair College students in the horticultural program. This year, Jan Dugdale will be presenting the scholarships to the graduates to congratulate them on their achievements.

May is also the month our society receives thousands of donated tulip bulbs from various businesses that wish to change their décor. We clean and prepare them for immediate replanting. These bulbs are donated to area schools, churches and the town of LaSalle.

June brings the annual LaSalle Strawberry Festival Parade in which we have been a part of for four years. It is a fun thing for societies to get involved in. Show your presence in your community festival parade by giving out postcards with seeds and meeting info, including upcoming speakers. We pull wagons or push wheelbarrows filled with flowering plants behind a pickup truck decorated also with plants, a scarecrow and our banner. Like us, you may just win for best float as we have two years in a row.

With the AMG on the horizon, we will stay busy doing our part by getting things ready. We cannot wait for the big event. See you there.



Peter Redfern, Marina Scott and friends cleaning donated tulip bulbs.



Susan Redfern and Susan Boucher bringing in more bulbs to clean.

Thompson Creek Eco Centre

Debbie Thomas, DHS Past-President



An example of signage used throughout the trails.

The Dunnville Thompson Creek Project was started over 20 years ago by a group of organizations headed by the Dunnville Bioregion Association. It was one of many possible projects identified at a week-long workshop organized to develop a sustainable development plan for the Town of Dunnville. The project involved the restoration of a 45-acre site that included Thompson Creek which was seriously degraded and in need of remediation.

It was identified as an ideal opportunity to rehabilitate the creek as well as plant a Carolinian Arboretum, establish a Wetland Complex and Tallgrass Prairie Plantation. Together, these four ecosystems would be used as an outdoor education facility for local schools as well as providing a naturalized walking trail system for the community. Over 800 trees were planted by volunteer groups, all Carolinian species were represented in the Arboretum. A riparian zone was restored along the creek banks. Ducks Unlimited Canada restored a wetland in the 35-acre field, and planted that field with native Tallgrass species and native wildflowers. The local Ducks Unlimited committee built the existing pavilion on site, in hopes of it becoming an outdoor classroom.

However the original plan stalled, allowing Mother Nature to take over. The Carolinian trees grew, the Tallgrass flourished, the Wetland regenerated and

the Creek's health improved. Fast forward to 2017 – with the Dunnville Horticultural Society fresh off the success of the Dunnville Centennial Park and Fountain restoration, DHS was approached by Dan McKay, one of the original members of the Bioregion Association. Dan felt DHS was the perfect organization to take on the challenge of completing the original project and to finish the trail system.

Dunnville Horticultural Society secured permission along with a partnership agreement from Haldimand County and Ducks Unlimited Canada. A Community Partnership Grant totalling one third of the proposed budget from Haldimand County was secured and fund-raising efforts began spring 2017. DHS Past President Debbie Thomas co-chaired the ambitious 2-year project with Dan McKay.

DHS brought in many specialists to assist on this project as it is a sensitive area for threatened wildlife, migratory birds and plants. Also, dealing with changing seasons and mother nature were all considered.

The removal and eradication of invasive phragmites was undertaken in the fall of 2018 followed by a controlled burn spring 2019 of 23 acres in the Tallgrass Prairie. The goal was to halt the growth of invading non- native species and to rejuvenate the native Tallgrass ecosystem. This was followed by a mass planting of native wildflowers.

Trails were thoughtfully planned and laid out throughout the four distinct ecological cells. Impressive educational signage was installed along the naturalized trail system, with large colour information panels describing each of the cells' habitats, ecology and its wildlife residents.

The trail throughout the Tallgrass Prairie is 1.5 km, with views of the wetlands. Found along the trail is the newly designated heritage tree by Forests Ontario, a great White Oak that has stood sentinel for over 250 years. The other trail areas are shorter, providing for all hiking levels and enjoyment. The Carolinian Arboretum was under-brushed to assist in removing invasive species and identification signage added for the tree species. The pavilion, to be used for outdoor education, is filled with plaques identifying the species located throughout the Centre's 4 cells.

A large scale map (8' X 16') was erected at the entrance to Thompson Creek Eco Centre, directing the public to the various eco cell locations, as well as the amenities within Centennial Park (including the iconic Muddy the Mudcat, the 1967 Centennial fountain and the link to Lions park trails.)

The Grand Opening of Thompson Creek Eco Centre took place Wednesday, September 23rd 2019. DHS chose a weekday, as their vision for this park is for it to be utilized by school children as an outdoor education centre destination. We wanted to draw attention to that.

All five of Dunnville's schools were invited to attend, and as an added incentive, DHS issued a challenge. The school that had the highest attendance would be given a Carolinian tree to be planted at their school. The turnout was amazing with an excess of 800 students and teachers walking the trails, along with hundreds of others.

A highlight of the Grand Opening was DHS providing a people mover for residents of the neighbouring seniors' facility, Grandview Lodge, enabling them to view the Tallgrass Prairie and Wetlands, all while interacting with students walking the trails.

Since Grand Opening, interest and usage of trails has been brisk.

DHS is proud to have been involved in this tremendous project, and even prouder to have received the OHA Community Improvement Award for our efforts at the July 2019 OHA Convention. If you are interested in touring this jewel in Dunnville, it is open to the public year round, with no admission cost.



Thompson Creek Eco Centre viewed from the top of the White Oak, designated under Forests Ontario heritage tree program



Employee of Lands & Forests Consulting – hired for the prescribed burn



L-R: Debbie Thomas and Dan McKay standing in the foreground immediately following the prescribed burn

Garden Stratford

Julia Hardy



Photo by Don Farwell



Photo by Don Farwell

CHURCHILL CIRCLE

The Stratford and District Horticultural Society approved the installation of four large cement planters at Churchill Circle. The idea is to use climbing vines to adorn the curved metal structure. This spring we installed them. They are 4 feet square and slightly curved on the bottom to echo the curves on the trellis. We planted them with wisteria and trumpet vine and began training the vines up the arches. Delphiniums, cannas, callas, calibrachoa, geraniums and pineapple lily filled in the space. Potato vine completed the containers, draping over the sides.

Having no experience with containers of this size, it was difficult at first, to determine how much water was needed. We may have over-watered them early in the season. I expect that by next year they will reach the top and will need yearly pruning after that. Hopefully they will survive the winter and continue to give pleasure to the community for many years.

- Don Farwell

CHURCHILL CIRCLE Q4

The Q4 Churchill Circle team is Ron Nichol, Nancy Burnett and Barb Laflamme. We work closely with the Q2 team to coordinate annuals, share plants and ideas. This year we decided to add a dwarf conifer to our plantings: a Japanese white pine, *Pinus parviflora* 'Goldilocks'. In the spring, we added *Gaura*, *Geranium* 'Rozanne', Japanese Forest Grass, *Veronica* 'Blue Yonder' and *Artemisia* 'Silver Brocade'. Thanks to Felicity Sutcliffe who donated many native plants to us in August, we added *Liatris spicata*, *Filipendula rubra*, Queen of the Prairie, *Geum triflorum*, Prairie Smoke and *Sisyrinchium montanum*, Blue-eyed grass and a native baby's breath. In addition, we purchased *Heuchera* 'Cajun Fire', 'Tete-a-tete' daffodils, and 'Blue Pearl' snow crocus. We are looking forward to 2020 to see how these new fall additions contribute to the garden. It is a pleasure to work in the garden at Churchill Circle.



Bee pollinating at Churchill Circle



Photo by Julia Hardy



Photo by Don Farwell

Submitted by Debbie Thomas, Dunnville Horticultural Society Past-President

"Some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful"

- Hazrat Inavat Khan

Hello from your current Past President



Rose Odell, Past President, Ontario Horticultural Association

I am nearing the end of my time on the Ontario Horticultural Association board as one of your Officers and I must say it has been an absolute pleasure to meet so many wonderful gardeners and visit your communities to see how you are "Keeping Ontario Beautiful". I joined the board in 2010 as a Director for 5 years, then Vice President for 2 years, President for 1 year and now finish as Past President for 2 years in July at the convention in London. Thank you to everyone for all the support you have extended to me during my tenure.

I hope you continue to come up with many more creative ideas and apply for the grants that are available to you and to nominate all the wonderful people that help to make the things you do more possible.

Also, take the time to mentor someone from within your group to fill the positions on your boards to keep the ideas fresh and the programs interesting. This keeps the members coming and the membership growing. Set a length of term for the Officers' positions and stick to them.

Going into a stalemate is only going to cause a breakdown of communication and perhaps the loss of your group being viable. I stress this as many of us are aging and need to bring in newer members that are interested in growing vegetables and caring for the environment.

Use some of the money that you have raised to bring in interesting speakers and have hands-on creative programs. Everyone loves to challenge their skills.

Too often the direction of your group can get lost because there may be a board that has become too

set in their ways and are too comfortable to make or allow changes. This causes a disaster to happen. Please don't let it be your group. Every member has a say in the running of your Society. Let your voice be heard. Your Director or one of the Officers on the OHA Board would be more than happy to make a visit to help you with some suggestions rather than to visit to prepare you to close. I don't apologize for this rant. I am deeply concerned for the future of all your groups and not so happy with a trend that I am seeing.

I love seeing your posts on Facebook of what you do at each meeting and invite you to send me a request to "Like" your page. This is about as far as the technology has allowed me to go so far. I share creative ideas and suggestions to the GardenOntario page and welcome you to share some posts to it also, so that everyone can see and learn from all the great work that you are doing.

I will continue to fill your orders for Supplies and look forward to receiving your orders either by email to supplies@gardenontario.org, hopefully using an order form, or by Canada Post. Otherwise I will see you at the convention each year. I do take orders before the March and October Board Meetings that can be given to your District Director at that meeting to bring back to you at your District meetings. This saves you a lot of postage especially if you want the Postcards or Pollinator Brochures or the Pollinator Signs.

Thank you for the great work you do making our province a wonderful, caring place to live.

With Warm Regards,

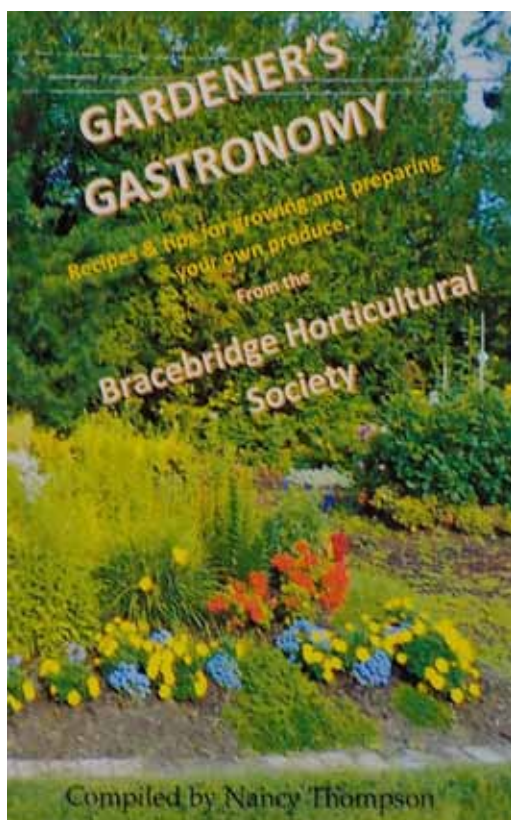
Rose Odell

Wanted: OHA Convention Registrar

The Ontario Horticultural Association would like to thank Barb O'Malley for her many years of service in registering all the delegates for the OHA conventions. Barb has decided that this will be her last year as Registrar. She will be mentoring the new registrar for this year's convention. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to secretary@gardenontario.org. A list of responsibilities is available from the secretary.

Bracebridge Horticultural Society

Nancy Thompson, Co-President



Who reads cookbooks these days?

I certainly hope that some people do, as Bracebridge Hort Society is making one as a fundraiser for 2020. The plan is to have a 'Lunch Launch' of the 120-page, spiral-bound book with food made from recipes in the book.

Of course, we are planning to have recipes for your garden as well as from your garden, gardening tips along with bits of folklore slipped in. It is a great team-building exercise that all can participate in – if they wish.

We are also helping the Bracebridge Public Library set up a 'Seed Library', perhaps in conjunction with a trial Seedy Saturday. We plan to join with the Friends of the Library to make up appropriate size packs of donated and/or purchased seeds. I had envisioned counting out 80 or so lettuce seeds per package until a bright spark in our Society suggested counting tiny seeds into a quarter and a half-teaspoon and using that as a measure. So much more sensible. Thanks, Sharon Davis.

That raised the question as to how many seeds of various kinds should we have in a package. Still thinking about that one.

Thanks to Huntsville Public Library for guidance from their Heritage Seed Library.

Late last fall we were given a few hundred daffodil bulbs. The soil was well on the way to being frozen so my husband, Brian, tried making furrows with the potato trencher. It worked a bit. But there we were, a group of, dare I say, old women chopping at the frozen ground

to plant spring bulbs. I'm sure we have all been there but never again, I hope! We planted over a hundred bulbs to our satisfaction and put the rest in bags in our cold room.

Last summer, Bracebridge Horticultural Society registered our Millennium Garden as a Monarch Way Station, an idea from the 2018 OHA Convention in Kingston. This year, our Secretary, Karen Boyer is teaching us about David Suzuki's Butterflyway Project. Have any other Horticultural Societies picked up this idea? Love to hear your ideas and successes. We plan to present this at the Muskoka Wellness Fair in Bracebridge on May 30th.

Like many small Horticultural Societies in Ontario, we are struggling to stay alive and active in our community. We are striving to reach out to other organizations, and work with them, to get the message across from habitat for pollinators to getting everyone young and old to plant a seed and watch it grow.



The Ontario Horticultural Association's 114th Annual General Meeting & Conference July 17th, 18th & 19th 2020

**Make plans to attend the OHA's 114th AGM & Convention
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Network with fellow OHA Members from across Ontario. Hear an informative and interesting schedule of Speakers.
Be sure to visit the Vendors and Exhibitors in the Atrium. Open from 8 am to 5 pm on both Friday and Saturday.

OHA Trillium - Spring 2020

We have some wonderful Bus Tours planned for Friday & Saturday afternoons as well as two special Early Bird Tours available on the Thursday prior to Convention.

Early Bird Bus Tour 1

Thursday July 16, 2020
Depart at 2:30 p.m. | Return 9:30 p.m.

A Park in the Sky, Foraged Dinner, Lakeside Sunset - bring your cameras!

On this tour, we'll experience the beautiful south coast of Elgin County! We'll journey to St. Thomas where we'll take a leisurely walk along the naturalized trails to Canada's first elevated park,

St. Thomas Elevated Park. This award-winning park was an ambitious community project to re-purpose a 1929 railway trestle bridge into a spectacular and unique community destination. The trestle, an iconic reminder of the city's status as the Railway Capital of Canada, sits 30m above the picturesque Kettle Creek Valley and Sunset Drive, and stretches 260m in length. Although still in development, this "park in the sky" features a boardwalk, benches, artworks and sculptures by local artists, Carolinian plantings, habitat development, and of course, the stunning vistas. It's a wondrous experience you won't soon forget.

As you turn into this country lane, there is a sense of letting go, a stepping away from it all. From the tree lined drive, enchanting gardens, apiaries and beyond, the owners of **Wildflowers Farm** share a passion for all things bees and botanicals, cultivating a lifestyle harmonious with nature. "The only thing better than organic food, is local food. The only thing better than local food, is homegrown food. And the only thing better than homegrown food... is wild food!" Enjoy a unique buffet dinner with locally foraged wild food! Chef Yoda can be found in the forest from early May until the first snow fall - foraging everything from wild leeks, ginger, apples, strawberries, gooseberries, pine and mushrooms. She will utilize these ingredients (and more) to create a nutrient dense, plant based meal for you to savour. There will be a cash bar featuring herb infused wine and craft beer. Learn about the importance of local, homegrown and wild foods. As we say goodbye to Wildflowers Farm, it will leave you with a sense of calm, community and connection to nature.

Travel on to the charming lakeside community of **Port Stanley**, situated on the northern shores of Lake Erie. With a fishing and maritime heritage, Port Stanley continues to provide the characteristic scenery, stunning lake views dotted with fishing and sail boats, creating a picturesque and tranquil image. Port Stanley is known for its unique shops and boutiques. See the **Historic King George VI Lift Bridge** and learn about the rehabilitation project which is underway. Take a sunset stroll along the 1400 ft. reconstructed breakwater, known locally as "the pier". As the sun sinks towards the horizon, the sound of the waves on the sandy shore will soothe all your cares away. All these small details make Port Stanley a truly unique area in Canada, a truly mesmerizing one. A perfect ending to an exceptional day.

Difficulty: Moderate, walking. Motorcoach transportation, comfortable seating, air conditioned and washroom equipped.

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INCLUDES TAXES, MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
AND FORAGED DINNER



Early Bird Bus Tour 2

Thursday July 16, 2020
Depart 2:00 p.m. | Return 11:30 p.m.

City of Stratford Gardens, Dinner & Theatre Tour

Attendees on this tour to purchase their own theatre tickets. Tickets are not included and must be purchased on own ahead of time. Order information is highlighted below. Book your theatre tickets early, seats are selling fast!

At 2:00 p.m., we'll board our bus for the **City of Stratford**, situated on the picturesque Avon River. It's internationally famous Stratford Festival stages modern and Shakespearean plays in multiple theatres. Victorian buildings dot the city, including Stratford City Hall and the Perth County Courthouse. The city has won multiple prestigious Communities in Bloom awards, including at the national and international levels, and maintains a five-bloom silver rating. We'll see some of their magnificent parks and gardens, such as the Shakespearean Gardens, with plants mentioned in the playwright's works; Churchill Circle, Dutch Memorial Gardens, Pergola Gardens and more.

Arriving in Stratford, we'll have a half hour walk-about of the Churchill Circle Gardens, a newly renovated pollinator garden designed and maintained by the Stratford & District Horticultural Society. We'll make a stop at the Pergola Garden, overlooking Lake Victoria. Choose a walking tour across the dam to Shakespeare Gardens or see the gardens around the Visitors Centre and Cenotaph. A short block walk takes you into Stratford's heart of the downtown into the "Chocolate District". Spend time browsing the charming boutiques and shops and treat your sweet tooth to some at Rhea Thompson's Chocolates. Enjoy the included home-cooked dinner, prepared for you by the Parkview United Church group, a delicious full course roast beef dinner with all the trimmings.

After dinner, you can walk the short 3 blocks to the Festival Theatre, or ride the coach, where you will have time to stroll the Festival Gardens. The coach will take those going to the Tom Patterson Theatre and drop them at the theatre.

At 8:00 p.m., it's showtime at the Festival Theatre for the hit musical "Chicago".

At 8:00 p.m., it's showtime at the newly renovated Tom Patterson Theatre for "Richard III" starring Colm Feore.

After the shows, the coach will pick everyone up again at both theatres and depart for London.

Tickets are all half price for July 16 evening performances but attendees should order them ASAP (Richard III is selling out quickly!) by calling **1-800-567-1600** or buy your tickets online at **stratfordfestival.ca**.

PRICE \$69 per person
INCLUDES TAXES, MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
AND DINNER

THEATRE TICKETS ARE NOT INCLUDED



All Delegates are invited to join in on Friday evening for the District 10 Social, “Hoe Down” featuring the County Road Band, Karen’s Karaoke, (Cash Bar) and all-day Silent Auction.

A fella once asked me what a hoedown was, and I told him it’s like a shindig but more like a hootenanny. I could tell he was still confused because his face went all cattywampus.

Plenary Speakers & early bird door prizes can be enjoyed all three mornings at the Convention. There will be several workshops and speakers to choose from on both the Friday and Saturday afternoons. We invite you to participate by exhibiting in & visiting the exciting Competition Classes in the Regency Ballroom.

<https://gardenontario.org/convention/>



Keynote Speaker, Will Heeman

The Saturday evening Awards Banquet will be held in the Crystal Ballroom and is not to be missed. All Delegates are invited to hear the Saturday evening Keynote Speaker, Will Heeman, sponsored by the Richmond Hill Garden & Horticultural Society through the Gladys Mclatchy Fund

Will Heeman is the Chief Daymaker at Heeman’s, an award-winning, multi-generational family-run experiential garden centre, berry farm and hard cidery serving the London area. After graduating from university, Will took a sabbatical working at a garden centre in New Zealand before returning to the family business. Will helped introduce a new generation of clients (guests) to the business by adding new offerings, new marketing approaches and innovating their space all while staying true to the long-standing values and ‘feel’ existing clients came to love over 50+ years. Will has been called ‘someone to watch’ in the greenhouse industry, has been honoured on numerous ‘Under 40’ lists and was 2016’s Young Retailer of the Year for North America. In his free time, he enjoys exploring micro-breweries and travelling abroad with his wife, Genevieve and son, Daxton.

What is a typical day at an OHA Convention?

Please note: all OHA events are scent-free.

Daytime schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning

- Morning meetings start at 8:45 am with the early bird door prize drawings. You need to be present in the room to pick up a prize.
- Formal proceedings start at 9 am.
- The OHA AGM makes up the first part of all three mornings and includes the minutes from the previous year, the Secretary’s report, nominations (called once each day), the OHA Mission Statement, the President’s Report, In Memoriam, the Treasurer’s Report, and resolutions.
- “Delegates or Voting Delegates” are assigned voting privileges by their home societies or are members of the OHA board of directors. These delegates receive a voting card when they register to be used for AGM voting. All voting delegates are required to pay the full registration fee for the convention.
- The rest of the attendees of the convention have paid a registration fee but may not vote during the AGM.
- The resolutions that will be voted on at the convention are posted in the Trillium and on the website in May.
- There is a featured speaker each morning following the AGM meeting.
- Lunch is usually noon to 1 pm.
- Bus tours and seminars are held at the same time during the afternoons. You will have to choose *between taking a tour or staying for the seminars*.
- Bus tours are offered on Friday and Saturday afternoons. They leave at 1:00 pm and run until 4:30 pm. This might mean that you will be asked to congregate at the bus pick-up location before 1:00 pm. It is recommended that you dress for the weather and choose appropriate footwear.
- Seminars run concurrently on Friday and Saturday afternoon. There are 4 or 5 seminars at 1:30 pm until 2:30 pm, with a break from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. There are 4 or 5 different seminars from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. The seminars may or may not be repeated.
- Note: There is generally no food or coffee offered during the afternoon.

Evenings

- **Thursday**—There may be a tour or special dinner at the discretion of the host district.
- **Friday**—Dinner, entertainment and the silent auction reflect the character of the host district. Proceeds from the silent auction are an opportunity for the host district to recoup some of their expenses for planning the convention.
- **Saturday**—The banquet features the OHA awards presentation and a keynote speaker.
- A cash bar may be available for the Friday and Saturday evening events.

Accommodations

- The hotel contract allows for a block of rooms to be offered for a period of time at a special convention rate.
- You book your room personally, stating that you are part of the OHA Convention, but the OHA has no part in that room booking.
- If you know you are going to the convention, book your hotel room early enough to ensure you receive the convention rate.
- The hotel contract often is based on a number of bedroom nights booked throughout the convention. If you stay at the convention hotel, you help to keep OHA costs down.
- Note that, although check-out time for the hotel may be between 11:00 am and noon on Sunday, our meeting runs until noon. You will need to plan your morning accordingly.

Meals

- Meals are arranged through the OHA registrar via your registration form and are not part of your registration fee. Hotel food is expensive, but the food is also a commitment that the OHA makes to the hotel. Buying your meals through the OHA helps keep other costs down.
- Meals sold through registration usually include lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

Competitions

- Competition schedules are available as follows:
- Photography is published in the fall, 18 months in advance of the convention to allow for one full year to take photos.
- Youth competition schedules are released in August of the year before the convention to allow for a full school year of youth programming to plan entries.
- Art, Creative Writing, Publications, and Flower Show schedules are released in the Trillium and on the website in November of the year before the convention. *Note that each schedule outlines the rules about registering to exhibit prior to the convention.*

Some of these competitions have early cut-off dates for registering your society's publications, or indicating your desire to enter a design. Check the dates!

- Usually, you may deliver your exhibits on Thursday evening, and early Friday morning.
- Competition rooms are open for viewing from noon on Friday to the end of programming on Saturday afternoon.
- Check schedules for details.
- Exhibits can be picked up and prizes are paid out on Sunday morning. Check schedules for details.

Additional Activities

OHA Supplies — Supplies are sold at the convention and include OHA pins, certificates, note cards, etc.
[You can see the full list of items here.](#)

OHA In Memoriam Book — View the names of gardeners for whom a memorial donation has been made to the OHA. This book is benevolently looked after by Marilyn Cox, from Lake Simcoe Gardeners.

OHA Tree Planting — As part of each Convention, a tree is planted and dedicated by the OHA President to commemorate the Convention in the host District. Tree plantings may happen during the Convention or prior to the Convention.

Vendors — During Friday and Saturday, vendors will be offering goods or services for sale. Products may include the wares of local artisans, plants, garden décor, garden tours, insurance, etc.

Exhibitors — These tables, such as Master Gardeners of Ontario, offer information.

Please Note:

- The **meeting rooms** in most hotels are often chilly, and you may wish to bring a sweater. It is easier to warm up that way, and kinder to the people who are bothered by being hot, than adjusting the air conditioning.
- For the Saturday night **Banquet**, some of the attendees change into dressier clothes.
- **Silent Auction** — Bidding occurs on Friday only, all day until dinner.

A silent auction features donated items displayed on a table. In front of each item will be a bidding sheet listing the approximate retail value of the item, the minimum starting bid, and the acceptable bidding increments (e.g., increases of \$.50, \$1, \$5 etc.). If you wish to bid on an item, print your name on the sheet and the amount of your bid. The next bidder must offer a higher amount, increasing their bid by the posted acceptable increment amount.

For example, if the minimum bid is \$15 with allowable increases of \$1, and you bid \$15, the next person must up the bid by at least \$1 (to \$16), and so on.

If you really want an item that you bid on, be sure to check back before the bidding closes to make a final bid. When the bidding closes, the bidding sheets are removed by volunteers and the last person who placed a bid gets the item for the amount of their bid.

Closing time for bidding varies by groupings of items, with the group being identified by different colours or letters of bidding sheets.

Payment for Silent Auction items is usually cash only. Cheques or credit cards may be offered at the discretion of the hosting District.

There are some great events of interest to take in while in London.

Home County Arts & Music Festival <https://www.homecounty.ca/>



<https://www.londontourism.ca/visitor-guide/>

Please check the date and place of events as some have been **cancelled** due to the Covid-19 virus.

Agincourt Garden Club

Cheryl Penner, President

Agincourt Garden Club – Learn, Laugh + Dessert Monday April 13, 8 - 9:30 pm

Knox United Christian Education Center
2575 Midland @ Sheppard [driveway off of Rural Ave., multiple bus stops nearby]

Learn: JIM & SHEILA ELLIS will teach us/show us about "BUTTERFLIES"

Laugh: Socialize with friendly, diverse, novice, regular and expert gardeners

Dessert: Light refreshments served

Agincourt Garden Club – Shop, Shop + Shop Saturday May 9, 9 am - 12 noon

Knox United Christian Education Center
2575 Midland @ Sheppard [driveway off of Rural Ave., multiple bus stops nearby]

HUGE PLANT SALE, RESCUED TREASURE TABLES AND BAKE SALE

We suggest the public comes closer to 9 than 12. Normally plants are \$2 - \$10

www.gardenontario.org/site.php/agincourt/joinus

Interested in joining?

Members \$30/yr for family at same address

Agincourt Garden Club – Learn, Laugh + Dessert Monday May 11, 8 - 9:30 pm

Knox United Christian Education Center
2575 Midland @ Sheppard [driveway off of Rural Ave., multiple bus stops nearby]

Learn: DONNA LEWIS will teach us/show us about "TRUMPETER SWANS"

Participation: Members will bring flowers, vegetable and floral designs for a friendly competition

Laugh: Socialize with friendly, diverse, novice, regular and expert gardeners

Dessert: Light refreshments served

Agincourt Garden Club – Learn, Laugh + Dessert Monday June 8, 8 - 9:30 pm

Knox United Christian Education Center
2575 Midland @ Sheppard [driveway off of Rural Ave., multiple bus stops nearby]

Learn: TRISH SYMONS will teach us/show us about "MAGICAL MOMENTS IN THE GARDEN"

Laugh: Socialize with friendly, diverse, novice, regular and expert gardeners

Participation: Members will bring flowers, vegetable and floral designs for a friendly competition

Dessert: Light refreshments served

Pelham Garden Club

A Tribute to Former President Maria McMillan

Barbara Jaques



Maria McMillan

Maria's first meeting and introduction to the Pelham Horticultural Society, now the Pelham Garden Club, was in 2008. At this meeting, Maria agreed to take on the President's position, because the club was prepared to disband without a leader. In her six years in office, Maria rejuvenated the members to the dynamic group it is today.

Her passion and knowledge of horticulture coupled with her caring personality, infectious smile and laughter created a warm environment that attracted many of today's members. Maria was an exceptional leader in sharing knowledge as well as plants and seeds with members and donating a huge variety of her plants to our Spring Plant Sale. She was an inspiration to many novice gardeners.

Many recent achievements are due to Maria's guidance and forethought. Revenues from our Plant and Bake Sale and other sources of income, have enabled significant scholarships, local education programs and contributions to community gardening projects. Club visibility has expanded our membership and interest within the community.

Sadly, Maria passed away in August 2019. She is greatly missed and will continue to live on through the camaraderie, knowledge and plants that she shared with so many.

This spring, the Pelham Garden Club will plant a floral shrub at the Fonthill Library garden in Maria's memory.

Dryden & District Horticultural Society

Alison Robinson

Breaking News!!!! Mr. Groundhog has been sacked! His position is redundant in northwestern Ontario. He's not needed because any resident, non-rodent can predict the approximate arrival of Spring – and our President, Len Blagdon, predicts that it's approximately a long way off! But no matter...

The Dryden & District Horticultural Society is never side-tracked by wishful thinking or waiting for warmer weather – we're too busy. For instance, our Christmas potluck was a fun event – with good food, good friends, good fellowship, and some second-rate entertainment.

Our January meeting was two-fold: a seed-sharing time and a presentation on winter sowing. Lots of ideas, plans and aspirations went home, along with those shared seeds!

January also saw the 90th birthday of Millie Lang, one of the 'lifers' in our Society. Over the years, the Langs have been an integral part in the community at large and an inspiration to the community of gardeners. They must be world-famous by now...

having hosted so many picnics in their large and lovely country garden.

Sadly, lifer Agatha Pateman, in her 101st year, passed away. But to the end, her charming personality was a blessing to all who visited. She will be missed.

Our February meeting is always a popular favourite. We heard all kinds of Tips and Tricks from various Hort members – what they have learned from their gardening experiences here in Zone 2b (or marginally, Zone 3) over the years generally, and from the last year particularly. Gardeners are never finished with learning!

Until next time:

Roses will be red,

And grass will be green;

So keep your hopes up

Your garden will be seen — eventually!

East Gwillimbury Gardeners' Community Outreach

Brenda Near, President, Photos by Brenda Near and Stephanie Stearn

Twice a year, East Gwillimbury Gardeners does a project with CHATS, Community Home Assistance to Seniors, as part of our outreach programming. Here are write-ups about our CHATS mornings, spring and fall 2019. This year we will again be offering programming for CHATS in April.



Spring CHATS by Stephanie Stearn

At the end of March, Brenda Near, Barb Elend, Anne Hill and I got together to create a model for a spring centrepiece that we could take to the ladies and one gentleman who attend CHATS at the Holland Landing Community Centre. After spray painting tins a nice bright yellow, we squished in some Oasis to hold various branches, flower stems, pussy willows and a little Easter flair. Barb came up with a good general design, simple enough to create, and very pretty when made.

On April 2nd, we took all the bits and pieces to Holland Landing and met with the friendly CHATS coordinator, Laura Manley, who helped set us up for the morning. Seventeen attendees soon joined us and sat down in front of their Oasis-stuffed and moistened tins, while Anne gave them the rundown on how to make the centrepiece.

Anne, Brenda and I moved around the tables, offering help or more items as needed. Everyone

seemed to enjoy putting the centrepieces together, despite declarations of 'no artistic sense'. They all turned out so well! The pussy willows and baby's breath were big hits.

We moved on to potting up some Aloe Vera and spider plants, donated by board member Hilary Veenstra and Anne. One lady took an extra aloe, because she said she 'could kill any indoor plant'. She was hedging her aloe bets.

We had a bit of time at the end and Anne had also brought some work pages with puzzles and garden jokes, which she handed out. The group decided they'd like Anne to read out the jokes, so she did, which got everyone laughing and/or groaning. The attendees left with their projects, thanking us for coming. Then we made a centrepiece for Laura, to thank her for the work she does and for having us, which she happily accepted. A morning well spent.



Fall CHATS by Brenda Near

Just before Thanksgiving, Anne, Stephanie and I organized a fall pumpkin centerpiece workshop for the CHATS seniors' group.

I cannot overstate how much they, and by extension we, enjoy this activity! The smiles and warmth that radiates from this group of seniors moves me to tears. They just love the flowers and the opportunity to create something special to take home. They are so thankful that we come

out to do this for them. And Laura, who is the CHATS coordinator, is such a lovely person and her passion for this group is obvious.

Hollowed-out pumpkins filled with Oasis were used as a container (Thank you to my husband, daughter and her boyfriend for all the scooping!). The group filled them with cedar, euonymus, sumac, dried fern fronds and chrysanthemums. The results were stunning!

Guelph Horticultural Society

Laura Lee Mazzocca

Annual Potluck and Society Awards

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm

March's meeting has been cancelled due to the health risks of COVID-19.

General Meeting and Mini Flower Show

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Dublin Street United Church

68 Suffolk Street West, Guelph

"Sharpen My Knife" will sharpen your garden tools while you attend our meeting. The General Meeting and Mini Flower Show starts at 7:30 pm. Guest Speaker: Marion Jarvie and her talk is on "Clematis for Everyone".

Annual Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 7:00 am to 12 noon

Guelph Farmers' Market, Downtown Guelph

Come Early For Best Selection!

General Meeting and Mini Flower Show

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Dublin Street United Church

68 Suffolk Street West, Guelph

Guest Speaker: Jeff Mason – Amazing Annuals.

Tour of St. Ignatious Old Growth Forest Project

Friday, June 5, 2020 at 10:00 am

Please visit www.guelphhort.org for details and registration information.

Summer Flower Show

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Old Quebec Street Shoppes, Downtown Guelph

See www.guelphhort.org for details.

New members are welcome.

www.guelphhort.org

A Message from the First Vice President

Good Day to One and All.

I hope that you have survived the Canadian Winter weather, no matter what Mother Nature brought you. Now we must wait for spring and the preamble to making those wish lists for new and improved flowers, shrubs and vegetables. It will not be long before we are back "just digging in the dirt", as I like to call it, engaged in creating beauty and whimsy.

During the latter part of 2019 and into the first part of 2020, I had the pleasure of attending a number of Society/Club Annual General Meetings. The process of selecting who will take on the lead roles in determining the wonderful work all Societies/Clubs do, in and for the province of Ontario, is an integral part of how any Society/Club continues to operate. It is always good to speak with people, finding out how things are going and answering any questions about the OHA. And, oh yes, the snacks and pot-lucks are delicious bonuses.

As the First V.P. and also as the Chair of the Constitution By-Laws & Resolutions Committee, I have unfortunately seen and heard of a somewhat concerning, I will call it a "trend", whereby there seems to be fear or trepidation that some people feel when asked to step up and join their Society/Club Executive in some capacity. This has led to some Societies/Clubs being unable to fill their Executive positions and thus leaving little choice but to either have the Society/Club do less public and internal work or download more onto those who stand for a position. Neither of these solutions is a good option as it will mean that the Society/Club gets less public exposure and thus acknowledgement of all of the great work that has been going on, in some cases, for as many as 100 plus years, or, those who stand just get tired out and when they need help and support, it is not always there. Consequently, they in turn, do not stand in the following year(s). I would refer to either option as a "sin".

So, let's try and find some solutions and/or remedies to these stumbling blocks. There are many options available such as splitting the work, for example, when there are Co-Presidents. This is currently occurring in different Societies/Clubs across the province. How about, if there is no President, having a Board where the workload is divided among everyone and each takes a turn at being "in charge" for one or two months. There are a number of very successful Societies/Clubs that have chosen either of these models and it is working quite well. However, in some cases it is just a stop-gap until a return to the customary structure can occur for

the future benefit of the Society/Club. In others, it seems to be the best way to address the issue. In speaking with Helen Scutt, that wonderfully helpful and supportive lady from O.M.A.F.R.A. (who unfortunately retired in October last year), there is no issue with a Society/Club not having that "full slate of Officers" as long

as there is always someone who can be contacted and who can also be the go-between with the Society/Club and either O.M.A.F.R.A. or the OHA. All of us must be somewhat inventive in today's world because everyone is looking at that so called "mountain of things to do". Many have contributed in the past and "Thank You" for all you have done. Perhaps you could just step forward and offer support and advice as a member of a larger Board within your Society/Club so that the work is better divided and no one feels as if they are carrying the entire load. As life goes on, we are not only aging but we are all travelling at the same speed. It is just that some started before others, so, maybe splitting the workload is the best option for your Society/Club. I have heard that the OHA and the Societies/Clubs are "volunteer organizations" and yes, this is true, however, if no one volunteers, there is no organization and that I believe would be the biggest "sin" of all.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the Societies/Clubs that will be celebrating those milestone anniversaries in 2020. Enjoy the celebrations you have planned and Thank You for your ingenuity and continued work ethics in supporting your Society/Club and its membership throughout the years.

As I look out at the 6 feet of snow piled on my vegetable garden and feel the -16° Celsius temperature and the wonderful sunshine, I say to you all, be patient, spring and summer, with their many challenges and rewards, is just around the corner. Enjoy!

LIFE IS GREAT!!

Charles Freeman
Vice President, Ontario Horticultural Association



Charles Freeman

Tillsonburg Horticultural Society

Angela Lassam



Hops Fields



Peanuts



Hops

Tillsonburg Horticultural Society members can look back over 2019 where members enjoyed a Summer Event held at Ramblin' Road Brewery Farm, La Salette. This enterprise is another one of the Picard family's businesses who are well-known for Picard Peanuts.

Our visit to the Brewery farm started with a tour of the hop yards and an informational get-together where we were shown the hops growing and learned how the season continues to the end result of their handcrafted beer. Next there was a walk to learn how peanuts are grown on the farm which started in 1979.

After this, a tour of the processing facilities for beer was enjoyed by everyone. They have gone on to add another venture to compliment their beer – old fashioned kettle potato chips in some very unusual flavours. It has become a destination to visit in the area where you can stop for a meal or just for refreshment on a trip.

A barbecue and entertainment with the "Paddy Stones" finished off a very enjoyable day.

Once again our major fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to the support of many local donations and public support on the night of the event. Every year we have a Garden Auction which has many other garden related facets. There are annuals and perennials for sale. Many hanging baskets and planters, ready-made, shrubs, trees and wood/metal crafts are live-auctioned. A bake table, draw table, raffle and complimentary refreshments are all in one spot including the auction. Many members participate with set-up on the day and many others contribute with perennials, baking and collecting local donations. No-one goes home empty-handed and a fun time is had by all. The returns from this enable us to work on the various gardens in our town and allow us to have some very interesting speakers at our monthly meetings.

This Auction takes place the Tuesday after Victoria Day, May 17th in our Community Centre @ 5 pm so maybe we'll see you there.



Draw and Auction Room



Auction

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Elsie Eubank, Publicity Chair and Vice President

A Dream Destination for Gardeners right here in Haldimand County

We are very excited about our upcoming Seedy Saturday Mar. 21st at Riverside Exhibition Hall 151 Caithness St. E Caledonia Fair Grounds, 9 am to 2 pm, \$4 or \$2 with non-perishable food donation. This will be our biggest and best show so far. We have so much to offer.

Julia Dimakos, Gardening Girl is one of our feature speakers. Julia has a passion for gardening, she absolutely loves it. She is pursuing her Horticulturist Diploma through the University of Guelph



Julia Dimakos

" Each year that I garden, I learn more and find easier ways to do things. I believe in simple gardening. It's something that should not be stressful or scary. Mistakes are learning experiences to do things better the following year. I believe gardening is fun and relaxing although physically challenging at times. But results are satisfying."

Cathy's Crawly Composters is another one of our speakers – Worm Away Your Garbage

Cathy is an incredible voice of passion with answers



Insect Hotel Workshop

Photo by Elsie Eubank

to our biggest problem – Garbage

"Vermicomposting, or worm composting, is an excellent way to convert household garbage into nutrient rich fertilizer. Composting with special composting worms is an efficient and environmentally-friendly way to save tonnes of waste from going to landfill."

These are just 2 of the speakers we have lined up.

We have a lot to offer with 4 amazing seminars ranging from seed starting to indoor tropical plants.

- A seed swap table where you can bring your own seed and swap it for new seed for your garden.
- 60 local farms, businesses and community groups all focus on gardening conversations.
- Hands on workshops, a youth centrepiece workshop, an adult centrepiece workshop with fresh flowers and an insect hotel workshop which I will be hosting will provide habitat for a variety of pollinators. Each participant will also get an application form to certify their garden as a wildlife-friendly habitat with the Canadian Wildlife Federation. This will put their garden on a map so that we can all see Canada's wildlife-friendly habitat grow.

Workshops need pre-registration as there is a limited number of spaces. Call Michael 905-745-4579 or email haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com. 92.9 The Grand will be live on location so hope to see everyone there.

Pine Needle Basketry

Marilyn Sutor has been interested in Pine Needle Basketry for about 12 years. It was her daughter in Atikokan that got her interested in it. Pine needle basketry is a pioneer craft done by coiling pine needles to form a beautiful basket. Marilyn feels it is very important to keep the craft alive and that is why she does it. It is time consuming and requires a lot of patience.

Marilyn is a member of Haldimand Horticultural Society and at our last meeting in January, she demonstrated her technique for doing this craft. She also brought many of her beautiful creations to show. Marilyn said it takes about 40 hours to create a basket. She uses Austrian pine needles as they are the longest one available in Ont. She adds different embellishments to add beauty and character to her creations such as sliced walnuts, glass beads, wooden plates etc.

Please check the date and place of events as some have been **cancelled** due to the Covid-19 virus.

Stormy weather forced us to cancel our Feb 27th meeting and we didn't get to take our trip to England with John Bouman's slides or our trip Down Memory Lane with Sharon Slack and her slides of 35 years of history for HHS.

The next meeting will be March 26 with Rosalind Rumball, "Landscape: The Good The Bad and The Ugly".

Our April 23rd meeting will feature Lester Fretz. His presentation will be "Propagating: Having Fun While Making Money".

St. Paul's Anglican Church, 27 Orkney St E, Caledonia 7:30 pm.

For info on any of our meeting or events contact haldimandhorticulture@gmail.com



Marilyn Sutor



Pine Needle Basketry

Photo by Elsie Eubank

Paris Horticultural Society

Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director

Plant Sale & Garden Tour 2020

The funds are used for public plantings around the Town of Paris, The Cenotaph, Garden of Hope, hanging planters on the William Street bridge plus education, a bursary to a graduating student from Paris District High School, and for our society's horticultural programs. We would truly appreciate if you would add us to your event list.

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 9th, 8 am - 11 am at Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena, 51 William Street, Paris, Ont. N3L 1L2. Large selection of perennial favourites from members' gardens, vegetables, herbs, annuals etc. Special children's craft corner free of charge. Master Gardener on site. Plant Auction to follow. Coffee with muffin \$1.00. Call Carol 519-442-3918 or email rboos3918@rogers.com for details.

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour

Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7th from 10 am - 4 pm in conjunction with Springtime in Paris. Six gorgeous gardens in & around Paris. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Sobey's Floral Department in Paris, Mary Maxim's, Antler's, Green Heron Books, Walter's Greenhouse or at the Gardens on the day of the event. Please call Anne or Rick Vernon 905-536-2037 for more information.

HEADWATERS HEALTH CARE CENTRE Friendship Gardens Perennial Plant Sale

Jenn McMillan

May 30th@ 8:30 am - 11 am
Headwaters Health Care Centre

140 Rolling Hills Drive, Orangeville, Ontario L9W 4X9
(free parking)

Excellent perennial plants at reasonable prices and expert gardeners on-site to offer advice and assistance.

Learn more at www.friendshipgardens.ca

Peterborough Horticultural Society

Mary-Jane Pilgrim, President



The Peterborough Garden Show *has been cancelled* due to the health risks of COVID-19.

The Peterborough Garden Show will be back for its 20th year: April 24 - 26, 2020 (Friday 5 - 9 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm & Sunday 10 am - 4 pm).

And we have great news! We're returning to Fleming College with lots of FREE parking and a \$10 one-price ticket so you can enjoy the show all weekend.

We will have two entrances this year, closer parking and more space, two shuttle buses and a bus drop-off right at the door.

Speakers include Alexander Reford (Reford Gardens), Sean James (Rain Gardens), Carlotta James (the Monarch Ultra), Thom Luloff (Critters in the Garden) and others TBA...

- Lunch with Alexander Reford in Fleming's on-site restaurant
- Workshops on pruning, flowers, splitting plants, orchids, ponds, bugs and butterflies and still more
- Films and videos: inspiring to all gardeners
- The Children's Garden: the most popular space for kids and grown-ups

Vendors! Around 100, offering almost everything garden-related that you can think of.

This award-winning show was honoured in 2017 with both a "Canada 150 Garden Experience", and "Garden Event of the Year" by the Canadian Garden Council. Come see what all the fuss is about.

Note: Show profits give back to our community (over \$200,000 since 2002): scholarships for students studying horticulture & the environment and supporting local Community Gardens. This award-winning show is run by volunteers from the Peterborough Horticultural Society and our gardening community.

See peterboroughgardenshow.com for tickets, places to stay and more details.

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Belleville Garden Club

Barb Hayward and Chris Green, Co-Chairs



BELLEVILLE GARDEN CLUB

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 9th
9:00am – 1:00pm

At The Montrose Inn
1725 Old Highway 2 - Belleville



PERENNIALS
HERBS
VEGETABLES
HOSTA
SHRUBS
HOUSEPLANTS
AND MORE!

BAKE SALE,
ARTISANS
And more!

VISIT US FOR
GROWING ADVICE
OR JOIN THE CLUB!

WE/DIG GARDENING

The Belleville Garden Club would like to invite you to see Zoomer Radio's Garden Show host and noted author, columnist, radio and HGTV personality, Charlie Dobbin. This event is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 pm at the Eastminster Church in Belleville. Tickets will be available in advance or at the door (\$10.00 for non-BGC members).

Please contact us via email to order your tickets.

Email: yourbellevillegardenclub@gmail.com.



A BELLEVILLE GARDEN CLUB PRESENTATION

**"Gardening in a Changing
Climate"**

Tuesday, May 26th, 2020
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Tickets: \$10.00 in advance;
or at the door
\$5.00 for BGC Members

Join us to see Zoomer Radio's
Garden Show host and noted
author, columnist, radio and
HGTV personality, *Charlie Dobbin*.

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Convention Acknowledgment

If you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention, no monetary donation is required.

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Website News



Spring is finally here and that means a lot of gardening events are being planned... our event calendar is ready to help your society promote your events. It's also a good idea to review your society page to make sure it's up-to-date for the current year.

If you are not using the calendar yet, it's a great time of year to add them so everyone can find you. There are a lot of features for those searching for events... it has a map view that lets you zoom in on your community, and search filters to choose by society, district, location, and more... check it out at <https://gardenontario.org/events>. To find out more, go to <https://gardenontario.org/websupport>. Download a guide or ask me how today.

Cheers,

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