



## Vicky Culbert for OHA Vice President

Passionate, caring and involved are all words that describe Vicky's personality. She lives in Goderich, a rural town in Ontario where she was born and raised. She is married to Doug; they have six grown children and are blessed with sixteen grandchildren that reside in many communities across Ontario and one in Newfoundland. Vicky's constant companions are Charles and Dickens, her doodle dogs. She enjoys gardening, flower arranging, hiking, travelling, fiber arts, reading, painting, genealogy, history, and most of all her family,



Vicky's primary and secondary education was completed in Goderich. She attended the University of Waterloo and completed the Early Childhood Education Course and at Conestoga College where she was later employed. More recently she attended a horticultural course in London, England. Vicky continues to be a life-long learner and has attended numerous workshops, seminars, and short courses.

Currently, Vicky is employed by D. Culbert Surveying Ltd in the position of Public Relations and Marketing Manager for the company. This has provided for a wide spectrum of unique opportunities in southwestern Ontario and provincially. Vicky is a Board member of the Goderich BIA, on the Advertising, Events and Programming Committee and the Chair of the Market Committee and is the BIA representative on the Town of Goderich Downtown Revitalization Committee. She is also the Chairperson for the Municipal and Marine Heritage Committee. Provincially, Vicky is a member of the Archival and Historical Committee of the Association of the Ontario Land Surveyors and a Coordinator of the Marshville Heritage Festival Surveying display and maintains a Surveyor's Monument Garden.

She has been an active member of the Goderich and District Horticultural Society for over nineteen years and is a member of three other local Societies. Vicky has filled the position of President for the Goderich Horticultural Society for seven years and Secretary for two. Vicky also provides workshops and presentations to other Societies with topics including: "What the OHA Can Do For You", "The Principals and Elements of Design", "Humor in the Garden", and "Gardening in Different Environments of the World". She served as the District 8, District Director and fill the position as the Ontario Horticultural Association, South West Representative for two years, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for two years and is currently serving her first year as Vice President. Vicky has served as a member of the OHA Executive Board, Finance Committee, Awards Committee, Conservation and Environment Committee, and is the Chair of the Competitions, and Donation, Fundraising and Sponsorship Committees. She is an OHA Judge for Horticulture and Flower Design.

Vicky is very active with the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies as the Past President of the Bayfield Agricultural Society. She is an OAAS Judge for Horticulture, Flower Design, Maple Syrup, Honey, and Photography. She also offers training sessions for these subject areas.

She is an active member of the Garden Club of Kitchener Waterloo and is looking forward to achieving her accreditation as a Garden Clubs of Ontario Judge over the next three years.

The skills Vicky has gained have provided her with the ability to think and act as a leader in organizations. She can motivate by guiding and working with others towards a goal. Vicky has and continues to provide leadership and activities for children, youth, public and seniors that has made a significant benefit to the quality of life and economic well-being of individuals and families.