



## Vicky Culbert, Nominated for President

Vicky Culbert has been nominated by the Hensall & Community Horticulture Society and has accepted the nomination for the position of President of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Passionate, caring and involved are words that best describe Vicky's personality. She lives in Goderich with her husband Doug where they were both born and raised. 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, fibre arts, reading, painting, genealogy, local history, and most of all her family. Vicky continues to be a life-long learner



and has attended numerous workshops, seminars, and short courses involving leadership and horticulture.

Vicky is currently employed by D. Culbert Surveying Ltd in the position of Public Relations and Marketing Manager for the company. She is a Board member of the Goderich BIA, on the Advertising, Events and Programming Committee, the chair of the Market Committee and is the BIA representative on the Town of Goderich Downtown Revitalization Committee. She is also the chairperson of the Municipal Marine and Heritage Committee. Provincially, Vicky is a member of the Archival and Historical Committee of the Association of the Ontario Land Surveyors and a co-coordinator of the surveying display at the Marshville Heritage Festival and maintains her own Surveyor's Monument Garden that is open to the public.

She has been an active member of the Goderich and District Horticultural Society for over twenty 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. She also provides workshops and presentations to other Societies. The subjects include: "What the OHA Can Do for You;" "The Principals and Elements of Design;" "Humor in the Garden;" "Gardening in Different Environments of the World" and The 3 B's of Native Gardens, Birds, Bees and Butterflies. She served as the District Director for District 8, for five years for the Ontario Horticultural Association; Southwest Regional Representative for two years; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for two years and is currently serving her second year as OHA Vice President. Vicky is currently volunteering as a member of the OHA Executive Board, Finance Committee, Awards Committee and the Chairperson of the Donation, Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee. In the recent past she was a member of the Conservation and Environment Committee, 2024 Annual General Meeting Committee, and the past Chair of the OHA Competitions Committee. During the last two

years Vicky has visited Districts across all of Ontario where she has met many of the Association's members and saw their wonderful gardens and projects. She is an OHA Judge for Horticulture and Flower Design and enters many flower shows every year.

Currently, Vicky has started a new relationship with the David Suzuki Foundation community and is now a Butterfly Ranger. She is looking forward to the new planting of native plants in butterfly gardens in her home community.

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. and offered training sessions in these subject areas. She attends the OAAS yearly conventions.

She has been an active member of the Garden Club of Kitchener Waterloo for the last four years and volunteers as the Club's librarian. She is looking forward to achieving her accreditation as a Garden Clubs of Ontario Judge over the next three years.

Vicky has developed the skills that have provided her with the ability to think and act as a leader in organizations with grace. She can motivate others by guiding and working with them towards a goal with her excellent communication and problem-solving ability. Vicky continues to provide leadership and activities for children, youth, general public and seniors that make a significant contribution to the quality of life and economic well-being of individuals and families in our ever-changing world.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Culbert,  
OHA Vice President (current)