



PUBLICATIONS COMPETITION
118th OHA Convention
July 24-26, 2026

Host: District 4 & 17

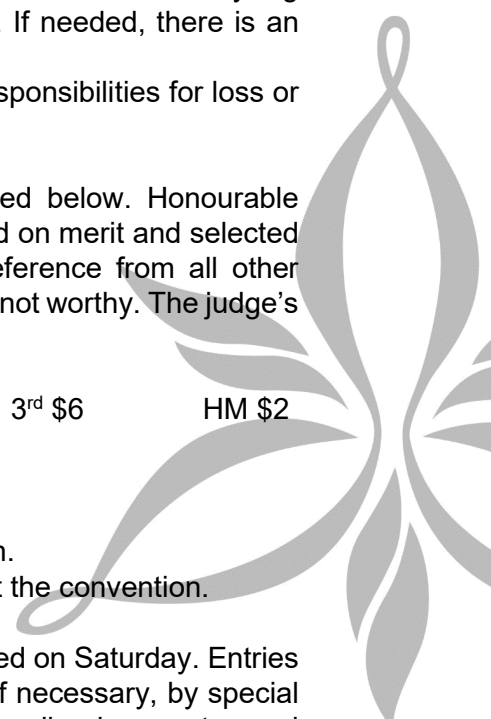
Theme: “Gardening for Life”

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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. **Eligibility:** The competition is open to members In Good Standing of a Society/Club (hereafter Society) In Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
2. **Entry:**
 - a. All entries must be **mailed** to the coordinator, **postmarked no later than May 1, 2026.**
 - b. Each Society or District is allowed one entry per class. (Exception - see note regarding Classes 5 and 6.)
 - c. Each entry must have an entry tag with the class number, class title, Society, District, and contact person’s name, address, e-mail address and telephone number. The entry tag should be taped or stapled to the lower right corner of the entry. If needed, there is an entry tag template attached to the Schedule.
 - d. Reasonable security will be supplied but the OHA assumes no responsibilities for loss or damage.
3. **Judging:** Class placements based on the judging criteria specified below. Honourable Mention (HM) awarded at the judge’s discretion. “Best in Show” based on merit and selected from entries placing 1st. “Judge’s Choice” based on personal preference from all other entries. Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, an exhibit is not worthy. The judge’s decision is final.
4. **Awards:** OHA ribbon and cash prize: 1st \$10 2nd \$8 3rd \$6 HM \$2
Best in Show – Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Doug Culbert)
Judge’s Choice – Rosette and \$20 (Donated by Doug Culbert)
5. **Viewing:** All entries will be displayed with tags open at the convention.
The show will be open on Friday and Saturday during hours posted at the convention.
6. **Return:** Entry removal not permitted until after the competition is closed on Saturday. Entries and prizes are to be picked up Sunday between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. or if necessary, by special arrangement with the coordinator. Materials will not be returned by mail unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is included with the entries, so please designate someone for pick up. A signature is necessary for receipt of materials which are picked up. **If NO return envelope has been provided or NO designate picks up the entry materials by the 8:30 am deadline, they will NOT be returned.**



YEARBOOK:

Entries are for the convention year (2026).

To be eligible for judging, entries must meet the criteria as stated for the class, so please **READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

Judging Criteria (Classes 1- 2 inclusive):

- Information: Table of Contents, meeting/events schedule(s) and locations, news, etc.
- Design Principles and Elements: balance, proportion, scale, white space
- Appropriate use and style of font(s)
- Illustrations/Graphics/Photos: appropriate use, source credit, quality of reproductions & paper
- Originality and Overall Effect

Class 1 Yearbook Cover

Back & front cover of current year (2026), inside & outside for each back and front only, no content pages.

Society and OHA/Garden Ontario logos should be present.

Should have photo and/or graphic credits.

Class 2 Yearbook

Society/Club yearbook for current year (2026). No restriction on dimensions.

Content should include Meetings/Events, locations, Schedules and News etc.

Society and OHA logos should be present.

Should have photo and/or graphic credits.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Entries must not have been previously submitted to the provincial competition.

As appropriate, entry should:

- Clearly state the OHA District along with the name of the Society.
- Should include the OHA/GardenOntario logo, any local Society logo/floral emblem/other, artist/photo credit
- Be submitted in their original size and format to meet class requirements (i.e. black & white, colour, etc.)

Judging Criteria (Classes 3 - 6 inclusive):

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| • Information: purpose, date, time, place, cost, contacts | /10 |
| • Design Principles and Elements: balance, proportion, scale, white space, texture | /30 |
| • Appropriate use and style of font(s) | /20 |
| • Illustrations/Graphics/Photos: appropriate use/credit, quality of reproductions & paper | /30 |
| • Originality and Overall Effect | /10 |

Class 3 Special Event Poster

For an event taking place between July 2025 and June 2026 inclusive.

Minimum letter size (216 mm x 279 mm; 8.5" x 11.0").

Class 4 Society Brochure or Pamphlet

General Society information for current year (2026)

Folded format required.

Maximum legal size (279 mm x 356 mm; 11" x 14") before folding.

Class 5 Newsletter*

From a period between May 2025 and April 2026 inclusive.

To include two different issues, each 10 pages or under.

Should have photo and/or graphics credits.

**Please note you may enter either Class 5 or Class 6, NOT both.*

Class 6 Newsletter*

From a period between May 2025 and April 2026 inclusive.

To include two different issues, each over 10 pages.

Should have photo and/or graphics credits.

**Please note you may enter either Class 5 or Class 6, NOT both.*

Class 7 Bookmark

Must contain current year (2026) information.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Class 8 Show Schedule from the current year

Should be written as a standard show (at least 2 divisions including Horticulture and Design with a minimum of five classes in each).

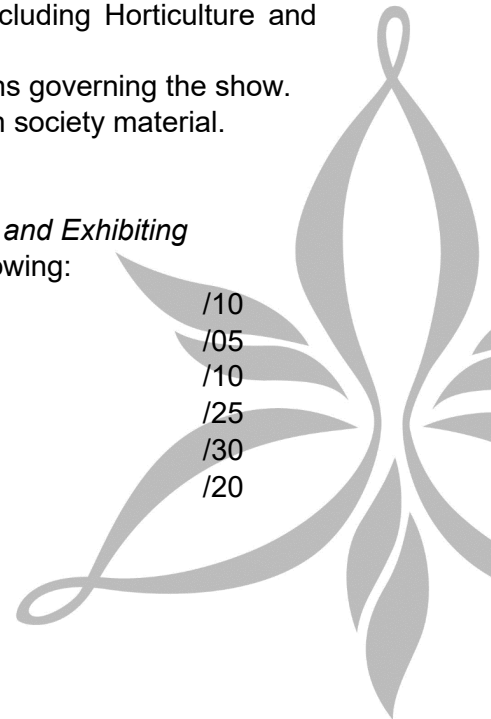
Schedule must be accompanied by complete Rules & Regulations governing the show.

Submission should be in the original colour, format and size from society material.

Entries submitted as entire Yearbooks will not be judged.

Judging Criteria: Placement based on guidelines in the *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design* (2019 onwards) and the following:

- Clarity of rules and regulations /10
- Other information – location, date, times /05
- Setup/organization of material /10
- Originality, seasonal suitability & diversity of types of horticultural /25
- Originality of theme/class titles for decorative classes /30
- Clarity & suitability of class entry criteria /20



ENTRY Tag

Publication Class # _____

Title / Description

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District & Society/Club Name

Contact Name and Phone #

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