## Vicky Culbert for OHA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



I live in Goderich with my husband Doug and two small dogs, Boots and Charley. We have six children, four sons and two daughters and are blessed with fifteen beautiful grandchildren between the ages of eighteen and two. I began gardening as a child at my mother's and grandmother's side, and continue to love it. I continue to expand my garden beds and plant at least five new trees a year. My garden has beds of vegetables, flowers, herbs, grapevines and many cherished trees.

I was nominated, and have accepted the nomination, put forward by the Goderich and District Horticultural Society for the position of 2nd Vice President for the Ontario Horticultural Association. I have been involved with the OHA, since I joined the Goderich and District Horticultural Society in 2007. Within that Society, I have held the position of President for five years and have returned as

the President for the past two years. I have volunteered on all committees of the society, including; administration, activities and events. I enjoy the planting and maintenance of community gardens, garden tours, plant sales, regular meetings and flower shows.

I was elected to the position of Assistant District Director for the County of Huron of District 8, in the spring of 2015. I held that position until the spring of 2017 when I was elected as the District 8 Director. As the Director for eighteen Societies in District 8, I have learned and experienced the many rewards and challenges faced in the societies. One of the most exciting challenges is District 8 working in partnership with District 7 to offer the 2022 Convention and Annual General Meeting in Guelph.

As the chairperson of the Competitions for the Ontario Horticultural Association Annual Convention I have met many of the OHA members from all over Ontario. Presently, I sit on the Executive for the OHA in the position of the South West Representative. I am currently attending the OHA Judging School which will be completed within the next year in 2022.

The three loves of my life are family, horticulture and Ontario history. I am a Horticulture Judge for the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and am the Past President for "Discover the Gardens of Huron Perth", and have my garden open to the public during the summer months. I am the current Chair of the Goderich Municipal Heritage and Marine Committee, a member of the Business Improvement Area Board, and the President of the local Senior's Centre. I am an active member of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors Archival and Historical Committee.

My wide range of experiences and organizational skills provide me with strong leadership capabilities that would be an asset to the Ontario Horticultural Association. I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the Association and all the wonderful people that make up the organization.

Vicky Culbert
District 8 Director
OHA Officer as Southwest Regional Representative
2022 Co-Convention Host