

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

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President's Message

Spring is Here! at least in Southwestern Ontario. I have spent the last week of March and first part of April cleaning up all my flower beds and I am looking forward to putting in a new bed. We had a sewer back up that resulted in our side yard being dug up from one side to the other. UGH!

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

The Board unanimously passed the New Vision, New Mission and New Goals:

Vision: *Inspire Ontarians to promote and share gardening*

Mission: *The OHA is a volunteer charitable organization that encourages interest in gardening and related environmental issues with horticultural societies and like-minded organizations by providing leadership and education.*

Goal: *Provide recognition, awards and grants throughout Ontario*

Goal: *Develop and support programs for all ages encouraging gardening, community beautification, environmental enhancement and conservation*

Goal: *Provide resources for horticultural societies*

Goal: *Encourage the development of new horticultural societies*

The new gardenontario.org website launch date is April 17. Our webmaster, April Davies, and many of our members who have been testing the site say it is ready for us all to see. For all the societies to be able to enter their meeting dates and other events, we must completely shut down the old site. So as not to lose any content, April sent an advisory email to all societies in November, advising them to archive the files that they have on the website by copying them to their own computers.

The new website is a living site and changes will occur on an ongoing basis. It is beautiful and very user friendly. Please have a look and if you have any problems, please contact the webmaster@gardenontario.org

Another good news story, the OHA is opening an OHA Store on Vista Print. There will be several items for sale including t-shirts, sweat shirts, jackets, hats, etc. with the new GardenOntario logo. Details will be announced later.

A General Guidelines for Societies pamphlet was updated and printed. There were many emails asking what duties should be performed by various officers and board members of societies. The pamphlets were given to each director at the spring Board meeting to hand out to their societies.

The Society Anniversary Date committee brought a recommendation to the Board that was passed. The anniversary dates will be the founding date used in the 2019 OHA Annual Information Report. If there is new information available, there is an appeal process in place that can be brought forward to the OHA officers.

It has come to our attention that some cities are asking for a Societies Harassment Policy. One has been adopted by a society and this will be sent out to the societies to use as an example. It was strongly suggested that a code of conduct, which includes harassment be part of every society's Constitution and By-laws.



Cover Photo: Jackson Park, Windsor, Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society

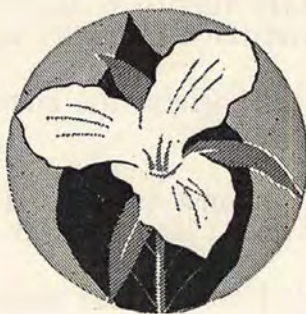
There are two new committees that were adopted at the spring Board meeting – Youth Committee and Communications Committee which includes Publicity, Social Media, Publications and Web.

The Highway of Heroes program is an ongoing program. If any society would like to donate to this worthwhile cause they are more than welcome to. However, the OHA will not be matching funds.

Convention 2019 is in the final stages of preparation. Registration to the Best Western Plus Waterfront is open as are the registration form for the whole convention. Bus trips to some beautiful gardens, historical sites, parks and shopping spots, between the lakes, have been put together for you. Speakers for the plenary and seminars are almost all confirmed. Vendors are still coming in. The competitions are on the website, so please consider entering. The committees have all been hard at work planning an exciting time for you. Please think of this as a vacation and plan to stay a few extra days. There is much to see and do in the “Deep South Where Everything Grows”.

Katharine Smyth

President of the Ontario Horticultural Association



“THE WHITE TRILLIUM”

Trillium graceful, Trillium white,
Star of the Woodland, Lady of light—
Lo, how she proudly Stands in the glade,
Tri-sceptred sovereign, Queen of the shade.
Stately she rises, Slender-stemmed, tall,
Gracious response to Spring's early call,
Lifting three leaf-arms High from the sod,
Gazing with pure face, Up at her God.

—By Milena Matuska, Patterson C.I., Windsor

At the 1941 OHA Convention, held at Toronto's King Edward Hotel, the results of a floral emblem poetry contest were announced. The winning entry was submitted by Milena Matuska, a student at Patterson Collegiate in Windsor. Miss Matuska's poem was set to music and sung by the Royal Davenport Junior Choir of Toronto at the convention banquet.

Please note that this newsletter is available with higher quality photos at
<https://gardenontario.org/2019-spring-trillium/>

IT'S CONVENTION TIME!

July 19-21, 2019

Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows

Come celebrate with us at the 113th Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association

This year we are in Windsor with District 11. Get your flapper dresses, beads, fascinators, gatsby shoes, and zoot suits ready for Friday night when we celebrate The Roaring Twenties, Thirties and Prohibition Days. You never know, maybe "Al Capone" will come and visit us...

There are interesting seminar and plenary speakers. Climatologist Dave Phillips will be our keynote speaker at the awards banquet.

Bus trips have been planned to visit interesting places throughout Windsor and Essex County.

Registration Forms are available online, at gardenontario.org.

Competitions, vendors, plenary sessions and seminars will be at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts, at 201 Riverside Drive West in Windsor.

Hotel Accomodation is Available at the Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel
277 Riverside Drive West, Windsor, ON, N9A 5K4 tel: 1(800) 780-7234

Room rates for the Best Western:

A block of rooms has been reserved for the Ontario Horticultural Association and will be held until May 24 for \$139.00. *After this date, there will be no guarantee that rooms will be available.

There is a an enclosed walkway from the hotel directly to the convention area at St. Clair Centre for the Arts (a 2 minute walk).

Parking Is \$15.00 per day and available in Municipal Parking lot off of Pitt St. W. (which is a one way street going east).

Overlooking the Detroit River and the Canada-USA border in Detroit, this modern hotel across the street from Dieppe Gardens is a minute's walk from the Art Gallery of Windsor and an eight minute stroll from Caesars Windsor Casino.

Warm rooms feature river and/or Detroit skyline views. All come with free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, plus coffeemakers and desks; suites have microwaves, and separate sitting areas with pull-out sofas.

A hot breakfast buffet is complimentary. Amenities include a gym and an indoor saltwater pool, as well as a business centre and meeting facilities. Dog beds and treats are also available.



ULTIMATE GUIDE TO WINDSOR ESSEX



For information about things to do, sights to see, and places to visit, go to www.visitwindsoressex.com/ultimate-guide-to-windsor/

OHA Convention 2019 Speakers

Friday Morning Plenary Speaker

Kim Cooper: We Grow for the World

Friday Seminars 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Joanne Rachfalowski - Interacting With Social Media

Albert & Juliette St. Pierre - Orchids

Barb Morden - Homemade remedies & treatments for plants; or

Tammy Dobbie - Point Pelee

Friday Seminars 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Susan Ross - Tropical Fruit You May Not Have Met

Darin Willder, Precision Tree Care - Pruning

Jake Lozon from Ontario NativeScape - Native Scapes Ontario programs; or

Penny Stewart - Judges on Judging - An update opportunity for OHA Judges and Exhibitors to come and learn what is new in Shows and Exhibits

Saturday Morning Plenary Speaker

Matt Korpan from Truly Green Greenhouses in Chatham-Kent - Matt will speak about growing a vegetable crop in greenhouses and how his company is working with the nearby ethanol plant to save the environment.

Saturday Workshop 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Workshop by Lee Valley

Saturday Seminars 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Joanne Rachfalowski - Interacting With Social Media

Edith George - Heritage Trees – Preserving Our Natural Roots

Marg Dudley - Hostas

Louie Forno - Butterflies or

Carl Pascoe - Humming Birds

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Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker

David Phillips – Senior Climatologist with Environment Canada - This is Not your Grandmother's weather Any More

Sunday Morning Plenary Speaker

Jen Rusciano - Jen is co-founder of the Detroit Food Academy



Goderich Tree Grant - Three for the Price of One

Paula Harris, President, Goderich Horticultural Society



In the Spring of 2018, The Goderich District Horticultural Society received a \$200 OHA tree grant. By waiting until autumn to use the grant, the Society was able to purchase three twelve-foot oak trees. They were planted in the Maitland Cemetery in Goderich, in the section for veterans.



Above: Paula Harris, GDHS President, shows off one of the oaks planted in the Maitland Cemetery.

Right: Paula with Goderich Parks Superintendent, Sean Thomas

Lighting up the Park in Ennismore

Gail Murray/Smith, Secretary, Ennismore Horticultural Society

Christmas is a little bit brighter in Ennismore thanks to the lights put up every year by the Ennismore Garden Club. A group of hardy volunteers put the lights up during a cold snap to prepare for the annual tree lighting ceremony, the last Sunday of November. The lights look amazing all season and are loved and anticipated by all. It is just another way for the community to see the garden club's enhancement of our community.



Ennismore tree-lighters, Gail Murray/Smith, Ethel Shackleton, Hope Boehm, Helen Young, Diann Butt

LaSalle Horticultural Society Prepares for Another Productive Year

Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society

Spring has sprung and our society is as excited as the other societies to get to their garden planning. Our members aren't just planning their own properties, they are also helping with the second stage of our Celebration Garden design. This garden is one given to us by our town when we won the hundreds of bulbs for the centennial celebrations for Canada's birthday.

We are also preparing for our up-coming plant sale in May by having our annual get together with gardening members to plant donated canna bulbs and getting them into our borrowed greenhouse space at an area school to start growth so we can sell them and make a profit. For years, we have been putting this profit towards two \$500 scholarships given to graduating St. Clair College students. This year with Vicki Rees presenting, we congratulate Brandon and Megan on their achievements.

In May, our society receives thousands of donated tulip bulbs which we clean and pre-prepare for re-planting. These bulbs are donated to area schools and churches.

June brings the annual LaSalle Strawberry Festival Parade, 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 post cards with your meeting info and up-coming speakers. Pull wagons or push wheel barrows filled with flowering plants behind a pick-up truck that you've decorated also with plants and your banners. You may just win for best float as we have two years in a row.

With the convention on the horizon, we have been busy doing our part by getting the decorating plans together and the making of them. Also raffle prizes for the event. Like you, we can't wait for the big event. See you there.



LaSalle members at the annual planting of canna bulbs on March 23

RBG Judging School

Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley Horticultural Society

The first session of the School for Horticulture Judges, Instructors and Exhibitors sponsored by the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario, will be held on October 8, 9 and 10, 2019. Two sessions per year will be held in 2020 and 2021 with graduation to occur in the spring of 2022.

Over the course of the school, students will receive instruction in organizing flower shows, schedule writing and judging ethics as well as in plant nomenclature and judging various types of indoor and outdoor plants (i.e. tropical plants, cacti & succulents, orchids, annuals, perennials, roses, ornamental grasses, bulbs, branches, fruits, vegetables etc.).

The cost of each three-day session is \$100.00. Members of the Royal Botanical Gardens receive a \$15.00 discount per session.

Please contact Heinke Thiessen at heinkejc@gmail.com or 905-820-4751 to register or for additional information.



Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards

The New, Revised Version OJES (2019)

Penny Stewart, District 3 Director

The revision of OJES (Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards) has been a joint project of the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and The Garden Clubs of Ontario (GCO). It has been a major project that has involved input from societies, members, technical experts and judges of both organizations. The review and revision were completed with the goal of making OJES (2019) an updated, renewed, inspirational and stimulating resource for schedule writers, show organizers, exhibitors and judges alike. It has been what seems like a long journey, but revising a technical manual is no easy feat, and it was accomplished by very dedicated volunteers who worked long and hard to make this a great new resource.

So, what is new in OJES 2019?

- Updated Horticultural resource material, updates on old favorites like Hostas, etc. and the addition of many new plants that have been appearing on Show Tables in recent years.
- A very new look at Design. A streamlined way of judging with just one Scale of Points for all Designs. New design styles have been added.
- The Glossary has been updated and expanded with many more definitions to help exhibitors and judges in both Design, Horticulture and Special Exhibits.
- A new separate Division for Special Exhibits.
- Updates to Youth and Special Garden Plantings.
- Improved and updated formatting to make for easier reading. Ease of finding information, with a more detailed table of content, alphabetization of information in things like plant names and types and improved consistence in the presentation of information.

We look forward to having a presentation of some of the key updates at Convention 2019. This presentation will also be posted on the new web site and members of the OHA Judging Committee will be pleased to come give a talk at Societies and at Judges Updates. Put your old version away as a memento and get your order in soon. The cost is just \$10.00.

Order form can be found at www.gardenontario.org. Send your order to:

OHA Supplies
c/o Rose Odell
9 Lodge St
Waterloo ON N2J 4S8

Or, email your order form to supplies@gardenontario.org

Penny Stewart is the Chair of the OHA Judging Committee, and, along with Dawn Suter (Garden Clubs of Ontario) co-chaired the OJES Project.



The Royal Botanical Gardens are looking for your Granny's plants!

Barbara McKean, Head of Education, Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington

Most families can point to something in their home that ties them to generations gone by – from a piece of jewellery, to an unusual knick-knack, an old piece of art, or a great-aunt's china... the list is as varied as we are. We are the only species that imbues particular objects with special sentimental value as a tangible thread that connects us to those whose DNA we share. In some cases though, favourite heirlooms aren't inanimate objects that sit on a mantle – they live outside and come complete with roots and the ability to store sunlight energy and turn it into food. Heritage plants have many tales to tell, and we'd love to help you share yours!

As living heirlooms, old varieties of garden plants are a tangible connection to our past and a genetic resource for the future. In 2019, our Heritage Garden is getting a facelift and so we are once again casting our net across the southern half of Ontario for plants cultivated in gardens here between 1880 and 1920. Does your family have a living heirloom, perhaps one brought from the "old country," or one grown and used as a tonic or medicine, and handed down from generation to generation by cuttings or seed? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Ontario garden heritage plants were first solicited and sourced from gardeners for the development of the Barbara Laking Heritage Garden beginning in 1988. Built on the site of a former market garden, the Heritage Garden features plants grown over a century ago for their beauty and for their usefulness as food and medicine. During the 1880 to 1920 timeframe, plant breeders were hard at work on an ever-increasing palette of plants being introduced by western plant hunters searching for horticultural gems in new areas of the world. The market for new and improved garden plants was growing at a time when gardening for pleasure made its way into the hands of ordinary people, rather than being locked in the realm of the wealthy who could afford to employ a team of gardeners. The Heritage Garden's mixture of plants valued for their beauty and utility reflects changes in society at the time.

Over the years, some of our heritage plants have declined, and others lost when a large tree had to be removed from the garden and changed a shady oasis into a sunny one. As a result, we're looking for new



plants to take over some vacant spaces. Along with these new plants, we're adding some new interpretive materials to the garden with support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, including a small shed that will provide shelter for an exhibit on our historical seed catalogue collection.

If you have been caring for plants from your grandparents' garden, or you know someone who knows that a particular perennial or shrub has been growing in their yard for at least a century, then we'd be very interested in finding out what species or cultivar you may have and learning a bit about its background, and seeing photos of it (in bloom if possible). We're looking for background stories and documentation, and we're collecting this information now to help us with spring planning – through the winter we'll be following up with those who answer this call. If your plant meets criteria for addition to the collection, you won't be asked to donate the whole plant – donating divisions, cuttings or seeds are all possibilities, depending on the type or age of your plant. We're also looking for old tools for the shed and would welcome donations (no matter how rusty they are!).

If you have a plant with deep roots (going back at least 100 years) and are interested sharing its story with our wide audience, there are a number of ways to get in touch. The most effective method is to visit rbg.ca/heritageplants and fill out the Plant Donation Form accessed from that webpage, then submit it. This doesn't oblige you or RBG in any way, but it does provide a simple way for you to send us details (and digital photos or scans if applicable). For those who prefer something simpler, you can email us at heritageplants@rbg.ca, or leave a message at 905-527-1158 (toll-free 1-800-694-6749) ext. 538.

Dave Money, 2018 Winner of Ontario's Medal for Good Citizenship

Aruna Panday, Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society

At an intimate ceremony on March 7, 2019 at Queen's Park, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, presented Mr. Dave Money with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. This award is one of Ontario's highest honours and recognizes "individuals for their exceptional long-term efforts and outstanding contributions to the well-being of their communities"!

In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt said, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight." For more than 40 years Dave has been deeply involved in the world of horticultural societies in Ontario. He is absolutely willing and able, and he has always pulled more than his weight. Friends and colleagues wrote testimonials about his exceptional, decades long commitment to Ontario's horticultural community from his willingness to jump in and do any 'mundane' task to his leadership in creating new societies and his on-going devotion to Ontario's gardeners and horticulturalists.



Dave and his wife Bev, along with Scarborough-Agincourt MPP at the Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society's celebration of his award.

Societies bestow 'lifetime membership' to honour long time membership as well as active participation in the society and significant contributions to its programs,



Dave Money at the presentation of his award at Queen's Park, along with Her Honour, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Vincent Ke, Parliamentary Assistant to the Honourable Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport (photo courtesy of Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport)

Dave has four such accolades – the Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society (SGHS) (President 1981-1983, 2003-2008); the Beach Garden Society (founder 1985); the Leaside Garden Society (founder and President 1986-1991) and most recently, the Greater Toronto Bulb and Horticultural Society (founding member). He has also worked closely with the OHA. From 1985-1991 he was the District 5 director and from 1992 and 1993 he was the OHA President. Since 1992 he has been the OHA representative and organizer for the CNE Flower and Vegetable Show and in the same period he took on the position as OHA representative for Loblaws' Garden Centres. Dave has also received all the OHA's highest awards: OHA Service Certificate (1987); Silver Medal (1994) and the Silver Fir Award (2006). These OHA awards recognize his outstanding contributions to horticultural societies in Ontario.

One of the things that Dave is most proud of is his work with his friend Dr. Charles Sauriol, a Canadian naturalist who worked to preserve and establish natural areas across the Province. In 1991 they began the arduous task of transforming a plot of space in



Toronto's Don River Valley into a wild flower preserve. Today it is a beautiful area, and there's even a small 'Dave Money' hill from which you can get a view of the [Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve](#).

Dave and his wife Bev are exceptional lovely people. Their prize-winning rose garden is stunning. (Oh, he brought the Greater Toronto Rose and Garden Society from the brink of extinction and was its President from 1997-2002). Dave and Bev have been instrumental in organizing various outreach programs throughout the years such as: maintaining the gardens at Campbell Farm, once the private home of an SGHS member, now a City of Toronto property, (2014-present); developed and maintained the rose gardens at Cedar

Ridge Creative Centre (1997-2012); worked on a plan to revegetate a space at the corner of McCowan Road and Progress Drive called the Consillium Woodlot (1986-2001). In addition to outreach and educational activities, the Moneys have donated several awards to various societies and groups. Moreover, the most prestigious OHA District 5 award, donated by the Beach Garden Society which he founded, always with the support of Bev, is named in their honour. The value these awards play in the community is to recognize and encourage members' horticultural endeavors.

Their impact on the community is clear; there are more beautiful, healthy spaces for all, increased care for our natural environment and more forums for those who would like to work toward such aims. What makes these achievements outstanding is partially the depth and the length of time of their volunteer commitment, over 40 years, and partially their endurance through their own aging and health concerns. When most people would have long hung up their gloves, at 83 Dave is still out-and-about. Having endured a triple heart-bypass surgery in March 2017, by May he was back at work volunteering at the SGHS's annual plant sale, giving advice and acting as cashier. Dave and Bev have selflessly dedicated their lives to nurturing plants, horticultural and gardening societies and groups and most of all, people. For this we are extremely proud of them and grateful for their contributions.



Dave Money & Charles Sauriol at the [Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve](#) in 1991

Beautifying Port Hope

Carole Elliott, President, Port Hope Garden Club

Annually, members of the Port Hope Garden Club have designed and decorated four baskets on the Walton Street Bridge in November before the Santa Claus Parade. This past year we were asked to increase our work to include an additional four baskets on Ontario Street and three planters in Lent Lane. Coordinator Bonnie Tuttle worked with members Jane Allison and Joan Ball (pictured below), who created the design as well as cutting and painting the snowmen, central elements in the baskets. A working party gathered in mid-November to fulfil the designs.



Port Hope GC members Joan Ball and Jane Allison

"We were also fortunate to have greens donated by Barrett's Christmas Tree Farm and members Elizabeth Fellows, Suzi Gabany and Victoria Terry," said Director Bonnie Tuttle.

Port Hope is known for its Main Street, which was awarded the 'Best Preserved Main Street in Ontario'. Recently Mayor Bob Sanderson thanked the Port Hope Garden Club for our work on the baskets and noted 'they enhance the beauty of our charming community'. For the past two years, we also received donations from the Port Hope Historic Business Improvement Area to help with our costs.

"Beautifying Port Hope is one aim of The Port Hope Garden Club," said Bonnie Tuttle.

Dryden marks a 100th Birthday

Alison Robinson, Dryden Horticultural Society

A bouquet of red roses was presented by the Dryden & District Horticultural Society to lifetime member, Agatha Pateman, on the landmark occasion of her 100th birthday. The celebration Tea was held in the Robert Rolls' Hall of St. Luke's Anglican Church on March 9, two days shy of her actual birth date, with the ladies of the parish providing the lunch.

Although the event was advertised as a 'Come and Go', everyone was having such a good time that at least 100 well-wishers came and stayed, rather than coming and going!

Agatha, along with her late husband Jim, served for a number of years on the Dryden & District Horticultural Society board, and were active members for many more years. Their contribution and support over the years is much appreciated.

In this day of computers and social media, it was lovely (and remarkable) to receive a hand-written 'Thank You' from Agatha a few days later.

As she has now entered her 101st year, we wish Agatha all the best!



Hiding in the Greenhouse

Ruth Vold Markle, President, Fort Erie Horticultural Society

For a number of years my 'partner in grime' and I volunteered to work in a greenhouse program for high school students in our city. The greenhouse was outdated and sometimes leaked rain in the spring weather, but we loved the experience and we loved working with the teens. Our program involved special-needs teens, so we were used to wheelchairs and making space for everyone to have access. We didn't know at the time that there were so many other benefits to our volunteerism.

One of these came in the form of the greenhouse being attached to the school and during lunch hour there were quite a few teens hanging around and looking for a quiet place to absorb heat on those cold winter days. So, while we planted seeds and watered seedlings, the kids hung out and talked about their lives and their dreams for the future. One young gal came in one day and quietly and softly began to talk about moving to the "new" school and how she was fitting in or rather was not fitting in so well. Teen years are tough, no doubt about it! We invited her to visit any time she had a spare moment and so began a lovely journey for all of us.

She had a particular interest in succulents. And like all of us, had limited space but an eager passion to grow 'something'. So, she began with a small container and took a succulent home to get started. We were just learning ourselves about succulents and how to maintain them, so in a true sense we were all learning together. We experimented with different ways to propagate these unusual plants. We discovered a great deal about watering and care. And we found these



tiny and incredibly prolific indoor plants to be easy for our special needs students to work with. They could manage the benign neglect that many plants cannot tolerate. And those tiny pods that dropped from the plants soon taught us all about new ways to grow and transplant these tiny miracles.

Each year we held a plant sale at the greenhouse to raise funds for the special-needs students and for our own Horticultural Club. And these succulent arrangements that the students produced were a success with the buyers. It was a win-win situation for all of us...we raised

the needed funds and the students discovered all about the wonders of easy-care plants and making creative arrangements.

This journey with growing succulents inspired me to teach a few workshops on succulent care and arrangements. Because I live in a smaller community, I continue to hear from folks about how well their arrangements are thriving. It pleases me that people who thought they couldn't grow anything are enjoying the life and beauty of what they created themselves. Truly there is no comparison to the joy of growing your own and seeing it thrive!

And what about our lovely young friend who developed a true passion for growing succulents and expressing her creativity through these plants? She sent me a few pictures last summer of one of her outdoor arrangements...It seems that for plants and for people, there is always a need for a warm and sheltered space. Keep growing green, my friends!



Stoney Creek Winter Fundraising

The Stoney Creek Garden Club held its Annual Silent Auction and Bake Sale on February 11, during the regular membership meeting. About 50 people attended the event and were treated to sweets and refreshments while they browsed the auction items. This was the club's most successful sale to date. Elaine Daley and Brenda Canning, the Fundraising committee, were able to obtain 64 items for the auction from area businesses and participants. The names of all donors were displayed in a PowerPoint presentation throughout the evening.



Together with the Bake Sale, the event raised over \$2,200 for the Club. This money is used to support garden maintenance in Stoney Creek and to provide a bursary for a Saltfleet High School Student going into Horticultural Studies.



Pictured are Gail Senour and Janice Garden at the Bake Sale Table as well a variety of items that were up for Auction. The Club thanks everyone for attending and making the event such a success.

Tillsonburg Horticultural Society

Angela Lassam, Tillsonburg Horticultural Society

As this is our first article in the Trillium, let me introduce us. The Tillsonburg Horticultural Society was founded in 1982 and has continued to thrive with the addition of new members every year. Our mission statement is "Beautification through Education and Experience". Volunteers tend many local prominent garden spots and change the appearance with the seasons. We have a substantial Junior Gardeners program with numbers increasing as we encourage the next generation to grow produce and enhance their own surroundings. Our bus tours are very popular and allows members to spend an enjoyable day together.

We have a full program with monthly meetings during the winter with outdoor events spaced over the year. We have had a variety of speakers, some local persons and a few well-known people, David Hobson and Paul Zammit to name two.



Last year there was a Garden Party & Potluck at a member's rural property. "Butterflies" was the theme with butterflies everywhere (sadly not real ones!).

There were theme-related games, quizzes, some related books for browsing and lots of space for socialising. Music accompanied the event and for members there was an antique display for everyone to see and learn about the past. A challenge was offered to members to wear a decorated hat, and many members' hats were themed. A potluck supper with a good variety of food ended the event, and prizes were drawn. Fun was had by all, and many memories were made that day.

Volunteer Spotlight: Fred Smithers

The following article and photograph are reproduced with permission of the Western Fair Association.

There are many hard-working volunteers behind the scenes of every show put on here at the Western Fair District, and this year we asked one of them – Fred Smithers – to share his thoughts and experiences as a volunteer. Fred began volunteering in 1998 through his involvement with the London Horticultural Society. As President of the society, Fred had a spot on the Western Fair Association board, and through that got involved with the Western Fair Association as a volunteer. Fast-forward to 2019, and Fred is still an active volunteer with the District, working on shows such as the London Farm Show, National Poultry Show and Western Fair.

Fred grew up in the country and is no stranger to farming, sharing fond memories of feeding cattle, chicken and pigs, and working with the corn binder. He worked with his cousin, who is still farming today, and the two of them enjoy many hours discussing industry changes and what they have seen at the show. Fred has fond memories growing up of the Sunshine Inn and Hockey's Restaurant ("Great Hamburgers"), and has seen many changes over his years as a volunteer.

When asked about one of his more memorable moments with the London Farm Show, Fred shared the following:

"There was one storm a few years ago that was very bad, the roads weren't plowed, and I thought for sure that the show was going to be dead. Not the case! Farmers from all over came to the show, after all this is the Farm Show, they weren't going to miss it. Some people spent four hours on the road, for what was normally a two hour trip, but they weren't deterred by the weather. They weren't going to miss the Farm Show."

Fred hopes to continue volunteering with the Association, whenever his health allows, and we would like to thank him for his continued commitment to the Association. Thank you Fred!

Note: In addition to his volunteer work with the Western Fair Association, Fred is also a long-time Board member with London Fanshawe Horticultural Society.



Tim Kelly (Western Fair Senate Chair and Board Past Chair) and Fred Smithers



Presented By:
The Peterborough
Horticultural Society

Friday, April 26
5pm to 9pm

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Eloise Schumacher, Past District 9 Director

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Eloise Schumacher, former District 9 Director passed away on December 17, 2018, at the age of 94. She was a long-time member and Past President of the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society, and District 9 Director from 1999 to 2003.

During her tenure as District Director, Eloise began planning the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of the OHA in 1906. Her idea was to have a commemorative stamp issued to celebrate this important date. Eloise initiated this and presented the idea to Canada Post. After she retired as District Director, work continued on this project, and in March of 2006, a series of four stamps entitled Gardens was issued.



Eloise was an avid gardener and floral designer who was instrumental in the founding of the Garden Club of Niagara in 1996. She served as president in 2006 to 2008.

As chairperson of the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society's Project 2000, she was also responsible for establishing the Rainbow Niagara Rose as the official rose for the city of Niagara Falls. "When I thought of the rose, and researched that we didn't have one, it seemed something that a Horticultural Society should do. This is a gift to the city and future generations."

Eloise was a very civic minded person who always had a friendly greeting and smile for everyone. She loved golf, driving red cars and most of all, life. She was a great supporter of all the endeavours she was involved in and a great mentor to many of us. Her encouragement and advice was always sincere and thoughtful.



Eloise Schumacher (right) with Garden Club of Niagara members Bonnie Priest and Lillie Haworth on the occasion of the Club's 20th anniversary in 2006

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John Smith, Past OHA President

Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian

We were saddened early this year to learn that former OHA President John Smith passed away last year, on December 6.

Born in London on November 10, 1936, John grew up on Ralph Street in Ottawa during the war years, where he had a Victory Garden and was involved with the Macoun Junior Naturalists at the Experimental Farm, one of the experiences that he credited with having a major influence on him. His childhood exposure to gardening and nature followed him through his OHA years as he enthusiastically promoted the activities of youth groups in the Association.

His family moved to Hamilton in 1952, and just two years later, while still a teenager, John joined the Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society (MHHS). He became a teacher, first in elementary school, and then at Hillfield College, where his enthusiasm for involving youth in gardening continued.

After becoming President of MHHS in 1962, he was the District 6 Director by 1964. In the summer of 1969, at the age of just 32, he became OHA President, making him one of the youngest people, if not the youngest, to hold the office.

John believed strongly in the importance of the OHA playing an active part in environmental issues, asserting in his address to the 1970 convention that, "As a movement dedicated to the concept of conservation, the beauty of nature as seen in the garden, we as an Association have a role to play in this ecological crusade."



Involvement with the gardening world wasn't John's only public role. In the early 1960s he was elected as an alderman to Hamilton's city council, a precursor to his 1967 election as MPP for the riding of Hamilton Mountain. During his 10 years at Queen's Park, he also served terms as Minister of Government Services and Minister of Correctional Services.

During the exodus of refugees from Vietnam, he invited a small group of friends to form a federally registered charity known as The Mountain Fund To Help The Boat People. Over a period of fourteen years, the group brought hundreds of Vietnamese men, women, and children to Canada.

Stephen J. Kostyshyn, Vice President, Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society

John was a lifetime member of our Society, and when he passed, he had just finished his 61st year as a member. He joined our Society in 1958, and from the get-go he was involved in a number of beautification projects and programs where junior gardeners on Hamilton mountain were encouraged to grow things from seed. He served as president of our Society in 1962 and 1963 and again in 1986 and 1987.

He was involved in so many ways that I cannot even begin to describe them, but I will mention one. In the Fall of 1963, John took up a collection to raise money to purchase a memorial wreath that the Society would lay on the graves of sixteen British airmen, killed in the early 1940s while training at Mount Hope Airport, just south of Hamilton, who are buried in St. Paul's Glanford Anglican Church in Mount Hope. That began a 26-year tradition of wreath laying by the Society on Remembrance Day at St. Paul's. When John became the MPP for Hamilton Mountain, the Society was not shy when it came to asking one of their members to donate a wreath for the service, which John graciously did during his entire tenure as an MPP. In 1973, he and other Society members actively participated in the church service. John gave the eulogy.

I mention this because the church at which John ministered late in life, St. George's Reformed Episcopal on Emerson St. in west Hamilton is adjacent to the West Hamilton Cenotaph. It honours people from west Hamilton who died in WWI and WWII. Several years ago John headed a project to create a memory garden at the site. The church wants to renew that garden in John's honour, and they have asked our Society for help. We will be honoured to participate in that project.

As part of our 90th anniversary celebrations in 2017, the Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society created a distinguished, lifetime service award that will be given to a member, alive or deceased, whose significant contributions to the Society spanned a period of more than twenty years. We named that tribute, The John R. Smith Award, and we were very pleased that John was on hand, in November 2017, to present the award to the first recipient, Jake Van Mil.

Brantford Garden Club: Scholarships and Awards

Pat Veale, Brantford Garden Club

The Brantford Garden Club's scholarship awards for 2018 were presented to two deserving first-year students enrolled in the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture. Representing the Club, Maxine Byerlay and Pat Veale made the presentations on Friday, November 2nd at the school. Recipients were Janice Currey of Beamsville and Kelsey Lamont of Tillsonburg.

Left to right: Maxine Byerlay, Janice Currey, Kelsey Lamont, Pat Veale



At the Club's March meeting, two long-time members and supporters were recognized for their volunteer contributions to the Club.

Mary Thorne and Alison Huhtala, both of whom have been members of the Club for over twenty years, were presented with OHA Horticultural Service Certificates.

Currently the Club's President, Mary (left) has been the plant sale coordinator for 18 years, was the committee to design and commission the club banner, has played a vital and ongoing role in the Waterwise Garden program, as well as at a multitude of other Club events and activities.

Alison (right), the Club's librarian for 20 years, is the 1st Vice-President this year. She too was involved in the Waterwise Garden program, and spent many years coordinating volunteers to work in the gardens. She is the liaison with Bell Homestead, and has been a continual volunteer at the plant sale, flower shows, and many other activities of the Club.

OHA Supplies Ordering & Speakers List

Rose Odell, OHA Supplies Coordinator

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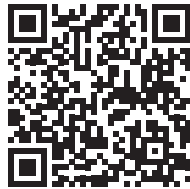
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