

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

Summer 2019



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President's Message

Welcome to Summer, I think. From watching the weather maps, we did not have a good spring, anywhere in Ontario. Let's hope we have a good summer.

All the Districts have now had their AGM's and I would like to welcome four new District Directors to the Ontario Horticultural Association Board: District 2 - Anne Harbord, District 3 - Sue Carew, District 12 - Peggy McIntyre, and in District 19 - Bruce MacNeil. All the District Directors work hard to keep you up to date with all the happenings in Ontario and in your District.

All Societies should pass on events happening in your area to fellow Societies and even reach out to neighboring Districts close by, who may want to participate/attend your event. Remember our new website has an event calendar for you to place your plant sales, guest speakers, garden tours, bus trips, etc.

GARDEN ONTARIO WEEK has become GARDEN ONTARIO GROWS with the tagline of "Show You Grow in Ontario". Societies are encouraged to post in this area of the website any events that would take place not only in the summer but throughout the whole year.

The Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards Booklet (OJES) is at the printers as I write this. The booklets will be packaged for each society that has paid and will be given to the District Directors to hand out to their Societies at convention. A heartfelt thank you to the committee, especially Penny Stewart from District 3, to get this booklet of over 150 pages updated and printed. It has taken eighteen months and many long hours to go over, spell correctly, add new information and proof and proofread to make sure it will be as correct as it can be. The committee, made up of the OHA and the Garden Clubs of Ontario (GCO) members, do not live in the same area and had to find time to get together, have discussions and put this booklet together. I only want to hear thank you's to the committee. It has been many years since this was first printed last revised, and it will be many years before the next revision. I would also like to thank the Supplies Coordinator, Rose Odell, who has taken care of all the orders received and will be packaging the books up with the OHA Treasurer, Jane Leonard. There are several societies that have not paid and will not receive the OJES until payment is made before the convention. Cheques will not be received at Convention.

Thank you to the Constitutions, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the OHA Secretary for updating the OHA Constitution and Bylaws from the 2018 approved resolutions. We are in the last stage of resolutions to be passed at this year's convention to have this year's work completed. The resolutions have been sent out to all societies. Please make sure your voting delegates are voting on behalf of your society. If there is no representation from your society make sure proxy votes are sent in to the OHA Secretary.

Another big thank you goes to Joanne Rachfalowski who raised over \$2000 in her "Run for the Bees". This money will be used for more Pollinator Grants/Initiatives to be given to societies. Please see your OHA Awards Booklet for criteria and please be sure to follow the instructions provided for each category. It is a shame to turn down a grant proposal when all the criteria were not met.



*Cover Photo: Ennismore Garden Club Plant Sale, May 25, 2019
Photographer: Eleanor Snedden, Ennismore Horticultural Society*

I have decided to stand for your OHA President for a second term. I have enjoyed meeting new members in different areas of the province and bring new ideas to Societies. I and the OHA Board of Directors still have many things to update or get started, such as a new Youth Program and I would like to continue on as President to see this work through.

Please contact us! We, as the OHA Board of Directors, are here to help you in any way. Please do not hesitate to call on us.

Katharine Smyth

President of the Ontario Horticultural Association

Trillium Deadline & Publication Dates for 2019

The deadline dates for the final two 2019 issues of the Trillium will be September 15, and December 15 (publication in early January).

Articles for the Trillium should be sent in Word format or plain text. Photos and other graphics should be sent as separate files (i.e., not as part of a Word file), with a resolution of at least 1000 by 800 pixels. Full-sized original files will be happily accepted.

As well as items about general society activities, we're also always on the lookout for news about youth-related events that your horticultural society or garden club is involved with. Maybe you have some suggestions about activities or crafts that you can share with other societies. Please note that, for photographs that include minors, signed parental permission must be given. You don't need to send the signed papers, but we do need to know that they exist.

Articles and photos can be emailed to editor@gardenontario.org.

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

Best Western Waterfront Hotel

and

St. Clair College Center for the Arts

Riverside Drive, Windsor

There are only a few weeks left until the end of registration for meals and bus trips, but the hotel is filled. Alternate accommodation is the Holiday Inn express which is about a block away from the convention venue. Registration deadline is June 30. So please get those registrations in asap. The convention committee thanks you.

Bus trips have been arranged to visit various historical, tourist and "gardeners delight" spots. The preconvention bus trip takes in our national park- Point Pelee and various other spots and concludes with dinner. This bus will be air-conditioned for your travelling pleasure. All the buses will be going to places to show off why we are called the "Banana Belt" of Ontario.

Speakers have been chosen to bring their expertise on a wide variety of topics. These are all listed on the gardenontario website. Our keynote speaker at the Saturday Awards banquet will be David Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada will be speaking on "This is Not Your Grandmothers' Weather Anymore".

Friday night will have a family style dinner with dishes from the 20's 30's. Cash bar will start at 5:30 pm. Entertainment will follow with a presentation by the Rum Runner's and a band called Music Makers, a jazz band of 20's and 30's. Optional dress is flapper dresses, newsboy hats or other attire of the 20's and 30's. Decorating will be amazing and a photo booth will be available for you to take pictures to remember the night. Come and have some fun with District 11 and all your friends you have made over the years at other conventions.

Competitions are all set to receive your floral contributions. Judging for all other competitions is complete. So please look on the website for next years criteria and please enter any or all competitions.

District 11 is so looking forward to showing you part of our district - the Windsor and Essex county area- and we hope you will linger after the convention and see more of our "Deep South".

Katharine Smyth
Chair of the 113th OHA Convention.



Secretary's Report

Happy Summer Everyone! This has been a very wet spring for us in the London area, but the grass and plants are loving it! This time of year is always quite busy for the Officers with the March OHA Board Meeting and then into District AGM's and on to convention preparations.

Convention is fast approaching and in preparation for it, there are some important documents and links I need to share with you:

OHA 2018 Convention Minutes: The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from 2018 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Convention-Minutes-27-29Jul2018.pdf>

This year's convention is being held at Best Western Plus Waterfront Hotel Windsor and St. Clair Centre of the Arts in Windsor from July 19-21, 2019. This year's theme is "Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes July 1, 2019. Check out all the details of this year's convention at <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

OHA Nominations Report: Please note that the Nominations Report and biographies of the candidates for this year's convention are posted on the gardenontario.org website at: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Nomination-Report-2019.pdf>.

OHA Resolutions: Please note that the Resolutions and Society Proxy Authorization Forms for this year's convention were sent out via email to all societies and were posted on the gardenontario.org website at: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Resolutions-To-Be-Voted-2019OHAConvention.pdf>.

Please take some time to review the resolutions this year and have your voice heard. Please cast your vote!

Proxy Authorization Forms: Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and returned by July 15, 2019 so the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

Proxy Forms link: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/proxy-form.pdf>

For your society Proxy Authorization Form, an electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to: secretary@gardenontario.org

Safe Travels to the 2019 OHA Convention!! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor,
OHA Secretary



OHA Nominating Committee

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Windsor.

Katharine Smyth has been nominated for a second term as President by the Tilbury and District Horticultural Society. Katharine has agreed to stand for a second term as President.

Charles Freeman has been nominated for a second term as Vice President by the Russell & District Horticultural Society. Charles has agreed to stand for a second term as 1st Vice President.

Sharlene Desjardins, District 2 Director, has been nominated by the Deep River Horticultural Society for the position of 2nd Vice President. Sharlene has agreed to allow her name to stand for 2nd Vice President.

Rose Odell has agreed to stay on as Past President for a 2nd term.

Calls for further nominations, for each position, will be held each day of the convention.

Please note that the nominating report and biographies are also posted on the www.gardenontario.org website.

Katharine Smyth, Candidate for OHA President

Kathy owns and runs a Bed and Breakfast which she and her husband have had for twenty-one years. Kathy and her husband Doug have a daughter and three sons and are grandparents to six boys and three girls.

She has gardened ever since she can remember, having been raised on a farm in Chatham-Kent with vegetable, fruit and flower gardens covering two acres. Upon retirement from a career in Medical Laboratory Technology, Kathy became involved in her community by joining the Chamber of Commerce and BIA and became Treasurer for six years. She was chair of the OMAFRA First Impressions and Treasurer of the Tilbury Revitalization committee. At the same time her sister got her involved with the local Horticultural Society to which she is a current member and Past-President. Kathy is a passionate gardener and enjoys an extensive plant and tree collection. Kathy was the District Director of District 11 and is the Past Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association. She also trained as a floral and culinary judge and judges at many local fairs. Kathy is looking forward to serving the members as their President for a second term.



Sincerely,
Katharine Smyth
OHA President

Charles Freeman, Candidate for OHA Vice President

I am Charles Freeman, Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association. I have accepted the nomination submitted by Russell and District Horticultural Society to allow my name to stand for the position of Ontario Horticultural Association Vice President.

My wife, Louise, and I currently are enjoying our retirements: Louise after 45 years as a career Elementary School supply teacher and myself after 30 years as a Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police. We take advantage of the opportunities when we can to visit our 2 sons and daughters-in-law and 4 grandchildren as well as visiting friends and travelling.

While working with the O.P.P. I was involved in many different rewarding endeavors outside of policing such as being a Cub/Scout Leader for 11 years, chaperoning High School band exchanges for 10 years, running a summer softball league for 350 kids between 4 and 17 years of age for 11 years and being the Treasurer and an organizer for the Ontario Special Olympics Hawkesbury Community for 12 years. I was also the Detachment Representative for the O.P.P. Association for 20 years and the Treasurer of the District #11 Branch for 2 years. I also started refereeing High School and Community Basketball more than 35 years ago.

In retirement, I am still refereeing, sitting on the Constitution Committee and Discipline Committee for Ontario Association of Basketball Officials, sitting as the Treasurer for Seaway Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials and helping Louise with her Ottawa Little Theater trips for 50 people 8 times a year. I now have the time, sometimes not enough, to look after our modest gardens, something I learned to enjoy when I met Louise, the florist's daughter, over 50 years ago.

I have been a member of the OHA for 12 years with the Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society. I have served as a Director with the Society, represented the Society as a member of the Organizing Committee for the 2014 Convention in Cornwall, been an Assistant District Director for 4 months and then the interim District Director for 8 months and, finally the District Director for 5 years.

Horticulture is a wonderful science. Have fun with it, and above all, "enjoy just digging in the dirt!".

Sincerely,

Charles Freeman

OHA Vice President



Sharlene Desjardins, Candidate for 2nd Vice President

I have been nominated, and have accepted the nomination put forward by the Deep River and District Horticultural Society for the position of 2nd Vice President for the Ontario Horticultural Association. I have been within the umbrella of the OHA since I joined the Deep River Society in 2012. Within the Society, I held the position of President for two years and am the current Past President. I was also the membership chair for one year, yearbook designer and editor for one year, photo competition chair for two years and spent many years assisting with the Society's Flower and Edibles Show. This year I am the chair of the Spring Flower Show. I joined the Pembroke Society as well in 2017 and have been active at the meetings as well as helping with the Plant Sale and Flower Shows.

I took over the position as Interim Assistant District Director for the Upper Ottawa Basin of District 2 in the Fall of 2015 and was elected to the position in Spring of 2016. I held that position until the Spring of 2017 when I was elected as the District Director for District 2. I am now the Past District Director for District 2 and currently hold the position of North/East Representative and the OHA Awards Coordinator. I am also attending the OHA Judging School which will be completed the first week of June in 2020.

I am married and have three children, two boys and a girl. During their formative years, we travelled extensively for hockey and figure skating. During this time, I sat on the Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Board of Directors as the Regional Representative for Region 6 and was also the Test Chair and Secretary of two different skating clubs. Prior to having my children, I was the Secretary of both the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 436 Executive and the Ladies' Auxiliary. I worked at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited for 26 years and I am currently retired and loving it.

I began gardening late in life and have since fallen in love with it. I continue to expand my garden beds and love experimenting with plants that push the boundary for my area. I grow vegetables, flowers and herbs and have several shrubs and two cherry trees. I have installed a pergola with a "zen" feel to it and have four raised garden beds and over 1100 square feet of total gardening space.

I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the OHA and the Districts and all the wonderful people that make up our organization.

"If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a garden" – Robert Brault

Sincerely,
Sharlene Desjardins
Interim OHA 2nd Vice President
OHA Awards Coordinator
OHA N/E Rep



We are Looking for a New Trillium Editor



The OHA is currently seeking a new editor for the Trillium, the organization's quarterly newsletter. This position involves the following responsibilities.

The Trillium Editor:

- Solicits and receives articles provided by representatives of local horticultural societies throughout Ontario, the OHA Executive and Directors, as well as organizations outside the OHA (e.g., Royal Botanical Gardens, OMAFRA, Master Gardeners).
- Communicates with the OHA Secretary to ensure that important notices and directives from the OHA Board are included in the appropriate issues.
- Edits the articles received, in order to correct errors in grammar or spelling or to improve potential readers' understanding of the meaning of the text. Fact checking and subsequent communication with the authors of the articles may also be required.
- Provides a draft copy of the Trillium to the OHA Board for review in advance of finalizing the newsletter.
- Emails a pdf version of the Trillium to the OHA Distributor for distribution to societies and subscribers. Typically, this is a version that has had its resolution reduced so as to result in a file that is an appropriate size for emailing.
- Takes the necessary action to have a high-resolution version posted on the gardenontario.org website.
- Utilizes graphics editing software (e.g., Photoshop, Illustrator) to make necessary adjustments to photos and other images.
- Utilizes page layout software to assemble text, photographs and other content in an aesthetically pleasing and easy-to-read arrangement.
- Maintains an organized filing system and performs regular and frequent backups.

Essential skills include a proper knowledge of rules of grammar, spelling, word usage, and typography. Good design abilities and demonstrated skill with software used for page layout are also required.

Although not mandatory, it is highly recommended that the Trillium editor have access to a good proof-reader.

Currently, the deadline dates for copy are December 15 (winter issue, with publication at the beginning of January) March 15 (spring issue), June 15 (summer issue), September 15 (autumn issue). Winter and spring issues are usually 24 or 28 pages. Summer issues, which contain pre-convention material are 28 to 32 pages. The autumn issue, which includes a convention summary and the results of the convention competitions, may have as many as 44 pages.

The successful applicant will have the support of the current editor to ensure a smooth transition. Applications should be emailed to OHA Secretary Kelly Taylor at secretary@gardenontario.org. Please include a one-page synopsis of your qualifications. There is a small honorarium with this position.

The OHA Pollinator Initiative....The Rest of the Story

Suzanne Hanna, OHA Past President 2015-2017

It is hard to believe that two summers ago the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and OMAFRA were celebrating on the lawn of Queen's Park in Toronto at the start of our 111th Convention. Buoyed by our shared vision and commitment to restore pollinator health and the December 2016 release of the Pollinator Health Action Plan, the OHA and the Liberal government agreed in 2017 to collaborate on the creation of a pollinator garden on government-owned land near the Ontario Legislative buildings. After months of weekly teleconferences, environmental assessments, and numerous public consultations, we produced a "shovel-ready" project at the end of April 2018 that incorporated detailed garden bed diagrams, native plant lists, signage, a comprehensive maintenance plan and a reasonable budget.

During this period of negotiation with the provincial government, the OHA also partnered with Lee Valley and other bee-friendly organizations to provide resources and sponsorship to its 28,000 members so they could establish pollinator-friendly gardens and nesting sites. Grants were issued to all 19 districts and colourful educational signs were distributed to recognize OHA projects across Ontario.

All was progressing beautifully until that fateful day of May 9, when the electoral writ was dropped to signal the start of the campaign in 2018. Voters wanted change badly and so on June 7, they ousted the Liberals and provided the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario with its first electoral win since 1999.

Elections have consequences. The members of the Queen's Park Pollinator Garden Steering Committee that I served on were quickly informed by OMAFRA staff that once the electoral writ has been issued, the actions of the current government in power are severely curtailed. It assumes the role of a caretaker and is expected to show restraint and restrict any new spending. There are no new announcements made and current contracts and negotiations are put on hold until the election has been held. In summary, our QP Pollinator Garden was put on hold. We crossed our fingers.

When Doug Ford assumed office, it quickly became apparent that Ontarian voters would experience many changes. Lots of Liberal policies were reversed and there were many program cuts. The Pollinator Health Action Plan that many heralded as a bold collaborative vision involving the Ontario government, farmers, growers, beekeepers, gardeners and organizations dedicated to improved pollinator health is no longer visible on the OMAFRA web page in its original wording. It has been

diluted – gutted, some might say, to reflect the current government's limited focus on honey bees. It addresses the Apiary Inspection Program, funding for beekeepers that have experienced bee hive losses and regulation limiting the use of neonicotinoid-treated seed.

This spring, Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner requested a written update on the fate of a number of initiatives awaiting completion, including the QP Pollinator Garden. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, responded by stating that the focus of his Ministry is now on the health of managed honey bees that play a role in Ontario's agricultural industry, not wild native bees and other pollinators. The OHA is still listed as a Pollinator Stakeholder and Partner and OMAFRA's message to gardeners is to provide for pollinator needs – food, shelter and water – and become involved with groups who wish to improve pollinator health.

One might become discouraged with this turn of events, but I remain an eternal optimist because power still resides in the hands of the people. Consumers scored a recent victory when Friends of the Earth (www.foecanada.org) reported that major garden centres such as Canadian Tire, Lowe's, Sheridan Nurseries and Home Depot have committed to sell neonic-free flowering plants.

Our organization's recently updated website (www.gardenontario.org) now provides copious amounts of information and resources on pollinator health in our Get Involved and Resources sections. You can download our "Be Part of the Buzz" brochure for distribution at general meetings and special events. In addition, the OHA offers a Pollinator Project Grant that provides ten (10) grants of \$200 annually to eligible member societies that wish to create habitat in the form of pollinator-friendly gardens and/or nesting sites on public ground.

Did I mention that you can still order our OHA Pollinator Haven metal signs from Rose Odell, our Supplies Coordinator, for a low fee? Initially, the OHA arranged for the distribution of 19 signs, one per District in June 2017. Since that initial offer, interest has grown and over 154 additional signs have been purchased and installed.

Although the QP Pollinator Garden was not installed as planned in 2018, the process of collaborating with other like-minded organizations has served the OHA well. It has energized our members to invest time, money and resources towards the improvement of pollinator health in their communities. It is clear that our membership has embraced this unique opportunity to make a difference across Ontario, one garden at a time.

Our gardenontario.org website is up and running!

April Davies, OHA Webmaster

Thank you to those who have already added their society contact email, events, and links to their websites and facebook pages.

This information helps societies **get noticed, promote events**, and **provide important information** to potential members in your communities.

We have many visitors looking for information on the site but they can't find *your society* if you aren't there!

If you have added your society information, but haven't used our full event calendar yet, please consider trying the calendar to increase your exposure to existing and potential new members.

If you don't have a society web page yet, **we can help you** with that! It's easy to do and our webmaster has a package of information ready for you.

Anyone that needs to create a society web page or access secure forms can create and reset their log in right from the front page.

To start, go to <https://gardenontario.org> and down the left side you will see **login-registration-access...** once the login window opens, click on **register** and fill out the form.

Once set up, you will be able to create a page, enter your events, and access secure forms.

Should you require support or have questions, contact me through the website or by email at webmaster@gardenontario.org.

Cheers,

😊 April

It is curious to note how much of love and appreciation certain flowers owe to certain poets. I have a friend who has made a "Shakespeare garden," in which nothing grows which the great magician has not noticed or praised.

Candace Wheeler, *Content in a Garden* (American designer, 1827-1923)

Seedy Saturday - A First for Bracebridge

Nancy Thompson, Bracebridge Horticultural Society

Bubbles and balloons; seeds and plants; posters and home-made seed pots. What a way to celebrate Seedy Saturday. The Bracebridge Horticultural Society held a successful First along the sidewalk outside of the Bracebridge Public Library.

We gave out packages of seeds, many saved from our own gardens, and had a Quiz to match vegetables to their seeds.

Over 30 children chose and planted their own seeds to take home, under the helpful eye of Barbara Quenneville. Barb also had a display of how to make your own planting pots.

Many faces were photographed through a most creative sunflower, made by Carol Turner.

Kathy Wood spoke about how to read seed packages upstairs in the Library.

Seedy Saturday is held across the country. Its purpose is to exchange ideas and seeds in an informal setting and to raise awareness of the organizers. It hopes to promote the gathering and saving of seed; more interest in heritage seed and an awareness of the need to maintain diversity in our gardens as well as field, forests and indeed in every environment.



Thank you to Sarah, at the Bracebridge Public Library for her advertising and encouragement – that's Sarah in the middle of the sunflower, above. Thank you to the Town of Bracebridge for allowing us to set up along their sidewalk. Thank you to our sponsor, Seasons in the Country.

Many thanks to the Horticultural Society volunteers and the over 90 people who stopped by to chat with us.

With the success of this event, we are considering a seed saving workshop in the fall and perhaps even starting a Heritage Seed Library.

Now it is summer, and as usual, life fills me with transport and I forget to work. This year I have struggled for a long time, but the beauty of the world has conquered me.

Leo Tolstoy (Russian writer, 1828-1910)

Lennox & Addington's Riverside Plant Sale

Judy Bullock, President, Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society



Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society's annual plant sale took place on Saturday, June 1 at Conservation Park, Napanee, Hometown Market, and was a great success. This year we tried having a feature plant, which was *Asclepias tuberosa* (Orange Milkweed), a special favourite of Monarch butterflies. We will likely introduce another feature plant next year to foster knowledge within the community and benefit pollinators.

At left are Heather Senechal, Judy Bullock, Karen Bourdon, Joanne Kiwala, Nancy Wolvers, tending our tables as we prepare for opening of the Plant Sale. Notice the swollen Napanee river in the background.

Lindsay Plant Sale, Success Despite the Rain

Nancy Mountford, Lindsay Horticultural Society

On Saturday, May 25, the Lindsay & District Horticultural Society held its annual plant sale at Memorial Gardens in Lindsay. The sale featured over 900 plants, including a huge selection of natives, groundcovers, sun and shade plants, herbs, plants for rock gardens, bulbs, and vegetables.

The organizer, Betty Scribbins, and her trusty team of helpers did an amazing job. The event was well attended despite early morning rain.

The plants, donated by garden club members and individuals throughout the area, started arriving before 7 a.m. Volunteers from the club moved them to sheltered tables under the pavilions in the park and set up displays. By 9 a.m., local gardeners were lined up in the rain, eager to choose something to enhance their property. As well as stocking and restocking the tables, the volunteers helped buyers carry their plants to their vehicles.

All in all, it was a very successful sale.



Alliston Horticultural Society and the Banting Homestead

Mrs Green Thumb (Courtesy of Alliston Garden Club Master Gardener)

The Alliston & District Horticultural Society recently applied for and received two OHA grants. The grant monies will be applied to the Banting Homestead, the family home of renowned Canadian medical scientist, Nobel Laureate, and co-discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting. Banting grew up on a farm just outside Alliston. The Banting family homestead has been renovated and is now being used as a historical museum and diabetes information centre. It is open to the public year-round.



Several years ago the ADHS was approached by the Banting Legacy coordinator to help install and maintain several gardens around the original farmhouse and property. The ADHS has designed gardens, trimmed shrubs and installed one maple tree on the property to date. The society members, along with the town staff, help keep the garden perennials and shrubs looking great.

The first grant awarded to us by the OHA was the tree grant. With this, the society receives \$200 that can be spent on a tree or trees for a municipal property. The grant application was accompanied by a drawing of the sight, a plan for where the tree will be planted and approval from the municipality to plant the tree in the location. The society will be purchasing a native maple tree from one of the local tree nurseries to be planted at an appropriate time.

The second grant awarded by the OHA was the Pollinator Grant, which provides the society \$200 to use towards purchasing pollinator-friendly perennials and shrubs. This grant application was also accompanied by a drawing of the gardens and a list of desirable plants that are to be sought out and planted in the gardens. The society will be purchasing perennials such as goldenrod, anise hyssop, Rudbeckia, Sedum, milkweed, and other pollinator-loving plants for the Banting Homestead gardens.

With the addition of a new maple tree and beautiful perennials for the gardens, the Banting Homestead will not only have historical and informative diabetes material inside, it will have native trees and beautiful pollinator gardens outside. Please, do visit if you're in the Alliston area.



Keeping Alliston Beautiful

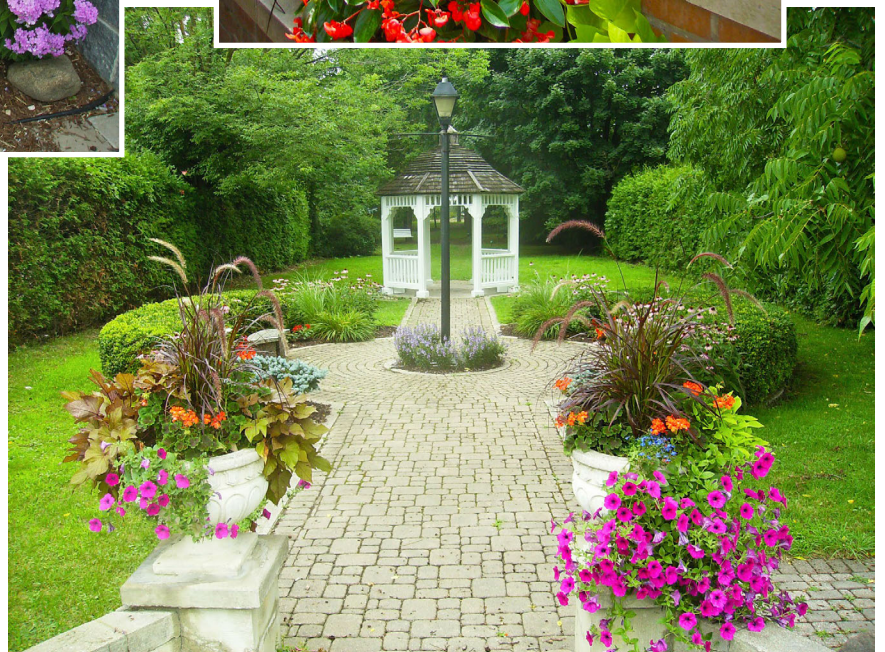
Daniel Balfour, President, Alliston and District Horticultural Society

The Alliston Horticultural Society / Garden Club and its members actively participate and help maintain garden projects around the Alliston area. This includes the garden beds outside of our local Stevenson Memorial Hospital and the local garden at the King Street lights. We provide assistance for the gardens at our local Humane Society, the planter outside our town library, and the Memorial Garden just before the train tracks when entering the town from the east side.

Part of our pride has to be the help and installation of traditional flower beds outside of the famous Banting Family homestead. One of our long standing members, Tracy Bosley, has been instrumental with this project from the beginning. Tracy has been the project leader and has worked long hours to install, maintain and improve these gardens with the help of a generous donation from Honda of Canada Manufacturing.

As with all Horticultural Societies, as our membership grows, so does the need to continue and increase our efforts to help make our community beautiful. As we all know, summer can be short, and as gardeners, we like to enjoy the outdoors as long as possible, until our season fades into fall, and then our gardens are put to bed for their winter's sleep. But as the holidays come and go a new year springs to life and we all get that itch again.

Let's all salute our Societies and the beauty they create.



Ennismore Garden Club - Community Volunteer of the Year

Helen Young, Co-President, Ennismore Garden Club

The Ennismore Garden Club has received the award of "Community Volunteer of the Year". In the Peterborough County Recognition Awards celebration on Friday, May 24, our club was honoured with this distinction. Five of our members attended the event held at the Ennismore Community Centre. It was a great night shared with people who give unselfishly of their time and talent, local heroes and dignitaries. We thank the County for recognizing the work that we do to make our community even better.



Standing to the right of Selwyn Councillor Gerry Herron (left) are Ennismore Co-Presidents Hope Boehm and Helen Young



The following day, May 25th, the Club held its annual plant sale. Despite a very rainy day for the sale and our plants very slow to emerge from their winter nap to be divided, we had a successful sale. It appears that the community knows they can get great plants and deals. Our Junior "Sprouts" got in the action as well with a bake sale. Thanks to everyone for helping with the sale. It is one of our major fund raisers.



Ennismore treasurer Diann Butt (left) and membership coordinator Margaret Bessey, ready to make some sales



Ennismore VP Ethel Shackleton (middle) and fellow member Joan Pacey (left) helping a customer

District 3's Cliff Barnes Receives an OHA Service Award

Penny Stewart, Past President, Gananoque Horticultural Society, and Past District 3 Director

Cliff Byrnes was presented with an OHA District Service Award on April 10. An active and involved member of the Gananoque Horticultural Society since 1991, Cliff served on the Executive for many years as President, Yearbook editor, an active participant in the plant sale, Park Coordinator, just to name a few.

As well as actively participating in the flower shows, helping with set up, being on show committees, clerking and entering in many categories, Cliff has won numerous trophies over the years. His unusual and interesting designs inspire other members to be more creative in their own efforts, and his leadership in Floral Arts sessions have taught many members the basics of design. He also helps Carveth Care Centre residents put entries in the shows.

Cliff has dedicated a great deal of time to improving his own abilities and sharing his horticultural knowledge. He is a Floral Design Judge through the Garden Club of Ontario, an accredited Horticultural Judge through RBG and has been a contributor at GCO and OHA judging schools. Cliff has judged at many flowers shows and fairs over the years throughout the District.

He has run the Youth Workshop at the June Flower Show for many years, actively encouraging children and youth to get involved and learn about gardening while having fun. In addition, he practices and teaches Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging, and arranges for shows at Carveth Care Centre where the public can come to view and learn about Ikebana.

Cliff has been very involved in maintaining our Horticultural Society owned park. He was team leader at OHA Convention 2018. Not only was he key to a very successful Convention Flower Show, but he also allowed



Cliff Barnes receives the District Service Award from outgoing District 3 Director Penny Stewart

his garden to be enjoyed as part of the bus tour. His interesting and well-designed garden has been part of Gananoque garden tour many times.

In addition to all his work for the horticultural society, Cliff leads floral arts sessions with residents at Carveth Care Centre. He plans activities to allow residents at all levels of ability to participate. He is a regular volunteer at Carveth, and, over the last few years, he has taken on improving the gardens and has added several new garden areas.

All members of our society and the community have benefited from Cliff's never-tiring dedication to the Gananoque Horticultural Society's objectives of community beautification, education, and promoting horticultural and floral design excellence. The District Service Award recognizes that, without the skills, talents and commitment of people like Cliff, our society could not continue to actively contribute to the community.

Auburn Life Memberships

Rhea Hamilton Seeger, Auburn Horticultural Society

Ontario Horticultural Association Life Memberships were awarded to three very special Auburn Horticultural Society members in front of a record number attending the annual plant sale on May 27. Auburn is an active group in District 8.

Pictured at right are President, Karen Redmond; recipients Bill and Maxine Sears, and Shirley Andrews; and Jacquie Empson Laporte, Past President.

Photo by R. Hamilton Seeger



District 1 AGM & Auction

Joanne Côté-Pilon, Gloucester Horticulture Society, Treasurer and Silent Auction Lead for D1 AGM

What a successful 2019 District 1 AGM!

Gloucester Horticultural Society hosted this year's District 1 AGM at the GreyHawk Golf Club, in eastern Ottawa, on April 13. Attendance was excellent with over 125 members present. One new highlight this year was a silent auction of pollinator hotels. Each society in the District was asked to provide a homemade pollinator house/hotel for the fundraising portion of event.

As you can see from the photographs, we had a wide variety of pollinator hotels/houses to bid on. We raised close to \$300, and all winning bidders went home with a steal and a great new pollinator feature for their yard.

Start the car...



Campbellford & District Plant Sale

Catharine Shannon, Campbellville Horticultural Society



On Saturday, May 18, the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society, serving all of Trent Hills, held a very successful Spring Plant Sale, with our plants selling out quickly. The photo at left shows customers lining up bright & early to ask questions of members such as our Treasurer Lois Bennett and President Theresa Miller.

An active summer is planned, with the 16th annual garden tour on July 20 (information can be found on gardenontario.org), the August Garden Party, another plant sale on September 14, and a collaborative weekly "Let's Talk Gardening" show broadcast on CKOL FM.

Grand Bend Horticultural Society

Pat Lane, President, Grand Bend Horticultural Society

We have 180+ general members in the Grand Bend Horticultural Society, and they have been busy with our annual spring plantings around the community. Our members are organized into about a dozen groups (each with a team leader) that commit to the planting day, garden maintenance over the summer, and clean-up in the fall. Being a summer town, we have many visitors from all over, and the comments we receive are all positive.

We also have a number of commercial members that support the projects our society takes on.

Our monthly meetings are packed with a short business meeting, a snack break fit for royalty, and then we have some fantastic speakers. Recently we enjoyed weatherman Jay Campbell and heard about climate change and its effect on Grand Bend.

Our Directors have provided an environmentally friendly, educational, and fun sharing place.

Now that gardens are growing and presenting us with a rainbow of colour, we are looking forward to finding out who will win our 2019 Impatiens Awards, which go to judged gardens of two general members of our society and one commercial member. The winners receive a beautiful garden stone.

Our June meeting this year takes place at a member's property with a Garden Party theme. We're looking forward to this, and hope we will be blessed with good weather.



The lighthouse garden on the Highway 81 entrance to Grand Bend that the society looks after.

*Ever since the world's existed
There's one thing that is certain
Some people build walls
Others open doors*

Jackson Browne, (American singer-songwriter,
1948-) Walls & Doors

Haldimand - Awards and Community Connections

Elsie Eubank, 2nd Vice President, Haldimand Horticultural Society

The Haldimand Horticultural Society attended the District 6 AGM held in Burlington on Saturday, April 27, and were recognized for the highest percentage of attendance of the 21 societies included in District 6.



Catherine McGill with the District Service Award along with Haldimand Horticultural Society president Sharon Slack

Our society is very proud of our member and District 6 Director Catherine McGill. Along with HHS members, District 6 secretary Marie Decker presented Catherine with the OHA District Service Award for her valuable contributions to the promotion of horticulture in our community. Catherine has been District Director since 2017, Assistant Director 2014 to 2017, editor of the District 6 newsletter, a Garden Clubs of Ontario accredited judge, Ontario Horticultural Association certified judge, floral demonstrator, workshop facilitator, past HHS monthly floral show committee chair and competition judge, Seedy Saturday fundraiser chief, organizer of the Blooming On The Grand garden tour, Caledonia chili cook-off winner with best alternative recipe, organizer for community gardens and much, much more.

One of our community gardens is at West Haldimand Hospital, in Hagersville. Marilyn Sutor (shown below, working in the garden) and I are very proud to be caring for and maintaining this garden. We have put a lot of new perennials in this year and it is looking good. When patients and staff come by and smile and say how much they enjoy this garden, it is so rewarding and good to know we have brightened their day just a little.

Another one of our gardens, on the Riverwalk in Caledonia, is planted with edibles, thanks to Catherine, Callum and Meaghan McGill. This serves as a variation of a community garden. I can just see the delight of passers-by as they walk along the trail and are able to help themselves to parsley, thyme, nasturtium, Swiss chard, tomato, squash and pansies.

In addition to the eight public gardens that we look after, Michael Richards is working on co-ordinating a community garden with the Caledonia & District Food bank. Thank you to all our dedicated members who look after our community gardens.



An OHA Service Award for Marg Laman

Joe Dicker, President, Essex Horticultural Society

The District 11 AGM was hosted by the Chatham Horticultural Society on April 27. OHA President Kathy Smyth presented Marg Laman with the OHA District Service Award, much to Marg's surprise. Marg has a long history of service with the Kingsville Horticultural Society, District 11 and the OHA. Between 1975 and 2012 Marg has held the position of President three times in Kingsville as well as holding various Board of Director positions, including Treasurer. She has served as the District 11 Assistant District Director (Essex) from 2013-17 and, since 2017, has been the District 11 Director.

Marg is a certified OHA Horticultural and Floral Design Judge. In this capacity she has not only actively judged Society Flower shows, but has taught flower arranging Workshops for many Societies and other organizations.

Marg has been very involved in every aspect of the Kingsville Horticultural Society's activities, from planting community gardens to organizing events such as the Fall Advisory Meetings, celebrating the War of 1812, and Kingsville Hort's 50th anniversary.

Marg has certainly made a mark in her local Society and the District, and this reward is well deserved.



Brantford Garden Club Honours Bev Hutton, Club Secretary

Patricia Veale, Brantford Garden Club

The Awards Committee of the Brantford Garden Club has honoured our Secretary, Bev Hutton, who has served the club for over 45 years. In her capacity as Secretary, she has dealt diligently with the City of Brantford, the OHA, and our own District 6 of the OHA. She ensures that we follow the rules set out in our constitution, and keeps our membership up to date on vital communications. Bev has worked vigorously to get excellent speakers for our monthly meetings and our Christmas dinner, and for many years she was the editor of our club newsletter.



Left to right; Wendy Bowman, Bev Hutton and Maxine Byerlay

Paris Horticultural Society - Three Big Events

Submitted by Anne Martin, Paris Horticultural Society

Spring is a very busy time for members of the Paris Horticultural Society. Many volunteers are needed to organize and work at our two major fundraisers. The planning for these events goes on all year, and shifts into power mode as our gardens begin to produce.

The plant sale is a huge undertaking, currently under the capable leadership of Nancy Burkholder and Carol Reansbury, with a dedicated and hard-working committee. Plants for the sale, held the day before Mother's Day, are collected, potted and labeled days, even weeks before the sale and then placed in an organized manner for sun, shade, trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials on the big day. People are lined up at the door before opening and leave very pleased with their bargain-priced choices. This year, we featured a table of native plants and our Master Gardener was there to answer questions. Homemade muffins and coffee were for sale and a craft table for the young gardeners kept them busy and happy while the adults shopped. Our member auctioneer took over at 11 a.m. and any leftover plants were sold, many at very reduced prices. This was our best sale ever.



Right after the plant sale, the garden tour committee goes into high gear, finishing up the details involved with this huge event. Co-chairs Anne & Rick Vernon found eight unique gardens in Paris and area and arranged for a musician or an artist at most gardens. Two of our members play in a ukulele group and were featured at one of the gardens. Attendance was great, considering the weather forecast.

Our June meeting is our annual Flower Show, with speaker Katherine Boothby, on *"How to Create a Monarch Way Station."* With the wet weather and the lack of sunshine that we have been experiencing we didn't expect a lot of flowers – there were no roses, and only tree peonies in bloom but it was wonderful to see so many beautiful entries in other categories.

Our three big events are done and now we can look forward to the summer excursion and our annual mystery tour. These are fun and relaxing summer events. It's time to enjoy the fruits (and flowers) of our labours.



Some of the committee members: Back: Nancy Chipman, Serryn Stephenson, Pat Moore (co-chair) Jim Mabee (judge). Front: Patti Gladding (co-chair), Shauna de Souza-Whitehead.



Flower Show winners: Rennee Tomlin and Donna Wilson (tied for Most Points by First Time Exhibitor) Brenda Hunt (Most Points in House Plants), Maureen Little (Most Points in Specimens), Anne Vernon, Anne Saunders (Best Floral Design), Nancy Chipman (Most Points in Show).

Stoney Creek Horticultural Society Happenings

Stoney Creek's annual Strawberry Social was held on June 10, with approximately 45 people attending to enjoy the delectable dessert and the social time together. The guest speaker, Claudette Sims, entertained all of us with her enlightening tips and great humour in her presentation of "*Garden Hacks*". We all came away with new ideas and satisfied bellies.

Considering the wet and cold spring we've had, we were lucky to have nice weather on May 19 for our plant sale. People lined up early to get first choice of a wide variety of perennials donated by members. Once again, the beautiful patio pots and hanging baskets designed by our supplier Marion, quickly disappeared. A sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this fundraiser successful. Pictured is Nelson, accepting the planter as winner of the draw – with Past President Liz Chapple.



Our Society was approached by the curator of the Erland Lee Museum to design and create a new memorial garden on the grounds of the Erland Lee Museum. Under the guidance of our member, Eric Geenen, who designed the garden and redesigned an existing plot, a few volunteers were able to create this new garden. Mother Nature cooperated by regularly watering the newly planted shrubs and perennials. Thanks to Eric and his family, and to all the volunteers who assisted.

The Erland Lee Museum, on Ridge Road in Stoney Creek is recognized as the birthplace of the Women's Institutes. In 1897, Janet & Erland Lee, along with Adelaide Hoodless, founded the first Women's Institute. The "WI" soon grew across Ontario, and then into an international organization. Many of our horticultural societies were founded directly or with help of their local Women's Institute.

The memorial garden at the Erland Lee Museum:

- Before (right)
- During (Bottom left)
- It's done! (bottom right)



Youth Activities News

From Fort Erie: Growing with the Sprouts

Ruth Vold Markle, President, Fort Erie Horticultural Society

For the past four years, the winter season has been considerably lightened by a ten-week course that I teach to preschool and early elementary school children. They arrive on the first evening with winter jackets and boots and full of energy and joy. These little ones embrace all growing with the same level of happiness that they approach recess at school. This past year we had two sets of siblings, each one year and grade apart in our group, and they were so team spirited with each other, helping along on projects and plantings. Those winter evenings could be a long and dreary time except for these bright lights of future farmers.

Whether we are creating a tiny miniature garden complete with Lego figures or learning to place early lettuce seeds in re-useable containers, the enthusiasm for the growing never dims. Each week, some come with gardening gloves all washed and ready and others arrive with sets of miniature tools but each time, right after they burst into the room and print their name for attendance I hear in chorus, "What are we planting tonight?" Every teacher needs to be greeted with that enthusiasm!



This year I tried a new idea and had them print their names on construction paper shaped like the vegetable of the evening and place these in a box; at the close of the evening, a winner's name would be drawn. I had no idea when we began this "Winner and Still Champion" event how hugely successful it would be. Each winner would shout, 'Those are the seeds I wanted!'. Oh, I forgot to mention the winner took home a package of the seeds we had just studied. I was not always sure if the vegetable was as wanted as the win was ... but the joy and the smiling face of the winner was priceless. As it turned out, each child in the class managed to win, so that was perfect!

We began this class in an old and worn out greenhouse at the original high school in Fort Erie. Plans were underway even then to build a new high school, but not to include a greenhouse right away. So we had two full years exploring and learning in a true greenhouse environment before the school closed its doors. When we were moved to the new high school we wondered how we would function, dirt and all, in a brand new and perfectly clean building. Thanks to the enthusiasm of the principal and the patience of the art teacher, we have been able to carry on beautifully in the lovely art room. Oh yes, we bring in the dirt and dish it out in little cups for the small planters and we spend extra time sweeping up the class room and putting the tables back in place before we leave. And we have worked with the best caretakers who help us carry and cart soil and supplies and ask each week, 'What are you planting tonight?' Growing and learning is a passion and joy no matter your age!

This past year, we not only completed the previously mentioned miniature gardens, but we also planted lettuce and spinach gardens in recycled containers. We learned how to transplant succulents and how to revive dry and withered seedlings. I did learn myself how very important a small spray bottle of water is to a preschooler. And our most intense project was to create a face on a recycled clear plastic juice container that was intended to be used as a hanging planter. Complete with glitter necklaces and eyelashes and eyebrows of fabric, these were a very creative expression. Planted with sweeping tendrils of oregano and upright chives, they were an impressive project. I think the parent caretakers were happiest with the gift of planted herbs and a live edge cutting board as well as folded serviettes and handmade holders for the serviettes. To hear each child say in excitement to their parent, "It's for a picnic"...well, it was a precious moment.

Someone asked me recently why I teach such little children. They are not readers yet, and some even come hungry at the end of their long day and we provide

healthy vegetable snacks to ease their class time. Yes, it does take some extra planning and preparation to make these ten evenings valuable in the learning and teaching time. I am often reminded during class time that children remember quickly. If we plant something a certain way one time, the next time they will ask, "When do we add fertilizer? When do we spray with water? Is this soil packed right?" On and on the questions will go until they are sure they are doing the best for their plants and vegetables.

I like to think that these sessions are an investment in future farmers and growers. The love of planting and growing has pretty early roots, I think. If I can influence just one child to develop the habit of proper plant care, to love growing green and planting vegetables, to think about seeds in a positive way... then all the extra thought and preparation has been worthwhile. If I judge by the shining eyes, happy faces and enthusiasm about the planting projects so far...the future for agriculture and horticulture is looking pretty bright.

Pembroke Horticultural Society's Youth Garden Program

Denise Corriveau, Pembroke Horticultural Society

The Pembroke Horticultural Society has a Youth Garden Program that enables children age 4 to 12 to receive seeds to grow their own gardens. The seeds are to grow carrots, zucchini, beans, lettuce, zinnia and sunflowers. Mid-summer, members of the Pembroke Horticultural Society will visit the gardens to give the young gardeners feedback and encouragement. In September, there will be a Harvest Celebration with activities, certificates, fun competitions and refreshments. Sixty-four children are presently registered and in possession of their seeds.



Chinguacousy Garden Club Presented with Youth Award

Susan Morley , Chinguacousy Garden Club

Chinguacousy Garden Club members received a pleasant surprise at the April 2019 District 15 Annual General Meeting when we were presented with the *William Baker Youth Award* for our community projects with youth. We submitted three entries documenting our work with youth, so that number may have had something to do with being this year's recipients. Just in case you are wondering, we have won it a few times before, yes we have. This year makes the 6th time.

The three submitted entries were :

- ***Assisting with Kids' Garden, with Michelle Wilson, Club President.***

Under President Michelle Wilson's leadership Chinguacousy Garden Club members assisted with Mississauga Master Gardeners' Kids Garden, at the International Centre in February 2018. In 2017, for the first time, the Chinguacousy Garden Club and Horticultural Society was invited by the Mississauga Master Gardeners to participate in running a kids garden at the International Centre GTA Home and Reno Show located on Airport Road in Mississauga. We were glad to volunteer again Feb 15-19, 2018. The event was a make-and-take for the children and was called 'Little Green Thumb Children's Garden'. The members assisted children on how to make a bird pine cone feeder, pine cone crafts, growing a grass head, growing a bean, making a pot from newspaper and planting marigold seeds. It was inspiring to see the interest of the children and desire to learn more about growing plants. The spark of learning more about horticulture was initiated.

- ***Neighbourhood Butterfly Garden, Karen Court Brampton, with Director Asna Black.***

There is an undeveloped house plot in the middle of our street that a few of the residents have endeavoured to keep clean of debris as well as environmentally friendly to wildlife that inhabits the Sheridan Forest behind it. The children, many of whom are recent immigrants, are especially eager to clean up the park like setting in anticipation of planting flowers and discovering new plants along the way. We try and increase plant growth annually to add to the pollinator's pallet. Many of the families have also donated their time and surplus plants to this little garden that is so aptly named, The Butterfly Garden, by the student volunteers.

- ***Garden clean up, weeding and planting, with Director Susan Morley.***

This is an activity at the North Bramalea Presbyterian Church with the 77th Brampton Pathfinders unit that meets there. Under the leadership of Lois Leutri and Chinguacousy Garden Club Director Susan Morley, we try to educate the girls on clearing, weeding, and planting methods. The plants vary year to year, as they are acquired through Chinguacousy's spring plant sale. NBPC congregants fund the purchase of plants, but Chinguacousy Garden Club contributes "extra plants" left over at the end of the plant sale, and welcomes that there is a destination for these plant orphans. Partially due to this variety the girls learn what types of plants are available in the Brampton area, and which are suitable for different areas of the garden. The education received goes towards the Pathfinders badges.



Chinguacousy volunteers: Carole Ruff (seated), Anne Dean, Irene Osborne, Gwen Del Buono, Pauline Rundle



William Baker Youth Award Winners

Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2019 OHA Convention

RESOLUTION 19-1: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

RESOLUTION 19-2: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, their Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

RESOLUTION 19-3: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 11 who worked to plan and conduct the 2019 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

RESOLUTION 19-4: Be it resolved that: Article V of the Constitution be amended as follows:
Current Wording:

Article V MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to horticultural societies duly incorporated under the Act, and related organizations that support the mission of the Association. The classes of membership and their terms of reference shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Proposed Amendment:

Article V AFFILIATION

Affiliation in the Association shall be open to horticultural societies duly incorporated under the Act, and related organizations that support the mission of the Association. The classes of **affiliation** and their terms of reference shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

Rationale:

1. The Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9, section 39 speaks to "affiliation" with the Ontario Horticultural Association. There is no membership referenced in the section related to being a part of the OHA.
2. Using the word affiliation removes any issues with the multiple colloquial uses of the word member or any derivatives thereof.
3. Finance of the OHA refers to Affiliation dues.

RESOLUTION 19-5: Be it resolved that: Article VI of the Constitution be amended as follows:
Current Wording:

The Societies in the Association shall be organized into geographical regional districts. The boundaries of a district and the allocation of societies in each shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association. A Board of Directors shall be elected by the members in accordance with the Act. The terms of reference for election/ appointment and the duties to be performed by Directors and Officers shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association. There shall be a Past Presidents' Council consisting of former Presidents of the Association.

Resolution 19-5 Continued On Following Page

Proposed Amendment:

The Societies in the Association shall be organized into geographical regional districts. The boundaries of a district and the allocation of societies in each shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association. A Board of Directors shall be elected by the delegates of the Affiliated Societies/Clubs which are in good standing in accordance with the Act. The terms of reference for election/appointment and the duties to be performed by Directors and Officers shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association. There shall be a Past Presidents' Council consisting of former Presidents of the Association.

Rationale:

1. It is delegates that elect the Directors of the district not members. See references to delegates in By-Law 11 & 13
2. The reference to Affiliated Society/Club mirrors the phraseology in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.
3. In Good Standing mirrors other references in the By-laws which affect the right to vote based upon compliance with specific criteria as set out by the Board.

RESOLUTION 19-6: Be it resolved that: Article VII of the Constitution be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting. Any member of a society may submit such a notice of motion.

Proposed Amendment:

The Constitution may be amended or revoked provided that the changes are approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an annual general meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. A notice of motion in writing of such proposed amendment or revocation must be submitted to the Association Secretary at least 60 days in advance of the meeting so that all societies may be notified within a period of 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting. Any member in good standing of an Affiliated Society/Club may submit such a notice of motion.

Rationale:

1. In Good Standing mirrors other references in the By-laws which affect the right to vote based upon compliance with specific criteria as set out by the Board.
2. The reference to Affiliated mirrors the phraseology in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9

RESOLUTION 19-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 1, 9. be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

"Member" shall be any organization that has paid their current membership fees as set from time to time by the membership at an Annual General Meeting and has fulfilled the duties which may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association

Proposed Amendment:

"Affiliated Society/Club" shall be any organization that has paid their current affiliation fees as set from time to time by the delegates at an Annual General Meeting and has fulfilled the duties which may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.
2. Delegates vote at the Annual General Meeting not the membership.

RESOLUTION 19-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 1, 10. be amended as follows:

"Ex officio" designates a member of a Board or Executive who is a person who holds or held an office to which he was neither directly elected or appointed, often as the representative of an external body, in which case he is non-voting. An immediate past president or past director of a body is their ex officio, but has the right to vote.

Proposed Amendment:

Repealed

Rationale:

1. Current wording is too confusing.
2. Current wording offends other By-Laws.
3. The term appears only one time in the current By-Laws - it is proposed to eliminate this one reference.
4. By-Law 15 makes reference to Robert's Rules of Order as being the guide for meeting and the term Ex officio is well defined in this publication.
5. The potential cost of any or all Past Presidents and/or Past Directors being a member of the Board or Executive and therefore having the ability to recoup travel and accommodation expenses is a critical consequence.

RESOLUTION 19-9: Be it resolved that: By-Law 1, 11. be added as follows:

"member" - an individual who pays the annual fee to an Affiliated Society/Club according to the Act

Rationale:

1. This allows the word to be used with specific context

RESOLUTION 19-10: Be it resolved that: By-Law 4, preamble be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Membership in the Association shall consist of the following classes: member, associate, and partner. The Board of Directors may establish other membership categories, provided that the membership category is subsequently ratified by the general membership.

Proposed Amendment

Affiliation in the Association shall consist of the following classes: Affiliated Society/Club, Associate, and Partner. The Board of Directors may establish other categories, provided that the category is subsequently ratified by the delegates at an Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

1. The reference to Affiliated Society/Club mirrors the phraseology in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9
2. The capital indicated the priority to be given to the word.
3. Delegates vote at the Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTION 19-11: Be it resolved that: By-Law 4, 4.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Member: Membership shall be open to any horticultural society incorporated under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, hereinafter called the Act.

An annual fee shall be assessed each member on a per capita basis. The Board of Directors shall recommend the fee, for ratification at a general meeting of the membership. The Secretary shall notify societies of any proposed change in fees at least 90 days prior to a general meeting.

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Proposed Amendment:

The class known as Affiliated Society/Club shall be open to any horticultural society incorporated under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, hereinafter called the Act.

An annual fee shall be assessed each Affiliated Society/Club on a per capita basis. The Board of Directors shall recommend the fee for ratification at the annual general meeting or special meeting of the Association. The Secretary shall notify societies of any proposed change in fees between 50 and 40 days prior to the annual general meeting.

Rationale:

1. Cleans up the grammar of the sentence and mirrors the format used in other sections of the By-Law. Affiliated Society/Club mirrors the phraseology in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9
2. The addition of special meeting allows for the topic to be addressed as need be.
3. Brings notification into line with other notification guidelines in the Constitution and By-laws.

RESOLUTION 19-12: Be it resolved that: By-Law 4, 4.2 be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

Associate: Associate membership shall be open to organizations that meet the requirements of the following:

- a) Article 36 of the Act.
- b) Association regulations as from time to time determined. The Board of Directors must approve associate membership. Associate members shall have such privileges of membership as the Board shall determine. The Board of Directors shall determine the fee for Associate organizations.

Proposed Amendment:

Associate: The class known as Associate shall be open to organizations that meet the requirements of the following:

- a) Article 36 of the Act.
- b) The Board of Directors must approve each Associate affiliation. Associates shall have such privileges as the Board shall determine. Associates may receive communications and attend District and Annual Meetings, but have no vote. The Board of Directors shall recommend the annual fee for Associates for ratification at an annual general meeting or special meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

1. Cleans up the grammar and mirrors other sections in the By-Law.
2. b) is struck as there is no information or past practice to substantiate this wording. There are no regulations.
3. The last 3 sentences are simply amalgamated into a) new b).

RESOLUTION 19-13: Be it resolved that: By-Law 4, 4.3 be amended as follows:**Current Wording:**

Partners: Membership shall be open to allied horticultural organizations. Partners may receive communications and attend District and Annual Meetings, but do not have voting rights. The Board of Directors must approve partners. The Board of Directors shall recommend the annual fee for Partners, for ratification at a general meeting of the membership.

Proposed Amendment:

Partners: The class known as Partners shall be open to allied horticultural organizations. Partners may receive communications and attend District and Annual Meetings, but do not have voting rights. The Board of Directors must approve partners. The Board of Directors shall recommend the annual fee for Partners, for ratification at an annual general meeting or special meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

1. This cleans up the grammar and mirrors the wording in other sections of the By-Law.
2. The special meeting allows for the topic to be addressed as needed.
3. The Association has the annual meeting or special meetings not the membership.

RESOLUTION 19-14: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the Officers of the Association and the Directors.

Proposed Amendment:

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the Officers of the Association and the District Directors.

Rationale:

1. Specifically identifies the Director.

RESOLUTION 19-15: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President or the member of the Past Presidents' Council appointed under By-Law 6, 6.9, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

Proposed Amendment:

The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President or the designate of the Past Presidents' Council appointed under By-Law 6, 6.9, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

Rationale:

1. The person identified is a designate as this person is designated by the Past Presidents' Council.

RESOLUTION 19-16: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.4 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Past Presidents of the Association shall form the PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL. The Past Presidents' Council will be represented by the Immediate Past President on the board. (13/2).

Proposed Amendment:

Past Presidents of the Association shall form the PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL. The Past Presidents' Council will be represented by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 on the board. (13/2).

Rationale:

1. Allows for the Past Presidents' Council to be represented on the Board if the Immediate Past President is unable to fulfill the duties.
2. Properly references the position of Immediate Past President.

RESOLUTION 19-16: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.5 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a one-year term, unless re-elected. The Immediate Past President shall remain so long as a new President is not elected

Proposed Amendment:

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a one-year term, unless re-elected. The Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

Rationale:

1. Properly references the position of Immediate Past President.

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RESOLUTION 19-16: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.8 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

For an Officer of OHA, except for the Secretary and the Treasurer and the Immediate Past President, who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his/her term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer

Proposed Amendment:

For an Officer of OHA, except for the Secretary and the Treasurer and the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his/her term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer.

Rationale:

1. Properly references the position of Immediate Past President.

RESOLUTION 19-16: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Past President. The immediate Past President shall advise and assist the President where needed.

Proposed Amendment:

Past President. The immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall advise and assist the President where needed.

Rationale:

1. Properly references the position of Immediate Past President.

RESOLUTION 19-16: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 8, 8.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the Awards Coordinator, and consisting of the President, the Vice President and 2nd Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document. (18-7, 18-16)

Proposed Amendment:

Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the Awards Coordinator, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, 2nd Vice President, the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings.

Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document. (18-7, 18-16).

Rationale:

1. Properly references the position of Immediate Past President.

RESOLUTION 19-17: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.6 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Elected by the Districts, or appointed by the Officers under By-Law 5, 5.3, Directors become members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their District or appointment by the Officers. Directors who are elected annually may be re-elected for a maximum of five years however, an additional one year of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Association's Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Elected by the Districts, or appointed by the Officers under By-Law 5, 5.3, District Directors are members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their District or appointment by the Officers. District Directors who are elected annually may be re-elected for a maximum of five years; however, an additional one year of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Association's Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Rationale:

1. Better identifies the term Director.
2. They "are" they do not "become."

RESOLUTION 19-18: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.9 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Officers shall meet at the call of the President, or any three of its members.

Proposed Amendment:

The Officers shall meet at the call of the President, or at the call of any three Officers.

Rationale:

1. Eliminates the word "member" which has been problematic.
2. Clean up, indicates what the three have to do.

RESOLUTION 19-19: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.3 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 50 to 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process.

Proposed Amendment:

A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to Affiliated Societies /Clubs 50 to 40 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9

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RESOLUTION 19-19: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.5.4 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A nomination must be proposed and seconded by current executives of a member society.

Proposed Amendment:

A nomination must be proposed and seconded by current executives of an Affiliated Society/Club.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-19: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.3 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

At the Annual General Meeting or any special general meeting of the Association, 100 voting delegates representing at least 50 member societies in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed Amendment:

At the Annual General Meeting or any special general meeting of the Association, 100 voting delegates representing at least 50 Affiliated Societies/Clubs in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-19: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.7 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The District Treasurer shall present to the membership at the AGM, reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than 2 weeks after their AGM but no later than May 31st each year. The District financial year shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December, 2010.

Proposed Amendment:

The District Treasurer shall present to the Affiliated Societies/Clubs of the District at the AGM the reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The District Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than 2 weeks after their AGM but no later than May 31st each year. The District financial year shall be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9,
2. Identifies which Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 19-19: CONTINUED: Be it resolved that: By-Law 16, 3 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Secretary shall cause all societies to be notified of proposed amendments 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

The Secretary shall cause all Affiliated Societies/Clubs to be notified of proposed amendments 50 to 40 days prior to the meeting.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-20: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.6 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Directors. Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards' Meetings. If a Director is unable to attend an Association Board meeting or other Boards' meeting, they are expected to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible. At Association Board meetings, this individual has a voice and no vote.

Proposed Amendment:

District Directors. **District** Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees, and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards' meetings. **District Directors have a voice and vote.** If a **District** Director is unable to attend an Association Board meeting or other Boards' meetings, they are expected to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible. At Association Board meetings, this individual has a voice and no vote.

Rationale:

1. District better identifies the Director.
2. Voice and vote is silent in the current wording

RESOLUTION 19-21: Be it resolved that: By-Law 9 header be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Proposed Amendment:

FISCAL YEAR AND **AFFILIATION** YEAR

Rationale:

1. Addresses concerns regarding the word membership.

RESOLUTION 19-22: Be it resolved that: By-Law 9, 9.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The membership year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Proposed Amendment:

Affiliation with the Association shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Rationale:

1. Follows the wordings regarding Affiliation versus the use of the word member.

RESOLUTION 19-23: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A quorum for meetings of the Officers shall be 50% plus one of the voting members. At all meetings of the Officers, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Proposed Amendment:

A quorum for meetings of the Officers shall be 50% plus one of the **Officers**. At all meetings of the Officers, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Rationale:

1. Addresses a concern regarding the definition of Member in By-Law 4, 4.1 and the use of the word in the Constitution and By-Laws and Policies and Procedures of the OHA.

RESOLUTION 19-24: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be twelve voting members. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

Proposed Amendment:

A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be twelve voting members of the Board. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

Rationale:

1. Addresses concerns raised about the use of the word member and the definition in By-Law 4, 4.1.

RESOLUTION 19-25: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may decide for the purpose of allowing delegates to review the work of the year, prepare policy, approve the audited financial report, elect officers and auditor, and conduct such other business deemed necessary. All members shall be notified at least 60 days in advance of general meetings and invited to send delegates.

Proposed Amendment:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors may decide for the purpose of allowing delegates to review the work of the year, prepare policy, approve the audited financial report, elect officers and auditor, and conduct such other business deemed necessary. All Affiliated Societies/Clubs shall be notified by February 15th of the Annual General Meeting and invited to send delegates.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.
2. Gives a specific date by which the notice shall be disseminated.

RESOLUTION 19-26: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.5 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Association whenever it deems advisable. Notice of all special or general meetings, with a statement of the subjects to be discussed, shall be sent to all societies at least 30 days prior to said meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Association whenever it deems advisable. Notice of all special meetings, with a statement of the subjects to be discussed, shall be sent to Affiliated Society/Clubs between 50 and 40 days prior to said meeting.

Rationale:

1. Brings notification guideline into line with other notification guidelines in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-27: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.9 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

The Secretary shall make available to all members Minutes of the Annual General Meeting within two months of the time of the meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

The Secretary shall make available to all Affiliated Societies/Clubs the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and/or special meeting no later than 60 days after the Annual General Meeting or special meeting.

Rationale:

1. Removed any possible ambiguity with the reference to 'members'.
2. Now gives guidance as to the dissemination of minutes from a special meeting - prior to this, there was no direction for dissemination of minutes from special meetings.
3. Using 60 days eliminates the argument of 'How long is a month'.
4. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act R.S.O.1990.

RESOLUTION 19-28: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.3.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Each District shall elect a Director of the Association, and at least one Assistant Director, at a duly called Annual General Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the member societies at least thirty days in advance.

Proposed Amendment:

Each District shall elect a Director of the Association, and at least one Assistant Director, at a duly called Annual General Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the District's Affiliated Societies/Clubs at least thirty days in advance.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.
2. Identifies which Affiliated Societies/Clubs are to receive notice.

RESOLUTION 19-29: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.3.2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

In the event that no person is elected as a Director, the Officers of the Association shall rely upon By-Law 5, 5.3 and appoint a person or persons to fill the position until such time as a person can be elected by the membership of the District.

Proposed Amendment:

In the event that no person is elected as a Director, the Officers of the Association shall rely upon By-Law 5, 5.3 and appoint a person or persons to fill the position until such time as a person can be elected by the delegates of the Affiliated Societies/Clubs of the District.

Rationale:

1. The delegates elect, not the membership.
2. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9

RESOLUTION 19-30: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.9 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

A District Advisory Council may be formed, representative of all societies.

Proposed Amendment:

A District Advisory Council may be formed representative of all Affiliated Societies/Clubs in the District.

Rationale:

1. Identifies where the Affiliated Societies/Clubs come from.
2. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-31: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.10 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon the annual report filed for the previous year with the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Proposed Amendment:

Each **Affiliated Society/Club** shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a District meeting. Any **Affiliated Society/Club** having a membership **count** exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. **Affiliated Society/Club** membership counts shall be based upon the annual **information** reports filed for the previous year with the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.

RESOLUTION 19-32: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.11 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Each District shall be entitled, by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting, to make an assessment on member societies within the District but the limit of membership for any society for assessment purposes shall be 1,000 members. Fees must be sent to the District Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer. Fees retained by the District must be accounted for in an audited financial statement to be presented at the District meeting, and a copy provided to each society within the District, and to the Association Secretary.

Proposed Amendment:

Each District shall be entitled, by a majority vote of the delegates present at **its** annual **general** meeting **to set a per capita annual fee**. The limit of membership for any **Affiliated Society/Club** for assessment purposes shall be 1,000 members. Fees must be sent to the District Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer. Fees retained by the District must be accounted for in a **financial statement that has been reviewed by two financial reviewers or an auditor**. **The financial statement is** to be presented at the District meeting, and a copy provided to each **Affiliated Society/Club** within the District, and to the District Secretary.

Rationale:

1. The restriction of audit makes it financially burdensome upon the District.
2. The current rules allow for Financial Reviewers.
3. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9.
4. Cleans the language to reflect the true intent.
5. The report should go to the District for archiving not the Association. Other sections of the By-Laws dictate what to do with the report as far as the Association Treasurer is concerned.

RESOLUTION 19-33: Be it resolved that: By-Law 14 header be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICER

Proposed Amendment:

INDEMNIFICATION OF **DISTRICT** DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Rationale:

1. Identifies which Directors are referenced.
2. Simply identifies that more than 1 is referenced in this By-Law.

RESOLUTION 19-34: Be it resolved that: By-Law 14 preamble be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Every Director or the person/persons appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 and Officer of the Association and his or her heirs, executors and administrators respectively shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association only from and against:

Proposed Amendment:

Every **District** Director or the person/persons appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 and **the Officers** of the Association and their heirs, executors and administrators respectively shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association only from and against:

Rationale:

1. Identifies the Director specifically.
2. There are more than 1 Officer.

RESOLUTION 19-35: Be it resolved that: By-Law 16, 2 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Any member of a society which is in good standing may submit such notice of motion in addition to the Officers and Directors of the Association.

Proposed Amendment:

Any member of an **Affiliated Society/Club** which is in good standing may submit such notice of motion in addition to the Officers and **District** Directors.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9 Reflects the wording in the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.9
2. Identifies the directors referenced.

RESOLUTION 19-36: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1, 6 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk and that portion of Haldimand known as Ward #3a

Proposed Amendment:

Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk and that portion of Haldimand known as **Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3 and Ward 4.**

Rationale:

1. The current wording of By-Law 13, 13.1, 6. identifies only Ward 3 of Haldimand as being part of District 6. This was to incorporate the society housed in Caledonia (Haldimand Horticultural Society).
2. The Constitution By-Laws & Resolutions Committee missed the fact that Wards 1 and 2 and Ward 4 should have been listed. These areas cover the villages/towns that are apparently considered as part of the society area, those being Jarvis, Empire Corners, Hagersville, Cayuga, Selkirk and York which are identified in the correspondence from Haldimand Horticultural Society and form part of their original submission.
3. The District 6 boundary would change by adding the areas listed in b) and the District 9 boundary would change by removing the areas listed in b).
4. By-Law 13, 13.2 is a safeguard to ensure that everyone affected is in agreement with the movement of the boundaries. This requirement has been met.
5. One understands that the boundaries of the Wards might change in the future but it is impossible to predict how, when or if they might change so this looks at the current situation.

RESOLUTION 19-37: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1.9 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Haldimand except Ward #3, Niagara

Proposed Amendment:

Haldimand except Wards #1 & #2 & #3 & #4, Niagara.

Rationale:

1. With the amendment to By-Law 13, 13.1.6, this amendment brings this other affected District into the same geographic boundary descriptor.
2. By-Law 13, 13.2 is a safeguard to ensure that everyone affected is in agreement with the movement of the boundaries. This requirement has been met.

RESOLUTION 19-38: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.1 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

President. The President, as Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the general management and direction of the business and affairs of the Association, and perform duties incident to the office and those prescribed from time to time by the Officers and the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of all Committees, ex-officio. The President or designate shall preside at all meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors and meetings of members.

Proposed Amendment:

President. The President, as Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the general management and direction of the business and affairs of the Association, and perform duties incident to the office and those prescribed from time to time by the Officers and the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of all Committees [REDACTED]. The President or designate shall preside at all meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors and meetings of members.

Rationale:

1. Whether the President is a member or an ex officio member changes nothing with respect to the persons involvement with the committee.
2. Removes the only reference to ex-officio in the Constitution & By-Laws and thus supports the rationale for the proposed amendment to By-Law 1, 10.1

RESOLUTION 19-39: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1, 15 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Peel, York west of Road 34, Toronto west of Bayview Avenue

Proposed Amendment:

Peel, York west of Road No.1, Toronto west of Yonge Street

Rationale:

1. The current wording of By-Law 13, 13.1, 15. identifies, York west of Road 34, and Toronto west of Bayview as being part of District 15. The amendment by D5 of their geographical descriptor at AGM 2018 resulted in an overlap between D17 and D5. The proposed amendment will correct this overlap.
2. By-Law 13, 13.2 is a safeguard to ensure that everyone affected is in agreement with the movement of the boundaries. This requirement has been met.

RESOLUTION 19-40: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1, 17 be amended as follows:

Current Wording:

Durham and the portion of York that includes Georgina

Proposed Amendment:

Durham and the portion of York that includes Georgina east of Park Road

Rationale:

1. The current wording of By-Law 13, 13.1, 17. Identifies the portion of York that includes all of Georgina as being part of District 17 The amendment by D5 of their geographical descriptor at AGM 2018 resulted in an overlap between D17 and D5. This proposed amendment corrects this overlap.
2. By-Law 13, 13.2 is a safeguard to ensure that everyone affected is in agreement with the movement of the boundaries. This requirement has been met.

*The full text of the OHA constitution and by-laws is on the OHA's website
at*

www.gardenontario.org/constitution

The link to the page can also be found at the bottom of each page on the site.

*The **Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act**, under which each OHA society is incorporated, can be viewed on the Government of Ontario website
at*

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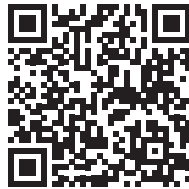
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