

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

Autumn 2019



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President's Message

The 113th Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association has come and gone. It was the hottest weekend of the summer in the deep South of Canada. However, thank you to District 11 volunteers, most enjoyed the bus trips and tours. The OHA competitions were wonderful. Please see the list of winners later on in this edition.

Friday night saw many, who were dressed in Roaring Twenties style, enter a ballroom beautifully decorated in gold and black and enjoyed a meal from that era as well. The Rum Runners band and singers told us in music of what happened during those days of prohibition.

Of course, the awards banquet was the highlight of the evening, where awards were presented to people who have done much to promote the vision and mission of the OHA. David Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada was the keynote speaker for the evening and pointed out that we definitely are in a season of climate change. Thank you to Richmond Hill Society and the Gladys McLatchy Fund for providing the funds to bring David to Windsor.

Our plenary speakers Kim Cooper told us, that we, in this area do grow for the world; Matt Korpan gave us insight into the greenhouse industry and Jen Rusciano brought us her story of how she started a programme in Detroit to have children learn where their food comes from thru farm visits, to purchase, prepare and cook their meals and to have healthier lunches prepared at Detroit Schools.

A Carolinian tree, the Plane tree was planted in the Dieppe gardens, along the Detroit River, to commemorate the convention. Thank you to Windsor Parks and Landscape Ontario for their kind donations.

Yearly friendships were renewed, and new friendships were made.

Thank you to all the volunteers of District 11 for hosting our 113th convention. Thank you to all who attended.



Next year, we go to London, to the Lamplighter Inn on Wellington St., on July 17, 18, 19, 2020. Just as an aside, the board decided that all buses, if possible, will be air conditioned for next year's convention bus tours.

I am humbled to be your president for a second term and I will work closely with your directors and officers to promote the Ontario Horticultural Association. New things are happening on the website all the time. Report forms are being revised and will soon be online for reporting. Kelly Taylor and Jane Leonard are always looking at new and innovative ways for us to promote our organization.

Have a wonderful fall and happy planting.

Kathy Smyth

Cover Photo: The Gardener's Cottage, Kew Gardens, Toronto

Memorial Tree Dedications at the Guelph Arboretum Oak Grove

On June 29, 2019, two tree dedications in memory of OHA Past Presidents took place at the Oak Grove at the Guelph Arboretum.

Kathleen Petrie, OHA President 2000/01, passed away December 3, 2018 at the age of 87. Three days later, December 6, John Smith, OHA President 1969/70 also passed away.

OHA Board members, several Past Presidents, and families of Kathleen and John were in attendance for the ceremony.



Kathy Smyth with members of John Smith's family with the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) planted in his memory



Members of Kathleen Petrie's family with the Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) planted in her honour. Seated at the front is Kathleen's husband David.

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

Past President's Message

Rose Odell, OHA Past President

Hello members, across our great province of Ontario. Haven't we had one hot summer and word is that this will continue to get even hotter as global warming keeps creeping north of the border and changing the eco-system of our gardens and farming. It is quite scary. I have even seen banana trees in Southern Ontario.

For anyone who attended our convention in Windsor I don't need to tell you how great everything was. The space we met in was perfect, the competition's room was ample and allowed you to see everything without going to another room. The food was fabulous. The seminars and speakers chosen taught us more about what we need to learn. And the party goes on Friday night showed off their hidden wardrobes in the style of the Roaring 20s and 30s. So many of our great members were nominated and honoured at our Saturday night banquet and Awards Ceremony. It is an honour to be a part of this team.

It is a time to celebrate and meet new friends and renew old friendships. Perhaps you will join us in London at the Lamplighter Inn for the 2020 Convention July 17th to the 19th, The theme is "Inspired By Nature". Learning – Growing – Blooming. The Friday night party will be a Country Hoedown. Dig out your spurs and cowboy boots and hats and those leather chaps and plaid shirts and come learn some new dance steps. Eeeehaaawww

I am happy to be on the Board as an Officer for another year as your Past President and hope that all I have learned I can share with the rest of the team. I wish Katharine Smyth, your President, and the rest of the Officers and Directors and our Secretary and Treasurer a productive year as leaders of the GardenOntario team.

I am also enjoying the work I do as your Supplies person. Sales at the convention were overwhelming. I urge you to order supplies through your District Director before the October and March board meetings as they can bring your orders back to your District and save you the postage. Feel free to complete an order form found on the website. www.gardenontario.org - Look under Resources, chose what you want and send the order to me by email at supplies@gardenontario.org or send by post. There are many pins to honour your Society board and Officers and a Society President's Certificate to show your appreciation of the work some special people do to make your community so great. Have a look at what else is available. I am waiting to hear from you.....

It is also time to consider nominating that special person in your Society or District who has gone above and beyond to help in so many ways. Please take the time to let them know how much they are really appreciated.

And apply for your grants to help with Seedy Saturdays, Special Projects, Community Grants, Tree Grants, Pollinator Project Grants and Youth Help Program Grants. Your board will be looking at more ways to add to the grants and awards this fall. Stay tuned for the update.

I am also enjoying being a Judge in a new area in Waterloo and helping with a District 19 Judging School that has 18 students that have completed two of the five courses to become judges.

Wishing you visions of coloured leaves and harvest produce and flowers as this season draws to a close.

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides

W. E. Johns, (English First World War pilot, and writer of adventure stories, 1893-1968)

GardenOntario Web Site Update

April Davies, OHA Webmaster



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I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

Now that the temperature is getting a little cooler and fall fairs, garden cleanup, and preserves are on our minds... We are also focusing on the new annual reporting system which will be ready for you to enter your 2019 information and numbers in the next few months.

The information report and volunteer hours have been amalgamated into one easy to use online form, making entry as easy as possible.

Access to the form will be right from gardenontario.org for those with permission so please pass this message along to the person who is responsible for submitting this information for your society so they can check to make sure the appropriate permission is attached to their login. As always, reports will be due Feb 1, 2020.

Also, keep adding your events into our calendar and make sure your society page has been added... take advantage of the powerful features and larger audience available to your society so more people know about you and your events.

Tips and instructions for using the website and online features, like the event calendar, is available in the guide for you to download from the login page. We are also here to help.

Well, that's all I have for now. Enjoy all the lovely tastes, textures, and colours this season has to offer.

Cheers,



April

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Seedy Saturday Grants

The Ontario Horticultural Association is providing four (4) grants of \$250.00 each annually to its member Societies, in good standing, to organize a first-time Seedy Saturday/Sunday event in their communities. It is hoped that such support will promote seed saving and the exchange of regionally adapted, bio-diverse seed in Ontario for the purposes of promoting seed saving and seed exchange in Ontario. (This event may be held any day of the week.)

CRITERIA

Seedy Saturdays/Sundays bring together gardeners, farmers, seed savers and citizens passionate about gardening, food security and the environment.

These one-day non-profit public events often feature speakers and workshops, vendors, youth activities and seed exchanges and sales.

Eligible event expenses include costs related to the rental of venue, tables and chairs, speaker fees, signage and promotional material.

When completing your application, please provide a detailed budget breakdown of how the funds will be used.

TO APPLY

Please complete the Seedy Saturday/Sunday application form found at the www.gardenontario.org website and mail it to the Awards Coordinator no later than November 15th of the current year.

If your Seedy Saturday/Sunday event is awarded a grant, payment will be made in January of the year of the event.

NOTE: Recipients of this award may only receive this award once.

Arthur Horticultural Society - 100th Anniversary

Despite being one of our smallest societies, the Arthur Horticultural Society shows the value of strong community involvement, planting 11 large cement planters that line the main street of Arthur, maintaining three large flower beds in the town, and all the beds at the Arthur Cenotaph.

As part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the society purchased a bench for the Arthur Trail.



Photos courtesy of Faye Craig



Pictured at left are Betsy Benham, Marilyn and Hans Theurer, Terry Ireland, Thea Ouwehand, Wayne Gowland, and Jack Benham at the July 25th installation of the bench on the Arthur Trail.

OHA Convention Tree Dedication

The traditional tree dedication to commemorate the OHA convention took place in Dieppe Park, on the Windsor waterfront, where a Bloodgood London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia*) was planted.



Ancaster Front Garden Awards

Donna Parker, Co-President, Ancaster Horticultural Society

The Trillium Awards are one of the main functions of the Ancaster Horticultural Society, and the program's aim is to beautify the Town of Ancaster.

One of the ways the society encourages beautification is to annually evaluate residents' front gardens. This year, 40 society members judged 284 gardens and selected 125 to receive Trillium Awards. The competition is always stiff. Out of a possible score of 100, the cut-off score was 92.

More than 100 people attended the event to receive awards on August 20. Ancaster Councillor Lloyd Ferguson gave out the special awards.

Three gardens received Diamond Trilliums, for 15 years. Two received Ruby Trilliums, for 10 years; and eight received Gold trilliums, for five years.

For the first time, this year, the society is providing the addresses of those gardens that received a "Wow!" score of 100, and/or a Diamond Trillium so that interested gardeners can drive by these exceptional front gardens. The addresses and photos of the top ten properties can be found on our web site: ancasterhort.org/events



The Ancaster Trillium Awards are colour coded, with white for one to four years, gold is for five years, ruby for 10 years, and diamond for 15 years.

Ancaster Horticultural Society Trillium Awards committee members Marilyn Burjan, Carol Ann Howe and Kelley Gowland

Winter Trillium Deadline Date

The deadline for the winter issue of the Trillium is **December 15**, with publication in early January.

Articles should be sent in Word format or plain text. If you have a Mac, and would rather use Pages, that is also accept that. 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.

Articles can be emailed to editor@gardenontario.org.

"Local" Arbour for Terry Fox Park

Kathy Bouma, Fergus Horticultural Society

Terry Fox Park is a site that the Fergus Horticultural Society has taken care of for many years. The park contains many gardens and showcases a large collection of Wally Gilbert heritage peonies as well as show-stopping irises, daylilies, Hostas and some annuals. The pathway through the park is a delightful place to wander or a place to stop and have a picnic. Sadly, the existing arbour was declining and it became necessary to replace the structure.

One of our members generously donated the logs. Another member had a Wood-Mizer portable sawmill, and he milled the logs into lumber to build the new arbour. The creative minds and skilled labour of a group of our members made it come to life. The arbour is made from local trees that grew within 5 km from where it stands today. Measuring 32.5 feet long, 9.5 feet high and 8.5 feet wide, it will once again have climbing roses to adorn the lattice and heritage peonies along the walkway. Its majestic beauty will be enjoyed by many for years to come.

The arbour is a reminder of our dedication to our community. A big thank you to Bruce Youngblood and Randy McLean and to our wonderful members who made this all happen!!!

Photo by Dean McKay



Port Hope Garden Club's Second Annual Yard Sale

Carole Elliot, Port Hope Garden Club

Again this year, the Port Hope Garden Club participated in the Port Hope Arts Festival in Memorial Park in August. Our goal was to increase our visibility in the community, talk about our pollinator patch and the bee hotel, and encourage people to join the Club.

According to Maggie Money, the Club's Membership Coordinator, "We talked to many people about the Club's activities and encouraged them to attend a meeting. Once again we think we achieved our goals."

"An additional benefit was that our members enjoyed being able to talk about gardening and our meetings, while at the same time having fun on a sunny summer day. We were also able to raise \$250 towards the Club's outreach programs," said Carole Elliott, President.

Everyone agrees that we'll be there again in 2020.



Port Hope Garden Club members Betty DeLong, Janet Hunt, Patricia McCaw, Maggie Money, Yvonne Lane, Victoria Terry, Carole Elliott, Anthea Loke. Not shown is Bonnie Tuttle.

Leaside Resident Receives Inaugural Garden Society Scholarship

Joanna Blanchard, Leaside Garden Society

In mid-August, some members of the Leaside Garden Society gathered to present the inaugural Garden Society Founders Scholarship to Leaside resident Josh Paull.

The scholarship selection committee unanimously selected Josh from a pool of very worthy candidates to receive this first-ever \$1,000 award, presented this year to honour Edna Beange, one of our original founders, who died during the winter. The scholarship, which we hope will become an annual event, was funded through money raised from the garden society's "Magical Gardens of Leaside" tour held in June.



This award will assist in furthering Josh's Landscape Architecture studies at the University of Guelph, and the selection committee was pleased that he indicated he plans to use the money to attend a conference in the US. Josh will be invited to give a short presentation at the LGS October meeting in person or via a video.

The goal of the scholarship is to support post-secondary education in areas of study related to horticulture so that students may have a diverse, interactive learning experience that can be shared.



Left to right: Jim Hartley, Connie Uetrecht, Josh Paull, & Carolyn Beange

Russell Horticultural Society 100th Anniversary

One of the many projects related to the 100th anniversary of the Russell and District Horticultural Society was the planting of an Ivory Silk Lilac tree (*Syringa reticulata*) at Russell Meadows Retirement Residence. In attendance, among many others, were Louise Freeman, Assistant Director District 1; Charles Freeman, O.H.A. Vice President; Carole Van Die, RDHS President; Lindley McPhail RDHS past president and Cindy Saucier, Russell Township Councillor. On the same day, a garden tour with catered luncheon was held and a grand time was had by all.



A New Pollinator Garden in Chatham

Steve Parr, Chatham Horticultural Society

On a recent hot July morning several members of the Chatham Horticultural Society gathered to share a new local Pollinator Garden. One of the members was inspired by his various experiences with native plant gardens and took the opportunity to create a small example of a pollinator garden in the green space near his home.

Steve Parr has already created several native plant gardens to support Monarch butterflies. When it was time for a dying Norway Maple tree to be cut down, Steve proposed his idea to the Municipality's Supervisor of Parks, Deb Veccia. Steve's plan was to plant various native plants around the stump and trunk that were left behind when the tree was cut down.

This new Pollinator Garden is located at the south end of John Street in Larry O'Rourke Park, and will serve many purposes. The plants have been specifically chosen for their flowers, which will attract and support various bees, butterflies and birds. For the green space users, this garden will be a visible display of the sort of plants that attract pollinators. Most of the plants used were transplanted from existing gardens.



Amanda Blain of the LTVCA was also able to attend on the day that the garden was shared, and had this to say: "The Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority can help urban landowners complete pollinator gardens on their own property. They can offer advice on what, where and when to plant to attract pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds and they can offer sources on where to find native plants in the area. They also offer workshops throughout the year about naturalizing your property for rural and urban landowners. Follow them on Facebook for all upcoming events or contact their stewardship department at stewardship@ltvca.ca for more information."

This pollinator garden also enhances biodiversity, increases water infiltration because of the deeper roots of native plants, and has attracted other species such as an Eastern Garter Snake, hummingbirds and wrens. As the stump and trunk decompose, they will attract insects and animals which live in woody debris.

This project involved helpful community partners. Deb Veccia of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supported this garden from the beginning. The Municipality's Arborists helped by leaving behind the stump and trunk and by providing wood chips as mulch for the garden. The staff of the LTVCA have provided technical advice and encouragement throughout the process of creating the garden and some of the plants were sourced from the LTVCA.

Plants Used in the Garden

Common Milkweed	Black Eyed Susan
Butterfly Milkweed	Showy Goldenrod
Swamp Milkweed	Burr Oak
Purple Coneflower	White Oak Ninebark
Liatris spicata (Dense Blazing Star)	New England Aster
Little Bluestem	Purple Prairie Clover
Red "Wild" Bergamot	Hoary Vervain
Short Coreopsis	Rough Blazing Star (Liatris)
Blue Vervain	

Where did the Summer Go?

Alison Robinson, Dryden Horticultural Society

Everywhere you turn, the lament is the same: "Where did the summer go?" Let the Dryden & District Horticultural Society count some ways....

1. Our May meeting was held, as usual, at Schmidt's Greenhouse where we were treated to a preview of what's new for this summer, and were given some very helpful tips on proper pinching – of annuals, not people...just sayin.
2. On the May long weekend, our annual plant sale was held. Success was born of the many volunteers who not only donated perennials, annuals, veggies, house plants, and 'bits and bobs', but also made light work of the set-up and clean-up as well. It's encouraging to see our junior members pitch in and join the volunteer team! Friday evening was the members' opportunity to shop and receive a 20% discount on all purchases, as well as receive trees donated by PRT (Pacific RegenerationTechnology). Saturday was open shopping for the public. When the sale was over, our accountant held an impromptu quiz for our volunteers: How much did our sales tally? The closest guess, which took the 'prize' of the last perennial, was won by one of our junior members.
3. Our bi-annual garden tour, also a two-day event, was a huge success! On Friday, July 12, we were treated to Karl and Millie Lang's magnificent gardens and grounds. The Langs are octogenarian-plus life members having served the Horticultural Society faithfully for many years, as well as many other civic endeavours. On Saturday, the tour took us to four other gardens, each unique and beautiful to their situation! A grand time was had and a record number of tickets was sold – 119!!!
4. Our pollinator garden, mingling with antique farming equipment at the local fairgrounds, was expanded and cared for by numerous volunteers. A special sign was erected to honour those who donated financially to this project.
5. August 15 marked our Society's 50th anniversary! Around 72 guests came to our delicious potluck dinner and our short program following, which featured a ladies chorale group "The Praisers", a reading, and a fun skit. Sandra Mazur, OHA District Director, travelled from Thunder Bay to present service awards to Howard Sanderson and Marj Larson. Both of these long-time and life-time members have served tirelessly in many capacities in our Society.

And that's where our summer went!



Rededicating the Belleville Memorial Gardens

Debi Butler, Belleville Garden Club

On Saturday, June 22, the Belleville Garden Club, along with the City of Belleville, rededicated the Memorial Gardens at the northeast corner of Bell Blvd and North Park St., both to the Belleville Garden Club members who were previously memorialized there and for its new purpose: offering a place for everyone to honour a gardener. The Gardens were originally dedicated on September 30, 1990, to "the memory of those dedicated members of the Belleville Garden Club who devoted their loyal service to horticulture." Since then, the gardens have grown and changed and are now a special part of the city's West Riverside Park.



Sue Carew (District 3 Director); Chris Malette (Belleville City Councillor); Lisa & Mitch Panciuk (Belleville City Mayor); Pat Culhane (Belleville City Councillor); Chris Green & Barb Hayward (Co-chairs of the Belleville Garden Club).



In 2017, the Club made a generous donation to the City of Belleville to help with the revitalization of the gardens and the restoration of the existing memorials. The hope is that members of the public will memorialize their loved ones by donating an item such as a bench, light standard, or plaque. The rededication was attended by the mayor of the City, Mitch Panciuk, several city council members, and a contingency of club members. It was a beautiful day in a beautifully renewed setting.

The size of a garden has very little to do with its merit. It is merely an accident relating to the circumstances of the owner. It is the size of his heart and brain and goodwill that will make his garden either delightful or dull, as the case may be, and either leave it at the monotonous dead level, or raise it, in whatever degree he may, toward that of a work of fine art.

Gertrude Jekyll, *Wood & Garden*, 1899

Barrie Garden Club – Working with the Community to Beautify the City of Barrie

Pat Duncan, Barrie Garden Club

We are so proud of the Barrie Garden Club members who volunteer throughout the City of Barrie to help to beautify the city we live in.

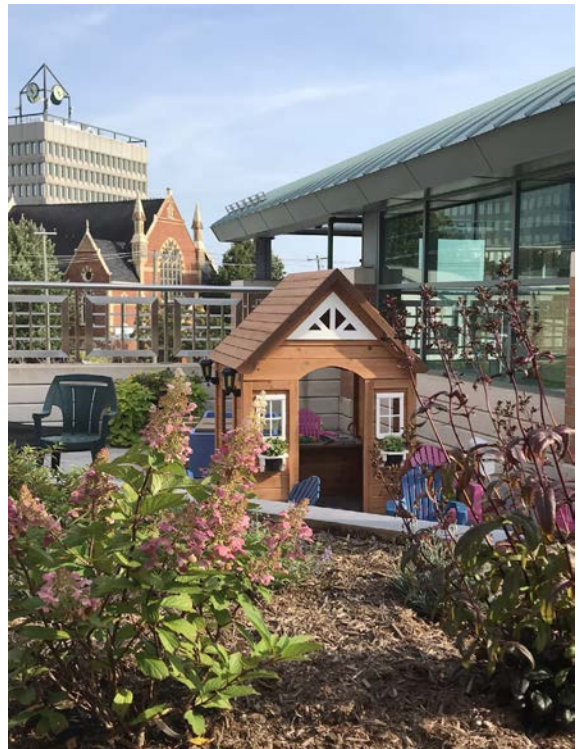
Since 2015, the Barrie Garden Club has partnered with the Barrie Public Library to plant and maintain the rooftop garden in the downtown library.

When we were approached by library management and asked if our volunteers would be interested in planting and maintaining the gardens, we jumped at the chance. Now, every year we look forward to creating beautiful gardens and planters for library patrons to enjoy throughout the summer.

In the fall of 2018, volunteers planted over 100 tulip bulbs in the large raised garden. The following spring, the raised garden was in full bloom for the library's grand re-opening, which included live music, snack and refreshments.



Our dedicated volunteers work in partnership with the staff at the library each year to plan the garden design. Then we set out to do some serious shopping at a local nursery (paid for by the City of Barrie). This spring our volunteers shopped for the library on three or four different occasions, first purchasing a selection of perennials for the newly constructed raised bed. It took a few more trips to the nursery to buy enough annuals to fill 10 large containers. Volunteers also look after watering the plants at least three times each week.



We are proud to be working together with the library to provide a relaxing area surrounded by a large raised perennial garden and a lovely collection of containers overflowing with annuals in full bloom. Library patrons can use this area to cozy up and read a good book. There are tiny chairs and a playhouse for children, umbrellas to provide shade from the summer sun and comfortable Muskoka chairs.

The rooftop garden is a great way to bring people together to enjoy fresh air, gardens, books and music.



District 2 AGM 2019

Sharlene Desjardins, OHA 2nd Vice President

April 13, 2019 was a cool Spring day, but inside the Zion Lutheran Church in Pembroke, the hall was bursting with colour. The decorations shouted Spring and you couldn't help but smile. The Pembroke society greeted over 100 members and guests. In the main hall, President Cathy Hugli, District 2 Director Sharlene Desjardins, and Pembroke Mayor Mike Lemay welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the town.

Penny Stewart, District 3 Director, brought greetings from the OHA President, Katharine Smyth. Penny spoke about the new OHA Vision, Mission and Goals and the new OHA VistaPrint store where members can purchase merchandise for themselves and their societies. She explained a little about the new General Guidelines for Societies pamphlets and new harassment and code of conduct policies which societies should have as part of their constitution and bylaws. She then took the time to invite everyone present to attend the 2019 OHA Convention which took place in Windsor, Ontario July 19th to 21st.

An In Memoriam book and a display of photos with the names of the deceased over the past year in District 2 was placed in the hall for members to stop by during the day. The names were read out and a moment of silence was held in memory of them.

The photo competition results were presented in a slide show by Karen Haddon. There were 17 societies represented with 37 participants and 289 photos.

Notable membership achievements and statistics were as follows: Manotick H.S. for the most number of volunteer hours per member at 35; Ottawa H.S. for the highest number of new adult members at 51 and Pakenham H.S. for the highest percent of new adult members at 38%. The District 2 trophy was awarded to the Perth H.S. for the highest percentage increase in adult membership at 21.5%. The District 2 Service award was presented to Sheila King of the Manotick Horticultural Society.

During breaks, members enjoyed browsing through the many vendors that were in attendance. There were many lovely door prizes drawn throughout the day and lunch and snacks were delicious.

Two guest speakers were featured: Fred Blackstein is an engineering graduate of the University of Waterloo. For the past thirty years, he has led thousands of volunteers on major projects such as the 1994 International Plowing Match, establishing the local 911 emergency system, Canada's 1998 ice storm emergency recovery, the building of Renfrew County's new long term care facility, Pembroke's Millennium Waterfront Park and the new Ottawa Valley campus of Algonquin College. He is a founding member of the Shaw Woods Education Centre and is a member of the Order of Canada.



Left to right: Sharlene Desjardins; Sheila King, Manotick; Maxine Whelan, Manotick; Jayne Huntley, Ottawa; Toby Barratt, Pakenham; Jill Moxley, Pakenham; Robin McIntosh, Perth, Penny Stewart, District 3 Director

Bruce Pappin was raised in Pembroke and studied journalism in Toronto. He operated a publishing and public relations business in Pembroke until retirement in 2010. He has served on the Pembroke Planning Committee, the Pembroke Local Architectural Advisory Committee, the downtown Facade Improvement Panel and the Ottawa Valley Historical Society. Bruce gave a fascinating talk on the history of Pembroke accompanied with photos and explained how "Beautiful Pembroke" came to be.

Before the meeting was concluded, elections were held. Sharlene Desjardins resigned as District Director in order to pursue the position of OHA 2nd Vice President. Anne Harbord (Anne Clark-Stewart) was acclaimed into the position of District Director. Sheila King moved into the position of ADD Rideau Basin, Jane Woodcroft retained the position of ADD Upper Ottawa and Kathleen Lang retained the position of ADD Mississippi. All three were acclaimed. ADD at large remained vacant. Gay McQuarrie was appointed as the new secretary and Cheryl Gingras was appointed as the new treasurer. The new Board was installed by District 3 Director, Penny Stewart.

Sharlene Desjardins thanked her executive and all members present for their cooperation and support over the last two years. She also requested that all society members give their support to the new executive.

With all the business being concluded, Pembroke President, Cathy Hugli and District Director, Sharlene Desjardins thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. Everyone was sent home with a lovely herb to kick off the Spring season.

Tillsonburg – A Great Year

The society has had a great year so far. In April, a group of members co-ordinated the creation of a display for the District 10 Annual Meeting held in Dorchester. As usual, all societies had a display for the show's theme, which this year was "Sow, Hoe & Grow". There were over 20 participants using all gardening related articles. We chose to use as many natural and fresh items as possible, and included a collage put together by participants in our successful, and growing, Junior Gardeners Program. We were fortunate to have our display chosen as best. The Society had not won in 10 years, so we were a very happy group by the end of the day.



The seed company William Dam Seeds presentation was interesting where we learned how new seed becomes available to all. The afternoon speaker told us of the work done at the Royal Botanical Gardens near Hamilton where they have revived the Rose Garden.



He talked of using older traditional varieties that have proven disease resistant. They are using plants as a filler, especially strong scented ones to reduce chemical use. It was an enjoyable event among new friends.

The 2019 garden tour, "Beyond the Garden Gate", held on June 22 was very successful. There were seven featured gardens, each being unique in its structure, design and plantings. Every garden provided a backdrop for our many local artisans to display a wide range of arts and crafts that included photography, water colours, oil paintings, hand-crafted glass art, and one-of-a-kind woodworking items.

People could purchase a ticket from various town businesses, that included a map of garden locations with descriptions of each for a leisurely self-guided. Our horticultural society relied on our many volunteers/ members to assist visitors with information regarding the names and types of various plants at the gardens and to introduce the owners. Visitors came from as far away as Toronto, Stratford, Hamilton and Woodstock, and there was great local support.

Work is well on the way to produce another great tour next June.

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.

Greek proverb

Deciphering Photos from Our Archives

Aruna Panday, Archivist, Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society

This past summer I had a wee adventure as I tried to unravel the mystery of two intriguing photos from our Society's archives. The ambiance is similar, the print finish and photo size are the same, and both are in near perfect physical condition. In the first, people enjoy a campfire while a gentleman roasts marshmallows. In the second, a group sits around a low table covered with empty dishes.

Though these gems were filed in a folder labeled "1972," I suspected that was an error; colour photos were exceedingly common from the early 1960s and these were black and white. Another clue that leads us to believe they are older are the subjects'

In yearbooks, Miss Ada (sometimes Aida or A.V.) Linton and Miss Ann (aka Anne, Annie or A.B.) Linton appear for the first time in 1942 and for the last time in 1983. Another Linton, "E." or Elizabeth, was a sister born in 1889, but she doesn't seem to have been especially involved with the SHS.

In addition to service as President, Past President ('59), and Secretary ('62, '68, and '69), Ada was an SHS Director for forty years working on various committees such as juniors, social, public planting, and show, and an honorary board member from 1973-1983. Though Ann also volunteered for similar committees, she never held an executive role.



A. Linton



dapper and delightful outfits and hairstyles. Costume maker, gardener, and SGHS's treasurer, Sarah Walker, confirmed these were of the early 1950s adding, "They are middle-aged men and women who tend to hold onto their earlier preferences for styles."

At the back of each photo, written in the same hand, in pale blue ink, is "A. Linton." But, to whom did "A. Linton" refer: the photographer, the owner of the images, or a reveler? The name Linton seemed familiar. I skimmed our current yearbook and found Ada Linton, FRHS—Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, England—was President of the Scarborough Horticultural Society (SHS) from 1956-1958.

Internet searches of Ada's rather common name yielded few morsels. The bulk of the information I gathered came from combing our digitized archives, yearbooks, newsletters, and yearly folders, and talking to living people.

First, I compared the photos to older ones in our collection to see if I could identify any of the faces. No one seemed to match, so I delved into "The Mystery of A."

While Ada lived continually in Scarborough—West Hill and later Guildwood – in 1950, Ann moved to 59 St. George Street, the home of Knox College, Toronto School of Theology, where she lived over twenty years on and off until 1976. I was curious about Ann's relationship to the institution, so I emailed Knox, to no avail. However, a 1957 voters list showed Ann registered at St. George, her occupation listed as parlor maid. Of sisterly, though not horticultural, interest, is that other evidence puts Elizabeth in Toronto at least as early as 1928 and in 1957 she was also registered at St. George, her occupation listed as cook.

On my request, OHA historian and *Trillium* editor, Malcolm Geast searched OHA records for the Lintons. He found Ada was a District 5 Director (1955-1967) and a "frequent speaker at other hort societies." In my on-line search I also came across hints of this; for example, in 1963 she was the judge for the Bronte Horticultural Society's 25th Annual Flower Show. Malcolm is registered with an on-line genealogy site. Curious about

Deciphering Photos from Our Archives *(continued)*

the Lintons, he did a bit of extra searching. Records he shared with me showed the sisters embarked the SS Letitia in Liverpool, September 4, 1926. After eighteen days of travel, the sisters and 1,223 other shipmates arrived at the port of Quebec. Once at Canadian immigration service, they specified their intention as permanent immigrants to Canada and then headed to their final destination; a government hostel in Toronto (no address specified). Records show the Lintons didn't pay for their third class passage, they were assisted. Often an emigration company or the British Colonial Office subsidized or paid for passage of immigrants, perhaps this was the case for the Lintons.

Though their last UK address was in Surrey, the sisters' roots were in Whitby not too far away from our sister Society in Scarborough, Yorkshire. Ada, 29 on her arrival to Canada, was born in Ugthorpe in 1897, and in 1906, 19 year old Annie was born in Kettleness, near the coast. They left behind at least one sibling. Immigration documents listed their sister Mrs. G. Cummins of Gallows Close, as their nearest relation. Ada and Ann could both read and had thirteen pounds between them, which today gives a purchasing power of roughly twelve hundred Canadian dollars. Immigration documents show their occupation in England and intended in Canada was 'domestic.' Malcolm also suspects Ada worked at Imperial Optical during the 1940s, in what capacity is unknown. In addition, both Ada and Ann were members of Willard Hall Swimming Club, then part of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union building on Gerrard Street.

Dave Money, Deborah Cloakey, and Edithe Zarins are current members who served SHS's executive

concomitantly with Ada. Edithe has no memory of the sisters but I had a bit of luck with the others. Dave said to me, "I knew of her, but I didn't know her." Fair enough, he was a spring chicken when they would have already been grand dames. He did remember that Ada spent many years working at the district level and that the sisters were important contributors to the running of the Society. Deborah was able to give a little insight into their horticultural preference, "They were known for their teacup and thimble displays; they were magnificent."

Archival research requires patience and a sense of curiosity and adventure. In addition to combing through documents, chatting with members past and present and internet searches will yield clues to help unravel your mysteries. In the case of the Lintons, further tidbits might be found by expanding searches of the Canadian Census, immigration records, on-line genealogy data bases, and newspaper archives.

In the best case an archival photograph includes dates, names, and location and event information on or near the image. There would be no fading, tape residue, rips, nor ink marks. Sometimes, photographs, like life, aren't best case, but they're still great.

Ultimately, we don't know who took these photos, where and when the occasion was, nor the participants names. We did, however, manage to learn a little about plant enthusiasts Ada Linton and Ann Linton; immigrants from near Scarborough, Yorkshire, to what is now south-west Scarborough, Ontario. Last and not least, in reward for their many years of dedication and service to horticulture and gardening in Ontario, Scarborough Horticultural Society rewarded them life memberships – Ada in 1978, Anne in 1980.



The 1957 OHA Board of Directors and Office Staff

Ada Linton is the middle person in the front row.

Flower shows return to the Kanata-March Horticultural Society

Kitty Langill, Kanata March Horticultural Society

The June meeting of the KMHS was the last before our summer break. A Flower and Edibles Show along with dessert social was held that evening and was a great success. Judged by Gay MacQuarrie, it had been 10 years since the last flower show was held within the society.

Many members were competing for the first time, and with the late spring weather, it was challenging to provide specimens for the 30 categories that had been planned. We had good participation from the members who took part and came away with ribbons, encouraging participation for future shows! After the judging was completed, members enjoyed the social portion of the evening while taking in the results of the show. Lessons were learned, and our members are looking forward to the next one!



LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society

Even with the late spring, our society pulled off their best plant sale ever thanks to the help of our members and their plants and our potting parties. We also help-out two local farms that support us by consigning hanging baskets, flats of annuals and vegetables from them. With a profit of over five thousand dollars we are able again to sponsor two St. Clair College graduating students from the horticultural program with scholarships and could also purchase an area bench for our Celebration garden.

With our annual tulip/daffodil rescue program, we were able to donate four thousand bulbs to five area schools so they could beautify their property and we could promote gardening.

One of our members spoke on behalf of our society at the local "Life After Fifty Club". We are hoping that, by completing more speaking engagements, we can interest some new members in our society.

We couldn't be happier that our society sold 63 of the 200 Hostas for the fund-raiser for the convention. It was hard work, but member Jan Dugdale pulled it off.



Tulip rescuers in action.

Finally, we can't forget a BIG THANK YOU, goes out to our "Helping Hands Group" who travel to paid members homes to help them with their gardens when they are in need due to surgery, aging, or being away from their own home to aid other family members.

Georgina-Brock Garden Club, Helping Our Pollinators

Kathie Braid, Georgina-Brock Garden Club

For the Georgina-Brock Garden Club's 60th Anniversary we wanted to celebrate with a community project that was fun, educational, environmentally sustainable and beautiful. What could be better than building a Butterfly & Pollinator Garden at our local Pepperlaw Library?



The Town of Georgina and the Pepperlaw Library were very supportive and by June we had a beautiful garden with six types of shrubs, 27 varieties of perennials and six types of annuals. Many members of the GBGC participated in this project by planning, donating plants, preparing the site, planting, and performing ongoing maintenance. Visitors to the library have commented on the beauty of the garden, as well as observing butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and monarch butterfly caterpillars.

The Mayors of the Town of Georgina and Township of Brock presented us with certificates of congratulation on the 60th Anniversary of the Georgina-Brock Garden Club, recognizing our ongoing contributions to our communities.



Best in Show for Chinguacousy Garden Club

The Chinguacousy Garden Club & Horticultural Society members received wonderful news at their September meeting. Barb O'Malley, District 15 Director, presented them with the Best In Show Award for 2019 Publication Competition, which was won for their Annual Brochure. This publication was truly a joint effort, with contributions by several members, edited by Susan Morley, and design by Nick Vatalaro of Niva Creative (one of the club's sponsors).



Left to right: Susan Morley (editor), Barb O'Malley (District 15 Director) holding Best In Show award ribbon, Nick Vatalaro (designer) and Michelle Wilson (President)

District 2 Flower and Edibles Show at Smiths Falls

Charles McLenaghan, Director, Smiths Falls Horticultural Society

The Smiths Falls Horticultural Society hosted the 2019 District 2 Flower and Edibles Show at the local Civitan Hall on Saturday, August 17.

The morning began with a great turnout of volunteers for an early 7 am set-up. Thanks to Laura Hunter, Kathleen Lang, and David and Madeline Archer, things got underway quickly, tables were set up for both the displays and the designs preparation area.

A heavy flow of exhibitors began to pour into the hall. The display tables were prepared with covers and labels for classes of the entries. Soon there was a wide array of shapes, sizes and colours being laid out. There was a frenzy in the prep area, many of the displays were getting the final touches by the enthusiastic group of exhibitors.

Things slowed down as the deadline to place exhibits approached. The hall was then turned over to the judges. No one was permitted to stay during the judging.

The doors swung open after the judging. Our president Debra Bellevue conducted the opening ceremonies at 1 pm. Winners of the day were announced and the presentations were made.



Smiths Falls President Debra Bellevue and District 2 Director Anne Clark Harbord

Floral arranging followed with local artist Lindsey McFadden, owner of Autumn's Fine Flowers, creating a beautiful display that was donated to the silent auction. A head-to-head design challenge followed with four participants feverishly creating their best arrangement in a time-limited competition in full view of the audience. Participants were Aira Keduc, Cindy Zorgel, Linda Bartlett, and Kathleen Lang.

Many compliments about the venue and set-up were given by the exhibitors, some stating that it was one of

the best shows they have attended and participated in. The judges were equally impressed.

The final tally was 26 exhibitors with 647 exhibits. This large number of entries resulted in a much higher distribution of prize money than the norm. Congratulations to all of the winners and a huge applause to everyone that participated.

We are very grateful to Laura Hunter, Kathleen Lang, and David and Madeline Archer for their devotion to making our event so enjoyable. David designed the layout and then staged the event, while Madeline was our coordinator. Thank you both for all of the hours you spent in mentoring our society. Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave up their day and did an incredible job, Steve and Linda Svarckopf for keeping everyone comfortable with drinks and snacks, Lorna Stewart for all of the work in setting up and conducting our silent auction and book exchange and Anita Frigan managing the books for the day and everyone else who pitched in.

Thanks go out to the judges, Ursula Eley and Judy Zinni for their time and talent. These ladies did a superb job and went the extra distance by making handwritten comments and suggestions on the exhibits.

A group of weary, but enthusiastic volunteers remained to clean up and pack things away. Again, many thanks to all of you who helped with this momentous task. You should be proud of your accomplishments and of your contribution to making Smiths Falls a better place.

We are grateful as well to the Civitan for generously donating the use of the hall at no charge. Thank you to the Civitan member that assisted with the arrangements.

The awards for best in show were given out by District 2 Director Anne Clark Harbord to the following:

- Horticulture: Sharlene Desjardins from Deep River was awarded a Pewter Tankard.
- Edibles: Suzanne Legarde from Smiths Falls was awarded a Silver Platter.
- Design: Aira Keduc from Perth was awarded a framed watercolour picture.
- Houseplants: Sandy Black from Pakenham was awarded a Silver Bowl.
- Special Exhibit: Helen Halpenny from Almonte was awarded a rosette.

For Roses & Shrubs, the president of the Smiths Falls Horticultural Society, Debra Bellevue, awarded a rosette to Anne Clarke Harbord from Manotick.

Youth Activities News

A Green and Enchanted Future

Suzanne Catty, Co-President, Cannington Horticultural Society

One of the things about gardeners is that they have great imaginations. They can look at a piece of lawn or barren plot of land and imagine what it would look like as a garden in five year's time. Show us a seed catalogue and we are off on botanical dreams taking us from one to even decades into the future. Mention trees and our imagination spins out to the generations yet unborn who will enjoy its shade and fruit.

Three years ago, it was our imagination that led us, here at the Cannington Horticultural Society (CHS), to envision a new approach for our club and the community of gardeners that we hoped to propagate. As with any garden plan, we imagined growing the club in stages, adding events and projects over a couple of years to increase our relevance to the community as well as the world around us. Some plans sprouted immediate results as we enticed our two local "sister" clubs (Beaverton Horticultural Society & Georgina-Brock Garden Club) to work with us on combined events. "Seedy Saturday" was the first of these co-sponsorships and in this, the third year, we outgrew our venue and caused major traffic jams in downtown Beaverton with the green-thumbed crowds the three clubs attracted. We call these co-sponsored events "cross-pollinations", invoking the interdependence of the natural world and the human one to remind us we are colleagues not competitors.

Since imagination has no limitations, we have tended to colour outside the lines in our club's "garden" design. We took a very different tack with our speakers, expanding the range of topics and bringing in new subjects and presenters to grow our knowledge of more than just the plants. We reached out to members and solicited feedback and ideas and sought out skills-based subjects and workshops to inform and enlighten us. As the club became more hands-on in its projects and

presenters, our membership grew in tandem, showing that information is to gardeners as compost is to plants, food for growth!

In 2019, we launched our first try at bringing youth into the club. Having tripled the membership of adults since we began in December 2016, we were finally in a position to shift our attention to the more long-term vision we had imagined, children are the "trees" who will take our club into the future. Our Board had discussed numerous ideas for kids throughout 2018 and we involved the local Girl Guides, Junior Farmers and 4-H clubs in our tree planting event that spring. Learning from the experience at other societies and wanting to avoid the club-as-baby-sitter syndrome we decided to bring in youth members as equals with their own classes in the monthly flower shows and categories in the two photo contests with all information printed in our yearbook. We also decided to run a special competition, The Enchanted Garden, "cross-pollinating" with Brock Township on their youth action initiative.

The Enchanted Garden was a hands-on competition requiring the entrants to create an "enchanted" green space of their own design. Either completely imaginary or inspired by a favourite book/film/story, the kids needed to design and grow their real-life garden over the summer months, submitting photographs at the end for the judging to take place. We created two age groups, 8-12 years and 13-17 years, and the matching grant from Brock Township allowed us to offer cash prizes, \$100 for first and \$50 for second and third place in each of the groups.

The competition was heavily promoted from March to the end of June, and feedback tells us that our posters were very visible and successful with the kids themselves. Co-President Marg Munro designed a beautiful "enchanted" frog for our print media and we plastered outlets throughout Brock Township,



Enchanted Garden
CHALLENGE
You could win \$100.

Calling all youth ages 8 to 17
Design & grow your very own
'Enchanted Garden'
And you could win a prize!

Cannington Horticultural Society
Sign up on June 24th, 7pm Cannington Legion
For complete details on how to be part of this fun challenge - please go to:
www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org
or call 705 426 9138
learn.grow.enjoy

A Green and Enchanted Future (continued)

going way outside our catchment area of Cannington and Sunderland. Social network activity missed the kids, but alerted parents to the competition and we had one more ace up our gardening gloves, our June speaker.

Long term planning was key here as we booked 14-year-old Emma Biggs as our June 2019 speaker a full 10 months in advance. Board members had seen Emma speaking with her father Steven at the Peterborough Garden Show and we strongly believed that having a youth speaker to launch a youth initiative was the only way to go. Emma had just released her first book, *Gardening for Kids*, and we wanted to inspire our local young green-thumbs that anything is possible, even when you're 14! It certainly was the right decision and the feed-back, especially from kids, was phenomenal.

The June meeting was packed with young and old enjoying a very professional, fun and fact-filled presentation from young Ms Biggs. Emma was doubly pleased as a young local grower of giant vegetables was present and she had featured him in her book, definitely lots of cross-pollination going on. And so, by contest entry closing date we had 20 young people signed up, far exceeding our goal of 15 and proving that if the soil is prepared properly, things will grow.

One of the other major bonuses of organizing this event was how many local groups were willing to chip in and help. "Fairy Gardens" are all the rage and many stores are filled with beautiful figurines and accessories to kit them out, but at a significant cost. It was important to CHS that the contest be accessible to everyone, regardless of income or opportunity and that an enchanted garden need not cost a lot of money, if any!

At the June meeting, CHS was able to offer all the contestants a whole range of free items and goodies in addition to Emma's inspiring presentation. The contest required that the kids have at least three plants in the garden that they know by name. Local greenhouse Planet Pals and our members donated a whole range of miniatures, mosses, succulents and aromatic plants for the kids to choose from for free. The local Thrift Hub collected toys and accessories on the enchanted or magical theme and along with local merchant The Dark Horse provided a massive table of goodies at the disposal of the kids. We even had a local couple donate a huge collection of crystals, including quartz, amethyst, agate and more, opening up the imaginary landscape, and all at absolutely no charge. Now that's community!



14-year-old Emma Biggs speaking at the June meeting of the Cannington Horticultural Society. In the foreground is a photo of the table full of donations for the Youth Enchanted Garden Challenge

A Green and Enchanted Future (continued)

Rather than launch the competition and then leave the kids on their own for two months we ran an Enchanted Garden workshop on a Saturday in early July. Competitors who hadn't attended the June meeting had the opportunity to collect their free plants and accessories and we worked with the group on creating the 'natural element' for their garden. We had included this criteria for the gardens both to engage the youth in actually making something with their own hands and to keep the costs down, as it involved using natural "found" materials. Climate change was addressed as we banned the use of glitter, single-use plastic, and other environmentally damaging items from the gardens. Climate change is a major issue for all of us and we encourage OHA to step up in a big way on the subject. CHS is constantly addressing the issue and our members appreciate the information and recognition of this existential crisis.



Cria Pettingill providing some photography advice at the Enchanted Garden workshop.

Workshop attendees not only created items for their gardens but were then given a lesson in how to photograph their landscapes to show them off to their best advantage. Brock Township Councillor, Cria Pettingill, provided the attendees with loads of tips and tricks on using cell phone cameras, providing different backdrops, discussing camera angles and lighting and showing how different perspectives can make the difference between a good and great photo. Since gardens can range from 6" x 6" to 3' x 3', Ms Pettingill really helped the kids see the gardens in their best light.

As I write, the photos are all in now and waiting for the judges to review. Some competitors have dropped out due to personal or family issues, but we still have many entries submitted and they are all fabulous and imaginative. The winners will be announced, and the prizes awarded at our September meeting and every entrant, whether they completed the competition or not, will receive a Certificate of Participation, honouring their involvement and inspiring continued interest in all things horticultural.

Looking ahead to next year, we are planning at least one (or two?) youth workshops and/or events. Growing giant vegetables is on the cards and we're discussing a climate change based event perhaps tying in to groups like #FridaysForFuture the global "school strike for climate" initiative begun by 15-year-old Greta Thunberg. Whatever we do, CHS will remain focused on being relevant to our community as well as the wider world. After all, plants don't recognise borders or walls, they are our partners on this beautiful green planet we call home, and it's our duty to preserve it for generations to come. We are thrilled to have our local youth engaged in the club and excited to see how they will help us learn, grow and enjoy into the future.

Do you have 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. Send us your ideas & articles, and they can appear in this space. As with other items for the Trillium, articles 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.

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.

A few gardening quotes to help you through the winter...

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.

Abraham Lincoln

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

Cicero

My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece..

Claude Monet

*Gardening is learning, learning, learning. That's the fun of them.
You're always learning.*

Helen Mirren

Look deep into nature, and you will understand everything better.

Albert Einstein

Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.

Henry David Thoreau

Errata

- On page 9 of the 2019 Spring Trillium, in the article "The Royal Botanical Gardens are looking for your Granny's plants!", a small jumbling of numbers in the original text resulted in some incorrect contact information being included. The phone number provided should have been 1-800-694-4769 ext. 538.
- On page 18 of the 2018 Autumn Trillium, in the article "District 2 AGM 2019", the caption accompanying the photo at the bottom-left of the page indicated that the trophy pictured was a silver vase that had been donated by the T.E. Eaton Company in 1929. It was, in fact, the District 2 Trophy, presented for greatest percentage in membership.

2019 Convention - Awards Presentations

Trillium Award

Trillium Awards for 2019 were presented to Carole Spraggett of the Brampton Horticultural Society and Shirley Robson of the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society. The Trillium Award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium. The award was initially donated by Thelma Boucher who was the OHA President in 1941. The award is accompanied by a framed certificate. The award is given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period.

Carole Spraggett initiated a garden club with the Boys and Girls Club of Peel in 2002. Their project at McHardy Court received special recognition from the Communities in Bloom judges for the Youth Ambassador Program. She initiated the Front Garden Program in 2004, which recognized approximately 7000 gardens in Brampton up until 2011 and started the annual garden tour in 2004 as well. From 2004 to 2016 she negotiated and initiated the society annual flower show location in the atrium of city hall with sponsorship from the city of Brampton.

She negotiated a partnership with the city of Brampton in 2013 and chaired the first Seedy Saturday and Garden Show. It receives between 400-800 visitors per year with 30 to 35 vendors, exhibitors and environmental and conservation groups with no cost to participants. As a result of donations from the Seedy Saturday, she advocated the Seeds of Diversity adopt a seed programme and initiated the adoption of threatened seeds. The society has now fully adopted four seeds.

She has run workshops and seminars, re-introduced bus tours, held new member and volunteer appreciation get togethers and promoted the society's participation in the flower city parade. She actively participates in community plantings and was a part of maintaining a very large perennial garden which was used as a teaching garden.

She was instrumental in having the Brampton Horticultural Society's historical documents preserved and archived in the Peel Heritage Museum on a yearly basis. The society now has over 100 years of documentation.

As a District Director, Carole established a youth grant in her District, created a second category for an existing award, wrote District newsletters and held a competition to design a District logo which is widely used by most societies. She was responsible for re-creating the OHA Annual report to the corporate profile and worked on the Partners and Affiliates and Conservation and Environment committees.

Carole held the position of President for her society three times, was a society director, 2nd Vice, 1st vice and past president. She became an Assistant District Director in 2004 and District Director in 2009, a position she held for seven and a half years. She sat on many committees and has been presented with many awards including the District Service Award in 2016. She has also received the Society President's Award, flower show awards and Ontario Service Awards.



*Carole Spraggett with
OHA President Kathy Smyth*

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Shirley Robson has been a member of the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society since 1995 and has become a leader within the society and a tireless volunteer to all who know her.

She shares her time between the Horticultural Society, the Heart and Stroke Society, The Canadian Cancer Society and the Thunder Bay United Way. She is well known in the community and is the go-to person for many citizens if they are looking for horticulture related information.

Shirley was the District Director of District 14 from 2011 to 2016. During that time she travelled throughout the District visiting societies and assisting in any way she could. She presented ideas to assist in society growth and helped them to remain active and current. She worked with all of her societies to enter the "For the Love of Gardening" calendar contest and was rewarded with first place for her District. During her term, her District also hosted the 107th OHA convention held in Thunder Bay. After the convention she arranged for any delegates that were not leaving immediately to attend the Thunder Bay Art Gallery Garden Tour. She was the Publications Chair during her time as District Director and was very efficient in receiving and organizing all entries. She ensured that all pertinent information was arranged in a binder to help her successor be the best they could be.

She has held the positions of Director, 2nd vice, 1st vice, President and Secretary for her society. She has sat on the Civic Beautification Awards committee since 2009 and in 2013 became the chair. She has worked extremely hard to secure funding and partnerships for this committee. She has been a member of the flower show committee for over four years and the Garden Visits committee for over 15 years, 10 of them as the chair. She assists with the annual plant auction and never misses an opportunity to recruit a new member. She has produced How-To binders for every position she has held to make it easier for a new chair to step into a position when she leaves it.

She and her husband have dedicated many hours to public planting within the community. Since 2002 they have maintained several locations within the city. She was an integral part of the development, planting and maintenance of the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society Dedication Gardens in memory of loved ones.

She has been the recipient of many awards recognizing her efforts including the District 14 Service Award in 2018, Society President's Certificates, Ontario Volunteer Service Award and Congratulatory certificates from dignitaries.



*Shirley Robson with
OHA President Kathy Smyth*

Community Improvement Award

Community Improvement Awards were presented to the Dunnville Horticultural Society and Mr. Len Lee of the Milton Horticultural Society. The Community Improvement Award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

Len Lee, Milton Horticultural Society - When the Milton Town Hall building was beginning renovations, three very large air conditioning units were going to have to be removed from the roof. The only logical spot for them to go was the existing rose garden. With only 36 hours notice to remove 97 rose bushes, Len Lee, the past president of the Canadian Rose Society was immediately called and rose to the challenge.

He had been taking care of the roses at the Town Hall garden for 30 years. He received permission to relocate the roses to the Allendale Long Term Care facility, run by the Region of Halton.

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The roses were tagged by species and colour and skillfully laid out in the new bed. Volunteers then began the task of transplanting them. Under his expert guidance, only one rose bush was lost which was due to a damaged downspout draining too close and flooding it out.

Eighteen months later, renovations at the Town Hall were complete and he volunteered to replant the old site of the rose garden with new stock. The roses were selected with care to include heritage varieties as well as new and disease-free proven roses. With his team of volunteers, they built raised beds and replanted the rose garden.

The rose garden at the Town Hall is an attraction for tourists and the residents at the Allendale Long Term Care facility love waking up to all the beautiful roses right outside their dining room. Morale rose instantly, appetite increased and moods improved.

In 2014, Len was presented with Milton's Senior of the Year award. He has chaired the community clean up day for the past 22 years which sees volunteers assist seniors with spring cleaning tasks, has chaired the Community Living North Halton's annual charity bonspiel for the past 4 years and is a member of the Rotary Club of Milton, and the Milton & District Horticultural Society. He is also a board member for the Milton District Hospital Foundation and the "Golfing 4 Cancer" committee.

The Milton Horticultural Society has renamed their Summer Flower Show Red Rose Trophy to the Len Lee Red Rose Trophy. He is a true Rosarian and well respected in the industry. He and his wife maintain the rose gardens at the Town Hall and the Allendale Long Term Care Facility.



Len Lee with
OHA President Kathy Smyth

In 2017, the **Dunnville Horticultural Society** undertook a large scale project to refurbish Centennial Park and its fountain. Many partnerships were formed to accomplish this, including those with Haldimand County, Dunnville Christian School, Dunnville Rotary and Kinsmen Clubs, Grand River Conservation Authority and many more.

The protégé of the original sculptor was brought in from Nova Scotia to restore the reliefs on the fountain and speak to the community. The central water feature was removed and repairs were made to the existing structure to support a living wall. New benches were installed and the area was underplanted. The park's walkways were paved and accessibility was provided for a nearby bridge which connected a senior's home and another park to centennial park.

This was a massive project beyond anything the society had undertaken before. They forged many community and national partnerships and with grants and donations raised \$40,000. In September of 2017, over 200 people turned out for a re-dedication ceremony for this Dunnville landmark.

The society's ecological and beautification work has continued with a new partnership to work with Haldimand County and the Dunnville Bioregion Association to complete a project called the Thompson Creek Eco-Centre. This is an ongoing example of the society's continuing dedication to environmental improvements for the benefit of the community as a whole.



Dunnville HS Past President Debbie
Thomas, OHA President Kathy Smyth,
Dunnville HS President Deb Zynomirski

2019 Convention - Awards Presentations *(continued)*

Youth Leader Award

The Youth Leader Award for 2019 was presented to Martha Branigan of the Brampton Horticultural Society. The Youth Leader Award is a plaque which is presented to a person who has been a Youth Program Leader for a minimum of five years and is a member in good standing.

Martha has been working with youth since she was a youth herself. She was a youth camp leader and was instrumental in organizing girls' hockey in Brampton.

Since the Spring of 2000, she has been involved in every program and event that has involved youth connected with the Brampton Horticultural Society as well as other societies and the community.

She is encouraging, patient, caring and nurturing and manages to educate the children through activities, planting and reading.

In 2000, the society initiated an after school program with the Boys and Girls Club of Peel. She volunteered some of her time to that program and the children planted a five gallon pot with flowers or vegetables, maintained and cared for their plants and exhibited them at the society annual flower show.

A significant relationship with B&G followed in 2002 which led to a large community garden with about 40 children participating. They grew from seed, cultivated, composted, mulched and harvested and donated much of the produce to shelter kitchens. She worked with a group of volunteers in the heat of the summer and the cold fall days, cooking in the kitchen so the youth could sample what they grew.

In 2006 the Successful Gardening make-it-and-take-it garden was added to the society activities until 2011 when the show closed due to a lack of volunteers. During the time it was active, she brought her creativity and love for young people to the project.

She is the motivation for the Kids Zone at the Seedy Saturday events. 2019 will be the 7th year and she has spearheaded a dedicated group of returning volunteers for all those years. The kids zone includes hands on experience, creating pine cone critters and planting beans in clear cups to see them growing. They visit a small veggie patch, a table of sensitive, aromatic plants, a birthday tree, see photosynthesis taking place and look at the homes of frogs and toads. Their experience finishes with the planting of a pansy to take home.

Special recognition was achieved for the society youth ambassador program with regards to the project involving the Boys and Girls Club.

Unfortunately, Martha was not able to attend the convention. Accepting on her behalf was District 15 Director, Barb O'Malley.



Environmental Award

The Environmental Award for 2019 was presented to the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve. The Environmental Award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be presented to an individual, organization, municipality, company, school or other educational establishment that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has made a significant contribution to environmental preservation including habitat, restoration and/or improvement.

The Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve is a non-profit organization that works with dozens of community partners to provide environmental education through conservation and to create vibrant and sustainable communities. Eastern Georgian Bay is the world's largest freshwater archipelago, or group of islands, that provide a variety of habitats for species at risk.

The Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve has had a huge impact on the natural environment and on the mindset of the people living in it. They have been involved in educating homeowners and cottagers who live by the river and have sponsored shoreline plantings of native plants along the Seguin River and Georgian Bay in the town of

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Parry Sound. This is a highly visible, downtown area with a walking trail used by many people every day of the year.

In 2018, they undertook the Seguin River Stewardship Project. This was a great lakes guardian project that involved removing garbage and invasive species and planting native trees and shrubs along the Seguin River as it approaches Georgian Bay. Previous research done by the Biosphere provided the foundation of knowledge for this undertaking. Understanding the impact of removing invasive species and replanting while stabilizing the bank and not disturbing fish habitat at the mouth of the river was essential.

The project took place on both privately owned and municipal property with cooperation and involvement from the Town of Parry Sound, The Parry Sound Horticultural Society, the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve and many other businesses, groups and organizations who worked together to make their dream a reality.

Their mission is to facilitate cooperative action in support of the conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development through education and public outreach that will foster a shared responsibility for the Reserve for generations to come.



On behalf of the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, Brandi Bechard accepts the Environmental Award from OHA President Kathy Smyth

Award of Merit

Barbara Smith and Bill & Dorothy Wood were the two recipients of the Award of Merit for 2019. The Award of Merit is a framed certificate and is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a society.

Barbara Smith has been a member of the Milton & District Horticultural Society for over 10 years. She is an accredited artist with her own pottery studio in Milton and loves giving back to her society.

She is a valued contributor to the Society and District flower shows, is a part of the Summer flower show committee and has chaired the Spring flower show for the last three years. She gives floral design classes, training the society members in the art of design.

With the decline of folks entering flower shows, she has come up with a very innovative way of garnering interest. Six names are selected from a bowl of willing participants. The only prerequisite is that you have never entered a design in the society flower shows. Each participant is given the same container which she makes in her pottery studio and the same batch of hand tied flowers. Each person is given 15 minutes to arrange them and guidance is offered throughout the process. The members, using pennies, get to vote on the one they like the best. All the participants get to take home their new container and arrangement. The winner receives a small token gift and bragging rights but more importantly the desire and courage to enter upcoming shows. This is an amazing and wonderful way to encourage people to enter flower shows and not be shy or nervous.

She helps to run and actively participates in the Christmas design workshop and is always willing to help others with their designs by offering recommendations and positive reinforcement. Her encouragement, talents and patience in flower design and in assisting others will ensure flower design remains viable and active in the society for a long time to come.



Barbara Smith with OHA President Kathy Smyth

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For more than 20 years, **Bill and Dorothy Wood** worked both individually and in tandem with the Brampton Horticultural Society and more recently with District 15. They have mentored new members and residents of the community with their advocacy for gardening and the environment.

Bill was involved in the home and garden beautification program of the society in the late 1980/early 1990's. He was a judge for the society awards given to the city of Brampton gardeners for several years and was responsible for the photography competition in the society and for maintaining and updating the rules and qualifying criteria. He was instrumental in starting the Brampton horticultural society website which has been in place for over twenty years and is still responsible for maintaining and updating it. He is working with a committee to make some significant changes to the site and has been responsible for producing the society's annual report. He is the photographer for the society and is at most events with his camera. Twice a year he makes a compilation of the year's events which are projected at the society AGM and Awards night. He has also produced a power point presentation for the District 15 AGM for three years.



Dorothy has been involved in organizing monthly and annual flower shows for over twenty years. She has been an integral part of creating the show schedule for both events and continues to contribute both as a member of the organizing committee, as a judges' clerk and as an exhibitor. She was the society treasurer prior, during and after her husband's tenure as President and she is currently the treasurer for District 15.



Together, they have been dedicated to community plantings and have maintained the gardens at the Peel Cheshire home for more than twenty years. They have also been a part of several groups that worked on community beautification in several other locations. They have both contributed many hours volunteering in a great deal of events over the years. They have been garden tour hosts and gatekeepers and whether it is a flower show, strawberry social, AGM or other event, you can count on them to be there, helping out when necessary.

Unfortunately, Bill and Dorothy were unable to attend the convention. Accepting the award on their behalf was District 15 Director, Barb O'Malley.

Honour Roll

The recipient of the Honour Roll for 2019 is **Bob Wilt** of the Ancaster Horticultural Society. The Honour Roll is a framed certificate given to the recipient. The recipient should have a minimum of 15 years of service to one or more horticultural societies, given outstanding service at the Society or District level, be in good standing and should have made a contribution of horticultural service to the community, District or Association in the development of horticultural practices.

Bob served as co-president of the Ancaster Horticultural Society from 2010 to 2015 then served as President for one additional year. He has been the society treasurer since 2007 and continues to hold that position today. During his many years with the society he has been involved in every event including but not limited to the plant and bake sale since 2002, the yearly clean up at Whiteside Farm where the plants are prepared for the sale, security for the Old Town Hall cabinets, and the flower and vegetable show since 2004. He has also been a member of the Fieldcote and municipal crew since 2008.

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Bob Wilt with
OHA President Kathy Smyth

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Every year Bob participates in decorating the Old Town Hall for Christmas and has donated door prizes for the annual general meeting. He has been involved with the society's trillium award ceremony and has been a judge since 2009. He sat on the Deer Management committee from 2010 to 2013 and over the years has participated with the farmer's market booth, Mum show booth and Harper's opening booth. He is now the co-director of the Fieldcote Planting committee and has also been a member of Lloyd Ferguson's Ancaster Community Council.

Bob became a member of the District 6 Board in 2015 and in 2016 took over as the District 6 treasurer while continuing to enjoy his role as an Assistant District Director. He agreed to take on the role of District Convention treasurer in 2015 when the convention was held in Ancaster and was instrumental in securing community donations and grants to keep costs down.

He received the Ancaster President's Award in 2005, Ontario Volunteer service awards for 5 and 10 years, the Ancaster Blue Ruffle award in 2010, the Mayor's award in 2011, a horticultural service certificate in 2011, the OHA award of merit in 2013, the District service award in 2015 and was awarded a life membership with the Ancaster Horticultural Society in 2018.

He has generated great enthusiasm for the Ancaster Horticultural Society and has always participated in every event with a wonderful smile and contagious energy. The key is that whenever and wherever there has been a need, he steps up because he really believes in the society and its role in the community.

Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award

The Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award is a Youth award that must have a subject matter related to "Migration" – Point Pelee is on the migratory path of birds in May and butterflies in September.

This award was open to all youth members and is an award to recognize a piece of fine art in any medium. The 2019 recipient of this award was Joslynn Curran from the Ripley & District Horticultural Society in District 8.



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Society Competition Awards

The society competition awards are based on the highest point aggregate for each society competing at the convention.

For the youth, we have the **Ruby Lobban Award**, a \$25 award based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club in the Youth Competition.

The recipient of the Ruby Lobban Award is the Wilmot Horticultural Society in District 19.

Pictured at right with OHA President Kathy Smyth is Sandra Cressman. She and Janice Wagler have been heading up the Wilmot Juniors for many years. The Society notes that they are fortunate to have their dedication and enthusiasm to share their knowledge.



For the **Adult Society Competition Award**, a \$100 award is given to the society with the highest point aggregate in the adult competitions.

The recipient of the Adult Society Competition Award is the Oakville Horticultural Society in District 6.

At left, along with Kathy Smyth, is Elizabeth Schleicher, representing the Oakville Horticultural Society.

The final award of the evening was the **OHA Membership Challenge Trophy**. The original trophy, inspired by District 2, was donated by Fines Flowers of Ottawa. We have retired this trophy as it was in disrepair and could not be fixed. We have purchased a new OHA Membership Trophy that was given out for the first time this year! This trophy is presented to the District with the highest percentage membership increase overall for the year.

This year, the trophy goes to District 18 with a 7.92% increase. Carol Armstrong, District 18 Director accepted the award on behalf of the District.



Congratulations to all our award winners for 2019. They have each made significant contributions to their communities, Societies, Districts and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association.

2019 Convention - Flower Show Results

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

SECTION A – ANNUALS or BIENNIALS

Class 1 – Cleome, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 2 – Cosmos, 1 cultivar, 3 sprays

No entries

Class 3 – Nasturtium or Calendula, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Class 4 – Marigold, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms with its own foliage

No entries

Class 5 – Petunia, 1 cultivar, 3 sprays

1st – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

2nd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

Class 6 – Rudbeckia - annual/biennial type, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford & District, D10

2nd – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11

3rd – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Class 7 – Salvia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

No entries

Class 8 – Zinnia, single, 1 cultivar, 3 disbudded stems

No entries

Class 9 – Zinnia, any other cultivar, 3 disbudded stems

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Class 10 – Any other annual or biennial not listed above -
3 blooms, stems, spikes or sprays

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

SECTION B – PERENNIALS - GROWN FOR BLOOM

Class 11 – Achillea (yarrow) 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

3rd – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 12 – Astilbe, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

Class 13 – Campanula, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

No entries

Class 14 – Coreopsis, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

2nd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 15 – Echinacea (Coneflower), purple varieties, 1
cultivar, stems

1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

2nd – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

3rd – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11



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Class 16 – Echinacea (Coneflower), red/orange/yellow varieties, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

3rd – Jan Dugdale, Ambassador, D11

Class 17 – Echinacea (Coneflower), white varieties, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Pat Strople, Ambassador, D11

3rd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 18 – Delphinium, 1 cultivar, 1 stem

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 19 – Hosta, in bloom, 1 flowering scape and leaf under 3”(7.62 cm) long

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 20 – Hosta, in bloom, 1 flowering scape and leaf over 3”(7.62 cm) long but under 6” (15.2 cm)

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

3rd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

Class 21 – Hosta, in bloom, 1 flowering scape and leaf over 6” but under 9” (22.86 cm) long

1st – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

Class 22 – Hosta, in bloom, 1 flowering scape and leaf over 9” (22.86 cm) long

1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford & District, D10

2nd – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

3rd – Jan Dugdale, Ambassador, D11

Class 23 – Leucanthemum (Daisy), 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11

2nd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

3rd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 24 – Monarda, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

3rd – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Class 25 – Phlox, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

1st – Linda Forster, Orillia, D16

Class 26 – Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan), 1 cultivar, 3 stems

3rd – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 27 – Ornamental grass with inflorescence, 1 cultivar, 3 stems - Maximum height 24” (60.96 cm) above tabletop

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

Class 28 – Any other perennial, grown for bloom, not listed above, 3 stems/spikes

1st – Pat Strople, Ambassador, D11

2nd – Pat Strople, Ambassador, D11

3rd – Linda Forster, Orillia, D16

SECTION C – PERENNIALS - GROWN FOR FOLIAGE

Class 29 – Hosta, Leaves under 3”(7.62 cm) long (not including petiole), 3 stems

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 30 – Hosta, leaves over 3”but under 6”(15.24 cm) long (not including petiole), 3 stems

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

3rd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

Class 31 – Hosta, Leaves over 6” but under 9”(22.86cm) long (not including petiole), 3 stems

1st – Linda Forster, Orillia, D16

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

3rd – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

Class 32 – Hosta, leaves over 9” (22.86 cm) long (not including petiole), 3 stems

No entries

Class 33 – Heuchera/Heucherella/Tiarella, solid coloured leaves, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves

1st – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

3rd – Juliette St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

Class 34 – Heuchera/Heucherella/Tiarella, variegated leaves, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves

1st – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

3rd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16

Class 35 – Fern, 1 cultivar, 3 fronds

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

3rd – Pat Strople, Ambassador, D11

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Class 36 – Ornamental grass without inflorescence, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
No entries

Class 37 – Sedum, low growing type, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

Class 38 – Sedum, Tall growing type, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

Class 39 – Any other perennial, grown for foliage, not listed above, 3 stems/spikes or sprays
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

SECTION D – FLOWERING BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

Class 40 – Class 8 – Zinnia, single, 1 cultivar, 3 disbudded stems
No entries

Class 41 – Canna, 1 cultivar, 1 stem
No entries

Class 42 – Dahlia, miniature/small flowered, under 6" (15.24 cm), 3 disbudded stems
1st – Albert St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

Class 43 – Dahlia, medium flowered, over 6" but under 8" (20.32 cm), 3 disbudded stems
No entries

Class 44 – Dahlia, Large /giant flowered, over 8" (20.32 cm) 1 disbudded
1st – Albert St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

Class 45 – Gladiolus, 1 flowering spike
1st – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 46 – Hemerocallis (Daylily, 1 Cultivar, 1 scape
1st – Linda Forster, Orillia, D16
2nd – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Class 47 – Lily (Lillium), 1 stem (cut no more than 1/3 of stem to ensure future growth)
1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 48 – Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome, or tuber not listed above, 1 stem or spike, or scape
1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10
2nd – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11
3rd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

SECTION E – ROSES

Class 49 – Hybrid Tea / Grandiflora, 1 specimen bloom
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

Class 50 – Clustered Rose (Floribunda, Polyantha, carpet rose) 1 spray
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6
2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6
3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 51 – Shrub Rose (Rugosa, Kordes, etc.), 1 spray
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6
2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 52 – Miniature/ Patio Rose, red/pink cultivars, 1 spray
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

Class 53 – Miniature/ Patio Rose, any other colour, 1 spray
2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6



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Class 54 – Rose, 1 fully open bloom, floating in a clear container colourless bowl, judged for fragrance

1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

Class 55 – Any other rose not listed above, 1 bloom, stem or spray

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

SECTION F – POTTED PLANTS - GROWN FOR BLOOM.

Class 56 – African Violet, single crown, in bloom

1st – Juliette St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand, D6

Class 57 – Any other Gesneriad, in bloom

No entries

Class 58 – Pelargonium (Geranium), in bloom

No entries

Class 59 – Orchid, Phalaenopsis varieties, in bloom, 1 cultivar

1st – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand, D6

Class 60 – Orchid, any other cultivar, in bloom, 1 cultivar

1st – Albert St. Pierre, Belle River, D11

Class 61 – Any other plant grown principally for bloom, in bloom

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

SECTION G – POTTED PLANTS - GROWN FOR FOLIAGE

Class 62 – Cactus (Not grafted)

No entries

Class 63 – Any other succulent

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Jan Dugdale, Ambassador, D11

Class 64 – Herb, 1 specimen plant, named

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

3rd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 65 – Any other plant grown principally for decorative foliage, 1 cultivar

1st – Linda Forster, Orillia, D18

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 66 – Trained Plant - grown on a form - e.g. standard, espalier, etc. - 1 cultivar

No entries

SECTION H – FLOWERING/FRUITING BRANCHES AND VINES

Class 67 – Clematis, large flowered, 1 stem not to exceed 16" (40.64 cm) in length

1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

2nd – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

3rd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 68 – Clematis, small flowered, 1 stem not to exceed 16" (40.64 cm) in length

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 69 – Hydrangea macrophylla (mophead or lace-cap form), white or cream colour, 1 stem

No entries

Class 70 – Hydrangea macrophylla (mophead or lace-cap form) pink or blue colour

1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

2nd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

Class 71 – Hydrangea paniculata (conical form), 1 stem

No entries

Class 72 – Any other flowering branch or vine, 1 stem, maximum height 30" (76.2cm) above tabletop

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

Class 73 – Any fruiting branch or vine, 1 stem, maximum height 30" (76.2 cm) above tabletop

1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

SECTION I – FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Class 74 – Any fruit, 1 cultivar, 5 specimens

1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

2nd – Susan Tobias, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 75 – Vegetable, leafy -1 head or 5 leaves, displayed in a container of water

1st – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 76 – Vegetable any small (e.g. peas, beans, green onions, etc.) 1 cultivar, 5 specimens

1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

3rd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

Class 77 – Any other vegetable, 1 cultivar, 2 specimens

No entries

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SECTION J – COLLECTIONS

Class 78 – Hosta, 5 to 7 different cultivars, one stem each

1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

2nd – Barb Drouillard, Belle River & District, D11

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 79 – Cut herbs, 5 to 7 different cultivars, one stem of each

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

3rd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 80 – Roses, 5 to 7 different cultivars, one stem of each

1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 81 – Succulents, 5 to 7 different cultivars, may be in separate pots or containers, but on a tray

1st – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

Class 82 – Fruit and/or vegetables - minimum 5 to 7 cultivars

1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

2nd – Lucy Diesborough, Greater Windsor, D11

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

Class 83 – “Garden Jewels” - Dish or Trough Garden - a miniature landscape in an open shallow container. Space allotted: 19” W x 30” D (76.2 cm) Height no restriction. Placed on an ivory tablecloth. Limited to five entries

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Lynn O’Connor, Greater Windsor, D11

3rd – Suzette Cecile, Belle River & District, D11

Class 84 – “You say Tomato I say Tomato” -Planter - single open container with different kinds of plants designed for growing outdoors, must include a tomato plant. Space allotted: 24” W x 30” D (76.2 cm) Height no restriction. Placed on an ivory tablecloth. Limited to four entries

1st – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

2nd – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

DESIGN DIVISION

Class 85 – “Welcome to Ontario’s Flatlands - a geographical and cultural mosaic!” A design using basing techniques (i.e. clustering, pavé, petalling, etc.)

1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

3rd – Cathy Szanyi, Watford-Warwick, D11

HM – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

Class 86 – “Everyone’s Coming to the Deep South - Birds, Butterflies and People Too!” A cascade design showing migration

1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 87 – “The Southern Tip of Canada is on the 42nd Parallel” A parallel design

1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston, D16

3rd – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

HM – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19



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Class 88 – “Hot, Hot, Hot! Our Summers are hot and dry!” -
A miniature design

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

3rd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston, D16

Class 89 – “A Challenge from Paul Zammit: Those holes in
your rose leaves show the wonderful activity of leaf-cutter
bees.” A design showing a healthy ecosystem, incorporating
imperfect plant material.

1st – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo, D19

2nd – Juliette St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

3rd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Class 90 – “Pollinators’ Banquet” A small design of
colourful blooms

1st – Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

2nd – Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls, D2

3rd – Sheila Love Phillips, Stratford, D10

Class 91 – “Look at all the Wind Generators!” - harnessing
power!

1st – Margaret Dudley, Belle River & District, D11

2nd – Juliette St. Pierre, Belle River & District, D11

Class 92 – “District 11 is Surrounded by Water” A water
viewing design

1st – Rose Odell, Waterloo, D19

2nd – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

3rd – Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls, D2

HM – Kathleen Lang, Smith Falls, D2

Class 93 – “Fields, Orchards, Vineyards and Greenhouses
Dot Our Landscape” A design using fruit and vegetables
and other plant material

1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

2nd – Rose Odell, Waterloo, D19

3rd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

HM – Joanne Rachfalowski, Painswick, D16

Class 94 – “These Border Regions are connected by many
Bridges to Beauty... from the Bluewater to Ambassador
and many more river crossings.” A bridge design: a series
of connecting designs using similar containers and/or
plant material, each connecting with the other, giving
the effect of unity

1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford and District, D10

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand, D6

Class 95 – “Freedom Trail” - our district is the Northern
Terminus of the Underground Railroad. A Free Style design

1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

2nd – Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Horticulture Division

Best in Show

Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Judge’s Choice

Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Special Exhibits Division

Best in Show

Eva Norman-Verstergaard, London, D10

Judge’s Choice

Vicki Rees, Ambassador, D11

Design Division

Best in Show

Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

Judge’s Choice

Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D6

2019 Convention - Youth Competition Results

SECTION A: WRITING

Class 1 – Jack Miner - In your own words, explain why you think the work of Jack Miner is so important. Information may be computer/ internet generated and researched. Drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos and/or magazine/ website pictures are allowed. Display in a folder with a clear cover so that title page is visible..

6-8 years

no entries

9-11 years

no entries

12-14 years

1st – Alayna Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

15-18 years

1st – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

Class 2 – Tomatoes - The fruit that is considered a culinary vegetable! Explain why in your own words, using drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos, and/or magazine/ website pictures. Give other examples of plants that fall into this category.

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Laura Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

3rd – Josie Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

12-14 years

no entries

15-18 years

1st – Alexander Wagler, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

3rd – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

SECTION B: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY

Class 3 – Gentle Waves - Create a seed mosaic using seeds, beans, lentils, nuts etc. on card stock. Seeds should not be painted or dyed. Not to exceed 13 cm. x 18 cm (5 x 7 in.)

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Jonathan Foster, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Joslynn Curran, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Marley Monroe, Grafton, D4

3rd – Samuel Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

HM – Josie Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

12-14 years

1st – Alayna Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

3rd – Teagan Priboj, Ripley & District, D8

HM – Austin Galt, Grafton, D4

15-18 years

1st – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

Class 4 – Pick Your Own - Create flyer on 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5 x 11 in.) paper or card stock advertising one of the many opportunities to 'pick your own' fruit or vegetables in District 11. Include name of produce being offered, the address, and any other pertinent information. You may use drawings, computer generated or magazine photos, coloured pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints.

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Jonathan Foster, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Laura Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

3rd – Samuel Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

12-14 years

1st – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

15-18 years

1st – Brianna Straiss, Wilmot, D19 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – Alexander Wagler, Wilmot, D19

3rd – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

HM – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2019 Convention - Youth Competition Results *(continued)*

SECTION C: FLORAL DESIGN

Class 5 – Deep South - A pavé design not to exceed 24 cm (10 in.) in any direction. To ensure your design will last for the 3 days of the Convention, plant material should be conditioned.

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19 (*Judge's Choice*)

9-11 years

1st – Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

12-14 years

1st – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

15-18 years

no entries

Class 6 – Heard It Thru The Grape Vine - A grapevine wreath decorated with dried plant material. Accessories permitted. Not to exceed 30 cm. (12 in.) in any direction.

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Laura Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Serena Pogue, Grafton, D4

3rd – Willa Briggs, Grafton, D4

HM – Karissa Pogue, Grafton, D4

12-14 years

1st – Madilyn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Austin Galt, Grafton, D4

15-18 years

1st – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

Class 7 – Preserved - A design using dried plant material inside a 225 ml (8 oz.) clear mason jar with lid

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Jonathon Foster, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Emily Sawyer, Grafton, D4

2nd – Marley Monroe, Grafton, D4

3rd – Paisley Torrieri, Grafton, D4

12-14 years

1st – Austin Galt, Grafton, D4

2nd – McKenna Laman, Kingsville, D11

3rd – William Hall, Grafton, D4

15-18 years

no entries

SECTION D: PHOTOGRAPHY

Class 8 – Come to the Deep South - Your interpretation

6-8 years

no entries

9-11 years

no entries

12-14 years

no entries

15-18 years

no entries

Class 9 – Everything Grows - Your interpretation

6-8 years

no entries

9-11 years

1st – Josie Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Joslynn Curran, Ripley & District, D8

12-14 years

1st – Alayna Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

15-18 years

no entries

SECTION E: PLANTS

Class 10 – Prickly - A cactus garden. Should contain at least 5 cultivars. Not to exceed 61 cm (24 in.) in any direction. One entry per Club; may be a combined effort.

1st – Austin Galt, Grafton, D4

Class 11 – Pollinator-Friendly A drawing/photo of your favorite pollinator-friendly plant or tree and one or more of the pollinators it attracts..

6-8 years

1st – Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19

9-11 years

1st – Josie Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Joslynn Curran, Ripley & District, D8

3rd – Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

12-14 years

1st – Teagan Priboj, Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Alayna Middelkamp, Ripley & District, D8

3rd – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D19

15-18 years

1st – Alexander Wagler, Wilmot, D19

2nd – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D19

2019 Convention - Youth Competition Results *(continued)*

SECTION F: FINE ARTS

Class 12 – Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award – “Migration”
Point Pelee is on the migratory path of birds in May and butterflies in September. Your vision. Any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, fiber art, etc. not to exceed 50 cm (20 in.) in any direction. Open to all youth members.

1st – Joslynn Curran, Ripley & District, D8

Class 13 – Maisie Bray Award – “Garlic Mustard” Garlic mustard is an invasive herb native to Europe. Garlic mustard has two distinct life stages over its first two years. Create a poster to include both stages of growth, (including the root) plus the printed name, common and botanical and some facts about this plant. Only one entry per Club; may be a combined effort.

1st – Ripley & District, D8

Best in Show

Brianna Straiss, Wilmot, D19 (Class 4)

Judge’s Choice

Tyler Thompson, Wilmot, D19 (Class 5)

Number of Entries: 81

Number of Entrants: 28

Number of Societies: 4

Number of Districts: 4

Section G: SPECIAL AWARDS & COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTH CLUB LEADERS

Class 14 – Ruby Bryan Award – In a scrapbook, provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2017 Calendar Year or School Year. This should include a pictorial and illustrated description and narrative about specific subjects, meetings and projects.

1st – Ripley & District, D8

2nd – Grafton, D4

Class 15 – Ruby Lobban High Points Award – This award is based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club from awards in the Youth Competition from Classes 1-9, Class 11.

1st – Wilmot, D19,

2nd – Ripley & District, D8

3rd – Grafton, D4

Class 16 – Frances Lemke Award – For the Youth Club that has been the most active and innovative in the previous Calendar Year or School Year..

Wilmot, D19,

Show Chair: Catherine McGill,
OHA Youth Coordinator
District 6 Director



2019 Convention - Photography Awards

Class 1: Pick Your Own

- 1st – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D6
- 2nd – Carolyn Ratcliff, Stouffville, D5
- 3rd – Carol Wilson, Trenton, D3
- HM – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19
- HM – Pamela Stierhof, Stouffville, D5

Class 2: Heard it Thru the Grape Vine

- 1st – Shirley Robson, Thunder Bay, D14
- 2nd – Deena Errampalli, Grimsby, D9
- 3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton, D2

Class 3: Gentle Waves

- 1st – Carol Henshall, Woodstock, D10
- 2nd – Jan Dugdale, Ambassador, D11
- 3rd – Pamela Stierhof, Stouffville, D5
- HM – Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13

Class 4: Tranquility

- 1st – Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 2nd – Mary Rose, Oakville, D6
- 3rd – Cathy Szanyi, Watford-Warwick, D11
- HM – Deena Errampalli, Grimsby, D9

Class 5: Out of Place – plant material that normally would not be seen in Ontario

- 1st – Christa Marton, Omemee & District, D4
- 2nd – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19
- 3rd – Jean Painter, Stouffville, D5
- HM – Janice Matthews, Norwood & District, D4
- HM – Carol Henshall, Woodstock, D10

Class 6: Prickly

- 1st – Brenda Doherty, Guelph, D7
- 2nd – Cathy Szanyi, Watford-Warwick, D11
- 3rd – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D6

Class 7: Tomatoes

- 1st – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19
- 2nd – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D6
- 3rd – Mary Rose, Oakville, D6

Class 8: Landscape – rural vistas

- 1st – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D6 (*Best in Show*)
- 2nd – Carolyn Ratcliff, Stouffville, D5
- 3rd – Carol Wilson, Trenton, D3
- HM – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19
- HM – Pamela Stierhof, Stouffville, D5

Class 9: Going South

- 1st – Marjorie Dow, Fergus & District, D7
- 2nd – Christa Marton, Omemee & District, D4
- 3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6

Class 10: Farm Implements

- 1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D6
- 2nd – Marjorie Dow, Fergus & District, D7
- 3rd – Carol Henshall, Woodstock, D10
- HM – Jean Painter, Stouffville, D5

Class 11: Pollinators

- 1st – Mary Rose, Oakville, D6
- 2nd – Carol Wilson, Trenton, D3
- 3rd – Debi Foster, Oshawa, D17
- HM – Christa Marton, Omemee & District, D4

Class 12: Field of Dreams

- 1st – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19 (*Judge's Choice*)
- 2nd – Carolyn Ratcliff, Stouffville, D5
- 3rd – Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- HM – Carol Wilson, Trenton, D3

Number of Entries: 222
Number of Entrants: 27
Number of Societies: 20
Number of Districts: 16

Best in Show

Wade Pitman, Oakville, D6 (Class 8)

Judge's Choice

Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D19 (Class 11)

Show Chair: Dianne Westlake,
District 4 Director

2019 Convention - Creative Writing Competition Awards

Class 1: A Song – Create a song using the tune of another song and your own wording. Name the tune and create lyrics related to the theme “Field of Dreams”.

1st – Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – Bill Thiffault, Kapuskasing, D12

3rd – Rose Grigaritis, Russell & District, D1

HM – Susan Zalepa, Swansea, D15

Best in Show

Tracy Bosley, Alliston & District, D16
(Class 1)

Judge's Choice

Sylvia Grant, D7 (*Judge's Choice*)

Class 2: Free Verse Poem - Free Verse Poem – Write a poem related to the convention theme “Come to the Deep South Where Everything Grows”. Should be at least 8 lines long.

1st – Bill Thiffault, Kapuskasing, D12

2nd – Susan Zalepa, Swansea, D15

3rd – Rose Grigaritis, Russell & District, D1

HM – Janice Fisher, Kingsville, D11

Number of Entries:

Number of Entrants:

Number of Societies:

Number of Districts:

Competition Chair

Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director,

Class 3: Narrative - Write about “Pollinators in your garden”. 500-600 words, double spaced.

1st – Debie Foster, Oshawa, D17

2nd – Barbara Fleming, Hanover & District, D8

3rd – Rose Grigaritis, Russell & District, D1

HM – Ruth Robinson, Guelph Township, D7



2019 Convention - Art Competition Awards

Class 1: Drawing: "Tomatoes Growing on the Plant".
Pencils and coloured pencils may be used. Maximum size 24" (size includes the frame).

1st – Sandra Rammerlaere, Tilbury & District, D11

2nd – Denna Errampalli, Grimsby, D9

3rd – Cathy Szanyi, Watford-Warwick, D11

Class 2: Watercolour Painting Framed: "Gentle Waves on Lake Erie". Maximum size 24" (size includes the frame).

1st – Sandra Rammerlaere, Tilbury & District, D11

2nd – Denna Errampalli, Grimsby, D9

3rd – Veronica Heiderich, Oakville, D6

Class 3: Oil or Acrylic Painting: "Vegetable Garden".
Maximum size 24" (size includes the frame).

1st – Moreen Piddington, Parry Sound & District, D18

Class 4: Mixed media Art: "Field of Dreams". Maximum size 24" (size includes the frame).

no entries

Class 5: Glass Art: "I Heard it Through the Grape Vine".
Maximum size 24".

1st – Adrian Cooper, Kingston, D3

Class 6: Reclaimed Art: "A Fairy's Garden Home". Created in a boot. (no plant life)
no entries

Show Co-chairs:

Gary Brenner, Past District 19 Director

Vicky Culbert, District 8 Director

Class 7: Fabric Art: "Bridges". (Accessories may be used).
Maximum size 24" (size includes the frame).

1st – Joan MacKinnon, Gananoque, D3

Class 8: Knitting or Crocheting: "Sock it To Me". 1 pair crew socks.

no entries

Class 9: Paper Art: "Summer Garden Party Invitation Card".
Not computer generated. Maximum size 8"

1st – Veronica Heiderich, Oakville, D6

2nd – Sandra Rammerlaere, Tilbury & District, D11

Class 10: Jewelry Art: "Garden Jewels". Create a brooch using plant material. Maximum size 3".

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D6

2nd – Adrian Cooper, Kingston, D2

Class 11: Carving: "Migratory Bird". Using any medium.
Maximum size 12".

no entries

Class 12: Basket Weaving; "Bringing Home the Produce".
Maximum Size 24" any direction.

no entries

Best in Show

Moreen Piddington, Parry Sound & District, D18

Judge's Choice

Moreen Piddington, Parry Sound & District, D18



2019 Convention - Publications Competition Results

Class 1 – Yearbook Cover: Primarily hand-drawn
no entries

Class 2 – Yearbook Cover: Primarily computer-generated graphics

1st – Lake Simcoe South Shore, D5

Class 3 – Yearbook Cover: Cover illustrations primarily photographic

1st – Parry Sound & District, D18

2nd – Alliston & District, D16

3rd – Cornwall & District, D1

Class 4 – Yearbook: Full letter size

1st – Thunder Bay, D14

2nd – Martintown & District, D1

3rd – Cornwall & District, D1

Class 5 – Yearbook: Letter size folded into booklet style

1st – Leaside, D5

2nd – East York, D5

3rd – North York, D5

HM – Alliston & District, D16

Class 6 – Yearbook: Legal size folded into booklet style

1st – Newmarket, D5

2nd – Parry Sound & District, D18

3rd – Brighton, D4

HM – East Gwillimbury, D5

Class 7 – Yearbook: Youth

1st – East Gwillimbury, D5

Class 8 – Special Event Poster

1st – Georgetown, D6 (*Judge's Choice*)

2nd – Wilmot, D19

3rd – Richmond Hill, D15

HM – Brighton, D4

HM – Nobleton & King City, D15

Class 9 – Special Event Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer

1st – Richmond Hill, D15

2nd – Wilmot, D19

3rd – Russell & District, D1

Class 10 – Brochure, Pamphlet, Flyer

1st – Chinguacousy, D15 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – East Gwillimbury, D5

3rd – Newmarket, D5

HM – Richmond Hill, D15

Class 11 – Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily hand-drawn
No entries

Class 12 – Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily photographic in origin

1st – East York, D5

2nd – North York, D5

3rd – Newmarket, D5

HM – Leaside, D5

Class 13 – Newsletter: Cover graphics primarily computer-generated

1st – Richmond Hill, D15

2nd – Chinguacousy, D15

3rd – Lake Simcoe South Shore, D5

Class 14 – Youth Journal/Scrapbook/other
No entries

Class 15 – Bookmark

1st – East Gwillimbury, D5

2nd – Martintown & District, D1

3rd – Brighton, D4

HM – East York, D5

Class 16 – Promotional / Partnership

1st – Georgetown, D6

2nd – Russell & District, D1

3rd – Chinguacousy, D15

Class 17 – Show Schedule from the current year

1st – Alliston & District, D16

2nd – Parry Sound, D18

3rd – Richmond Hill, D15

HM – Brighton, D4

Best in Show

Chinguacousy, D15 (Class 10)

Judge's Choice

Georgetown, D6 (Class 8)

Number of Entries:

Number of Societies:

Number of Districts:

**Show Chair: Christine Marsh,
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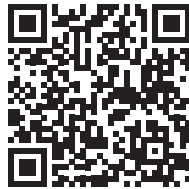
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