

# Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

Winter 2019/2020



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## *Amaryllis*

When the outdoor gardens are at rest, gardeners enjoy indoor blooms. This amaryllis bulb was discarded, then rescued after a local plant sale.

## 2019-2020 Ontario Horticultural Association

# President's Message

**VISION:** Inspire Ontarians to promote and share gardening.

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

**GOAL:** Provide recognition, awards and grants throughout Ontario.

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

**GOAL:** Provide resources for horticultural societies.

**GOAL:** Encourage the development of new horticultural societies.

I hope every member was able to put their gardens to sleep for the winter. I was able to plant my last bulbs a week ago, but I also have found holes in my flower beds made by those pesky squirrels. I used blood meal and baby powder sprinkled on top of my bulbs. I planted the orange and red tulips in honour of the liberation of Europe. It will be interesting to see how many show up next spring.

I have included our Vision, Mission and Goals in this message, and I want to speak to you about them.

First our vision. So many young people want to know where their food is coming from; how and where it's grown. Organic is the buzz word of today. I grew up on a farm and everything was organic. We used the manure from the animals to enrich the soil. My mother grew a huge garden where there were no chemicals used at all. We had fresh vegetables and meat all the time. We need to show the young people that they can easily grow their own food in a little plot in their yards or in containers on their balconies. That is what the OHA wants us all to do – share our love of gardening from growing vegetables either from seed or seedlings and to grow flowers that we can enjoy all season long.

Our mission states that we are a charitable organization. The OHA only receives money from dues from each society and if we are fortunate, donations from generous donors. We are a group of societies who follow environmental practices and provide leadership and education through pamphlets, manuals, and speakers.

Our first goal is to provide recognition, awards and grants. Please look at the OHA grants on the



Katharine Smyth  
*President of the Ontario Horticultural Association*

gardenontario.org website for any that you may be able to apply for. Also look through and see how many of your members you can recognize for their contribution to your society and your community. Awards are presented at the Annual OHA Awards Banquet at the annual convention. Sharlene Desjardins, the OHA Awards Coordinator, has provided a synopsis in this issue.

Speaking of convention, mark your calendars for July 17–19 to attend the OHA Convention being held at the Lamplighter Best Western on Wellington Rd in London, Ontario. Deadline for early bird registrations will be June 1, 2020. Check the [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) website for information early this spring.

Now back to our goals: our second goal is to provide programs for all ages. We have youth groups in the province that are very active, and we need to keep supporting them with leadership and programs that are educational and exciting for them. I thank the current youth leaders for their time in developing our future gardeners. They are our future.

I have visited many gardens where there is no grass, no paving stones or cement. The pathways are natural small pebbles that allow the rainwater to drain away naturally from gardens, which are filled with trees, shrubs and flowers. We must look at what is happening in our yards when we get those torrential rains that will become more prevalent due to climate change. And then there are the drought conditions – do we collect rainwater to keep our plants and containers nourished during the hot dry times? We must be conservationists all through the year.

One thing I have found out with so many people moving into new neighbourhoods. They like tree-lined streets; homes on high ground so there is no chance of flooding and a community that loves to “dress – up”. By this I mean where the community comes together to light up the trees at Christmas, to have tulips blooming in the spring and to have floral baskets and gardens on display for the summer months.

But here is the catch – we need younger adults and children to come and help the older ones who have been doing this for many years. A lot of our faithful members who have been beautifying our villages, towns and cities are in their seventies, eighties and nineties. They need help. They are tired. We need to encourage new members to take over our societies and give these older members a rest. Our older members need to consider relinquishing their

positions on the board to other younger members. It would be wonderful to see the older members mentoring the younger members to learn how things are run and ways they can become involved or more involved. That means sending out invitations through the local newspapers, putting up flyers at places of business, adding the event to the society website and Facebook page, advertising the local society meeting and the wonderful speaker that will bring insight about some aspect of gardening.

I hear that a lot of societies are finding it hard to find members willing to be an executive or board member. Holding a meeting is not an onerous job – somebody introduces the speaker and thanks him/her and a couple of people volunteer to bring some goodies and drinks. Board members can volunteer to take turns in leading a meeting. Secretary's notes can be taken and made available for people to read. The treasurer can give a short report of what monies came in and what monies were paid out. It is not a hard job. Does not everyone keep track of their household expenses? The society treasurer is no different. The OHA provides a pamphlet to let you know the duties, but it is not hard work and only takes a little time each month. I have done them all and believe me, the emails I receive as president takes more time than these positions. So please think long and hard on how you can bring new ideas and people to your societies. We have many new people in our communities that I am sure would like to find out more about what the local horticultural society does.

And finally, we have many resources from manpower to information to help you strengthen your society. Just ask us.

Have a great winter either here in our great province of Ontario or in whatever warm climate you travel to this winter.

*Kathy Smyth*

Katharine Smyth

*President of the Ontario Horticultural Association*





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## Editor's Message



It is an honour to introduce myself as the new editor of the *Trillium* newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, photographs and news to share with other gardeners in this issue of the *Trillium*.

I am currently a board member of Pelham Garden Club in District 9, as the editor of "The Garden View", also a quarterly newsletter. Years ago, I was a board member of the Paris Horticultural Society in District 6.

Garden Club members are among the nicest folks you'll ever meet, volunteering to beautify their neighbourhood, town, city and country as well as their own home.

Thank you to the previous Editor, the *Trillium* distributor, the OHA President, Directors and Board of the *Trillium* for their help and encouragement.

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions and have a great day.

Laura Masterson  
editor@gardenontario.org

When submitting articles and photos, please mention who wrote the article and who took the pictures so that a credit can be included.

### **The *Trillium* is the quarterly newsletter of the OHA, (Ontario Horticultural Association).**

This is *your* newsletter. It is for all members of all Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario in every district. If you want to know what is going on in gardening, it is in this newsletter. If your club/society has a special project and you would like to share the news, please send in a story and photographs.

#### **What you need to know to send articles and photographs:**

Submission dates for 2020:

- March 1 – Spring issue
- June 1 – Summer issue
- Sept. 1 – Autumn issue
- Dec. 1 – Winter issue

The deadline for the spring issue of the *Trillium* is March 1.

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#### **Articles can be emailed to: editor@gardenontario.org**

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# Quiet Places of the Heart

*Ruth Vold Markle, President, Fort Erie Horticultural Society*

Now that a softer season has arrived, it is time to assess the outdoor spaces and the lessons learned from the season of growth and harvest. This was not so easy to do in early November when only snow covered all the tracks, but now we have a little clear area where only the frozen ground keeps us from seeing below the surface. In our region the winds and waves have shifted the balance of power from beautiful to repairing the damage. Another ice storm yesterday gave us more reason to hibernate early. But today it is the time to be on the land that is now snowy and crusted. And what does this season bring to those of us who love sunshine and growth?

Beneath the cold soil and soft snow lie the happiest of perennial beds and gardens. For in their proper season there was care, fertilization and often visiting friends in the form of flying flowers (butterflies) birds and many insect friends happy with the warmth and abundant growth. The lush growth of summer needed the careful care of spring during the heavy rains and the kindly culling of weeds and pruning of last year's winter dried leaves and stems. For in its own season, the winter brought food for the smaller winter birds that made the journey to the space and had seed heads and seeds for dinner. Often the tracks of rabbits in the snow remind me that although the season seems quiet, there is lots of life moving about. Our dogs have long given up the practice of chasing these swift and fleeting rabbits, preferring the comfort of a soft blanket by the gas fireplace. And on some very cold days, a good read and the fireplace is my preference too.

If I must be inside, it is a great time to catch up on what I can learn through the writings of other gardeners and horticulturalists. There are so many suggestions for using winter craft items on Pinterest and of course there is my class of Garden Sprouts to prepare for as we meet over the winter season. Come to think on it, I might be very busy inside too!

There is little that takes the place of the joy of growing something green! All those outdoor plants that were too tender to leave to the biting frost have made their way into my home and heart. My sister is keeping her beloved hibiscus alive and nurtured. My great friend who travels south has left me her favourite plants to care for as the winter advances. If I stop and look around and actually count the indoor growth I have close to fifty little thriving plants in bloom in

stages. That gives me joy and a quick pause. I think that is more to care for than in the height of the summer! I wonder how that happened?



*Photo by Amy Barrett*

The truth is, I can't be without something living to care about. Whether it is protecting plant life or teaching children the basics of growing, there is such hidden treasure in the season of winter. So much to learn about growth and caring of new species and oh, when the seed catalogues begin to arrive... well, let's just say I am lost to this world in the pages of these glossy hopes for the new growing season. No matter the outside conditions, the joy of life and living continues in my heart all through this time of enforced rest.

But this season of winter also brings its renewal of life in the solitude of snow and silence. And it brings the time to share with family and friends. My dad grew up on the prairies and he would recount tales of the 'visiting time' that took place during the long and cold winter season. This was the season when visiting could take place, the time of music and laughter to ward off the long winter cares and a time of connections and exchanging of views and thoughts. It was the time to

reflect and rebuild for the next season of growing, often a time to revive the heart and life of the community.

I like to follow his lead in this time of connection. And of course, there are the wonderful floral displays that celebrate the growing times and all arranged to perfection by the botanical garden staff. There are the celebratory winter walks, the warmth of lights on as dusk approaches that give beauty to a white winter world as we walk the dogs in the neighbourhood, and the returning glow of our own lights when the winter walk has ended. I haven't even touched on the wonderful scents and flavors of baking and home made soups and stews!

Reflecting on these thoughts as I write, I realize the cold weather season that takes me inside awakens a warmth in my own spirit. What I had little time for when I was out helping others in their growing spaces and working in my own space, I now have the time to do. Time to replenish my energy and rebuild my growing 'wisdom'. In this season of quiet and rebuilding, I can find contentment and purpose and refreshment for the future. In fact, this time of refurbishment is essential to the success of the next growing season. For it is in this season I can renew my strength, re work my ideas and plans and welcome new inspiration. Everything in its season... keep growing green, my friends



*Photo by Amy Barrett*



## Erin Horticultural Society

*Dawn Roberts, Secretary*

The AGM for the Erin Horticultural Society (Erin Garden Club) was held on October 23, 2019 at Centre 2000 in Erin. Our President, Jenny Frankland, reviewed the year's activities that included four mini flower shows, several very interesting and informative speakers, plant sales and workshops. The various committee chairs presented their reports of the year's activities to the members. This was the second year that EGC ran an on-line plant sale and it was very successful. The budget and program for 2020 were presented.

We were very honoured and excited to welcome Kathy Bouma, Director District #7, to the meeting. She graciously installed the new slate of officers for 2020 and reviewed the responsibilities of each position.

Following the business meeting there was a Photography Show where members entered photos in various categories and the membership at large voted for their favourites in each category and for their favourite photo for the People's Choice award. This is always a fun event and a large number of photos were entered.

Jenny Frankland, then informed members that there would be a surprise workshop. Small pumpkins were hollowed out and wet oasis inserted into the hollow. She provided a variety of mums in several colours, tiny, brightly-coloured peppers and some red dogwood branches with which to create a lovely arrangement. Everyone was very surprised and had a wonderful time creating very beautiful arrangements in their pumpkins.



# Collins Bay and District Horticultural Society

## Annual General Meeting

Don Richardson, President

Photos by Sandra Jass

On Monday, December 9, 2019, Collins Bay and District Horticultural Society held its Christmas pot-luck dinner and Annual General Meeting and Awards Evening.



Pictured above are, from left to right, President Don Richardson awarding the Society President's Certificate to Anne Herfst, Nancy Cole, Terrie Beasley, and Doug Huddle. Absent was Pat Haslett.

Combined, these members have contributed to the Society for 106 years, and collectively have been involved in the following activities: member of the Executive and/or Board, helped plant and maintain community gardens; photographed and catalogued our group's history; assisted with our annual plant sale; maintained our library; set up and taken down tables

and chairs for our monthly meetings; set up, taken down tables, and assisted judges with our annual flower shows; judged flower shows, and made numerous presentations to our group and other groups.



From left to right, Diane Huddle, Doug Huddle and Carol Hegadorn were presented with their pins for 50 years of service to our Society by Sue Carew.

What a tremendous accomplishment for these three members who have given of their time, expertise and energy in ways too numerous to mention. Their contributions have enriched our group and contributed to its success.

**We extend to them our gratitude  
and heartfelt congratulations.**

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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 newsletter. 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.

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*"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."*

- Victor Hugo



# The Oshawa Garden Club

## Online Payments and Registration

*Jim Cook, Oshawa Garden Club Webmaster*

The Oshawa Garden Club has embarked on a new venture: online payments and registration.

The new system is up and running and is proving popular. We have a long way to go to get all members registering online, but for those that have done this, it's proving very convenient. We're hoping long lines signing up in October will eventually be a thing of the past.

Further to this, we're getting new memberships we may not have had the luxury of obtaining without this online payment structure. We're also thinking this is a great way to attract younger members.

If your club is interested in online registration and payment contact me, Jim Cook, Oshawa Garden Club Webmaster at [webmaster@oshawagardenclub.ca](mailto:webmaster@oshawagardenclub.ca). I can point you in the right direction.

**See this in action at: <https://www.oshawagardenclub.ca>**

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## Lake Simcoe Gardeners

### Veggies. Community. Everybody Wins.

*Nancy Serrick*

Our Society provided its first Plant Kits to our local food bank over 10 Springs ago. Plant Kits? Yes, a carton containing tomatoes, green peppers, lettuce, or some similar combination of plants, a bit of information about planting and growing, and some compost. Trowels were once included but Kit numbers increased and we realized that 'digging' funds would be better spent on veggies. So no more tools, plant quantities were upped.



*Photo by Nancy Serrick*

We started with 20 Kits for the Georgina Community Food Pantry (FP) and over time the number has grown. For the last couple of years we've supplied 100. And anybody can receive them, from mothers happy to have their kids planting and learning, to single guys enjoying what they've grown themselves.

Our Board decides early in the year if the Plant Kit

Project will be a go, considers its budget and how many Kits to fund (at \$3.00-\$4.00 per Kit) and then works with the FP to achieve their combined goal: getting fresh veggies to the FP's clients. The Kits are given out in the last week of May and for about six weeks beforehand, the names of folks interested in planting their own salads are collected by volunteers at the FP.

How does it work? During May's Distribution Week, a day is appointed by LSG for putting the Kits together and several Society volunteers, some of whom are also FP volunteers, gather to get the job done. The FP provides used flattened cartons which some of us tape together while others work on the plants and compost. Those items have all been bought from local nurseries who give the Society a discount. The garden centres get the business, the Society fulfills its requirements to help the community, thereby meeting the Objects stated in the legislation we function under, and the FP's clients receive veggies for their gardens and containers.

Usually back in February and March, the FP starts to get questions: "Are we going to get vegetables this year?" And then in the summer, the comments begin: "You should see how big my peppers are!" or "My 9-year-old can hardly wait for his tomatoes to ripen!" or "Hey, look at these pictures of my garden!" See what we mean? Veggies. Community. Everybody wins.

# Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society

## Recognizing our Founding Members

*Karen Baldock, President    Val Gillespie, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society*

### Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony:

Our society honoured Past Presidents and Charter Members who passed away in recent years. At the newly renovated Bayview Memorial Park, we planted three native red maple trees along the walkway to the beach. A bronze plaque honouring the contributions of Marjorie Bell (1973-1974, 1985), Jean Crawford (1997-1998) and Ellwood McLaughlin (1988-1989, 1999-2000) was mounted on a rock.

In June, we held a Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony attended by friends and family, members of our society and council members including the Deputy Mayor. After the ceremony, we enjoyed cake and coffee in the pavilion. Family members expressed their sincere gratitude for this ongoing legacy.



Reta Caldwell

### Reta Caldwell Youth Environmental Award

Another Charter Member and Past President (1971-1972) who died in 2018 will be honoured in a different way. Because of her involvement with youth, our society has set up an Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) Award in memory of Reta Caldwell. The Reta Caldwell Youth Environmental Award will be presented annually at the OHA convention and will be given to a youth group to assist with a horticultural or environmental project. We feel Reta would have been proud of this contribution in her name.



# OHA Awards and Grants

*Sharlene Desjardins, OHA Awards Coordinator*

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors various awards which are presented annually during the Convention. Each society should have an Awards Booklet available to inform the members of the awards available and the procedure to follow to submit a nomination. This information is also on the website for downloading by societies.

Awards presented at the convention are:

- Silver Medal Award
- Trillium Award
- Silver Fir Award
- Award of Merit
- Community Improvement Award
- Environmental Award
- Youth Leader Award
- Honour Roll
- Youth Project Award

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to:

Sharlene Desjardins  
OHA Awards Coordinator  
P.O. Box 2123  
Deep River, Ontario K0J 1P0

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28, 2020.**

The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The OHA Awards Committee is comprised of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Past President, North/East Regional Representative, South/West Regional Representative, Secretary, Awards Coordinator and the Chair of the Past President's Council. Any decision of the Committee will be considered as a decision of the Board of Directors.

Please give serious consideration to selecting people who would be worthy recipients of these prestigious awards.

## Plant a Tree

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Grant whereby a Society of the Ontario Horticultural Association may apply for up to \$200 for a special tree planting. Up to 20 tree-planting grants will be awarded in 2020.

The grant is to be used for the purchase of a tree to be planted in a community or public space.

A request by a society outlining the species of tree to be purchased, where the tree will be planted, a permission letter from the township and whether the planting commemorates a special event for the Society/Community, should be sent to the Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator at the address indicated. The tree grants will be awarded on a first-come basis starting January 1st, 2020, up to a maximum of 20 awards per year. Any society that receives this funding cannot apply again for three full years. The awarded society must complete the planting of their tree by the end of the year. For example: if the grant is awarded in 2020 – the tree must be planted by December 31, 2020.

Once approved, payment is made upon submission of an **original** receipt for the tree and a digital picture of the planting. The picture becomes the property of the OHA.

## Begin a Special Project

As part of the ongoing support of member societies, the Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association annually awards Special Project Grants of up to \$500 each for the use of societies toward the completion of projects having a long-lasting benefit to their society or community. The grant is to be used for planting materials such as perennials, trees and shrubs, and not for the planting of annuals or for mulch, manure, compost, hard surface or construction materials. When preparing your application, be sure to include information about the location and use of the project, a budget for the project, a planting plan, one or two photographs of the site, a list of plant materials to be used, and the estimated costs. Please keep your applications to a maximum of 6 pages.

The Ontario Horticultural Association will grant up to eight projects a year to a maximum of \$500 for each project with a limit of one project per society per year. Any society that receives this funding cannot apply again for five full years.



To be considered for a Special Project grant in 2020, an application form and the accompanying information should be completed and mailed to your District Director who will forward it on to the Awards Coordinator, no later than February 28, 2020. Application forms are available on the OHA website at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org).

**The reporting form and accompanying documents must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator no later than December 31st of the next year. For example, a grant awarded in 2020 must have all documentation submitted by December 31st of 2021.**

## OHA Community Garden Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association encourages its member societies to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. The OHA will award a grant of \$500 each, to up to three societies to assist in the funding of a new community garden or the upgrading of an existing community garden.

A community garden is a plot of land, either publicly or privately owned, that is used to grow food for gardeners and/or the surrounding community. Either the whole space is communal or each member maintains a plot. Members share in the upkeep of the garden and are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process and socialize with other gardeners.

Eligible expenses include costs related to site development such as the construction of raised beds and accessible planters, as well as tools, materials and equipment costs. Upgrading a garden may take the form of adding a washroom, a compost area, a water harvesting area, fencing or other installations that support the gardening activities of the members.

When completing your application, please include information about permissions to build a garden on your site, insurance waivers for participants, a budget, a plan of your project, and any partners in your project.

To apply, complete the Community Garden Grant application form and mail it to your District Director who will forward it on to the Awards Coordinator no later than February 28 of the current year. If your community garden project is awarded a grant, payment will follow receipt of a completed reporting form including original receipts and pictures of the completed project.

**The reporting form must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator before December 31st of the next year. i.e. a grant awarded in 2020 must have all paperwork submitted by December 31st of 2021.**

**If a reporting form accompanied by original receipts is not received by this time, it will be assumed that the community garden project was not completed and the grant will be cancelled.**

## Pollinator Project Grant

As part of the ongoing pollinator health initiative, the OHA will provide ten grants of \$200.00 each to eligible member societies to create habitat in the form of pollinator-friendly gardens or nesting sites on public land.

Eligible expenses include the purchase and installation of perennials and shrubs and/or construction materials and supplies for the creation of nesting sites.

To apply, complete the Pollinator Project Grant application form and mail it to your District Director who will forward it on to the Awards Coordinator no later than February 28th of the current year. If your pollinator project is awarded a grant, payment will follow receipt of a reporting form including original receipts and pictures of the completed project.

**The reporting form and accompanying documents must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator no later than December 31st of the next year. For example, a grant awarded in 2020 must have all documentation submitted by December 31st of 2021.**

## Youth Help Program Grant (REVISED)

Beginning in 2020, the OHA will be offering up to 50 youth grants of \$75.00 each. The Youth Activity Report will no longer be required to apply for these grants.

The Youth Help Program Grant provides societies that work with youth financial support. Any society working with youth, and in good standing with the OHA, may apply for the grant. The grant may be used for programming, seeds, special events, supplies, start-up of a youth program, etc., for the society applying for the grant.

Updated youth grant forms are available on the OHA website at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org). Any society receiving a youth grant cannot apply again the following year.

**Also available are applications for Horticultural Service Certificates, Judging/Exhibiting Service Certificates and District Service Plaques. Please consider all the volunteers in your society and community that help to keep your area beautiful and nominate a deserving individual or group.**

# The Clifford & District Horticultural Society

## More Than Just Flowers

Bonnie Whitehead



Larry Grummett with family and friends gathered to plant a tree in memory of Elsie Grummetton on September 28 at the Rotary Park in Clifford. Photos by Bonnie Whitehead

The Clifford & District Horticultural Society in District 7 is more than just flowers. We welcome everyone to share in the information meetings, flower shows, public plantings of flower beds and boxes, plant and bake sales, garden tours, and the Earth Day clean-up events. At the Christmas party, the Edna Litt Memorial Award was awarded to Ethel Weber, the member with the most points in the spring and summer flower shows.



Elaine Binkley (left) and Larry Litt (right) presented Ethel Weber (centre) with the Edna Litt Memorial Award at the Christmas celebration held November 26, 2019 at the Clifford Community Centre.

The Society partners with the local Rotarians for Trees and Quackers to celebrate National Arbour Day. Rotarians release rubber duckies into the creek and the crowd of onlookers watches them float to the finish line while Society members help young ones plant seedlings in the park.

National Tree Day is celebrated by planting a tree to honour the memory of an exceptional person who helped with the mission of the Society. Family and friends are invited to gather and reminisce.

A trail is being developed in our community where more trees will be planted and benches added to offer a relaxing spot for nature enthusiasts.

Creating a festive float for the annual Santa Claus parade adds another dimension to our community spirit, especially when we capture a prize.

In a village of 800, we seek to maintain our unique individuality while striving to present a unified connection with two other communities in the Town of Minto.

**Volunteers keep Clifford blooming beautifully!**



Hoe, Hoe, Hoe - in keeping with Santa's holiday spirit for the Santa Claus Parade on November 30, 2019 in Clifford.

# Garden Stratford

*Julia Hardy*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Garden Stratford (also known as Stratford and District Horticultural Society) was established 141 years ago and it continues as a thriving and important community resource. We plant and maintain many Stratford public gardens, such as The Father Corcoran Memorial Iris Garden on McLagan Drive. The Corcoran Garden presented a challenge this season when an infestation of iris borer threatened many beautiful varieties. Team Iris, so ably captained by Marg O'Reilly, spent many hours in a hands-on approach to borer control that involved:

- (a) lifting nearly every iris in the garden,
- (b) discarding those with signs of borer infestation and
- (c) replanting rhizomes that were uninfected and healthy.

Visitors to Stratford Gardens often say how greatly they appreciate our gardening efforts and sometimes that appreciation is expressed even more tangibly. One iris borer eradication session at the Father Corcoran Garden was pleasantly interrupted by a neighbour who brought muffins and scones to say thanks for the garden and the team's work. It is gratifying to know our efforts are appreciated by the community.

Garden Stratford's general meetings are held January through May and September through November. Most meetings begin with a "Garden Chat" hosted by Master Gardeners and there is always a highly informative speaker, so general meetings are good opportunities to learn and meet other gardeners. We also offer workshops and other opportunities to develop gardening interests and skills and we encourage young horticulturalists by providing bursaries for post-secondary studies.

Our Plant Sale and Garden Tour are widely anticipated. Visitors often report entering those events in calendars as soon as the dates are announced. (The 2020 plant sale will be May 23 and the Garden Tour July 5.) The monster rainstorm that prevailed during this year's Plant Sale did not discourage shoppers, many of whom made the trip from London, Kitchener/Waterloo and even more distant locations in search of excellent, interesting, and unusual garden plants. We enjoyed beautiful Canada Day weather for the Garden Tour which always attracts visitors from many parts of Ontario. Many thanks to the gardeners who extended their hospitality to our visitors.

We expect many more visitors next year when Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) holds its convention in London July 17-19. The convention

will be a major event, and Garden Stratford will be very much involved in planning, organizing and participating. Bernice Barratt is an Assistant Director of OHA District 10, and Maureen Cocksedge will serve as Secretary. Congratulations and thanks to Bernice and Maureen for providing OHA with their experience, wisdom and expertise.

Garden Stratford's Board of Directors will be installed at tonight's meeting. Most current directors will continue to serve in 2020 and three new directors will join the board. However, we have regretfully accepted Mike Matthew's retirement as a long-serving member. Mike served as president and he has had countless other roles. Among Mike's most important contributions include his emphasis that participation in Garden Stratford (and just about everything else) should be fun. We're greatly pleased with Mike's promise that he will continue to apply his expertise and wit to Garden Stratford projects, but he will certainly be missed as a Board Member. Thanks, Mike. Garden Stratford wouldn't be able to prosper without dedicated members like you. For information about the gardens planted and maintained by Garden Stratford and other public gardens visit [stratfordgardens.com](http://stratfordgardens.com). Visit our website at [gardenstratford.org](http://gardenstratford.org) for more information about 2020 events. It will be another busy year.

*- Doug Reberg for The Board of Directors*

## CATHERINE EAST GARDEN

The garden looks great, most trees are better shaped and sized, some moved, and air flow significantly improved. We were able to meet our pruning plan. I guess spring will be the proof.

Although the thistles and buckeye suckers were eradicated, they are starting to pop up again, this may be a yearly task... oh well.

I often work on the Centre Street garden and I can tell you more people are wandering into Catherine East now and sitting on those rustic benches for lunch or just a break from hospital visitation. Pruning that can still be done this fall, is to cut back the Tamarisk if anyone is interested. First order of things in the spring is to pick out some new shrubs and get them planted in time for April showers. Our consultant, Jane, has recommended witch hazel, redbud, diablo ninebark, allspice and several colours of potentilla. Perhaps you have a favourite as well?

Anyway, thanks again to everyone. Feel good about the difference we have made and I will catch you in the spring. *- Susan Kurtz*



## BONNIE RICHARDSON/QUEENSLAND GARDENS

Sixty-two hours were spent in 2019. Significant work was done pruning and editing (removing) overgrown and damaged shrubs and trees. The changes passers-by would notice are new plantings in the Richardson bed. On the shady slope, hostas were planted (Sum & Substance, Striptease, Frances Williams, Big Daddy, and two unknown but attractive varieties). Ready to thrive in the sun, are 36 daylilies (Anzac, Ruby Throat, and Chicago Apache). - *Darlene Irwin*

## CENTRE STREET GARDEN



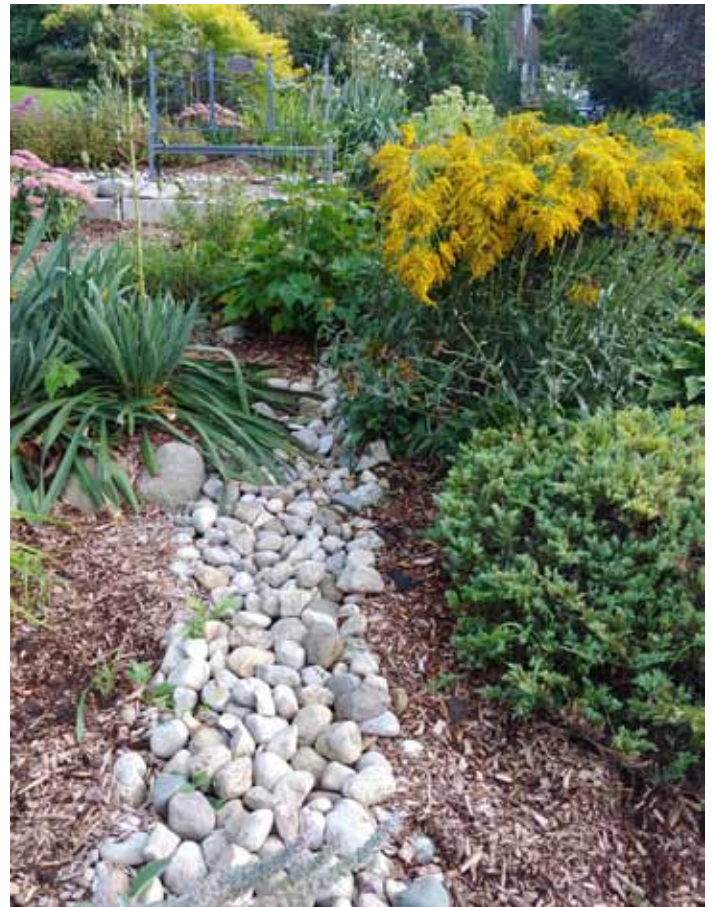
*Centre Street Garden in the spring with two volunteers*



*Centre Street Garden in the fall*

The Center Street Garden has been passed on to co-captains Susan Kurtz and Sheila Phillips. After many years of caring for the garden, Dennis Rawe has decided to lighten his load a bit. Each year many hours have been spent in the garden maintaining and refreshing plant material. The focus for the coming year will be a proposal of improvement to the bench

sitting area and retaining wall in the garden and enhanced planting. Feedback from neighbourhood residents has been positive with indication of more frequent use. - *Susan and Sheila*



*Centre Street Garden bench*

## IRIS BEDS

Once again, our Iris bed bloomed profusely in 2019, with a variety of iris from early May to the end of June and into July, displaying a rainbow of colour. The additional plantings of grasses, lavender, and Autumn Joy Sedums have also flourished, in spite of the loss of a few plants because of theft.



Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, Virginia Macdonald, Steve and Doreen Zurbrig, Sheila Phillips, Marty Clarkson, Doug Reberg, Cobe Giroux and Jeff Brookes, we managed to keep the weeds well-controlled and the bed edged.

We faced considerable challenges in 2019 as it was our time (4 years) to divide over 100 clumps of iris

and replant them. The more serious challenge came with the discovery that some of the Iris were infected with the *Erwinia Carotovora* (a bacterial phytopathogen) commonly known as root/ soft rot. To add insult to injury, an infestation of iris borers showed up. We rolled up our sleeves and worked hard to deal with the situation. It soon became apparent that we needed help.

We sent out an urgent appeal for assistance to our Board and membership. Thank you to all of you who responded. You gave us the encouragement we needed to complete our year successfully and we appreciate your cheerful response to our request.

- *Marg. O'Reilly and Iris Bed Committee*

## PERGOLA GARDEN

2019 was a special year for me in maintenance of the Pergola garden. I strived to complete any major changes to the landscape in advance of the tenth anniversary next year. Wisteria vines were added to the West facing pillars. Also, on the South facing end of the garden, a Dogwood tree was added, surrounded by wild roses, to complement the North end Eastern Redbud and white Explorer roses. I am pleased to inform you all that I am satisfied the garden is now complete.

You can imagine how delighted I was to receive a call from the Garden Tour Committee that they plan to include this public garden as an extra bonus to the eight private gardens planned for the tour (maybe this will set a precedent for including a public garden in years to come). An added bonus for me, is an invitation to attend a few planning meetings to discuss what else we can do to make this a special destination on the tour. Sincere thanks, Garden Tour Committee!

- *Henry McVey*

## STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

It was unusual for the library garden to be ready so late in the year (end of June) due to a cold spring. Thanks to the help of member gardeners with the post winter chores and in removing inordinate quantities of twitch grass, the garden got on with its seasonal cycle of changing vistas.

A magnificent display of bulbs, mainly Hyacinths, followed by Canada Anemones, Aubrietia and Iris, glorious fuschia-red Peonies, yellow Globe Flower, red Gallium, Silver Sage, Dianthus, yellow Columbine, Roses, 11 large heads of Lupin, blue Sage, Penstemon, and yellow Sedum, restored one's faith in nature.

Buds of Shasta Daisy, Hollyhock, Coreopsis, Allium and Liatris mixed with attractive foliage of variegated Boxwood, Reum, Spirea, Lychnis, three shades of Berberis and many other plants, all took their turn showing off.

The Dogwood 'hedge', Cornus sericea 'Flaviramea', grew considerably this spring showing more flower heads

than usual; it needed severe pruning before winter. The Roses did well this year.

In the Ivy garden, immediately west of the main garden, the Hosta collection showed large mature clumps along with several clumps of *Ligularia dentata*. The Peonies were poor due to shade from surrounding trees.

A layer of composted wood chips minimized weed and grass development for the rest of the season. Routine dead-heading and trimming carried the garden through to late summer. Several plants were added to the collection including Pasque flower (*Pulsatilla*), creeping Phlox and Daffodil bulbs. Note that the Pasque flower is an herbaceous perennial native to meadows and prairies of North America. While it is a showy and aesthetically pleasing flower, gardeners should consider all parts of the plant toxic. Always wear gloves when planting, dead-heading or handling it. - *Dennis Rawe*

## STRATFORD GARDEN FESTIVAL

The 2019 Festival was held February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

The SDHS design was a focus on the theme "Gardening in small places and urban eatables..." Plant material included small shrubs, ferns, water plants, herbs, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, bird of paradise, carnations, geranium, several sedums, moss and various vegetables.

The "Funky backyard" design featured a simulated deck with overhead supports for hanging windows fronted by a small yard containing a raised veggie bed, living-roof doghouse, water garden and tiered table with flowerpot display. The raised bed and deck were built by skilled members, and along with the living-roof doghouse, were subject to a blind-bid auction with proceeds of \$734 going to the Lung Association.

Members also grew an assortment of plants for the display including a 12 foot pole bean plant, geraniums and assorted vegetables. A floral arrangement in a watering can was created by a skilled floral design member.

Feedback from the event was very positive about our display, particularly about the variety of plants. Over 250 hours were volunteered by our members in construction, growing, planning and booth attendance. - *Susan Kurtz*

## PLANT SALE REPORT FOR 2019

This year's Plant Sale Committee consisted of Dorothy Van Esbroeck, Maureen Cocksedge, Doug Reberg, Jinny Macdonald, Barry Krauter and Cobe Giroux. Publicity for the event was done through radio announcements, the paper, Facebook posts, and signage that was placed around town well ahead of our sale. A survey conducted the day of the sale by Marg Theil and Doug Reberg showed that most attendees found out about the sale on Facebook.



Many of our new members helped make the day a success by volunteering their time. In total, this added up to 388 volunteer hours. Once again, our members showed up and gave their time for our Society and the Community. The main source of plants for sale this year also came from our members' gardens. Of note were over 200 Hostas, dozens of grasses, and irises from the Corcoran Iris bed. With the wide variety of plants for sale, the Master Gardeners were kept busy answering questions and made the day an educational and social gathering for all involved.

Once again, our partnership with The Local for this event was very much appreciated. The roof over our heads and the food that they provided, was enjoyed by many and given the constant deluge of rain, very well received. - *Maureen Cocksedge*

## GARDEN TOUR ANNUAL REPORT

BRAVO! Once again we had a very successful Garden Tour on a beautiful day, Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, with 431 people viewing the gardens. Big thanks to Committee Members who gave numerous hours of their time putting this together: Marg O'Reilly, Ron Nichol, Shelly Meyers, Jinny MacDonald, Sharon McDonald, Felicity Sutcliffe, Larke Turnbull, Karen VanBaren, Board Treasurer.

Very special thanks to the 8 garden owners who made their gardens spectacular: George & Marilyn Finnigan, Marion Isherwood & Eleanor Kane, Lorraine Kuepfer, Shelly Meyers, Dennis & Peggy Rawe, Bernard VanHerik, Terrie Wilks, Anne Wood.

Many more thank yous: our sponsors and merchants who sold tickets, 32 members greeting at the gardens along with many Master Gardeners, plus those who purchased and sold tickets. We could not have achieved this success without the great support of our community. - *Mary Hoffman*

## BURSARY PROGRAM REPORT

As members of SDHS, I'm sure that we've all heard the quote "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." from Audrey Hepburn. And I would even go as far as saying that most of us agree with her. Well, if this is the case, then I would think that investing in our children's education, and more specifically, providing funds to students that are going into Horticultural-related programs is also "to believe in tomorrow". Indeed, this is also where our next breakfast will be coming from.

Being situated in the center of southern Ontario, we are surrounded by some of the most productive farms in the world. This includes all sorts of crops and livestock. The land we live on feeds the animals that feed us. The students applying for the Bursaries

that our Members provide, will be going into a wide variety of programs. The majority of them are enrolled in courses at the University of Guelph but some are reaching out to schools across the country or other institutions like Niagara College's Horticultural Program. They are looking forward to going into veterinary programs, environmental governance courses or landscape design, while some dream of one day taking over the family farm. All of them will play a huge role in the tomorrow that we and Audrey Hepburn believe in. I thank you for supporting our Bursary Program and look forward to next year's crop.

- *Owen Switzer*



*Bursary Program*

*Photo by Karen Roberts*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On behalf of the Society I wish to thank and add a special welcome to 42 new members and 166 renewed members. We have an ongoing concern as memberships decrease each year. I ask that you do RENEW your membership and also encourage family, friends and neighbours to join our great, knowledgeable Society.

Big thanks to several members who assist in selling memberships at General Meetings, Local Seedy Sunday, May Plant Sale and workshops. A big thanks to staff at Flowers on York and Stratford Blooms who continue to sell memberships and who both did extremely well in increasing sales. As of early December, Flowers on York and Stratford Blooms will sell 2020 Memberships for the upcoming year. Sadly, in the past few months, two of our merchants closed their business: Tom's Eldon Landscaping Ltd. and Quality Fertilizer. We are very grateful to them for many years of their support. Fortunately we added a new merchant, Indoor Farmer Hydroponics, leaving a total of 8 merchants giving us discounts.

If you would like to volunteer to sell memberships, help is always appreciated.

For more information contact me at (519) 271-2246 / email: marihoffman@cyg.net - *Mary C. Hoffman*



## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

The Stratford Public Library contacted SDHS inviting us to assist with their children's summer program. Maureen Cocksedge led a plant identification session with the children and parents at the Shakespeare Gardens.

Bernice Barratt explained, with examples, how to prepare horticultural entries for a flower show. Everyone then created a small design in recycled containers to take home. These programs were designed to teach and encourage participation in the fall fair.

- *Bernice and Maureen*

## EXHIBIT AND FLORAL DESIGN

Our September flower show "Glory of the Season" was a huge success.

We had 14 exhibitors, down from last year's 18. There were 7 entries in the photography class (something new since we focussed a lot on photography in 2019), 4 special exhibits, 15 designs and 59 horticultural exhibits for a total of 85 which was up from last year's 71 exhibits. We also had 3 first time exhibitors and all three did very well indeed! Four more were first time

exhibitors last year. (This is quite a change from our embarrassing low of 29 total exhibits in 2016!)

The President's choice in design was won by Darlene Irwin; the judge's choice in cultural went to Bernice Barratt; and the judge's choice in design went to Linda Murray. Cobe Giroux earned the award for the most points with a whopping 78 points and entered 24 exhibits!

Our judge was very impressed with the quality of the show and was excited to see how much it has grown in size. She was also working with a student judge from District 19's judging school currently taking place in Waterloo.

We still have copies of "Snippy Tips"; the book listing all you need to know about conditioning fresh plant material. We also have copies of the new updated Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for 2019. Affectionately known as OJES, this is the standards book that will be used in the next generation of flower shows. Both are still available for \$10.00 each.

Congratulations to all who entered the show! Let's keep on "Playing With Flowers"! - *Bernice Barratt*

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# The Ennismore Garden Club

*Gail Murray, Secretary*



## Scarecrow Competition

The Ennismore Garden Club in District 4, annually gets in the spirit of Halloween and supports the local youth group by entering their scarecrow competition.

A group of creative souls got together and dressed 9 scarecrows. They were placed around in our community gardens.

We did not win the competition but I know we gave lots of smiles to passers-by.



## Christmas Basket Fund Raiser

Ennismore Garden Club held their 5th annual Christmas Basket fund raiser. Every year now since we started our garden club, we have held a Christmas Basket sale as our main fund raiser. The first year we made 20 outdoor Christmas greenery baskets and the number gradually grew till this year we made 138. The members collect all the "ingredients" over the fall and at after-Christmas sales for the big day when it all comes together. The comradery is great with Christmas spirit galore. It sure is a busy couple of weeks but well worth the reward.

# Norwood and District Horticultural Society

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CREATION OF POLLINATOR GARDEN

*Kathy Reid, Director*

The Norwood and District Horticultural Society and the Norwood United Church are pleased to announce the creation of a new pollinator-friendly garden at the Church.

Janice Matthews, President of the Norwood and District Horticultural Society expresses appreciation to all involved in this project. "We trust that the pollinator-friendly garden will welcome members of the Church and broader community and serve as a living testament to the importance and value of flourishing natural habitats within an urban environment, supporting a diversity of wildlife species."

The creation of the garden involved several steps from removing the overgrown shrubs, amending the soil, selecting and planting native wildflowers suitable to the full sun and well drained soil conditions and applying a layer of mulch.

The planting of the garden involved 35 children who participated in a special After School Program hosted by the Church. Three activities: "Make a Flower", "Blossom Café", and the planting of the wildflowers, were coordinated by members of the Horticultural Society. "It was very encouraging to see the children so engaged in the hands-on learning and the care they took in planting each wildflower," says Matthews.

The plant material selected for this project will support a continuous succession of flowering species from spring through fall, providing food for butterflies,

birds and other wildlife, habitat for a variety of beneficial insects and be drought tolerant. The garden features Obedient Plant, Black-eyed Susan, Pale Purple Coneflower, Dense Blazing Star, Sedum and Oswago Tea as well as two Canada Plum trees.



As a token reminder of their participation in the creation of the pollinator garden, children received a Black-eyed Susan to plant in their own garden and a wooden medallion featuring a pollinator species. A dedication of the pollinator garden was held during a Church Service on Sunday, September 29th.

The Norwood and District Horticultural Society acknowledges the financial contribution by the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and OHA District 4.



*The 'Goddess of the Scarecrows' was the main feature of the Norwood and District Horticultural Society's float in the annual Norwood Fall Fair parade (held Thanksgiving weekend). It was the first time that the NDHS entered a float in this parade. We extend a huge thank you to all who helped source the vegetables and other*

*plant material, created the goddess, built the split rail fence, loaned us the float and tractor driver, who helped assemble the float and take it apart afterwards. The theme of the parade was "Scarecrows and Fencerows" and what do know? We won first prize!!*



*The Norwood and District Horticultural Society was pleased to support the "Trees and Twilight" event held in late November at the Norwood Town Hall. Society members collected fresh greenery and met several evenings at the home of Janice Matthews, Society President, to make*

*the garland, wreath, bows and decorations for the Christmas Tree. Many thanks to all who helped with this endeavor. By all accounts, the event was a success. It was a fundraiser for the local Historical Society and the efforts of the Horticultural Society met with rave reviews!*

# 2019: A Year to Celebrate

By Janet Scott

**“There are no happier folks than plant lovers and none more generous than those who garden.” ... Ernest Wilson**

The Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society began as an idea to bring beauty to a world which had been torn apart by war. It was first mentioned in the Fenelon Falls Gazette in September 1918 and our founding meeting was organized on January 10th, 1919. Among the Society's goals were “holding meetings for discussion and for hearing lectures... encouraging improvement of home and public grounds by the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and otherwise promoting outdoor art and public beauty.” As the Society celebrates a century in Fenelon, we keep the founders' pride in our village at the core of everything we do.

The centennial year began with a pot luck dinner in March, where Susan Blayney demonstrated how influential one person's energy and dedication to a cause can be. Whether working in a hard hat on a windswept hilltop to seed a pollinator garden, speaking at museums, farmers' markets, libraries, and schools, frequently dressed as a bee, or encouraging our municipality to declare itself a Bee City, Susan puts her belief that “we can live more sustainably on the Earth” into action by helping to create and restore habitat for birds, bees, butterflies and beetles.

The Society booth at the Country Living Show in April was an opportunity for the community to hear about our work. That month's meeting saw the debut of T-shirts and hoodies for sale. Award-winning landscape designer Julie Moore-Cantieni, who turned to gardens as a change from her busy advertising career, found that her life had led her in a new direction. She moved to Fenelon Falls and began a practice dedicated to her belief that nature can calm the mind and relax the body. Gardening, Julie says, is as creative an art as dance, music, poetry and cinema. She inspired us with pictures of her work, showing us that homeowners can evoke happy memories with plant choices, pay tribute to loved ones with sensitive garden design and heal by surrounding ourselves with plants we love.

The annual plant sale, “Spring Into Gardening”, was held in May on the beautiful grounds of Maryboro Lodge: The Fenelon Museum. The wet weather deterred no one (gardeners aren't afraid of a little rain!) and an excellent turnout of shoppers chose from perennial and annual plants, heirloom tomato seedlings, food, glass flowers, original watercolour paintings, crafts and books. The students of Langton

School's Green Team, our official Junior Members, helped haul purchases to cars and even donated their tips to the Society!

Naturalist, author and educator Drew Monkman spoke two days later about the world's changing climate. A father and grandfather who worries about the future his family faces, he discussed predictions that the temperature average will rise four to five degrees this century, that the Arctic will warm at three times the global rate, and that our precious forests are under threats to which they cannot respond. To his credit, he countered what he admitted seemed a depressing subject by explaining what we can do to become involved and spur change and left us feeling educated and empowered.

The very busy Sylvia Keesmaat, Biblical scholar, university lecturer, farmer, grower of hundreds of tomato seedlings each year and engaging speaker, discussed forest gardening in June. A form of permaculture meant to avoid the negative effects of monoculture crops, forest gardening seeks to create biodiversity, fix nitrogen, attract and shelter beneficial wildlife and produce food to feed a hungry planet. At the top of the seven layers of such gardens, trees can cool the ground by up to ten degrees on hot days, produce nuts, seeds and berries and act as the canopy under which perennial and annual crops can grow. Trees can even be spaced in curving rows to permit cows to graze under them while stabilizing and enriching the land better than hot, open pastures can.

July saw eleven private gardens (five on one street) opened for a celebratory tour that also showcased 15 gardens in town maintained by the Society. Visitors admired the different ways gardeners transformed their land to create a personal vision of beauty, adorning their creations with sculptures, bird baths, flower-filled containers, art from carved mushrooms and a perfectly-placed yellow bicycle! Frank Cabot's masterpiece, Les Quatre Vents in Quebec, was the subject of the film “The Gardener”, screened in late July. The great Penelope Hobhouse remarked in the movie: “All gardeners, like all geniuses, are a little mad. Of course, with his money, he was able to be more genius than mad.” Settling in with cookies and popcorn, we watched with envy as Frank's tapis vert lawn scrolled across his land to reveal gardens featuring riots of colour, fanciful structures, handmade



buildings, and even topiary couches! Frank, one of the co-founders of the Garden Conservancy, appeared in the film to discuss bringing his dreams to life on such a grand scale.

"Celebrating 100 Years and Growing", our official centennial, took place in August featuring cupcakes and ice cream, the screening of "A Garden's Family", a short film about the renowned organic gardener and author, the late Mary Perlmutter, and the debut of a published history of the Society. A letter of congratulations was received from Member of Parliament Jamie Schmale. Distinguished guests M.P.P. Laurie Scott, Mayor Andy Letham and Councillors Doug Elmslie and Pat O'Reilly brought letters as well and joined us for refreshments. Mary Carr gave a lecture about the lasagna method of garden-bed construction. Describing it as gardening in a compost pile, she showed how she and friends had built a ten-foot by twenty-foot bed in one day and how she'd planted the pollinator garden of her dreams in it. Member Linda McLeod presented the Society with a donation of over \$500, that was the proceeds of a sale of named daylilies from her garden that she had hybridized.

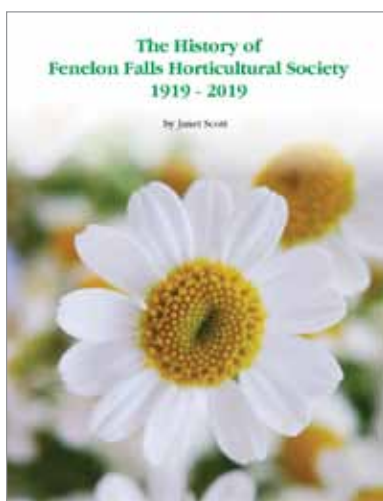
Paul Heydon of Grow Wild! Native Plant Nursery in Omemee, spoke in September and explained how his efforts to learn about alternatives to invasive plants in his parents' forest had led from a hobby to his field of study to a business opportunity. Native plants have evolved here over millennia and they feed and shelter animals, insects, and reptiles. With only five per cent

of Southern Ontario's natural areas left, restoring biodiversity is more important than ever.

October saw the Society host the seventeen member societies of the Ontario Horticultural Association's District Four at the Royal Canadian Legion for the fall seminar. Following the business, entertainment and lunch portions of the day, Paul Zammit of the Toronto Botanical Gardens commanded the stage to deliver his thoughts on Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners in a Changing World. His enthusiastic energy drove home his heartfelt speech and he left to a standing ovation. "Congratulations to those of you in the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society who've been here from the beginning!", he joked.

As we closed our centennial year with our fall pot-luck dinner, Annual General Meeting and a demonstration of Christmas arrangements by Society member Judy Seymour, we reflected that this year's gardening schedule included the refreshing of a series of beds on the north slope of the river below the falls. First built in 1938, the Rockery, expanded, tended, occasionally forgotten but always rediscovered and proudly renewed, links us to our founders and their pride in our village in a visible and practical way.

Ontario Horticultural Association President Katharine Smyth wrote to us as we celebrated one hundred years in Fenelon Falls: "In 1919, your founding members could never have imagined what you have become today and what you will accomplish in the future." As our 101st year begins, we hope to carry on their legacy.



2019 was a special year for Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society as we celebrated 100 years. We prepared a history of the 100 years and sent a copy to Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian.



We created a new logo, t-shirts and a banner for our Centennial, the Board shown holding the banner.  
Kathy Armstrong, President

# District 11 Fall Advisory Meeting 2019

*Joe Dicker*

On Saturday October 19, 2019, the Watford Horticultural Society hosted the District 11 Fall Advisory Meeting at Trinity Anglican Church in Watford. Society members did a wonderful job decorating the hall and were splendid hosts providing great pre-meeting goodies and a soup and sandwich lunch that really hit the spot.

The meeting was chaired by District Director Marg Laman. She began the meeting by reading greetings from OHA President Kathy Smyth who was taking a well-deserved break after the busy year working on the 2019 Convention. The morning session included a review of the Annual Convention, reports from

various Committees, thoughts and comments from the floor, business brought up at the Spring AGM and new business to bring forward to next year's AGM. Following lunch, the Watford Society treated us to a rousing game of Horticultural Bingo.

In the afternoon session, members divided into two groups. The first group, led by Chatham Kent ADD Sandra Rammelaere, discussed Youth participation in our societies. The second group, led by Essex ADD Joe Dicker, looked at Society problems. The findings from each group were then discussed before the meeting adjourned and everyone headed home.





# Welland Horticultural Society

*Lisa DeYoung*

The Welland Horticultural Society's AGM finished with the sound of bells, oh wait, no – with the sound of hammers. The members were participating in a hands-on workshop creating a wooden lantern. They were laughing and having fun like the elves in Santa's workshop.

The Society hosts 2 hands-on workshops throughout the year – one in the spring at a local garden centre, and the other at our AGM.

We have a movie night in January, where we watch different how-to videos (including those from the Garden Ontario Youtube channel). The Proven Winners of the Year video was a big hit.

We had many different speakers. We learned about Essential Oils, Little known Garden Gems, Nifty Natives, and Creative Garden Solutions as the months went on. A demonstration on a parallel design with the do's and don'ts on what the judges look for was just in time for our Rose and Flower Show in June.

We ended the year with 61 members. With a wonderful surprise, we had 3 people stand up to join our board as Directors. This means, in 2020, we will have our biggest board in many years. The line-up for our meetings is being finalized for the new year and we are roaring to go.

***The Welland Horticultural Society wishes everyone  
a Happy, Safe New Year.***



## Manotick 2019 OHA Tree Grant fulfilled

*Anne Harbord, Director, District 2*



On June 3, 2019, several members of the Manotick Horticultural Society and Kersten Nitsche of the Ottawa City Parks Department, gathered on a cold, windy and rainy morning to plant a *Chionanthus virginicus* (White Fringe Tree) at the new Lela Scharf Park on Spindrift Circle, Manotick. Money was provided through an OHA Tree Grant. This planting is part of our Beautification Program in Manotick.

*From the left: Kersten Nitsche, City of Ottawa, Contractor, Sheila King, Asst. Director, District 2, Rideau Valley Basin; Marcelo Loiselle; Aurora Loiselle; Maxine Whelan-President, MHS; Anne Harbord, OHA Director, District 2 and VP MHS; and Peter Wuepplemann, Treasurer, MHS.*





# Thorold Garden Club

*Leslie Daniels*

**90 Years and Still Growing Strong!**

1929 - 2019

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Thorold Garden Club (formerly the Thorold Horticultural Society), the City of Thorold designated June 15th as Thorold Horticulture Day.



Seen in full regalia, Tony Vandermaas, the City of Thorold's Town Crier, officially proclaimed June 15th, 2019 as Thorold's first Horticulture Day.

It was, and continues to be, an amazing year for all of us and as more of our community becomes aware of our members' volunteer work, we hope to expand and attract more new members as we enter our next decade.

Leslie Daniels, President and Betty Beck, Treasurer in the picture at the newly reconstructed Richmond Street Parkette on June 15th, with Tony Vandermaas, Town Crier.

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# Activities of Haldimand Horticultural Society

*Elsie Eubank, Publicity Chair*



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Canada Day was a very hot sunny day but our enthusiastic, patriotic participants Sharon, Rosa, Alexandra, Kevin, Isabella, Jacquie, Abigail, Elena, Doreen, Jim, Doreen's daughter and Michael did a great job of decorating the truck and representing H.H.S. in the parade.

Our Garden Tour "Blooming On The Grand" was a great success. We had an excellent turnout. 150 visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the 8 gardeners who opened their beautiful gardens to the public. The weather was perfect and the host gardeners enjoyed having visitors come and see their gardens. Large and small, town or country, each one was unique in its own way. Visitors were also treated to cake and berries with whip cream served at St. Paul's Anglican Church. The first 100 people were also given a swag bag with handouts from our sponsors for the event. There was 25 happy winners of the 25 draw prizes donated by our sponsors and supporters. This was a great success thanks to tour chair Catherine McGill.

## H.H.S. BUS TRIP

*by Gord Roberts*

Since 1997, I have been on most if not all of our annual Bus Trips and have organized a dozen or more in that time. No disrespect to Roz Rumball and Alex and Nancy Komarniski, but I believe this year's Bus Trip has to rate as probably the best one ever. We could not have asked for better weather and thanks to all who came and were on time – we actually had

to WAIT for the bus to arrive. Again this year, Badder Bus supplied us with a comfy coach and we had a great driver again with Tom. So we were off towards St. Catharines, doughnuts were served, the quiz was handed out and it was time to share the wealth (aka 50/50). Our lucky winners this year were Barb and Connie Wilson who made out like bandits splitting \$148.00, an all-time high amount.

First stop in St. Catharines, was at the gardens of Lynn Fournier and one of her neighbours Aly Allen. If you have a garden with a ravine style lot, these two gardens gave you an idea of what can be done. Lynn's garden especially, was amazing with her topiaries, different shrubs and what can be done with old lamp shades to control rabbit invasions. Both ladies made us feel very welcome and were very proud of their gardens. Next, it was a 5 - 10 min. drive to the gardens of Alan and Barbara Large. WELL !! If you want to talk about a wonderful ravine lot, this was it. It had changed quite a bit from the time Alax and I were there back in late May, but it was still stunning. The ravine garden is huge and what they have done is amazing. Just before leaving, Alan was asked to Judge our monthly competition, a "Floral Necklace". This year's winner was Rosa O'Sullivan. Congratulations to all our participants.

After a lunch stop in Port Dalhousie, it was off to Vineland Estates Winery with a bit of humour along the way. While some of us did the wine tasting and later made our purchases, others shopped for either



the wine or some of their cheeses or had a casual walk around the property. Then it was off to Grimsby with a couple more funnies to keep us amused. Once in Grimsby, our surprise for those on board was that, not only did we visit the garden of Marilyn Cornwell but also those of her next-door neighbour, Connie Kratofil and Laurie-Ann Braun across the street. These were three amazing gardens with many stories to tell after our visit. Marilyn Connie and Laurie-Ann had put their mark on their gardens. To have had all of these six gardens in such proximity on our trip made it easy to get to see them all.

From here, we had a 5-minute drive to Coles Garden Centre where they have a vast selection of plants and a gift shop. When it comes to buying plants, Haldimand Hort. Society rates right up there.

Our final stop was for a great dinner at the Judge and Jester, also in Grimsby. The selection of meals they had offered and prepared was excellent and certainly, there were no complaints from anyone. Pleasantly full, it was time to head back home and on the way, review the quiz results. The big winner for the second year in a row was Dawn Suter who correctly guessed 41 of

the 44 questions. 2nd was Madeline Hagan. With a 3rd place tie, were Don Reeder, Catherine McGill and Elena Lazar. Our driver Tom got us back to Caledonia safely and after a group picture, each of us headed home.

A big thank you to Alexandra and Jim for their help. Your comments after the trip and since were very gratifying. I, and it seems everyone had a great day out and that's a good thing.

Haldimand Hort. and District 6 always like to get into the swing of things and go with the theme for convention. This year was no exception – we were definitely in the party mood.

Saturday August 24th, we had a social bbq at Elsie Eubank's to celebrate our 35 years of happy gardening. The weather cooperated and it was a perfect day for a bbq. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and sausage barbecued by Gord Roberts, and the many salads brought by members.

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## Haldimand Horticultural Society Annual Dinner and Awards Night October 24th 2019

### **CELEBRATING 35 YEARS**

Sharon Slack left and Alexandra Lazar right,  
presenting award to Dawn Suter centre,  
member since 1986



Deborah Keddy – 1st place trophy  
at 35th anniversary dinner



Sharon Slack – 2nd place trophy  
at 35th anniversary dinner  
presented by Margaret-Myers Smith



Jacquie Pitts – 3rd place trophy at  
35th anniversary dinner



## Haldimand Horticultural Society INSECT MOTEL WORKSHOP



Insect Motel – Beth Reu



Elsie



Elizebeth Reu



**TREE PLANTING** – Left to right: Mike McNally from Caledonia Garden Centre with HHS members Elsie, Jacquie, Rose Marie, Gord and Jim in front of a Bur Oak Tree



Gord Roberts and Elsie Eubank, memorial tree planting

## URN WORKSHOP



Rose Marie Mueller and Michael Richards



Catherine McGill



Sharon Slack's creation



# Ridgeway and District Garden Club Plants the Seeds for Education

*by Richard Hutton, submitted by Debbie Eggleton, President*

The snow may be flying but that doesn't mean one can't think ahead to spring.

And that is exactly what the Ridgeway and District Garden Club has been doing, utilizing a \$4,000 grant from the Trillium Foundation to create a pollinator garden on the grounds of the Fort Erie Conservation Club.

And while it may appear to be a garden, the result will be much more, said club president Debbie Eggleton.

"We want to make it educational," Eggleton said.

There are seven different native species of plants involved in the garden, she said, adding all the planting was done on Oct. 18. In addition to the plants, patio stones were placed to create a pathway throughout the garden, allowing visitors to stroll through it.

"There will be signs on the outside detailing what the plants do and what native birds and insects will be attracted to it," Eggleton said. "In one day we planted over 2,300 plants."

Plans are to reach out to schools across Fort Erie to bring students in to learn about the plants and their importance in the ecosystem, she added.

"There's not much to see right now but (the plants) will be big by spring," Eggleton said.

She said plans are to have the signage in place by spring.

"It's good for all people in the area," Eggleton said. "It benefits us, it benefits the community."

The garden will be an ongoing activity for the Ridgeway group, Eggleton said, meaning the group has taken responsibility for the garden's upkeep.

"It's something for us to do forever," she said. "We want to make it long term."

When the time comes, Eggleton said the club – which currently consists of "eight or nine" members, will be looking to increase that number and to recruit volunteers to conduct tours of the garden.

More information on the club is available at [www.righdgewaygardenclub.com](http://www.righdgewaygardenclub.com) or the group's page on Facebook.



Ridgeway Garden Club photo

*Members of the Ridgeway and District Garden Club got some help to lay the groundwork for a pollinator garden at the Fort Erie Conservation Club recently. In front are members Laura Cuthbertson, Pennie Ruch, Connie Charron, president of the conservation club; Debbie Eggleton, president of the garden club; and Debbie Woehl. In back are Mandy Smith, Caroline Hill, Steve Oliver of conservation club and Dave Wrigley. – Ridgeway Garden Club/Courtesy*

Group creating pollinator garden at Fort Erie Conservation Club  
Community Section, Nov 11, 2019 by Richard Hutton  
Fort Erie Post

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## Pine Ridge Garden Club Annual Dessert Night

*Brenda Jones, Secretary, Pine Ridge Garden Club*

Our Annual Dessert Night, held in October, is one of 2 fundraisers we hold each year. Our members bring in one of their favourite desserts. We advertise to invite the general public to come and join us. We arrange for a well-known speaker to come out that night, one who can draw in a crowd in hopes of increasing our fundraising revenues. Tickets for dessert are purchased for \$3.00 each. The desserts are judged on appearance only. The winning dessert is selected, the "creator" is notified and voilà – we have a picture! Then all of us enjoy eating the desserts – try one – try them all! Any leftover desserts are packaged up and sold, increasing our profits for the evening.

Our Club is "nestled" in Nestleton, Ontario, about a 10 minute drive east of Port Perry. We usually meet the 1st Tuesday of every month, March to December. We meet the 2nd Tuesday in March because we've had to cancel those meetings at the beginning of

March, more than once, due to March weather storms, freezing rain or snow! Our Plant, Bake & Yard Sale is held the Saturday of the May long weekend. Feel free to join us. 8 am - 11 am are the best hours to get the best plants! Members of our Club maintain the gardens at the Scugog Shores Museum out on Scugog Island. Come and see the gardens – make a day of it, plenty to do around our neck of the woods!



Winning Dessert



Try one – try them all!

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## LaSalle Horticultural Society

*Jan Dugdale*

With winter now upon us, we can only hope that our thousands of tulip and daffodil bulbs that we donated this year to area schools and a recreational center will appear in the spring.

We had a lot of fun with bringing back the roaring twenties theme from the convention at our November general meeting. We also added New Years and Christmas. With a record crowd of dressed-up members, we had our photo booth with all the props and gave away plenty of door prizes to all members. Even our gift exchange went over well. No one went home empty-handed including our special guest, Marg Laman, District 11 Director whom received a beautiful living centerpiece.

Our society pays for the full chicken dinner with dessert in November at this event, to our paid members as a thank you for all they do to keep our society active all year round, especially their help giving and preparing plants for the May Plant Sale each year. It's a show of appreciation.

Now we put our feet up and rest from gardening and work on our grants with Garden Ontario and start planning our new 2020 garden themes.

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## Tilbury and District Horticultural Society

*Sandra Rammelaere*

We planted a 4th pollinator garden named Dragonfly Lookout at one of our local parks – Northside Park. It was done with assistance from the Municipality and family members as a memorial garden. Also at Northside Park, we built and installed a swallow shelter similar to what is along Hwy 401.

We also planted 700 of the Liberation Tulips this fall downtown at the Post Office, the Legion, and at Memorial Park, another local park in town.



# Brantford is UP for the District Six Challenge

Catherine McGill

*Brantford Garden Club responses to the District Six challenge of August 6th, 2019.*

**The First Challenge was to plant at least one tree.**

Our members wanted to share their tree planting accomplishments this year with everyone.

## TREE PLANTERS



**1 - Rachael Louise:** The Brantford Food Forest Naturally Connected planted 5 fruit trees in Parsons park in the spring, and is planting more in the fall.



**2 - Stephanie Cross-Matthews:** I planted a crab apple tree and a magnolia tree. (Picture unavailable)



**3 - Neil Dunning:** Last fall I collected white oak acorns in Simcoe and buried them in a container of potting soil. This spring, they were all germinated and I potted up quite a few. I've planted several in a natural setting (with protection from nibbling critters). I'll find homes for the rest by the fall. I grew some pawpaws along with the acorns.

**4 - Erinn Burbridge:** I planted the Red Bud in my serenity garden, saved from growing in a fence line where I work. I cut all the fence away from it and gave it a better home where it can thrive.



**5 - Dawn Bank:** 7 lilacs... different varieties



**6 - Erica Jayne:** Planted a red bud seedling!

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## OHA TREE GRANT



*The Brantford Garden Club also received an OHA Tree Grant and three Magnolia trees were planted at the Brantford Tourism Centre.*

The Second Challenge was to utilize the award booklet and present at least one award to a deserving member.

45-yr OHA pin awarded to Bev Hutton (centre in picture); a currently active 45-yr member who served as newsletter editor, program speaker, convenor and still serves as our long-standing secretary.



## Nobleton & King City Garden Club

### 2019 RETROSPECT

*Kelly Lavis*

With the end of November having come and gone, the Nobleton & King City Garden Club meetings have come to an end. We finished off the year with a wonderful Retrospect of our 2019 activities and accomplishments at our AGM. We elected a new Board (Judy Onorato, Gary Battaglia, Jane Haffenden, Kelly Lavis, Barb Downey and Lucille King. Absent: Anna Santarossa and Susan Beharriell) and enjoyed a wonderful potluck. From our first meeting in March, where we experienced a Visual and Auditory Experience of Plants, our members and guests enjoyed such interesting and informative topics as: A Growing Interest in Cannabis, Healing Benefits of Herbs and Plants; as well as Botanical Dyeing and Printing.

Our Plant Sale, in conjunction with Arts Society King, was a huge success. Even though the weather was cold, rainy and miserable, King area gardeners benefited from the beautiful and healthy plants we had for sale. Our Annual BBQ was a hit for our members and spouses. Members made a road trip in August and enjoyed a Garden Tour as well as a flower arranging workshop.

**We are looking forward to seeing what the 2020 season brings.**



Our new Board: Judy Onorato, Gary Battaglia, Jane Haffenden, Kelly Lavis, Barb Downey and Lucille King.  
Absent: Anna Santarossa and Susan Beharriell





## PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO

# Garden Plans for St. James United Church and the Mary Street Centre

Over 150 years ago, land was donated by a lumber entrepreneur named William Beatty to build a Methodist Church for the growing community of Parry Sound. In 1925, this congregation would join the newly-formed United Church of Canada. By 1967, the year of Canada's Centennial, the old building would be torn down (except for the old Sunday School wing) and a new, modern church sanctuary would replace it. At this time, the church's official name would become St. James Centennial United Church.

Fast forward to 2017, and a new, social action and community outreach arm of the church, named the Mary Street Centre, would be created. The St. James congregation is still alive and active, but the doors have been opened to partner with other community groups, with food and nutrition programs, with arts and cultural groups, even with other churches, to become a place fulfilling our new motto: "Community Starts at the Centre".

This new openness to our community has even extended to the green space surrounding the building – a sizeable bit of lawn which is hemmed in by a structure known about town simply as "the Wall." Passers-by often stop and sit on the wall just to watch the world go by. Kids meet up with their parents to get rides home from there, after activities in town. People often eat their lunch under the shade of an ancient oak tree that is out near the street, and sometimes musicians will sit there and just play for whomever is passing by. Often, people do not even recognize that they are sitting in front of a church since sitting on the wall means you are facing out to the street.

The congregation has always tended a little swath of garden immediately under the walls of stained glass which front the church, but in the spirit of the Mary Street Centre, there are big plans to invite the community to move beyond the Wall and into this precious green space in downtown Parry Sound.

The first addition was to add three Community Garden beds on the lawn fronting Mary Street. These were created in co-operation with the Parry Sound Community Gardens group, but are now tended by the members of the congregation. People can stop by and sample some cherry tomatoes, or pick some herbs to take home. All we ask is that people only take

enough for one meal at their home, so that others can also share in the harvest. Sometimes, when the timing is right, our food programs can pick some of the produce for their programs. A Peace Pole, created along with many others during a community workshop on the lawn, stands between two of the beds.

This summer, a comprehensive garden plan was sketched out, and there is an open group which meets for a few hours on Mondays to make the plan a reality. There is no budget for the gardens; they are simply growing by people dividing their own plants from their home gardens, or donations which often just show up on the church entryway. It's a very 'organic' creation, shall we say. One of the biggest bonuses of being out in the gardens is that people on the Wall often turn around and visit with the gardeners, offering encouragement and appreciation. Someone even said to me, "God is doing something special here". How true.

This fall we are extending into the back of our building, where the plantings have become overgrown and unwelcoming. There is now another raised bed full of tomatoes just waiting to ripen, and the start of what will be a beautiful and peaceful shade garden. New beds are being prepared to have a pollinator garden hug the sunny side of the building's back, using the guidance of another community partner – the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve – to choose native, bee- and butterfly-friendly plants. Any donations of appropriate plants would be most appreciated next spring, as it will be quite a huge garden to fill. You cannot actually see this garden from the street. You will have to wander in and discover it – our own version of the Secret Garden.

A composting area has been set up to not only deal with the food waste from the MSC's many nutrition programs (there is a different one held each weekday with the Food Bank, the Church, and Community Living Parry Sound hosting on different days), but also the reams of garden waste we plan to generate. The Mary Street Centre is seeking for ways to live gently and beautifully on this earth, and to be part of the green revolution we hope will extend throughout our community. This adds to the many other organizations and groups in our district who have similar goals. We are not alone in this work.



Two final projects have also been proposed which we hope will happen next summer. The first comes through another partnership, with the Parry Sound Food Collaborative. This group, which created a Food Charter adopted by the town of Parry Sound, seeks to not only ensure our citizens have access to healthy food, but that we also encourage sharing food together, to enhance the social health of the community. To this end we have a community oven project in the works. This structure will be a place for pizza parties, bread-making, school outings, family reunions, maybe even a winter festival to get us out of our houses and mingling with others during the snowy months of winter. You can follow the creation of the oven on our Mary Street Centre Facebook page.

The other project arose from a local First Nation woman who was seeking a place in our community where she could do ceremonies. Another focus of the Mary Street Centre is to work towards reconciliation with the First Peoples of this land, and this is an incredible opportunity for our communities to heal and grow forward together. A perfect spot has been

chosen, at the corner of the garden just down from where the outdoor oven will be. Here sage, sweetgrass, tobacco and cedar will be planted, in a circle, and anyone can come and use the garden for ceremony, prayer, or simply to sit and enjoy. As the elder said, the land was the traditional territory of the Anishnabek before it was 'owned' by William Beatty; it feels like now things are coming full circle."

Whenever you are in downtown Parry Sound, please take the time to walk around the green space, and watch the gardens grow. If you are interested in helping be part of the creation of this space, please contact me at [revmonicamoore@gmail.com](mailto:revmonicamoore@gmail.com), we welcome any help from our community because we want this to be your space too.

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