

# Trillium

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Some of the many available resources can be found on [gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)

- ◆ OHA Service Certificate Application Form
- ◆ Revised Proxy Forms  
<http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/proxyform.pdf>
- ◆ OHA In Memoriam Donation Form
- ◆ Community Garden Application Form
- ◆ 2014 Photography, Flower Show, Youth, Arts, Creative Writing, Website, and Publications
- ◆ All 2014 competition schedules and permission/release forms

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the last week of April I was able to dig the parsnips after they had been in the ground for 11 months. Buried beneath a heavy blanket of snow the starches had turned into sugars & we are now enjoying the sweet delicate flavour of the last vegetable of 2013 or is it the first of 2014???? Digging them too soon results in a very bland almost tasteless harvest, patience is required to wait out the time for them to sweeten.

So too, as you make changes in your societies from how the refreshments are served, to your choice of speakers, or the format of the meeting itself patience is necessary as people adjust to the changes. It will also take time for people to learn about your new revitalized society. Spread the news by whatever means you can think of: local newspaper, radio, Snap, community bulletin board, & best of all word of mouth! Many societies are using the computer skills of members to spread the good news of special events, exciting programs, & to promote the value of membership.

While out visiting societies & districts I have marvelled at the clever ideas of many of you. One society has ratcheted up their branding by using their floral emblem on every piece of paper they use....not just a little thing but a large faded picture which they print over & their new banner is similar. Another group had a display of 100 ways the garden "speaks" to people. I thought the idea of a "gentlemen only" floral design created during a meeting with material supplied by the society could be fun. The People's Choice method for judging a mini flower show has proven to be a big hit for another society. Looking "outside the box" for programming can result in great interactive conversations at society meetings.

One of the topics I hear over & over is about the difficulty of getting people to volunteer for duties in the society. The way most boards are structured is that these are working positions. When approaching someone to take on a more active role do not overwhelm them but do give them ownership of some part of the project or task....if they really want to plant let them be part of the planning process as to what will be planted. It is also important not to overwork anyone. Take a break from your labours, maybe the society could provide some refreshments. One society I encountered provides coffee at a local restaurant for those who have participated in the project of the day. During the break or refreshment time members get a chance to chat & visit with one another & this time in itself strengthens friendships in the end the society itself.

Keep an eye on your projects...do not take on more than you can handle with ease. If things have got out of hand step back & rethink what you are doing. Maybe you need to give up some of the heavy work. Maybe change the format of the plant sale. Maybe you need to expand a very popular event. Rethink! Repurpose! Recharge!

Good Luck with your gardens!  
Horticulturally yours,  
James Graham  
OHA President 2014

### PS.....

Don't forget to give your Hostas a drink of the 10% solution: 1 part household ammonia & 9 parts water. Using a watering can give the emerging "horns" a drink, this kills some of the overwintering slugs & their eggs & also is a gentle fertilizer.

As you compost this summer add some paper if you are short of brown material. It becomes the carbon which contributes humic & flavic acids to the soil for the betterment of the plants.

Most important of all don't forget to enjoy your garden!

## 108TH ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AGM & CONVENTION

Cornwall, located on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, an hour from Ottawa and Montreal and only a few minutes from New York State via The Three Nations Bridge is known as "The Friendly Seaway City". This rich loyalist heritage is preserved in museums across the region. It was founded in 1784 and has the distinction of being one of Canada's oldest settlements.

District #1, smallest, and most easterly and southerly district in the OHA, is honoured and proud to be hosting the 108th OHA Convention in July 17-20th at the beautiful Nav.Centre in the east end of the city of Cornwall. It is our first Convention and we are busily engaged in making this a wonderful event for all our visiting delegates.

There will be plenary sessions in the morning with fascinating tours in the afternoon, including a boat tour. Afternoons will include interesting seminar speakers on current, historical, and environmental subjects. A wide spectrum of Vendors and Information tables will update you on the latest facts about gardening, as well as the, growing and preserving of fruits and veggies.

The Convention Committee 2014 looks forward to welcome you, and expects to see many old and new friends from all across Ontario. We are proud to present the Seaway City where the ocean ships and majestic lakes can be viewed as they make their way through to the Seaway locks.

Come and join us, and enjoy our Convention 2014.

For more details and the weekend schedule visit:

**Convention 2014 Registration:** [http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php)

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

I was so happy to see the arrival of spring this year! What a long, long winter we had! I am still waiting to see if everything made it through the winter in my yard. I am afraid I had a few plants that didn't make it. It has been a very busy spring for me with Seedy Saturday, our OHA Board Meeting, 3 AGM visits and the London Home and Garden Show. I love my job as I am very fortunate to be able to participate in these great spring gardening events.

The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from Thunder Bay 2013 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/minutes\\_convention\\_%202013.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/minutes_convention_%202013.pdf)

This year's convention is being held at the Nav Centre in Cornwall from July 18-20, 2014. This year's theme is "*A River Runs By It*". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes June 18, 2014.



We have improved the Proxy Authorization Form for 2014!

An electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to: [secretary@gardenontario.org](mailto:secretary@gardenontario.org)

Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and returned by June 17, 2014 so the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

**Proxy Form link:** <http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/proxyform.pdf>

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

Have a safe journey to Cornwall. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor  
OHA Secretary

## OHA Nominating Committee

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents a full slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Cornwall in 2014.

Jeff Blackadar has agreed to stand for the position of President. Suzanne Hanna has agreed to stand for the position of 1st Vice President.

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

# Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2014 OHA Convention

**Resolution 14-1: By-Law 5.8 be changed to remove "A Retiring District Director shall attend the Pre-Convention Board Meeting and the OHA Convention at the expense of the Association."**

***Rationale:***

- ♦ The District AGM is a natural occasion for the representative from the OHA to thank the Retiring Director for their service in front of their District. Having a Director retire once at the District AGM and then travel to the OHA Annual General Meeting (Convention) to retire a second time may not be needed.
- ♦ At present, when a Director retires at their District AGM, they still head to the OHA Annual General Meeting (Convention) and attend the Pre-Convention Board Meeting. This leads to a confusing situation where often one Director is not able to speak to the Board of Directors or where both Directors are active in discussion and then there is a question of who is speaking on behalf of the District.
- ♦ It would be clearer if the Retiring Director ceased their board duties when they retire at the District AGM and the Incoming Director started their full board duties upon their election.
- ♦ Ending the practice of paying the expense of a Retiring District Director to attend the OHA Annual General Meeting (Convention) would save money so it can be directed to other priorities.

**Resolution 14-2:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

**Resolution 14-3:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, her Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

**Resolution 14-4:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 1 who worked to plan and conduct the 2014 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

**Resolution 14-5:** Be it resolved that: **By-Law 13 DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

Be changed from the following Present Wording:

**13.1 The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:**

**1 - Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont**

**2 - Grenville, Lanark, Ottawa, Renfrew**

**To**

**13.1 The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:**

**1 - Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, Grenville and the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.**

**2 - Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland.**

**Rationale:** To add area encompassing 2 horticultural societies (Gloucester and Kemptville) to District 1 so that it has a greater number of societies to support it and to reduce the geographic area of District 2 to make it easier for members to travel to events across the district.

## New Improved Proxy Voting Form for Societies

We received feedback from many societies who asked for us to make the proxy voting form easier to use and more accessible. We heard your plea! New this year, the proxy voting form has been combined into 1 form and will now be accepted by email.

**Part 1** of the form is to used to designate a member of your society or a member of another society to cast votes on behalf of the society as a proxy at the convention.

**Part 2** of the form is to instruct the Secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Association to cast all of the Society's votes in a particular manner.

***Please only fill in either Part 1 or Part 2 but not both as this will void the form.***

If this form is completed and returned by June 17, 2014, your society proxy voting cards will be ready up-on your arrival at the Convention Registration Desk.

Please send the completed Proxy Form to:

Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary

448 Paterson Avenue,

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**An electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to:**

[secretary@gardenontario.org](mailto:secretary@gardenontario.org)

## Convention 2014 Links For Voting And Resolutions

Convention 2013 Minutes:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/minutes\\_convention\\_%202013.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/minutes_convention_%202013.pdf)

Link to new proxy form:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/proxyform.pdf>

Resolution 14.1:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014\\_resolutionfrom14-1\\_retiringdirectors.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014_resolutionfrom14-1_retiringdirectors.pdf)

Resolution 14.2, 14.3, 14.4:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014\\_resolutionform14-2\\_%2014-3\\_%2014-4.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014_resolutionform14-2_%2014-3_%2014-4.pdf)

Resolution 14.5:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014\\_resolutionform14-5.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014_resolutionform14-5.pdf)

Resolutions to vote on:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/resolutions\\_tovoteon\\_convention2014.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/resolutions_tovoteon_convention2014.pdf)

Questionnaire to fill in:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014\\_conventionquestionform.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2014_conventionquestionform.pdf)

# District 5 Summer Bulletin 2014

## Plant Sale

**Sunday, June 1, 2014 10am – 1 pm**

Our Society's Annual Plant Sale this year is being held at our new meeting place: **Banbury Community Centre**, 120 Banbury Road, Toronto. (York Mills Road & Leslie, just north of the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG)). Signs will guide you.

Summer is finally on its way and the plants are making a comeback after the longer than usual winter of years gone by. Jake and Tom have been busy potting-up water lilies for the sale and we do look forward to you coming to support the plant Sale. Water Lilies for Large & Medium size Ponds - **HOLLANDIA, MAYLA, COLORADO** and **other varieties**. Miniature water lilies for table top containers - **HELVOLA** and **INDIANA**. For our MARGINALS and PERENNIALS, we will depend on our members for their generous contributions.

There will be 'hands on' demonstrations for the 'Division of water lilies' and How-to plant 'Water Garden Containers, Patio Planters/Window Boxes'.

This is one of our major fund raisers and we look forward to your support for plants and your attendance at this event. This is also an educational experience for dividing and potting up plants. We would appreciate you potting up and labeling your plants in gardening pots – no margarine containers or milk bags please.

***(Bring them to the sale shortly after 9 AM).***

Water lilies are the big seller with about 20-30 different varieties for sale at \$15/- per one gallon pot.

Volunteer help is needed for set-up, pricing and clean up. If you have lost plants, you can do some shopping at the sale. Flyers have gone out to all garden societies in Toronto but your contribution to spreading the word about this enjoyable fund raiser will keep our society alive.

Jake Doehler & Tom Gates

## Water Garden Tour

**Sunday July 27, 2014 10 am to 4 pm**

Jim & Petra Grass have planned a lovely day rain or shine, for you to enjoy nine beautiful gardens in the Thornhill & Richmond Hill area. The Jarvie's have especially opened their garden for our tour. Please make sure your ticket is visible at all times when visiting the gardens. Some of these gardens have had full coverage in the Gardens Central Magazine last year and we are happy to showcase these beautiful properties for you to learn from the water garden tour. You can still pick up your tickets. Fill up the Registration Form on the website and mail in your cheque along with requested information.

The Day of the Tour, tickets can be picked up at the 1st Garden: 87 Woodward Avenue, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 1E8. As you work your way through the gardens in a northward direction, the last halt will be the Park for the barbecue. Passports will be mailed out to contact persons two weeks before the tour date.

We have booked the Phyllis Rawlinson Park from 3 to 6 pm for our barbecue. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs, and a salad or dessert for the table. A donation of \$5/- will be collected at the barbecue. We will have beef & chicken burgers, sausages, buns and refreshments for the hungry. After which we will have the 'Hunger Games' for those with extra energy and skill - Bocce Ball, Croquet and Horseshoe. Please look for the orange fish signs to direct you to the gardens. Bring your cameras, tablets and notepads to make notes but most of all your raincoats and umbrellas to keep you in the best of spirits and rain clouds at bay.

We have already sold 60+ tickets and hope you spread the exciting news to your friends. Registration forms are on the website:

[www.onwatergarden.com](http://www.onwatergarden.com)

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On Friday, April 4, our friend, Bonnie Howard Warner, received the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from the Englehart Chamber of Commerce.

She was nominated by the Englehart and District Horticultural Society for all of the civic work she has performed in our town.

Many of her friends were there to cheer her on! Congratulations, Bonnie!

## Cloverleaf Junior Programme May 2014

This Spring 2014 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year since I became involved with the Cloverleaf Junior Programme. It's a timely opportunity to give you a personal overview of some Cloverleaf school garden projects and how they have developed and changed over the past 10 years. (This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Cloverleaf!)

With a young family of my own, my connection to children and gardening began. Thank you Edel Schmidt. It was you who taught me how to plant a vegetable garden. Remember? I never knew what "companion planting" meant before you taught me first hand.

The Cloverleaf Junior Programme is dedicated to providing opportunities to *'stimulate the interest of our children in gardening and the environment'*.

Here are a couple of many school projects worthy of notice:

### MINEOLA PROJECTS

Design stages for my first major Junior Programme garden project was the front entry garden at Mineola Public School in 2003. The beds were completely redesigned and Cloverleaf donated plant material and 200 tulip bulbs that brought a display in Spring 2006 of yellow, purple, red and white. "Our entrance is now a beautiful, living, growing symbol of a school community that works together successfully to make dreams a reality."

Principal – Ms. N. Weinman

Last year – ten years later - in Spring 2013, a visit to the garden warmed my heart to witness how it is being cared for. It was so delightful to see over 100 hand painted rocks by students lining the edges of the healthy garden beds.

Another key project was The Mineola Shade Garden began in October 2004 where The Cloverleaf Junior Program collaborated with The Evergreen Foundation (with dedicated student council parents and new principal Mrs. Sossi Grant). Located near the north playground, the Mineola Shade Garden became a new home for native trees and shrubs such as the white pine, ironwood, eastern red bud, witch hazel and St. John's Wort. Now the trees have grown substantial enough to be climbed upon

and shade, yes, SHADE is seen on the grass below.

**ST. GERARD ABORIGINAL TURTLE GARDEN**  
Cloverleaf Junior Program Project for 2013

The beginnings of the St.



Gerard Aboriginal Turtle Garden all began with a pile of dirt and willing and eager students, as do most garden projects. The article below, written by two students, explains the garden project and its purpose beautifully.

**Chi Miigwetch** Cloverleaf Junior Program (Ojibway for "Big Thank You")

**Our Aboriginal Garden** - We are excited and proud of our new St. Gerard School Aboriginal Garden at the front of our school. Many students, teachers and our community gardening volunteers, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Oly (from the Cloverleaf Junior Gardening Club), have worked very hard on our native spiritual garden this past fall.

The garden is in the shape of a turtle because the native peoples refer to North America as "Turtle Island".

Aerial views of this continent show a turtle shape. We have planted seven cedars along the gym wall and one paper birch tree near the sidewalk. In the middle of the turtle's back, we have planted one cedar tree.

The native peoples believe that a cedar grows upwards through a hole in the sky and is a pathway to the upper world or heaven. The cedar growing on the turtle is the aboriginal creation story. The turtle's back has a medicine wheel on it which will be outlined by specific native plants using the four colours of the medicine wheel: yellow, red, black and white.

Cedar trees are considered "trees of life" by native peoples. They depended on the cedars to provide them with many of the necessities for living. Canoe makers "aboriginally logged" cedar trees for a variety of things such as: canoes, houses, totem poles, and fence posts. Did you know that the cedar trees can live more than 1000 years?

The white (also called paper) birch tree we planted has a special use for the native people. The paper birch was used for canoe construction and wigwam coverings. Birch bark was also used to make hunting and fishing gear, musical instruments, children's sleds and toys. Did you know that the birch tree lives for only about 100 years? Our garden will be completed this coming spring

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*Cloverleaf continued...*

with additional native species of plants. Native species are plants that evolved within a particular habitat without being introduced by humans. They are easy to maintain because the plants are adopted to the local climate and are disease resistant.

The eco club students, as well as the faith ambassador students, of St. Gerard School, have been keeping an eye on the garden thus far and during the warmer weather have been watering the cedar trees.

We are proud that St. Gerard School is not only a Catholic School, but also a school that is aware of the aboriginal/ native history of Canada. This year we have shown recognition and honor of this heritage through a garden that tells the aboriginal creation story within our school's sacred space.

*Written by: Nicole S. and Rayshawn C.*



On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the entire school celebrated in the opening ceremony of the Aboriginal Turtle Garden.

Meanwhile, the St. Gerard Kindergarten ... the children were planting in their own garden space.

Whatever project an individual school undertakes, the aim is to transform a lifeless schoolyard into a dynamic "outdoor classroom". Whether the project is beginning and in its infancy, as is The Aboriginal Turtle Garden of St. Gerard, or the more

established trees in the Mineola Shade Garden, dynamic changes are taking place above and below soil level. Want to know a secret? It's not only the school gardens that are being transformed... See you in a school garden in 2014!

Kimberlay Oly, Chair

## THE EATONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY GARDENS - Spring 2014

It was a tough winter for the plants and shrubs at Eatonville. Not only did the heavy snow and ice flatten many bushes but excessive salting by the snow clearing contractors burned and killed some of the Yucca and Conifers. The weeds and grass in the flowerbeds however, are healthy and growing and it's a challenge to keep them cleared away! The pretty varieties of Daffodils and Narcissus, donated by the City and planted along the east bed did thrive and multiply however, giving that area a bright golden glow. I hope many of you have seen them. Odile and Etienne helped tidy the beds and cut down the grasses while it was still cold in early Spring. Now the weeds are growing and some perennials are spreading too much. I'd like to replant some areas with more shrubs and conifers as I'm hoping this will lessen the amount of maintenance required going forward.

This summer, as usual, I'm calling on anyone who can spend a few hours weeding and deadheading to keep the beds tidy. Just drop by anytime, bring your tools and bags for garden waste. Also, on four Sunday mornings this summer there will be group gardening bees starting at 8:00 am and finishing at about 11:00. The dates are June 1, June 29, July 27 and August 24. Please mark your calendars. Come one, come all, with your tools and hats and enthusiasm. Make new friends while you work. I'll bring water and juice.

Thanks in advance and Happy gardening!

Krys Angel 416-622-8744 or krystynaangel@hotmail.com; Etobicoke Horticultural Society

### Nura Steiner

March 21, 1927 - April 13, 2014

Nura was a cherished member of the Grand Bend & Area Horticultural Society.

Nura was always eager to help and actively participated in our planting day until very recently. Nura's love of gardening endeared her to our hearts and we will miss her beautiful smile and gentle nature.



## Ennismore and District Horticultural Society Blasts Off!

By: Sarah Sullivan

**In February of 2013** the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society became official when we received a stamped and signed certificate from the then, Minister of Agriculture, Kathleen Wynn. There was much cause for celebration as it is a rare occurrence that a new Horticultural Society is formed. In fact, it has been 20 years since a new Society came to be in our District 4. We now have a solid membership of just over 100 dedicated volunteers. We are hoping to increase that number with this year's membership drive.

**Our year in review** was amazingly productive. Not only did we complete our three main landscaping projects, but we also raised funds by making and selling felted mittens, creating and selling beautiful winter planters, plant and bulb sales, gift baskets and more. Community groups were treated to a slide show reflecting our mission and plans and in return they generously donated necessary funds.

**The Ennismore and District Horticultural Society (EDHS)** was initially formed by a small group seeking to improve the appearance of Ennismore. At the Ennismore gateway, there was a large traffic island that was covered with cracked asphalt complete with weeds and miscellaneous debris, not very welcoming. We knew this was an awful sight for visitors and residents. Another blight upon entering Ennismore was a worn and tilted Church Directory sign. Our mission became to revitalize and redo the traffic island and to add a new Welcome to Ennismore sign with gardens. Our final project for 2013 was the revitalization of a barren piece of lakeside property. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local businessmen, and our talented members, we have transformed this property into a beautiful lakeside garden complete with arbour! It is truly a thing of beauty.

**February of this year** saw the first meeting of our new Junior Horticultural Society within the EDHS. We have a solid membership of nine young people who are being led by two of our enthused members.

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Before and after of the traffic island



Before and after of the Church sign and Welcome sign



Before and after of the lakeside property.

## Chinguacousy Garden Club

2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Chinguacousy Garden Club. This is a special year for our society and plans are underway to plant a white pine tree in Chinguacousy Park on June 10, 2014. This will not only celebrate our ruby anniversary but also honour the acknowledgement that, Chinguacousy, means land of the small pines to recognize the heritage of the area.

Since its formation, the Club has held regular monthly meetings with guest speakers talking on a variety of horticultural topics. From its earliest days, the Club has been involved in community projects and over the years have included the Pioneer Christmas Fair, decorating for the English Pavilion at Carabram, working on Communities in Bloom, the Pick Up and Perk up programme involved schools.

Other community projects included a rose garden at Peel Memorial Hospital, children's' garden at Chinguacousy Park, memorial trees, bench and donations to the green house there.

Flower shows are held at regular intervals during the year. The popular annual plant sale, "Spring Fling" is held in May and the annual Flower Show in September.

Club members volunteer their time to help at Tall Pines retirement residence. Members also make arrangements for Historic Bovaird House for their Mothers' Day Teas and Christmas Craft Fair. Also

twice a year we help residents at Greenway Retirement Home make arrangements for Mother's Day and Christmas.

We have been fortunate in having various Presidents over the 40 years, each one bringing their own strength and gifts to the club.

We would also like to thank our sponsors who have supported us faithfully in our endeavors to not only have fun at our meetings but also enable us to continue our support of our community.

Our sponsors are: B.P. Landscaping, Greenway Retirement Village RLC, Chinguacousy Greenhouse, Downey's Farm Market and Winery, Flora All Occasions Flowers and Gifts, Glen Echo Nurseries, Hummer Nurseries Ltd, Imperial Garden Centre, Lakeside Garden Gallery,

Lowe's (370 Kennedy Rd. S), Mocon Greenhouses Corp, Purdy's Chocolates (BCC), Rona (50 Gillingham Dr.), Sid's Ponds and Garden Scapes Inc., Sobeys (930 North Park Dr., and The City of Brampton.

Following the tree planting a celebration will be held at Professors Lake Recreation Centre to which all former presidents, members and former members will be invited, also civic representatives. Attendance is by invitation only.

For more information on the Garden Club please contact one of the following:

Asna Black 905-453-4660

Ruth Bender 905 460 1790

Toni Sincovich 905 459 1592

### *Ennismore continued...*

Their first project will be the creation of a garden at the entrance to our community cemetery. This garden will be special, as the young people will be starting their flowers from seed.

It can only be a good thing to educate our young members on sound horticultural practice. This is good for our future and for the future of our Society

**Monthly General meetings** and Directors meetings have kept us all on track. Our membership enjoys the variety of guest speakers and the occasional garden tour. The attendance at our Christmas planter workshop was robust with over 20 people. All joined in creating 56 gorgeously full winter planters while listening to Christmas carols and drinking hot chocolate. This was truly a great community-building event.

**As our Society becomes stronger** we feel blessed to be a part of the Ontario Horticultural Society. We are proud to be custodians of our own corner of Ontario. We look forward to a future that is both bright and blooming!



## A Web Moment

Our website was damaged in April

In late April our website was damaged after someone hacked into the server our website is hosted on and deleted some files belonging to approximately 60 horticultural societies and OHA districts. The entire web committee would like to thank everyone for their patience while we dealt with this problem. As an update, the company that hosts our web site has improved its security and backup procedures. We have also reviewed our website for any problems left over from the hacker.

With this incident in mind, it is important to make sure your computer has an up to date antivirus program running, particularly if you upload files to the OHA website. Remember to keep a backup of the files you place on the OHA web site just in case. Use secure password practices. Change your password periodically and use different passwords for each web site you access. Make your password more difficult to crack by incorporating numbers (ex.: 0-9) and symbols (ex.:\*-) where possible.

New features on the web site

**Request an Insurance Certificate** from Cooperators.

Using the OHA's web site you can e-mail a request for an Insurance Certificate from Cooperators. To do this:

1. Log into the OHA web site at <http://www.gardenontario.org/admin/login.php>
2. Click on **OHA WebGateway**
3. Click on **Manage Societies**
4. Click on **Request Insurance Certificate from Cooperators**.
5. Fill in the information and click the button to "Send Request"

Send only one request at a time.

### Web Browsers

If you edit your society web site using GardenOntario.org, you may find that newer versions of the Internet Explorer web browser such as version 11 won't work as well. If you are in this situation, we recommend downloading the Google Chrome browser and using it to edit your web site. There are 2 ways to edit your society web site - using the basic editor and using the TinyMCE editor. The basic editor requires an older version of Internet Explorer, no other web browser works well with it. If you use a Mac computer or Google Chrome, we recommend switching to the TinyMCE editor. Details on this are in the web manual: [http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/web\\_manual.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/web_manual.pdf)

### Workshop at the OHA convention

Among the many reasons to attend the OHA convention is the web workshop. Bring a laptop with Wi-Fi and members of the web committee will show you the latest tips for editing your website and answer your questions.

### Volunteer

Do you have experience maintaining the text on websites? Do you have a passion for punctuation and publishing to the web? If you are interested we'd welcome discussing volunteer opportunities with you.

Regards, the Web Committee

## Peonies

Many of you may have already heard of the peony collection being established at Whistling Gardens and the celebrations planned for May 23, 2014. However in case some have not heard please share this information with anyone who might be interested.

We are members of our three local societies; Lakefield, Omemee and Peterborough as well as several other horticultural societies.

We feel very fortunate to know and share our love of gardening with Darren and Wanda of Whistling Gardens. It is an honour to have them grow and nurture the peonies of our extensive collection in such beautiful gardens for the public to view for generations to come.

There are two responsibilities with acquiring an extensive collection. One is to make them available in commerce so the varieties continue to exist for private gardens. The other and more important one is to preserve them as a group and have them available for public viewing. Donating one root of each of our over 600 varieties to Whistling Gardens accomplishes this goal.

Thank you for your time and for sharing this information. It will be a pleasure to visit with many of you amongst the peonies either at Whistling Gardens on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 or at our home.

Sincerely  
Hazel  
Growing Together  
Hazel, Joe and Amy Cook  
Blossom Hill Nursery  
681 Fife's Bay Road  
Selwyn, ON K9J 6X4

# SAVE DATE



## Communities in Bloom

# Garden Tour

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

1:00 – 5:00 pm

**8 Gardens Featuring:**  
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**TICKETS ON SALE JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
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## Russell District

### For all Board Members:

On Saturday 9:30 a.m., March 22 the Russell & District Hort. Society hosted a MIOO at the St. Thomas Catholic High School and made \$978.50 in a few hours.

### Guidelines:

After school on Friday, 5 students needed to arrange tables;  
School donated free hall;  
5 adults to arrange stuff for sale;  
Students to arrange their own stand for bake sale and coffee.

Saturday 5 -10 adults needed for assistance;  
9:30 a.m. doors open to awaiting crowds;  
Sale ends at 2 p.m.

Kids sold all their goodies and had \$250.00 towards a future trip.

To get rid of any left over stuff, line up someone with a truck and a contract to pick up, e.g. Cancer Soc. for a future rummage sale.

The students put away 16-18 15 foot tables, and assisted the customers. NO large items such as appliances in the sale.

### Rationale:

Easy to do, serves the OHA mandate, recycling, reusing, saving the landfill, helping a charity, working with youth & having fun.

The reason it is so successful: is it is during the March break and early before garage sales

Good luck!

Pat



The Lambeth Horticultural Society  
*presents their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## Rose & Flower Show

*"Downton Abbey Traditions"*

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

Lambeth United Church - 4268 Colonel Talbot Rd.

**1:00 – 6:30 pm**  
Awards Presentation at 6:30 pm

**\$5.00 Admission**  
**Door Prizes and Tea Room (1-5 pm) included**

Everyone is welcome to enter in the show

[www.lambethhort.com](http://www.lambethhort.com) Email: [inquire@lambethhort.com](mailto:inquire@lambethhort.com) Tel: 519-472-3553



## Volunteers Needed

The Ontario Horticultural Association organizes a flower show and competition at the CNE every year. Volunteers are needed at the information table to promote horticulture and our societies. It's a fine opportunity to meet other Society members plus see some gorgeous flower designs and cultural specimens.

For more information please contact [ohacne@gmail.com](mailto:ohacne@gmail.com).



### ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION BOOTH



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Preference: Time? YES ☐ NO ☐ 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. 3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.  
Day? (Week or Weekend)

Parking Required? YES ☐ NO ☐

Special Requirements?: \_\_\_\_\_

Horticultural Society/Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Not Available: \_\_\_\_\_

Wish To Be At Booth With? \_\_\_\_\_

Car-Pooling With? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Parking Permits are very limited; preference will be given to:

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for more details.**



## District Service Award – District Six

Marie Decker, our District Six Secretary, was presented with the District's Service Award on April 5 during its Annual General Meeting.

Members of the Oakville Horticultural Society, have benefited from Marie's dedication, excellent organizational skills and Flower Show expertise over the years.

For eight years, Marie has been our District's Secretary and is the Assistant District Director for Acton, Georgetown and Milton Horticultural Societies.

Marie's involvement in our District is inspirational! This remarkable lady has accomplished so much and is always willing to help out. We are fortunate to have Marie as our 2015 OHA Convention's Flower Show Chair and on top of that, our District Convention Secretary!

Marie is a tireless volunteer and one busy lady; she is truly deserving of this year's beautiful District Service Award plaque.



The Barrie's Garden Club recently celebrated their 140th Anniversary with a Flower Show and luncheon. After a proclamation by the Town Crier, representatives from City Council, OHA Past President Carol Dunk and District 16 Director Russ Talbot, brought greetings and congratulations on this notable achievement. Pictured are members of the Barrie's Garden Club executive receiving a certificate commemorating this anniversary

Left to Right

Judy Johnson  
Marie Sawick  
Joan Nieman-Agapas  
Russ Talbot  
Holly Wells

Photo by:  
Tanya Paddison



At our recent AGM, On April 5th, 2014, for District 4 we held a morning workshop for our members. I had way too many vases I had collected so I brought them along and asked members to bring a dish, bowl or plate. We took about an hour and made mushrooms, fountains and bird feeders by using a waterproof silicone to stick them together. They are being displayed in the photo by the very proud creators. Everyone had a great social time as they waited for the tube of silicone and made some new friends. A total of 87 members attended the AGM.

Having lots of fun together. Rose Odell, District 4 Director  
Photo by Carol Mitchell, Assistant Director, District 4



## CITY OF TORONTO WEST DISTRICT GARDEN AWARDS 2014

The City of Toronto Etobicoke York District Garden Awards will again be held this year. The Etobicoke York District includes the whole of Etobicoke, Ward 7 (Islington & Steeles East, formally North York), Ward 11 & 12 (York) and Ward 13 & 17 which takes in Bloor West Village and the High Park area. The judging is done in July and August by members of the four horticultural societies in Etobicoke -York District - Etobicoke, Roselands, Swansea and Westway. If you would like to be a judge or a student-judge, please contact Barbara Clarke (Tel: 416-622-6422). **Gardens being judged must be visible from the street - front or side, not the back yard.** The main criteria for judging are design layout, colour, use of plant material, condition of plants material, maintenance, other garden features (e.g., use of stones, bird baths, arbor) and environmental practices. Residential properties are divided into Traditional and Alternative gardens. Anyone can nominate either a residence or non-residential property in the district. Gardens can be nominated by the owner or a friend or neighbour, or a passerby who just happens to enjoy what has been accomplished. No more than eight

properties can be nominated by any one person. Brochures and nomination forms will be available in May but in the meantime, please write down any potential properties you might see which you feel should be nominated. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, July 6, 2014.

**Send nominations to: Email: [greatgardens@toronto.ca](mailto:greatgardens@toronto.ca)**

**Fax: 416-392-0044**

### *Did you know?*

#### **Coffee grounds are good to:**

**Fertilize Plants:** Don't throw out those old coffee grounds. They're chock-full o' nutrients that your acidic-loving plants crave. Save them to fertilize rosebushes, azaleas, rhododendrons, evergreens, and camellias. It's better to use grounds from a drip coffemaker than the boiled grounds from a percolator. The drip grounds are richer in nitrogen.

**Keep Cats Out Of The Garden:** Kitty won't think of your garden as a latrine anymore if you spread a pungent mixture of orange peels and used coffee grounds around your plants. The mix acts as great fertilizer too.



**Above:** A pair of Leopard frogs sunning themselves by the pond we put in last year.

**Right:** A pair of Sparrows sunning themselves on the handles of my shed door.





## Flamborough Horticultural Society will be celebrating its 75th anniversary

This 80 member strong society can trace its beginnings as far back as 1891. In that year there were two Horticultural societies registered under the Agriculture and Arts act of that year, Flamborough East and West. The current society had its beginnings in 1939. The Society's current emblem, the **zonal pelargonium**, *Pelargonium xhortorum* was decreed in 1971.

Flamborough has always been an active agricultural center back to the first settlers in the late 1600s who cleared the oak and pine forests at the top of the escarpment between two watersheds for farming. Today the area is home to commuters and hobby farmers. Flamborough H.S. spends the annual OMAF grant on a number of civic improvement programs in the Flamborough area.

Flamborough Horticultural Society has a very active presence in their community. With funding from the City of Hamilton the society has provided and managed the Trillium awards in Flamborough for the past 20 years. The Trillium Awards are one of the oldest and largest beautification programs in North America. The Hamilton Trillium Awards Program recognizes those residents who, by landscaping and maintaining their property, have contributed to a more attractive neighbourhood and community. Each year, nominations are sent to the Flamborough society whose volunteers judge each nominated property in early July and present the awards to the property owners. The highest level awards are presented annually at the Hamilton in Bloom celebration in October.

### Celebrations this year include

**An expanded plant sale** on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We added a table with gently used gardening books and accessories. Also, we filled a Lee Valley tool cart with gardening tool donations. Tickets for \$5 will be sold with the lucky winning ticket to be drawn at a special September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, we have two volunteer Master Gardeners on hand to offer free advice on gardening matters. A free 2014 membership is offered for every \$50 plant purchase. Last but not least, our bake sale is always a hit.

This year, we team up with the Hamilton Spectator Open Garden program in an effort "to put Flamborough on the map". We hope to have many Flamborough and Dundas gardens open the week-end of July 5-6.

Free hot-dogs are on offer in one of our member gardens in Waterdown.

Our June meeting includes a flower show with the Special anniversary theme: "HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY FLAMBOROUGH HORTICULTURE SOCIETY" Anniversary memories: design of your choice.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> a special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting will take place at Cannon's Nursery, Highway # 5 in Waterdown with Guest Speaker: Jim Lounsbery from Vine-land on topic "Do you know how to Prune". Jim will be running a pruning seminar, our Tool Cart prize will be drawn and celebrations conclude with refreshments including a large birthday cake. Invitations have been sent to a number of dignitaries, as well as to all past Presidents. The Flower Show will have the theme: "Just Geraniums" - The

Pelargonium (usually called "Geranium") is the flower of the FHS and included in our logo. Members from all divisions may enter this category. All will be judged together. The winner will be awarded the *Ernie and Gladys Cole Trophy*.

Monthly meetings are held at Strabane United Church, 1565 Brock Rd, Strabane. 7:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday of the Month (except July, August and December). For information contact Trudy Bliedung, [bliehor@cogeco.ca](mailto:bliehor@cogeco.ca) or [flamhort@hotmail.com](mailto:flamhort@hotmail.com)



# OHA's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Successful Gardening Flower Show

## "Let's Dance"

We all know that change is necessary to keep things new and fresh but often comes with challenges. After 21 years at the International Center in Mississauga, the show's move to the North Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Center provided logistics challenges but the results were worth it. The venue was bright with natural light and pleasantly warm, even on move in day. Once we determined exactly how to access Internal Street, entry drop off went smoothly and parking was relatively easy if not financially painless. Parking in downtown Toronto is never cheap but volunteers and exhibitors took advantage of public transit and discounted parking by ordering parking passes in advance.

Upon arrival, show visitors were greeted by the incredible freestanding designs in our Invitational Class "Flamenco", Society Class "Square Dance" pavé designs and floral shoes in "Dancing Shoe". They were then drawn into the adjacent main flower show area with a wonderful display of plants, special exhibits and 59 more designs interpreting this year's theme "Let's Dance." Exhibitors came from near and far: the GTA, London, Stratford, Stoney Creek, Simcoe, Oro-Modonte, Newmarket and Mount Albert.

Unfortunately, many long time exhibitors lost plants as a result of power outages during this winter's ice storm and as a result there were less than half the usual number of horticultural entries. The extra space did, however, provide an opportunity to engage show visitors with a cut flower/foliage ID challenge that proved to be very popular.



As always, the show would not have been possible without the support of Showcase Marketing President Paul Newdick. We extend our sincere thanks for the space and staging materials (skirted tables, drapery, carpeting, ribbons and printed material) as well as for hosting our judges' luncheon and \$2169.00 in exhibitor prize money and demonstrator honoraria.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who give their time each year to promote the OHA at the show. Never doubt you play an important part.

A flower show, regardless of its size, does not happen without the commitment of the organizing committee. A simple thank you cannot express my gratitude to Wendy Gay and Dawn Teal (Roselands), Gera Koster and Cathy Faber-Rowlands (Etobicoke), Celia Roberts and Marie Decker (Oakville) and Barbara O'Malley (Credit Valley) for their many years of making this annual show a success. As a committee, we have decided it's time for change and new ideas. We look forward to supporting the new group of dedicated volunteers who will form the 2015 OHA Successful Gardening Flower Show Committee and hope you will as well.



Next year's show will, once again, be held in the North Building of the Metro Toronto Convention Center. Show dates are March 5, 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley Horticultural Society & 2014 SG OHA Flower Show Chair

**Top picture:** The society class was won by Oakville Horticultural Society.

**Side picture:** The shoe was created by Greg Sereda of Credit Valley Horticultural Society and received first in the class "Dancing Shoe."

**Bottom picture:** Show Committee - Left to Right - Heinke, Barb, Cathy, Gera, Marie, Dawn, Wendy, absent (Celia)





# THE BARRYS BAY & AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

## A Project of THE MADAWASKA VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Barrys Bay, a town of 1400 residents is located in the Madawaska River Valley near the western boundary of Renfrew County. Sited in a dramatic rolling landscape of granite mountains, pristine rivers and lakes, the area has much in common with neighbouring Algonquin Provincial Park. Along our shorelines, throughout our valleys and forests, exists a rich diversity of plant species. Within the borders of Renfrew County, over 1300 species of wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs are currently tracked, of these 1003 or 75% are indigenous or native to the County (MNR, District ecologist; 2012). Many have value in landscaping and garden plan design.

An opportunity presented itself when our local library board decided to revamp their existing White Cedar and Spreading Juniper garden.

Members of the MVHS presented the concept of using native plants to the library with specific attention on rare, uncommon, and interesting plants that occur in the area. Presenting these plants, in a public garden, and educating the passersby about our rich diversity of native plants, was the Society's goal and to that end an information pamphlet was prepared to help raise funds for future plantings. The pamphlet also directed interested folks to suppliers and nurseries that stock native plants.

Work started by removing the old shrubs and bushes which later were transplanted off-site. All are now thriving in their new homes despite their size and age, a testament to our gardeners' dedication.

Cobble-stone walls were then built around the new beds. Top soil and composted manure were added to the existing soil and plants brought in. Shrubs provided for the structure of the design. Hobble Bush (*Viburnum alnifolium*) with its open form, sprays of white flowers in the early spring, and rich fall colour are planted in the shade. The sunny areas are planted with some locally rare species such as Round Leaved New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) and Soap Berry Bush (*Shepherdia canadensis*). Both being tolerant in dry conditions. Both plants have importance and are used traditionally by Algonquin people and their ancestors.

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) a deciduous holly also having traditional use, was included for its bright red berries that persist through winter.

Wildflowers such as Woodland Sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*), Purple Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*), and Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) provide a colourful backdrop with their large, long lasting displays of colour. Hairy Beard Tongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*), Blue

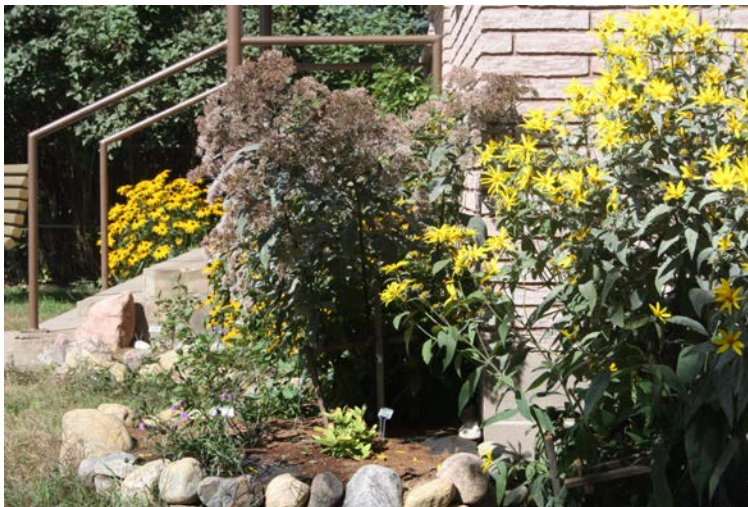
Harebells (*Campanula rotundifolia*), and Dense Blazing-Star (*Liatris cylindracea*) also provide much colour over the summer months.

Plants of real botanical and cultural interest occurring in our area are, Rocky Mountain Fescue (*Festuca saximontana*); a spectacular, erect, blue fescue that would be at home in any ornamental setting, and our only recorded locally occurring cactus, elusive Fragile Prickly-Pear Cactus (*Opuntia fragilis*) we will be introducing into the garden this spring. (Several are over wintering in the writer's garden at this time).

Collectively, in 2013 MVHS invested 80+ hours of volunteer time into the construction, maintenance, and care of the Library's native plant garden. Interest in the community has been keen since the concept was introduced and the Library's new garden has received attention from a much wider audience than any would have expected.

### Plant List 2013

Partridgeberry *Michella repens*; Canada Wood Betony *Pedicularis Canadensis*; Three Leaved Smilacina *Maianthemum trifolium*; Oak Fern *Gymnocarpium dryopteris*; Hobblebush *Viburnum alnifolium*; Bugbane *Cimicifuga Americana*; Hairy Beard Tongue *Penstemon hirsutus*; Black Eyed Susan *Rudbeckia hirta*; Soapberry *Shepherdia Canadensis*; Winterberry *Ilex verticillata*; Purple Joe Pye Weed *Eupatorium purpureum*; Slender Blazing Star *Liatris cylindracea*; Hairy Solomon Seal *Polygonatum pubescens*; Woodland Sunflower *Helianthus divaricatus*; Rocky Mountain Fescue *Festuca saximontana*; New Jersey Tea *Ceanothus americanus*; Blue Eyed Grass *Sisyrichium montanum*; Blue Harebells *Campanula rotundifolia*.





## *From the Editor's desk - Bernice Green-Whidden*

I think it's here - Spring that is...

Well I'm not sure it's been the greatest spring I've seen, but the snow is gone (at least around here), and the temperature is slowly climbing. Although we've experienced lots of rainy days, it's still much better than seeing that white fluffy stuff. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the winter season, just not when it drags on.

This summer issue of the Trillium brings you lots of great articles and submissions, chock full of information for all to enjoy. The convention is coming up soon, hope you get a chance to get to it in Cornwall - which happens to be where I was born. Please be sure to check out the "Convention 2014 Links For Voting And Resolutions".

Most of us have been out in our gardens inspecting what's growing and what did fair so well. Considering the harsh winter we had, I'm happy with the survival of my plants and I'm happy to say that all my fish and two bull frogs have survived. Both species have doubled in size since we obtained them late last summer.

You may have notices throughout this issue some random pictures. I've taken the liberty of filling in some spots with pictures I've taken. They are from my gardens at various times. One of the wonderful things about living where I do, and being retired - gives me the opportunity to take pictures of the birds we have visit us. We fed the birds all winter long and we were rewarded with many species. This spring we had two new species come visit - the Rose-breasted Gosbeak and the Baltimore Oriole.

Sunday morning, on Mother's day, my husband and I were sitting on our deck enjoying a morning coffee, and watching all the different species that came to the feeders. Within an hour we saw, Sparrows, White-crowned Sparrows, American Goldfinches, Blue Jays, Red-winged Blackbirds, Brown-headed Cowbirds, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Barn Swallows, Cardinals, and the pesky Grackle. It was as if they were all coming in to say thanks for feeding us... We were amazed at the flurry of activity and commented that all we needed to show up was our resident Red-bellied Woodpecker - and just as if on queue, he appeared on the peanut ring. I managed to get a picture of him in the winter time enjoying the peanuts.

Well I hope you enjoyed this issue, and I welcome your feedback or submissions for future articles. Enjoy the rest of this spring and summer and remember to send your submissions for the next issue prior to August 21st.

Bernice,

*editor@gardenontario.org*





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## INSECT ART IN THE GARDEN - DISPLAY AND CONTEST

Some insects in your garden create beautiful additions to your plants. It isn't required that you view them as pests! To encourage biodiversity in your garden, we challenge gardeners to enter our NEW COMPETITION to show off the beauty that can be added to your garden plants by insects.

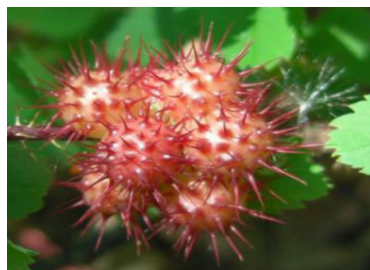
### 1. The D. Wayne Goertzen Leafcutting Bee Prize: \$50 and plaque

This prize is for the display of rose leaves that show the most interesting and beautiful array of cuttings made by leaf cutting bees. **Rationale:** Leafcutting bees (Megachile species; Megachilidae) are important pollinators in many environments, including in gardens and for agriculture. The female bees live solitary lives. They build nests in cavities, such as hollow stems and artificial homes of wooden block with holes drilled into them. They line the tunnels with a series of cups made of leaves (sometimes also of petals). In each cup they place a ball of pollen (a pollen loaf) on which they lay an egg. Each cell has the potential to produce one more leafcutting bee which constitutes an individual for the next year. Thus, life in the leafy thimble in the tunnel carries on for about a year.



### 2. The Joseph D. Shorthouse Rose Gall Prize: \$50 and plaque

This prize is for the best display of galls on rose plants. **Rationale:** There are several kinds of insects and mites that cause rose plants to develop galls that are the insects' or mites' homes. The tiny arthropods insert eggs into the tissue of the rose plants and there the eggs hatch and develop. In developing, the insect larvae or young mites induce the rose plant to produce a swelling composed of its own tissue which serves to feed and protect the developing parasite. Most horticulturalists regard the galls as unsightly, but, in fact they take on beautiful forms. The gall formers rarely cause much damage to the rose plants that are their hosts. Some galls have a complex ecosystems within and the original gall former may be displaced by usurpers.



### 3. The Owen Lonsdale prize for the most exquisite serpentine leaf mines: \$50 and plaque

This prize is for the best display insect-mined leaves pressed and presented on card or series of cards, even as greetings cards.

**Rationale:** There are several kinds of leaf mining insects, especially flies that cause mines inside the tissue of the leaves of garden plants. They are the insects' homes. The mother insects insert eggs into the tissue of the leaf and there the eggs hatch and develop. In developing, the insect larvae eat the leaf tissue while remaining protected by the skin of the leaf. Most horticulturalists regard the mines as unsightly, but, in fact, they take on beautiful forms. The mines formers rarely cause much damage to plants that are their hosts.

At The Guelph Trial Garden OPEN HOUSE  
Friday August 15th, 2014 Saturday August 16th, 2014  
NOON - 8pm 9am-3pm  
The Guelph Trial Garden at The Guelph Turfgrass Institute  
GM Frost Research and Information Centre  
328 Victoria Road South  
Guelph Ontario N1H 6H8

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## Insect Art in the Garden

How do I submit my insect's art?

1) Post your samples by August 8th, 2014

Your name:

Your address:

Your phone number:

Your email address:

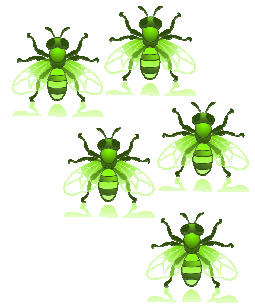
Date sample was collected from garden:

Location sample found, if different from address given:

Plant name for sample, if known:

Mail samples to Rodger Tschanz by August 8th, 2014, Department of Plant Agriculture, Bovey Building ,  
University of Guelph, Guelph Ontario N1G 2W1, Contact Rodger Tschanz (rtschanz@uoguelph.ca)

2) Alternatively, you may bring your sample to the Guelph Trial Garden between 9am-11am - Friday August 15th, 2014.  
Judging begins at 11:30am.



## OHA/Peterborough Garden Show Booth

To our precious volunteers...

On behalf of the OHA Board of Directors and the District 4 Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for volunteering your time at the OHA/Peterborough Garden Show Booth on April 11-13, 2014.

Without your participation, we could not have made this such a success! We are very grateful for your time and for your commitment to your societies and the OHA.

A special thanks to Pat Stachon and Lindley McPhail who came from District 1 to promote the upcoming OHA Convention being held in Cornwall at the Nav Centre from July 18-20th, 2014. It was great to add this new incentive to our booth. We were also able to display the new OHA popup banner and the new OHA tablecloth that brought new interest to our display.

In total, we gave 52 hours of volunteer time for the weekend! Well done!

Thanks again!



## Ontario Horticultural Association Memorial Book

Donor's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

District No. (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish a family member to be notified, please complete the following:

Circle title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Deceased Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with your monetary donation (minimum donation is \$25/name) to:

**Ontario Horticultural Association**

**c/o Marilyn Cox**

**86 Church Street**

**R.R. #2, Keswick, ON L4P 3E9**

For information call: **905-476-3000** or email: **inmemoriam@gardenontario.org**

Funds from donations to the OHA Memorial Book Special Fund are available for Memorial Tree Grants.

**NOTE:** *Do you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention?*

Circle your preference: **Yes No**

### Convention Acknowledgement

If you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention, no monetary donation is required.

Please notify Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary by email: **secretary@gardenontario.org** with the name and District No. (if applicable)

August 2013

