

# Trillium

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **The reward of belonging**

As members of horticultural societies we are well aware of the rewards of belonging to a group of people who share the passion of gardening, plants and community beautification. It's enjoyable to socialize with other members and personally fulfilling to work on projects with others who share the same interests. A non-member may ask themselves: Why would I want to be part of a horticultural society? The answer is so obvious, we stop thinking about it. Horticultural societies are one of the few places you can meet other gardeners, talk to experts, share plants, show flowers, learn new skills and make your community a greener and more beautiful place to live. These are experiences you can't have simply reading a book or visiting a website.

The Ontario Horticultural Association is similar to your society in many ways. It's a social organization where societies come together for a common purpose and support one another to achieve goals as a collective. As a group we accomplish much more than as an individual. With this in mind, enjoy Sharon Hill's article on the benefits of being a member of the OHA in this edition of the Trillium.

Our website was defaced twice in November. This is very unfortunate and has required many hours of work by volunteers to recover while also causing a lot of inconvenience to member societies. The OHA wanted to stop this destruction from happening again so we had to shut down the part of the website where people log in to make updates. I am very sorry for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we deal with this issue. We're actively working to make security improvements to lessen the risk of this happening again. This is a challenge we'll have to adapt to and so we will. One of the things I have been heartened by through this episode is the level of support, understanding and good will displayed by the many people who have contacted me about this. Thank you for your support of the OHA.

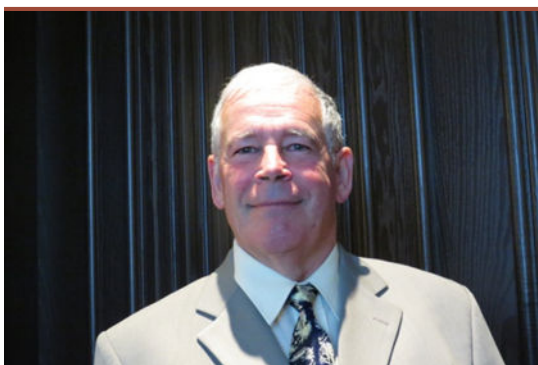
Many of the best things that happen in horticultural societies happen when members come together in person for enjoyment, education and projects. I encourage you to take part in your society meetings this season. Many of your societies will be hosting pot-lucks or celebratory meals in the coming weeks, enjoy them. It's a time get together, share some funny stories from the year and enjoy the tastes and aromas of the food that gardeners have a special talent for preparing.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Jeff Blackadar

President

Ontario Horticultural Association



Well here I am, introducing myself, yet again (especially to those of you who attended the Convention in Cornwall in July). I have been chosen to lead the masses in District One. With strong roots, sunshine and caring I hope to produce many blooms.

My horticultural journey has taken me from the basics where I could recognize roses and dandelions before dating a florist's daughter, to successfully planting many unique gardens and containers with her assistance.

I spent thirty years with the O.P.P. in the Hawkesbury detachment where I worked on the road. In order to keep sane I became involved in many groups away from work which included chaperoning a high school band on their exchanges, working as a Cub Leader, organizing the local minor softball league, acting as chairman of the school advisory council, coaching community basketball teams, being a certified basketball referee in two boards, acting as treasurer for the local Special Olympic athletes, chaperoning/organizing high school overseas exchanges and becoming involved with the local horticultural society.

Since becoming a "retired" gentleman, my job description continues. Now I am secretary/treasurer for the local basketball board as well as refereeing in three boards, working for myself in accident reconstruction cases, inspecting soy bean fields for compliance, sitting on several provincial constitutional organization boards and acting as treasurer with the O.P.P.V.A. 2015 A.G.M.. I have sat on the executive of Vankleek Hill & District Horticultural Society for the past eight (8) years and have now become a District Director.

My wife, Louise (the florist's daughter), and I always make the time to visit with family and friends and discover new and interesting destinations whenever possible.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### GardenOntario Week

The OHA is pleased to launch its first **GardenOntario Week** which will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, 2015. Inspired by the National Gardening Week events organized by the Royal Horticultural Society ("RHS"), our event will be fashioned similar to theirs and we are hoping that our societies and partnering organizations will join in and share their knowledge and expertise with citizens in their communities.

Here are a few things you can start thinking about if you would like to get involved in 2015.

### Join the celebrations

Events and activities are being organized throughout all 19 OHA Districts of our province. From workshops to guided walks, plant sales to garden parties, guerrilla gardening romps to community garden work bees, there is something for everyone and everyone is invited.

### Get involved

Would you like to host a garden party, pick up litter in your neighbourhood or plant a tree? If so, you can get involved in GardenOntario Week by running your own event and registering it with us online. No matter how big or small, we want to have you involved.

### Do something fun

There are plenty of things you can do yourself or with your family to get into the spirit of GardenOntario Week. From building a bee hotel to making tasty strawberry jam.

### Spread the word

Don't forget to share your stories and photos with us in the Trillium, on Facebook and on our GardenOntario Week website which we hope to have up and running in the early spring of 2015. Stay tuned...

# ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION BUDGET 2015

<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership Fees		86,290
Insurance	liability & directors and officers	42,732
Sale of OHA Supplies		6,450
Judges Registry		500
Newsletter		100
Donations/Supporters		7,700
Advertising		100
Special Projects	trsf fr restricted funds	5,000
Memorial Tree Plantings	trsf fr restricted funds	5,000
Fundraising		4,000
Miscellaneous Income		1,200
Funds transferred from investments		10,000
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>		<b>169,072</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Meeting Expenses	Board Meeting Expenses	24,000
Other Meeting Expenses	Committee Expenses - i.e. community initiatives, youth, constitution/by-laws, conservation, education, judge's registry, education, funding, web etc.	9,870
District Expenses		14,600
Audit/Legal Fees		5,500
Bank Charges/Telephone		700
Insurance	liability & directors and officers	50,194
Mailing Costs/Print & Stationery		2,000
Software/Computer Equipment		1,500
Secretary	Honorarium & Office Expenses	6,050
Treasurer	Honorarium & Office Expenses	9,450
Awards Co-ordinator	Honorarium & Office Expenses	1,500
Awards & Prizes		2,000
Special Projects Grants	grants to societies	5,000
Memorial Tree Grants	tree grants to societies	5,000
Community Garden Grants	2 x 500 ea year	1,000
Judging School Grants		400
Seed Saturday/Sunday Grants	2 x 250 ea year	500
Youth Club Grants	10 x 50 ea year	500
Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards		2,000
OHA Supplies	Supplies purchased	5,000
	Admin-Postage etc	700
Newsletter/Youth Newsletter		1,750
Annual Report/Yearbook		3,000
Education/Promotion/Publicity	includes improvements to website	5,400
OntarioGarden Week	3rd week in June	10,000
Exhibitions, incl.storage		3,100
<b>NET OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>170,714</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b>-1,642</b>



## Convention 2014

# "A River Runs By It"

Once upon a time, way out in the east end of the Province of Ontario, a plan was hatched to host, for the first time in the one hundred and eight years of existence, the O.H.A.'s AGM and Convention. Well, WE pulled it off!!! The seven Societies from District #1 made it happen, and in a big way too! It is hard to believe that it was three and a half years ago that twenty some odd of us got together, with Pat Stachon at the helm, we started to plan for something that we, as a group, looked at it as being a reasonably easy challenge. It quickly became obvious that those who had gone before us had achieved great things as we commenced to learn all of the "ins" and "outs" of a Convention and AGM.

The initial selection of people to look after certain tasks was so important. As a group we all selected the areas where we believed we could do the most good. New friendships were formed as sub-committees were struck and the work began. Everyone who took on a role did their job with the utmost professional attitude and it soon was readily apparent that Convention 2014 was off the ground. There were committee meetings, sub-committee meetings and myriads of e-mails and telephone calls to bring the entire operation to fruition.

Our goal from the onset was to make the convention as much fun as we could. It was well understood and appreciated that there were important competitions, learning experiences and educational seminars that occur during convention time. These were all handled by the sub-committees very well. Once the "work" was done, we then attempted to make the social and entertainment portion of the convention as much fun as we could. From what information we have gathered, the Bistro approach caused all to relax and mingle. The dinner music was a hit and who would have thought that tattoos would bring as many people together to talk and enjoy each other's company? The bar, the two wine bars and the free Beau's beer table probably helped with all of this no doubt. Hey, cannot recall the last time that the majority of attendees stayed the Friday night to past 10:00 p.m.!! And then there was the silent auction! Remember all those people in the committee? Well, they went back to their respective Societies and sought support in the acquisition of items to sell and in the collection of funds

where they could. The "sponsors" numbered literally in the hundreds as our basement filled with items to be recorded, wrapped and stored. There were over 750 gift items and over five thousand dollars in funding collected, scrounged and otherwise procured.

The business portion of the weekend, that being the AGM, was as always, business. The one thing that appeared to help was the implementation of having someone other than a member of the Executive to oversee what could have been contentious issues. This took the weight from the Executive and allowed those portions of the meeting to run efficiently. Thank you to James Graham for this approach.

There are a few funny "stories" that came from the convention. One of the best has to do with those beautiful flower decorations on the tables during each day of the event. Remember how nice it was that they were changed every day? Well, that was not the plan! The flowers were supposed to last the three days but when they were lost after day one, the sub-committee went on the hunt and replaced them all for day two. Then the next day when the need arose again, they were seen visiting local Society members' gardens in order to have enough for day three.

As with every large scale endeavour, there are dark sides. The three days of the convention were exhausting for some committee members as we went non-stop, but, that's the price one pays when one attempts to make everything a success. As well, Pat Stachon had a bit of a medical scare which precluded her from finishing her term as District Director.

In closing, thank you to all who attended the convention. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Should anyone who is organizing the convention down the road have any questions or want some information, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the right person.

.... and finally, "Thank You Pat", for guiding us through the whole thing - love ya !

Charles Freeman  
#1 District Director

## Ridgeway & District Garden Club's Volunteers

This is a photo of some of Ridgeway & District Garden Club's volunteers who help with gardening at Maple Park Lodge in Fort Erie. The occasion was the "Communities in Bloom" Awards Presentation at the Town Hall. Maple Park entered the competition for the first time and received a Five Bloom award and a special Environmental Award for their new butterfly garden. At far right is Raelyn Mosher, Social Director (also a club member).



### CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION CHALLENGE

This year a record breaking number of wonderful entries (33) was received. 16 members from 9 districts competed. All the entries were very well written and the judge found it very challenging to select the winners. Thank you to all the members, who entered, for making this competition such a great success. 4 members from Guelph Township HS participated. This society had a great idea, they held a Creative Writing Competition at one of their monthly general meetings. I would like to challenge other societies to try and beat Guelph Township HS record in 2015. Check out the 2015 competition categories and take part! Please contact me at [district18@gardenontario.org](mailto:district18@gardenontario.org) for further information.

Well done Guelph Township HS.  
Sandra Hartill, Competition Chair



## Assignack Horticultural Society

This year the Assignack Horticultural Society has planted three trees in the community.

We were lucky enough to receive an Ontario Horticultural Association tree grant of \$200 with which we purchased a red maple that has been planted on the east side of the Manitowaning arena. The arena has recently undergone renovations and this planting has greatly improved the landscaping of the area. A brief ceremony was held in October to dedicate the tree to the memory of Thelma White, a founding and lifelong member of our club, who recently passed away. Members of Thelma's family and members of our Club were present.

The Mellow Movers and Fit Fuzion, local exercise groups led by Debbie Graham of Friends in Fitness, held a fundraiser for charity in March and the Assignack Horticultural Society was the lucky recipient of \$225. The decision was made to purchase two trees, a linden and red oak, which have been planted beside the Manitowaning Information Booth; it is hoped that the oak will provide shade over the picnic table in the future.

Plaques will be erected to commemorate both donations.



## Port Hope Horticultural Society Annual Potluck Picnic and Flower and Vegetable Show

August 18th the weather was finally fantastic, which was just what was needed for our Picnic in the park. An excellent attendance, good food and great camaraderie was enjoyed by our members.

Our Flower/Vegetable show was a huge success and all members who entered this competition are to be congratulated. Member, Bonnie Tuttle won Best in Show for three of her Perennial entries.

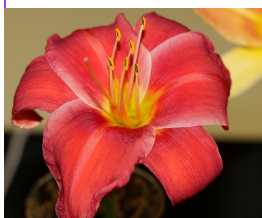
Entries available, over 54 selections in all, including Fruits and Vegetables were excellent in showing. Members were able to choose to enter Collections In Vases, Design categories, a myriad of Flowers and of course Fruits and Vegetables.

*Left - Daylilly*

*Left Centre - Dahlia*

*Right Centre - Collections in a vase – Coral Bell Leaves*

*Far Right -> Design – British High Tea*





## 2014 Four-Club Garden Tour – Come into Our Gardens

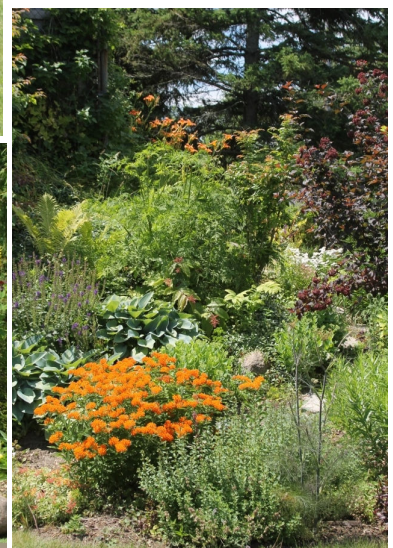
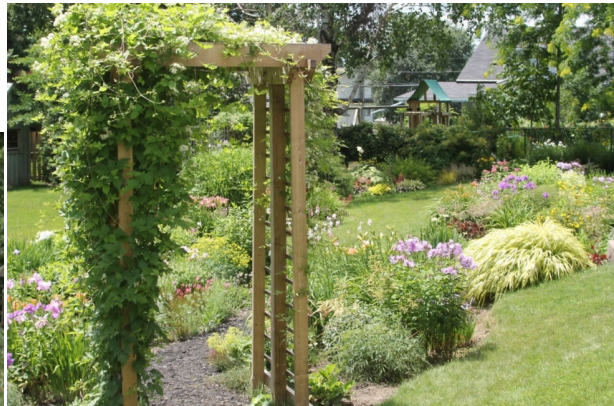
The Port Hope & District Horticultural Society hosted the Four-Club Garden Tour on Sunday July 13, 2014 from 1 to 4 pm. The tour was open to members from Cobourg, Cramahe, Grafton, and Port Hope. Six gardens were included, and it was suggested that visitors travel from east to west. In reviewing photographs taken that day, we were struck by the variety of the gardens, the number of interesting garden sheds and other structures, and the incredible colour provided by so many types of clematis on well-placed trellis.

Diane Kloosterhoff's extensive gardens surrounding her lovely farm house were first on the tour. Diane's creatively shone through as she merged the existing terrain and large trees with extensive plantings. She moved to this location five years ago. Arriving in Port Hope proper, visitors appreciated Wendy Brown's large collection of day lilies and unusual plants, and then crossed the street to enjoy Carole Elliott's somewhat whimsical approach as she transformed a bedstead, a topless gazebo and a vintage swing set into specialized gardens and a backdrop for a bird house collection.

Past Chair Marg Merrill's once shady garden was partially transformed by the 2013 ice storm and the loss of trees and branches into a sun-filled garden. This has added much colour to what was primarily a foliage setting. Part of this garden is on a steep slope supported by a three-tiered rock wall. The small, but beautiful backyard garden developed by Barbara Bone featured over twenty-five roses, plus many exceptional plantings beautifully situated in very interesting large pots.

Finally, our visitors arrived at Bonnie Tuttle's home with its lakefront gardens. Each garden has been thoughtfully developed and has a focal point such as a bench complemented by wonderful plants and shrubs. One truly wanted to soak up the wonderful vistas and the park-like setting and to listen to the lake. Since this was the location for refreshments, one could linger and do so.

On the following Monday, the garden owners, the volunteers and the committee members met in Bonnie's garden at 1 pm to tour and ask questions. The group then moved to Barbara's, Marg's, Carole's, Wendy's and Diane's, and in each case had a good tour with lots of information. We would recommend this post-tour event to others planning garden tours.



## Nominations for Association Awards

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors a number of 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 place 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
- Honour Roll

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to:

- Awards Coordinator Grace Esposito
- 130 Riverview Avenue
- Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2L6

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28, 2015.** The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The Awards Committee is composed of the President (chair), two Vice Presidents, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards Coordinator, and Chair of the Past Presidents' Council.

Please give serious consideration to selecting people who would be worthy recipients of these prestigious awards. The OHA has added templates for Microsoft Word to make the award nomination process easier. See: <http://www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php>

## Plant a Tree

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Grant whereby a Society or District of the Ontario Horticultural Association may apply for up to \$200 for a special tree planting. Up to **25 tree-planting grants** will be awarded in 2015.

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 or district outlining the species of tree to be purchased, where the tree will be planted and whether the planting commemorates a special event for the Society/District/Community should be sent to the Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator:

- OHA Awards Coordinator Grace Esposito
- 130 Riverview Avenue
- Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2L6

The tree grants will be awarded on a **first come basis** after December 31, 2014, up to a maximum of 25 awards per year. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for three years. The awarded society or district has to complete the planting of their tree by the end of that given year. For example: if the grant is awarded in 2015 – the tree must be planted by the end of 2015.

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.

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## **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 or hard surface 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 **ten 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 years.

To be considered for a Special Project grant in 2015, an application form and the accompanying information should be completed and mailed to your District Director no later than February 28, 2015. Application forms are available on the OHA website at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) or from your District Director.

## **OHA Community Garden Grant**

The Ontario Horticultural Association encourages its member societies to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. OHA will award a grant of \$500 each to two 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 (work bees) 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, as well as soil, tools, and equipment purchases. 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 application form and mail it to your Director no later than February 28 of the current year. If your community garden project is awarded a grant, payment will follow a completion report including receipts and pictures of the completed project.

**NOTE: There is a time limit on the issuing of the grant. The completion form must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator before December 31 of the next year. i.e. a grant awarded in 2015 must be received by December 31 of 2016. If a completion report accompanied by receipts is not received by this time, it will be assumed that the community garden project will not be completed and the grant will be cancelled.**



## Happenings From District 11

The Thamesville Horticultural Society executive with their Anniversary certificates.



Kathy Smyth, District 11 Director presented President Maureen Geddes of the Chatham Horticultural Society with their certificate of membership in the OHA. Chatham is the newest society in the OHA.

Kathy Smyth District 11 Director presented President Sandra Carther of the Thamesville Horticultural Society with certificates of congratulations on their 90th anniversary from the OHA and District 11.



Harry and Irene Wyma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Harry is RadDad and puts together the Youth Newsletter.

# OHA MEMBERSHIP

## HELPING SOCIETIES MEET THEIR OBJECTIVES...

(a) by holding meetings respecting the theory and practice of horticulture;	OHA speakers list District presentations OHA convention
(b) by encouraging the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers on public and private grounds;	Tree grants Special project grants
(c) by promoting balcony and community gardening and outdoor beautification;	Community garden grants Special project grants
(d) by arranging field trips, contests, competitions and exhibitions related to horticulture and awarding prizes;	OHA convention, competitions and shows District shows OHA judges OHA judging schools OJES
(e) by distributing seeds, plants, bulbs, flowers, trees and shrubs;	OHA fundraisers Seedy Saturday/Sunday grants
(f) by promoting the protection of the environment;	Environmental initiatives
(g) by promoting the circulation of horticultural information through any media;	OHA newsletter, The Trillium OHA website District website
(h) by promoting the benefits of therapeutic horticulture;	Special Project Grants Community Garden Grants
(i) by stimulating an interest in the study of horticulture	OHA bursaries District bursaries

## OHA MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES....

- ◆ Horticultural Service Certificate;
- ◆ Life Membership Certificate; A huge community of gardeners to network with, share ideas and answer questions;
- ◆ A website full of resources and ideas;
- ◆ The free online Trillium Newsletter;
- ◆ The free youth newsletter;
- ◆ Judging Standards, judging courses and judging schools;
- ◆ A list of speakers throughout the Province of Ontario and their contact information;
- ◆ Grants:
  - \* 25 memorial tree grants of up to \$200 each, annually;
  - \* 10 special project grants of up to \$500 each, annually;
  - \* 2 community garden grants of \$500 each, annually;
  - \* 2 seedy Saturday/Sunday start up grants of \$250 each, annually;
  - \* tornado tree replacement grants, as required;
  - \* youth club grants of \$50 each, annually;
- ◆ Awards:
  - \* Trillium Award;
  - \* Silver Fir Award;
  - \* Silver Medal;
  - \* Award of Merit;
  - \* Honour Roll Certificate;
  - \* Community Improvement Award;
  - \* Environmental Award;
  - \* District Service Award;

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### *OHA Memberships continued...*

- \* District Appreciation Award;
- \* Horticultural Service Certificate;
- \* Life Membership Certificate;
- \* Society President's Award;
- \* Youth Awards -
  - Youth Certificate;
  - Lemke Youth Garden Club Award
  - Ruby Bryan Youth Scrapbook Award
  - Ruby Lobban Award
  - Maisie Bray Award
  - Nothers Award
  - Youth Leader Award
- ◆ In memoriam booklet and recognition at Convention;
- ◆ Advertising and Promotion of Societies through out-reach programs such as -
  - \* Canada Blooms;
  - \* CNE, Flower/Vegetable Show
  - \* Conservation Council of Ontario;
  - \* Get The Jump on Spring, Toronto Botanical Gardens;
  - \* International Plowing Match;
  - \* Loblaws Garden Centre program;
  - \* Ontario Invasive Plant Council;
  - \* Peterborough Garden Show;
  - \* RBG & Hamilton Gage Park Mum Show;
  - \* Seeds of Diversity Canada;
  - \* Stratford Garden Festival;
  - \* Successful Gardening Show;
  - \* Western Fair Home and Garden Show, London;
  - \* Design, printing and distributing postcards for societies to advertise;
- ◆ Supplies including but not limited to:
  - \* service appreciation certificates;
  - \* service recognition pins and certificates;
  - \* note pads/note cards;
  - \* decals;
  - \* landscape booklet;
  - \* judging standards booklet;
  - \* bookmarks;
  - \* postcards;
  - \* cd procedural manuals;
- ◆ garden circle brochure of donors;
- ◆ an archival annual report;
- ◆ a corporate report for donors/stakeholders;
- ◆ memorial tree planting for past presidents of the OHA at the Oak Grove in the Arboretum at the University of Guelph;
- ◆ district banners for use at shows and special events;
- ◆ the OHA tablecloth for use at shows and special events;
- ◆ arranges and provides general liability insurance, directors' and officers' insurance and treasurer bonding coverage;
- ◆ discounted travel insurance;
- ◆ ongoing communication with OMAFRA to provide the government with insight into the needs of the societies; and
- ◆ a provincial convention -
  - \* Awards
  - \* Competitions
  - \* Bus Tours
  - \* Entertainment
    - \* Exhibitors
    - \* Fellowship
    - \* Inspiration
    - \* Judging updates
    - \* Speakers
    - \* Seminars
    - \* Vendors

We will continue with the good work and public service and with the assistance and the ongoing commitment of the District Directors, will strive to provide the most benefits for the least cost and to encourage all residents of Ontario to join a local horticultural society. If you succeed, we all succeed.

by Sharon Hill, OHA Treasurer

## **District 18 Lost a Valuable Member**

This year, Sprucedale and District Horticultural Society, District 18, lost a very valuable member.

Ann Gaupholm died on January 23rd at her home at the age of 62 after a battle fighting cancer. Her husband, Edwin, held a beautiful celebration of her life in their beautiful garden this September. Ann was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia but she truly loved Central Ontario. She was President of Sprucedale Horticultural Society for 4 years from 2007 to 2010 inclusive. Ann was always a willing worker and while she was President, she continually was working with all the Executive and Directors to make the society one of the best in District 18. Ann was quite involved with the District 18 Convention in North Bay. She made our society stand out with all her innovative ideas and volunteer work. Ann often helped in the community gardens. Thus, it is appropriate that our Society placed a plaque in the Kearney Community Gardens. The Society and also District 18 will certainly miss her cheerfulness and dedication that she brought to the gardeners and friends of this area.

Sandra Hartill, D18 Director





## Tribute to Eva Norman-Vestergaard

We are honoured to report another member of the London Horticultural Society received the **Jack Davis Volunteer Recognition Award** from Western Fair District on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at their Annual General Meeting. Jack Davis knew that the secret to the organization's success was **the people**, many of whom are volunteers that bring their skills, advice, vision, experience, leadership, inspiration and often friendship to the table.

Eva is a native of Elgin County and was raised on a mixed farm near Dutton, Ontario. Her love of gardening and the great outdoors was discovered at an early age while completing many 4-H gardening and home making clubs. She graduated from Centralia College of Agricultural Technology in 1969 with a diploma in Home Economics, and began a rewarding 38 year career at London Health Sciences Centre



(formerly Victoria Hospital) in London, Ontario as a Nutrition Assistant.

She is extremely dedicated to community betterment as evidenced through a multitude of volunteer service to community garden plots, London's arts, culture and sports.

Her interest in all things that grow led her to join the London Horticultural Society in 1982, and then she became a Master Gardener in 1985, as well as a Certified Judge in Horticulture, Floral Design and Culinary Arts. She is regularly in demand at many local fairs and exhibitions as a judge and advisor and regularly exhibits her own creative designs and specimens in flower shows.

A keen advocate of heritage seed preservation, supporting local and home grown produce, she has served in executive positions within District 10, Ontario Horticultural Association and the London Horticultural Society for many years.

It is her love of horticulture that established her WFD membership and her valued volunteer support of many competitions, committees, educational displays and judging days over the last few decades.

Staff involved in the fair and farm show can always count on her supportive and positive attitude to light-up a busy day of preparation. Her welcoming smile can often be found in one of their many volunteer coat checks greeting our guests and she has been a dedicated school tour volunteer for thousands of school children year-after-year.

On behalf of everyone we would like to thank you for your dedication and the time you have given to the Western Fair Association.

*Left to right; Mrs. Davis, Michelle Campbell, and Eva Norman Vestergaard*

### Check out for the following reports and publications at the OHA website.

2015 Arts Competition Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/art.php>

2015 Creative Writing Competition Classes Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/poe.php>

2015 Floral Design Competition Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/flo.php>

2015 Horticulture Competition Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/hor.php>

2015 Photo Competition Classes Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pho.php>

2015 Publications Competition Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pub.php>

2015 Ted Reed Web Competition Classes Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/web.php>

2015 Youth Competition Schedule

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/you.php>

### Annual Reporting

OHA Annual Information Report for 2014

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

OMAF Annual Report 2014 for Societies

[http://www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/rural/returns/hortreturn\\_grant.htm](http://www.omafr.gov.on.ca/english/rural/returns/hortreturn_grant.htm)

OHA Volunteer Hours Report for 2014

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

### Convention

Convention Resolution Form

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2013\\_resolutionformprocedure.doc](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2013_resolutionformprocedure.doc)

Proxy Vote Form

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

OHA \$200 Tree Grant request form

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha\\_tree\\_request.doc](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha_tree_request.doc)

OHA Horticultural Service Certificate Application form

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2012\\_HortServ\\_Cert\\_Form.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2012_HortServ_Cert_Form.pdf)

Youth "Help Program" Grant 2015

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2013\\_youthhelpprogramgrant.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/2013_youthhelpprogramgrant.pdf)

## Russell and District Horticultural Society

The Russell and District Horticultural Society has done it again---building something new and unusual for the residents of Russell and the district. This time it's an enclosed Children's Fantasy Reading Garden built on the south side of the new public Library in Russell. There are reading gardens at some libraries in Canada but not one dedicated specifically to children.

So why build one here in Russell? To encourage children to enjoy literature in a natural setting; if you are of "a certain age" (that is to say a little older), you may well remember spending your summers building a fort with blankets and sawhorses or chairs to hide away and read in. It is wonderful that there is now a safe, designated space for our youngsters to do just that. A reading garden will provide library staff with another opportunity for innovative programming; it opens up a whole world of possibilities! The large windows on the south side of the children's portion of the library just beg for something interesting to look at during imaginary voyages in one's mind and on days when the weather is inclement. The locale lends itself perfectly to the idea, a 35 foot x 105 foot patch on the south side of the library with existing doors leading out to it.

The entrance to the garden is through those existing doors and one steps out onto a magic carpet of pavers which is the beginning of a serpentine path through the garden. The bird houses and hummingbird feeder, along with the plants themselves, will attract birds, butterflies and pollinators to our garden

and help provide four season interest. Russell history is mirrored in elements of the garden design. A large rock seat with a back is built into a berm at one end of the garden. Three benches; a train engine, a passenger car and a caboose are reminiscent of the New York Central Railway which used to run through town. To focus on the agricultural roots of our community, there are three benches with the silhouettes of a pig, cow and chicken. A mini bridge passes over a waterless pond. Seven chairs with daisy-like flowers form two more reading areas and a round table with benches attached, offers space to read or do a craft. These structures are custom-made by *Taylor's Recycled Plastics* south of Peterborough and are durable, bright and colourful.

All of this is set amongst trees for shade and shape, shrubs for year round colour and form, perennials, bulbs and annuals for colour, texture and scent and of course grasses for movement, colour and year round interest. There are lots of places to sit and read by oneself or to listen to a story being read by a librarian, teacher, author, parent, grandparent or caregiver. All of this within easy walking distance of our three elementary schools and preschools.

The money to complete this fantastic garden was raised by the Russell & District Horticultural Society, a couple of small grants, individual and corporate donors and a special projects and tree grant from the OHA. The library received a grant from the Trillium Foundation for the fencing.



### OHA Nominations

The election of the Ontario Horticultural Association President, as well as Vice President, is an important part of the Annual Convention. Usually, there is a normal progression into the President's chair. It is essential to have continuity in the flow of these offices. To be eligible for a position, one must be a past or present District Director or a past or present executive member of the Ontario Horticultural Association Board of Directors for a period of not less than two years. This person must be willing to serve and consent must be obtained before nominations can be considered.

Nominations for any of the above offices must be received on or before February 28, 2015. Please send the nomination to the Association Secretary, Kelly Taylor. This nomination must be sent by Canada Post as there must be an original signature on the nomination.

# 70 Years Young! Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga

Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga has a distinguished history within our community and one that has dominated the local horticultural scene for 70 years. Since 1944, our members have been committed to spread the knowledge of horticulture, to encourage the beautification of home and public grounds as well as to stimulate the interest of children in gardening and the environment. Throughout our history, these objectives have been accomplished in several key programmes, which are highlighted below in a brief synopsis of 70 years of community involvement.

## Youth Programme

In February 1944, Cloverleaf held its first meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Public School, as the Cloverleaf Horticultural Society under the direction of our first President, J.H.L. Morgan Q.C. Major effort at the school in 1956 by all club members established the Cloverleaf Wildflower and Bird Sanctuary with plantings of native wildflowers, ferns, shrubs and trees. This initiative confirmed that projects such as this stimulate in the young the need to preserve native habitats. Converting "Conservation Through Preservation" in to actual practice is still the major focus of our Youth Programmes.

This activity with youth in schools has continued over the decades into the 1990's at Owenwood Public School, when we held our monthly meetings there and established an entry garden, a memorial garden for one of the students and an in-school teaching programme. Today, our Youth Programme Leadership has received the highest recognition from the OHA with our Youth Leader, Kimberlay Oly, receiving the OHA Youth Leader Award in 2013 and our Youth Programmes receiving recognition from our OHA District with the District 15 Youth Award and the Bill Baker Memorial Award. Under Mrs. Oly's leadership, we now are involved in seven schools with children from kindergarten to grade eight.

## Garden Tours

Since 1966, Cloverleaf organized its first Garden Tour, which is now the longest continuously held Garden Tour in Ontario. Now a staple of every community across the province, Garden Tours bring the world of horticulture to many people and encourage the beautification of all of our towns, cities and villages. Many are conducted to raise funds for charities while others, like Cloverleaf's, raise funds for local community support groups, such as The Compass and the Mississauga Food Bank as well as Mississauga's major public garden, The Riverwood Conservancy.

## Plant Sales etc.

The Garden Tour was one of the many "firsts" that Cloverleaf initiated under the direction on Mr. Tom Crookston, our President from 1964 to 1966. He was also the driving force behind establishing the first plant sale, fertilizer sale and gardening tools sales in the community.

In the early 1960's, Cloverleaf members provided plant and gardening advice at the Dixie Fruit Market on Dundas Street. Tom Crookston was an award winning delphinium grower who introduced the wider use of perennials in local gardens with his "Connoisseur Corner" at the Market.

## Mississauga Master Gardeners

The Mississauga Master Gardeners (MG) was formed in March 1994. Unlike other MG groups in the province of Ontario at that time, this was the first self-funded by its members. Largely due to the efforts of Cloverleaf President, Shirley Daniels, Cloverleaf advanced the initial start-up funds along with the Mississauga Garden Council (now The Riverwood Conservancy) and donations from various Horticultural Societies in OHA District 15, who were responsible for the original application to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The Ministry provided some reference books and administrative advice, but the rest was left to the initial group of 15 volunteers. Today, the Mississauga Master Gardeners provide information at all major horticultural events in Mississauga and the GTA.

## Floral Design

From its very beginning, Cloverleaf was known for the breadth of knowledge of its members in both horticulture and floral design. Four of our members were in the first class of accredited Horticulture and Floral Design Judges that were conducted by the Royal Botanical gardens in Burlington. Cloverleaf has the reputation of having some of the best flower shows in the region, which now are held at all but two of the regular club meetings. Our award-winning judges included the late Geo Mentis, Olga Alexander and Lotte Brunner. Long-time judges still members of the club include Bette Hall and Helen Ascroft.

Tom Crookston was keen on advancing the art of floral design in the community and encouraged the local school boards to include a course in their continuing education programmes. Members of Cloverleaf were the first to present these programmes and continue to offer floral design classes to members and the general public.

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### Community Programmes

1) Bradley Museum (1967) and Benares Historic House (1995) have been supported by Cloverleaf from the beginning of their operations. At Bradley House, we have established a heritage 'cottage garden' containing plants appropriate to the 1820's, when Bradley House was first constructed. The native and heritage plants which were either purchased by the Club or donated by members from their gardens, are particularly important for biodiversity, to support the local wildlife and insects who feed on them. In addition, the flowerbeds around The Anchorage were planted with perennials and with annuals added for needed colour throughout the summer. These flower beds were all maintained by Cloverleaf volunteers. With the City's renovation of the beds around The Anchorage, we will see what is needed there as the beds fill in.

At Benares, we have helped establish the perennial beds and provided spring flowering bulbs to ensure extended seasons of colour on the property. While we no longer maintain those beds, our legacy has been left with the profusion of flowering bulbs and perennials.

2) Since the opening night of the Art Galley of Mississauga, Cloverleaf floral artists have provided a floral design for every exhibit opening. We also support their annual Art Auction fundraiser and provide a design for the auction. This 27-year connection with art in the community is still strong and continues to provide an additional outlet for our designers to demonstrate the changing scene in floral art.

3) The Riverwood Conservancy has had the guidance and support of two Cloverleaf members since its early days – Philip Stuart and Shirley Daniels. Philip has designed several perennial garden beds but is particularly proud of the Rose Garden he designed in front of Chappell House that contains over 80 varieties of David Austen roses. At age 95, he still tends his plants during the season. Shirley is actively involved in education and fundraising and has

been a very active member of the Board as Chair and is Past President. Their contributions are legendary, with two of Riverwood's volunteer awards now named in their honour. Several other Cloverleaf members have been and continue to be involved in activities, teaching, and on the Board.

4) Streetscape Mississauga is a new venture for Cloverleaf, with members involved in judging the Streetscape Mississauga Front Garden Contest. We partner with three other horticultural societies in Mississauga to conduct this contest and are represented on the planning committee.

### Summary

Cloverleaf's history has included so many firsts that they cannot all be listed in this article. We are the oldest horticultural club in Mississauga and the one that leads in all major garden and floral design related activities. Our members are highly regarded for their level of volunteerism and horticultural knowledge, having received honours from the City, the Ontario Horticultural Association, the Provincial Volunteer Service Awards, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals (2 members), and the Garden Clubs of Ontario Honour Award (Bette Hall). Many members have won Best in Show and Judges' Choice for design and horticulture at the CNE, Canada Blooms, Successful Gardening, OHA Convention Flower Shows, District 15 AGM Flower Shows and our Sheridan Mall Flower Shows. Several members were also so well qualified that they judged large international shows in Boston and Philadelphia.

As part of our 70th anniversary activities, we have initiated a Cloverleaf Community Improvement Award that was given to Marion Klinnert as Chair of the Port Credit BIA Beautification Committee for the extensive improvements made under her leadership.

Remarkable achievements for a remarkable society!

Prepared by:

Anne Clark-Stewart,  
Chair, Awards and Recognition  
Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga  
August 19, 2014

## Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2015

**Spring Issue - February 21st**

**Summer Issue - May 21st**

**Fall Issue – August 21st**

**Winter Issue – November 21st**

## Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society

The Teeswater- Culross Horticultural Society has just ended its' 92nd year. To keep active is becoming a struggle but the Society's motto to "Keep Teeswater Beautiful with Flowers" is still going on. This 2014 year, seeing the article by Mark Cullen about planting 100 red poppies in memory of WWI, the Teeswater-Culross Society decided to plant poppies around the cenotaph. We could not afford or had the space for 100 poppies, but used the idea and supplemented the red poppies with red geraniums. We did not have a flourish of red poppies grow but the red geraniums did their job.

The cenotaph is beside the Teeswater Town Hall which was renovated this past year. This meant that the flower garden about the Town Hall was disturbed and had to be fixed. This was the other project that was taken on by the Society. With the rainy weather this year, the fixed up garden looked good. Thus Teeswater was kept beautiful with flowers in these areas. The other area looked after was the Teeswater library which is located across the street.

Thanks to Colleen Moran, Ruth Price and workers who were able



# 2015 OHA Convention

Set your GPS or other navigational equipment for 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster, on **July 3, 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>** and head to Redeemer University College for a fun-filled 2 ½ day OHA Convention hosted by District Six Members.

District Six, a Carolinian district, lies at the northern-most reaches of the Carolinian zone. Comprised of 21 societies, the district covers a large geographic area from Acton in the north, Oakville in the east, Port Dover in the south and Paris to the west.



Our District is thrilled to host the OHA's 109<sup>th</sup> Convention and invite you to experience our "Summer in the Southern Tier" hospitality first hand!

The venue for our OHA 2015 Convention is at the beautiful campus of Redeemer University College, a Christian University committed to academic excellence since 1982. Redeemer's campus is situated close to many shops and restaurants however Redeemer's Chef will cater great meals for us! For your convenience, Williams Coffee Pub will be open daily for your coffee or latte fix and just 5 minutes down the road is a Timmies! Friday evening our district will host a BBQ and a Silent Auction and the Saturday night banquet will feature a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings. Enjoy a glass of sparkling cider courtesy of OHA. You are welcome to enjoy a glass of wine or spirits in your rooms before the banquet!



Redeemer offers a variety of reasonably priced accommodations. All bookings will be handled directly through Redeemer so please watch for detailed information posted on our [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) website in December. A list of nearby hotels and B&B's all within 15-20 minute ride from the venue is also available. There is ample free parking at Redeemer with friendly volunteers on hand to help guide you and your luggage to the right spot!

Great guest speakers will present a wide variety of topics on the Friday and Saturday afternoons. For those participants who wish to update their design skills, we are offering a Floral Design Workshop on the Friday that will require pre-registration and a small cost for materials under the tutelage of our very talented Celia Roberts (details to follow). Judging Updates, OHA Computer and OHA Community Grant Program seminars will be offered also. Plenary sessions, each with an amazing speaker, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings in the Auditorium. Saturday night, Lizzie Matheson will entertain us with her fantastic floral designs accompanied by her stories of hilarious past antics.

Amazing trips have been organized for those who wish to visit some of our district's hot spots:

- ⇒ A delightful **Grand River Dinner Cruise** will be offered on the Thursday evening for our early arriving delegates. A 2-1/2 hour cruise on the Grand aboard a private boat will include a delicious 4-course roast beef dinner (optional pasta dish or baked chicken breast) along with a cash bar.

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- ⇒ **Royal Botanical Gardens** has four distinct formal gardens contained within 1,100 hectares of nature reserve, nestled into the slopes of the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve. The tour starts at RBG Centre, its year round focal point that houses both indoor and outdoor displays and a gift shop featuring unique products for gardeners and visitors.
- ⇒ **Hendrie Park** offers a chance to meander through its collections, displays and interesting landscape features. Visitors can smell a rose or be challenged by the thought provoking stories in the medicinal garden. Discover native plants in a cultivated setting, a new look at vegetable gardening, international sculpture collection and see the sky reflected on dark water.
- ⇒ Once an unsightly gravel pit adjacent to Hamilton's major point of entry from Toronto, the **Rock Garden** was an ambitious Depression era project to beautify the entrance to Hamilton. After 80 years, a rejuvenation project has renewed the garden ready for you to view.
- ⇒ **Dundurn Castle** - magnificent mid-19th-century home of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, soldier, lawyer and a Premier of Canada. It is situated at the western end of Lake Ontario on Burlington Heights and is surrounded by 30 acres of spectacular natural landscape and bountiful gardens. The tour will include the grand 40 room mansion and will explore the recreated Victorian Kitchen Garden. On the grounds, there will be time to discover the Hamilton Military Museum (housed in Battery Lodge), the former gate house of Dundurn Castle and shop at The Castle Shop and Gallery, featuring Canadian handmade crafts, souvenirs and special gifts.
- ⇒ **Whistling Gardens** in Wilsonville is a unique botanical garden containing over 4,000 different plants and over 2,500 different species of conifers. The many different gardens include a rock alpine garden, a marais marsh garden, a temple garden, the largest peony collection in Canada, Darren's conifer collection containing many unusual specimens as well as a 2 acre pond. The fountain amphitheatre is the largest, all-stone open air water amphitheatre in Canada. Choreographed to music composed by the owner, Darren Heimbecker, the 114 fountains will astound and amaze you! An aviary contains over 40 birds, including peacocks, Royal mute swans, Egyptian geese, fancy pheasants and more. The Garden Centre offers a variety of perennials and unusual trees for sale.
- ⇒ **Private Garden Tours in Flamborough & Connon Nurseries** - some of our area's best private gardens will be featured on this private tour with the last stop at Connon Nurseries for a "retail therapy" opportunity. Connon Nurseries has been a grower, wholesaler and retailer of plants and garden products in Ontario for over 100 years.

**Get involved** with the convention by entering one of its many competitions. There are several competitions to choose from and you're welcome to enter them all! Art, Creative Writing, Flower Show, Photography, Publications and Youth Competitions schedules soon will be posted to our OHA website; check out them out and get your entries ready.

To receive the latest information on the 2015 Convention, subscribe to my Blog at: [donnas2015conventionblog.wordpress.com](http://donnas2015conventionblog.wordpress.com) or visit [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org).

Our District's friendly volunteers and I look forward to meeting all of you at Redeemer next year...join us and let's have a great, fun-filled time!

**Donna Hussey, District 6 Director**

## From the Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society Newsletter

### Forcing Tulips in Water

It's not too late to force some bulbs for early spring blossoming. As with outdoor bulbs, indoor tulips require autumn preparations to get the cooling period the bulbs need. Choose large, healthy, firm, undamaged bulbs -- the larger the better. Most classic, single tulips force easily, as do many peony-type tulips with big, fully double blooms.

To stimulate future flowers, tulips require a cold period. Cool-climate gardens get it naturally, but indoor tulips need artificial chill. In soil-based forcing, tulips are potted before chilling. For water forcing, refrigerate your bulbs in a paper bag -- away from bulb-destroying, ethylene-producing fruits -- at 33 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit for 12 to 14 weeks. Varieties that flower earliest outdoors bloom first indoors, too. Next, "plant" your tulips in water, and allow them to root another two to four weeks. A tall, clear vase holds tulips upright and lets you monitor water levels. Add 2 inches of decorative pebbles in the bottom to elevate the bulbs and place bulbs flat side out, because this is where the first leaf comes. Keep water 1/4 to 1/2 inch from the bulb bottoms. No water should touch the bulbs.



Once roots grow 1 to 2 inches, top growth begins. Move your tulips into a cool room, about 60 to 65 F, until you see green shoots. Keep the water level replenished and keep them out of direct sunlight to prolong the blooms. You don't need to add fertilizer and using it could lead to thin, weak stems. Tulips forced indoors exhaust their energy so discard the bulbs after their flowering passes.

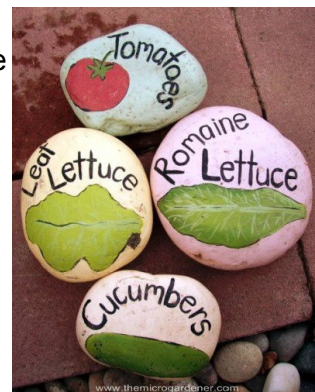
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### Winter Craft Project

If you like to surf the web, you may have come upon the site "Pinterest". This is a site for saving images that you have found on the web, somewhat like a virtual corkboard. It is a treasure trove of images of almost anything you can imagine. Recently, I came upon an image of a creative plant marker which led to an enjoyable hour or so of searching for more. What follows are my favourites.

Paint and/or write using craft paint and markers. Add a coat of outdoor grade or marine varnish to protect your markers through the growing season.

Happy gardening, Lynne Melnyk





### *From the Editor:*

Where has this past year disappeared to? I can't believe that this is my fourth issue already, just seems like a few months ago that I took on this position. I want to thank all of you for sending in articles, pictures and submissions. I hope I've done you proud.

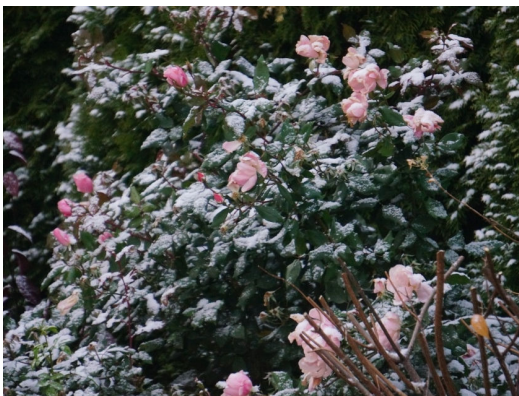
Starting in the new year, we will be incorporating horticultural and environmental articles such as plants, growing techniques and environmental topics. The theme for the Spring (February) issue is Fruits, then for the Summer (May) issue we'll be looking for Balcony Gardening. The Fall (September) issue will include Therapeutic Horticulture and finally for the Winter (November) issue will have articles on 3(or 4) season, vegetable gardening. So think about what you could submit that would fit these themes.

The picture on the front cover of this issue was taken from my dining room window looking out at the Japanese Maple and the pond. It was taken the day after this picture on the right that shows my Japanese Maple with fallen leaves and the pond in the back right. What a difference a day makes :-)

The day the that I took this same picture, within hours all the leaves had fallen off the tree, it was like watching snow fall ! The other two pictures below were from my garden after it had started to snow.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and healthy New Year!

All the best, *Bernice*





## Ontario Horticultural Association Memorial Book

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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

