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 2015 Photography, Flower Show, Youth,
 Arts, Creative Writing, and Publications
- ♦ 2015 competition schedules and
- permission/release forms

 2016 Photography, Arts, Creative Writing

Just to name a few, check out our site for so much more information.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How did I get here?

A few years ago, I never imagined I would eventually become the president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Now I can hardly believe I am completing the last few weeks of my term in this office. How did I get here?

I first learned about the Ottawa Horticultural Society when I visited an OHS indoor show and plant sale in the early 1990s. I took my then fiancee Christine there on a Saturday afternoon date and we enjoyed tea and looking at the exhibits. I bought a few plants, including a Huernia I still have. I was impressed to see people who loved growing indoor plants as much as I did and in the following years I sometimes thought back to that show imagining that maybe I could exhibit some of my plants. At this time I lived in a 1 bedroom apartment filled with grow lights and tropical plants including eyeads, ferns, orchids, a mangrove, acacia seedlings and succulents.

In 2000 our daughter was born and my wife and I were spending a lot of time at home. By then the OHS had a web site, so I learned more about the society and joined to receive the newsletter at home. I had no intention of taking part in any society activities, but I did receive some friendly calls from Pat Russell who was the society president at the time. She asked if I would be interested in helping out the society. I said thank you, but I did not have the free time. Pat called me again and told me the web site could use a volunteer and this work could be done from home. Pat persuaded me, I could not say no and started doing some work on the society's web site. I began to attend meetings and really enjoyed the presentations. While I was there I started to help set up the sound system projector for speakers because I am good with things that have wires. I met more friendly people and so I was asked if I would like to serve on the board of the OHS.

My work on the board was very rewarding, it was a team of people who were dedicated to improving the OHS and doing our part to contribute to the gardening community in Ottawa. I got more involved in the society and people like D-J Smith, Blaine Marchand and Sheila Burvill encouraged me to run for president of the society.

During this time, I went to more district 2 events, including AGMs and Fall meetings and got to know more people from nearby societies. We worked on projects like the 2006 convention and various District 2 shows and events. I also started to see how the OHA ran, including the memorable convention in North Bay. It was a lot of fun attending these conventions with friends from District 2 and we had no shortage of opinions and ideas for the OHA.

In 2007 my sons were born and I decided to wind up my volunteer work with the OHS given how busy we would be with twin boys. Nevertheless, I made my mind up to run for election as District Director in 2008 because I thought I could make a positive contribution to our district and I had some ideas for the OHA that has been on my mind as a society president. I also thought I could blend District Director work with time demands of family and my daytime job, wishful thinking to say the least.

By the summer of 2008 I found myself on the OHA board as part of a crop of brand new district directors. I had a steep learning curve, but found work on the board to be very enjoyable because of the people. This theme of our OHA board working very well together has continued and I am fortunate for the friendships I have on the board and also to see the results of work we have done together.

So here I am, very fortunate to have served the OHA in this role. It is my hope that many of you who are reading this, maybe you, will in the future enjoy the rewarding work of building your Horticultural society, District or the OHA as a board member. I would love to hear from you when you become president of the OHA.

Things to keep in mind:

GardenOntario week is coming. GardenOntario Week is a series of Horticultural Society and other gardening related events happening June 13-21. Do you have an event happening during this time or an idea? Make it part of GardenOntario Week! This is a time to celebrate gardening across the whole province through Horticultural society presentations, shows, community beautification plantings, food sharing, strawberry socials, work shops and even individual activities. For more details see the website http://week.gardenontario.org and register your event. Plan to visit local events and have fun and publicize your society's events. (continued on page 4...)

(President's message continued ...)

Together, with a series of fun and interesting events we can make a splash with the public and reach more people and sign up more members. A lot of effort has gone into preparing for GardenOntario Week and I would like to commend Carol Dunk, Suzanne Hanna and Gary Brenner for their teamwork here.

The OHA is against the use of Neonics on plants sold to gardeners.

As you may know, the OHA has taken a stand against the use of Neonicotinoid pesticides also known as Neonics on plants sold to gardeners. Given the scientific evidence on the risks posed to pollinator health the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is working to reduce the use of these pesticides. I am asking all members of horticultural societies to refuse to purchase plants treated with Neonicoitinoid pesticides. If plants are not labelled as Neonic free, ask and insist you know what you are purchasing. If your garden centre sells plants that are treated with Neonics, tell them that you want to purchase plants that are not treated with these pesticides and take your business to a more responsible retailer. Please get the word out to friends and fellow members – we will make a difference in the health of pollinators when we don't plant toxic flowers.

Best wishes for your gardening, and I hope to see you at conventions this summer and in the future.

Jeff Blackadar President Ontario Horticultural Association

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Happy Spring Everyone! This has been a quieter spring for me as I have been recovering from minor surgery. I am on the mend and should be in good shape for convention! It has been difficult for me to sit indoors and not be able to garden this spring, but thankfully I have wonderful children who have done much of the yard work for me.

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

OHA 2014 Convention Minutes: The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from Cornwall 2014 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at: http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/minutes convention %202014.pdf

This year's convention is being held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster from July 3-5, 2015. This year's theme is "Summer in the Southern Tier". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes June 1, 2015.

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

Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and <u>returned by June 15, 2015</u> so the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

Proxy Forms link: http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php

OHA Convention Question Form: If you are interested in having an OHA Convention Question answered, please send the completed form to me, available via email or on the gardenontario site or at secretary@gardenontario.org, http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha convention question form.pdf, by June 15, 2015.

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

Safe Travels to Ancaster. I look forward to seeing you all there! Kelly Taylor OHA Secretary



There are just a few weeks left before the exciting two and a half day OHA Convention starts on Friday, July 3rd at the modern campus of Redeemer University College in Ancaster.



All the District 6 volunteers have been working for months to make this one of the best ever. So, if you haven't registered yet send it in today (and if you register by June 1st you get a great discount). All the forms and detailed information have been posted on the website at: http://www.gardenontario.org. You'll also find information on the plenary speakers, seminars, workshops,

<u>http://www.gardenontario.org</u>. You'll also find information on the plenary speakers, seminars, workshops entertainment and bus tours. There's something for everyone!

If you don't want to come alone, bring a friend. The Convention is open to the public, so everyone is welcome; they just need to register! It's a great time to learn from the best and have great fun while you're doing it.

We Challenge Your District's and Society's Competitive Spirit!

One of the District 6 Convention Committees is organizing some fun activities that will allow you to collect points for your District, with the winning District being awarded at the end of the Convention. These include a baby photo contest, scavenger hunt, geocaching, pedometer walking, memory games, the judged decorative boot contest and a District Directors' decorative hat contest. A leader board will be kept updated during the convention to show each District's progress. There will be a trophy for the most successful District and a \$100 cash prize! The trophy will go to each successive convention, creating a new tradition of fun and friend-liness between Districts and Societies.

Now is also the time to send in your registration to enter the Convention's many competitions. All are open to members of a Society in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association. Some competition deadlines have already passed, so don't miss out on the ones still open – in particular the Horticulture Competitions and the Art, Creative Writing and Youth contests.

Pre-registration forms for all of the following are posted on the website:

Floral & Horticultural Competitions

All the classes, details and varying deadlines are on the OHA website http://www.gardenontario.org, but some things to know are:

The Design and Special Exhibits Competitions required pre-registration and are now closed, but the **Horticulture Competition** is open. Entries can be placed on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Friday, July 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. No late entries will be accepted (with no exceptions).

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The show will be open to the public on Friday, July 3, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. You must provide your own container and are allowed up to three entries per class provided they are different cultivars. All exhibits must have been grown by you and if you are showing a house plant you must have owned it for at least three months.

Creative Writing Competitions

If you haven't already, quickly put pen to paper for the three Classes in Creative Writing. Create a song, a free verse poem or write a story. The post-marked deadline to mail in your entry is **June 1**st to:

Chair, Sandra Hartill at 3 Sugarbush Lane, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1B4

Phone: 705-646-0082 Email: scm.hartill@sympatico.ca

The challenge this year is to beat last year's total number of entries. Last year there were 33 entries (more than double any year before). All it takes to beat that number is for each Society to send in just two entries. Last year Guelph Township, in District 7, held a creative writing competition before the Convention and entered the results – great idea!

Art Competitions

There's more time to pre-register for the art competitions as the deadline is **June 26th**There are ten Classes that range from oil or watercolour painting and collage to woodwork, embroidery, quilting, apple doll making and creating a house for our butterflies, bees, bats or birds. Register with: **Sharon Nivins** at R.R. 7, 84956 Tower Line, Lucknow, ON NOG 2H0

Phone: 1-519-529-7740 Email: district8gardenontario@gmail.com

Youth Contests

There are too many and varied Youth Competitions to list here. They cover fine art, horticulture and design, creative writing, special activities and projects. All of the Classes, the criteria and awards are listed on the gardenontario.org website. However, youth leaders should send their estimated list of all entries on a Youth Competitions Entry Sheet as soon as possible as the deadline is **June 1**st to the:

Youth Competitions Chair: **Jane McDonald** at 5573 Hwy 6N, R.R. #5, Guelph, ON N1H 6J2 Email: mcdonald jc@hotmail.com.

As you can see, there is a raft of activities to participate in, so, if you haven't already, get your registrations in today!

The winter edition of the Trillium detailed the great bus trips planned for the Convention. And the spring Trillium listed the speakers, seminars and workshops.

For the latest up-to-date information log onto $\frac{http://www.gardenontario.org}{donnas2015conventionblog.wordpress.com} \label{eq:conventionblog}$

District Six members invite you to attend the OHA 109th Convention to experience our Summer in the Southern Tier' Hospitality!

See you there!

By Lynn Townley, Chair, Publicity & Promotions Committee

Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2015 OHA Convention

Resolution 15-1: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

Resolution 15-2: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, his Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

Resolution 15-3: Be it resolved that: The Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and Members of District 6 who worked to plan and conduct the 2015 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

Resolution 15-4: Be it resolved that: The members of the Ontario Horticultural Association would like to express their appreciation and thanks to the Executive and Directors of the OHA and all the committee workers/volunteers who contribute to the successful continuing operation of our organization.

Rationale: Each year at our convention we thank OHA's external partners, but the time, dedication and hard work of the volunteers who run this large organization need to be acknowledged also.

Resolution 15-5: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6.6 be amended as follows:

Add the wording - "Should the need for a vote arise," at the start of the first sentence. Remove the words "regulations" from the second sentence.

Add the word - "By-Laws" at the end of the second sentence.

Section 6.6 would then read as follows:

Should the need for a vote arise, the candidate receiving a simple majority vote in a secret ballot shall be declared the winner. The election shall be carried out according to the Association's By-Laws.

Rationale: Each amendment will be addressed in order:

The current wording by research of Robert's Rules requires a secret ballot even though there may only be one candidate. The word "shall" when speaking to the declaration of a winner means that only with a secret ballot may a winner be identified - the possibility of an "acclaimed" winner has been removed by the use of the current wording. By adding the wording, it allows for either an "acclaimed" winner (as per Robert's Rules) or the vote process as intended (by secret ballot) may be implemented. This also removes any possible conflict as referred to in By-Law 15.

The current wording speaks to "regulations" and there are no regulations contained within the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Association.

By using the word By-Laws, this speaks to the proper reference to the rules of governance that shall be followed.

Resolution 15-6: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.5 be amended as follows:

The word "his" be replaced by the words "his/her" so that the section reads:

"For a Director who has resigned, or is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of the office, the District Executive shall appoint a replacement for the balance of his/her term"

Rationale: This change simply reflects the fact that not all District Directors are male.

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Resolution 15-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.5.2 be added to the By-Laws and read as follows:

"For an Assistant Director who has resigned, or is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of the office, the District Executive shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next (District) AGM."

Rationale:

By-Law 13.3 currently requires that each District elect "at least one Assistant Director"

By-Law 13.3 stipulates that the position of Assistant Director can only be filled by way of an election held at the AGM.

There currently exists no method of replacing an Assistant Director except by election at a District AGM and should the position become vacant for any reason, any District with only one (1) Assistant Director would be in violation of the By-Laws and have no remedy.

This section would allow a district the mechanism to be compliant with the By-Laws.

This section would allow a mechanism to exist that would follow that which is currently available to fill District Director positions.

For a district with only one (1) Assistant Director, there is no way for that District to function well if the Director is left alone.

Resolution 15-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.5 be amended as follows:

The number of the By-Law be amended to read 13.5.1

Rationale: This change simply reflects the fact that the numbering of the By-Laws be updated due to the new By-Law 13.5.2.

OHA Nominating Committee

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Ancaster in 2015.

Suzanne Hanna (pictured at the right) has agreed to stand for the position of President.

Rose Odell, Retired District 4 Director, has been nominated for the position of 1st Vice President (please see Rose's bio on the next page).



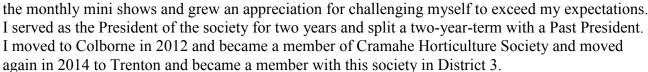
Calls for further nominations for each position will be held each day of the convention.

Rose Odell for OHA Vice President

My name is Rose Odell and I grew up in Toronto and am one of 13 children. I was third from the top in the order. This taught me collaborative skills, survival techniques and how to succeed in a team!

I have had many careers over the years that have provided me with immense experiences, such as car radio assembly, department store retail, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and as a Credit Manager for a computer supplies company.

My journey with gardening began with Campbellford & District Horticultural Society in 1999. I attended my first meeting in September and in October I was sitting on the executive board. I learned many skills by participating in



In 2006 at the District 4 AGM, a position was open for an Assistant Director. When nominations were called from the floor, I put up my hand. I was voted in that day and have never looked back!

I assisted with the OHA Convention in 2009 when District 4 hosted it in Peterborough. I canvassed vendors at the Peterborough Garden Show to see if they would donate a gift for the Silent Auction, be a possible location for a bus tour or provide goodies for the gift bags. I also contacted a number of companies to ask for financial support. It was a great time and many OHA members attended.

In 2010, I became the District 4 Director. In that time, until April of 2015, as part of the District Executive, I have supported the societies in the transition to a computerized environment where each society now does their reports online. We also added a new themed District 4 Event in June where we celebrate special members with awards and enjoy social time together and hear a great speaker. This year the theme is Western Cowboy. The members have embraced all the fund raisers we have held for our district. With those additional funds raised we have given back to the societies with a cheque to plant a tree in their area. The District 4 Meeting attendance has increased each year and our total membership has risen overall.

I have held the title of Fund Raising Chairperson for the past 4 years and have brought forward various interesting fundraising options including some new marketing opportunities for the OHA. For two years I also held the position, at the OHA level, as the Artwork Competition Chairperson for the OHA conventions.

I am currently taking the OHA Judging Course being held by District 4, which began in 2014, and will finish a total of five courses in 2016. There are 12 students enrolled to become new judges.

I am putting my name forward in 2015 to represent all horticultural members as your next Vice President and future President of the Ontario Horticultural Association. I hope to bring my organizational skills and team spirit to the OHA Executive Board along with some fun ideas.

With warm regards and sunshine always,

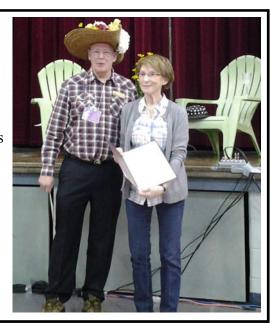
Rose Odell, Retired District 4 Director



District 1

At the AGM for District #1 hosted by Russell & District Horticultural Society on April 11th, 2015, the members of Gloucester Horticultural Society were acknowledged for 90 years of service to their community and to horticulture.

Charles Freeman, Director, District #1 is seen here with Gloucester President Fleurette Huneault holding the Certificate from Premier Kathleen Wynne.



District 4 - 2015/16 Executive

District 4 would like to introduce their executive for the coming year of 2015/16.

Outgoing director – Rose Odell

Assistant directors - Carol Mitchell, Dennis Miluck and Pam Chellew

Newly elected District 4 Director – Dianne Westlake

District Secretary – Bev Silk

District Treasurer – Lesly Hollick

We have a lot of fun at our district and society meetings. Perhaps you can join us when you are in the area. district4@gardenontario.org





Tour named magical for a reason

Urban Gems: Magical Gardens of Leaside Tour June 20th

Magical Gardens of Leaside Tour on Saturday, June 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

March 1, 2015: TORONTO (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE): Where can you find a monkey puzzle tree, over 40 Japanese maples, endless varieties of flowers and hostas, a needle palm, rare perennials, Ontario vegetables grown in raised gardens, even tropical plants? These are just some of the delights in store at this year's Magical Gardens of Leaside annual tour. Truly an urban garden experience, the tour delivers everything from a meandering ravine lot to the marvels of a tiny, perfect space packed with an eclectic assortment of plants and shrubs.

Hosted by the Leaside Garden Society, the self-guided tour includes a variety of gardens. At each location you can talk with the gardeners, ask questions and share your delight.

This year's gardens promise an outstanding experience: vertical wall gardens, meandering stone pathways, an artist-designed water feature, climbing clematis, tranquil dining and entertainment spaces, gardens with mirrors, hidden corners and other touches of whimsy.

Passports are \$10 (adults and children) and provide garden addresses and a tour map. They are available at the Leaside Public Library on the day of the tour (165 McRae Drive) or can be purchased ahead at the following local merchants as of May 10:

Gentry Clothiers- Sunnybrook Plaza Royal LePage- 1391 Bayview Avenue Stars- 900 Millwood Road Urban Nature Store - 939 Eglinton Ave East (at Brentcliffe) write impressions- 1515 Bayview Avenue Wisey's Pies – 874 Eglinton Ave East (at Laird)

Bonus Flower Show! The Leaside Garden Society's June flower show will be open to the public the same day in the Leaside Library from noon until 4:00 pm. Drop by to marvel at flower designs created by the members, as well as cut flowers and potted plants grown in our local soil.

Media Enquires

beth@bethparker.com

The tour will proceed rain or shine and is easily accessible by Toronto Transit, car, bicycle or on foot. For more information please visit the Leaside Garden Society website www.leasidegardensociety.org or contact leaside@gardenontario.org 416-481-8919

Bobcaygeon Horticultural Society's 19th Annual Garden Tour, Tea and Market

Saturday July 11th, 2015 10:00am-4:00pm

"Please Step Into The Garden!"

The BHS invites you to tour 8 lovely gardens, enhanced with horticultural displays, refreshments, and music. Meet local artists and select a treasure at the "artists' garden". Consult with Master Gardeners. Enjoy lunch at one of the fine restaurants offering discounts to tour participants.





Included is admission to historic Kawartha Settlers' Village for tea and treats. Also at KSV, local growers and crafters will display their wares at our very own "gardeners' market"

Tour Pass: \$15; children under 16, free (Includes Admission to KSV)

Tickets available at the Bobcaybeon Chamber of Commerce and retailers in Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Lakefield (see website for further information)

Tickets also available on tour day at each garden and at KSV

www.bobcaygeonhorticulture.com

Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2015

Fall Issue - August 21st - Therapeutic Horticulture Theme Winter Issue - November 21st - 3(or 4) Season, Vegetable Gardening Theme

International Garden Tours with Sara Williams

Morocco: Heritage and Horticulture March 16 - April 1, 2015 Turkey: Heritage and Horticulture May 15 - May 31, 2015 Ireland: Heritage and Horticulture Sept. 20 - Oct. 4, 2015

Worldwide Ecotours 1-888-778-2378 Email: ruth@worldwideecotours.com or sara.williams@usask.ca

www.worldwideecotours.com



Attention all Members & Directors

Please note that the deadline for sending in Bulb Fund Raiser Orders is May 31st and that Rose's address on the original paperwork has since changed to:

Rose Odell

18 Tiffany Place, Trenton, Ontario K8V 6A3 613-955-1662

Rose will be handling the completion of this project. The bulbs will be delivered to the directors late August or early September.

Fergus Member Recognized By District 7

Members of the Fergus Horticultural Society, along with OHA President Jeff Backadar join in congratulating Kathy Bouma after she receives the District Service award at the Dist 7 AGM.

Fergus had recommended Kathy for this award based on her past and present involvement with their society. She has been a member of the Fergus society since 1997 and during the last 17+ years has been a member of the Community Blooms group, a director, has chaired various committees, including the plant sale for 6 years, has been president and is currently vice-president and will be soon doing a second term as president.

Kathy is a dedicated member of the 'Diggin' in the Dirt' group, is involved in other community groups and is an enthusiastic ambassador not only of the Fergus society but of the District and of OHA. She eagerly attends conventions, other society and district meetings and shares the information gathered at these events with friends and fellow hort members.

Picture I From left to right: Alec Calder, Roberta Vlietstra, Graham Oughton, Kathy Bouma, Julie Kron, Rienk Vlietstra, Michelle Goff, Chris Whitehead, Connie di Pisa, Linda Murray, Doreen Telford, Sharon Oughton, Claire McKay and Jeff Blackadar

Picture 2 Kathy Bouma (right) receiving District Service Award from Jane McDonald (left)





Lambeth Rose & Flower Show 2015

Enjoy a "Sentimental Journey" through the 40 years of Lambeth Horticultural Society's Rose & Flower shows. Celebrate our Ruby anniversary by visiting this year's show on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 from 1:00-6pm at the Lambeth United Church, 4268 Col. Talbot Rd., London, Ontario.

The \$5.00 entry fee includes a stunning display of roses, cut flowers and designs. A tearoom, chances on door prizes and the opportunity to visit several vendor tables are also included in the entry fee.

Visit www.lambethhort.com for details and show schedule.

Take a Nibble

Perhaps you are one of those adventurous gardeners, who takes delight in feasting on wild, as well as cultivated, plants. However, the majority of people are probably a little less sure of what is edible and stick to the well known garden fare. You might be surprised at just how many plants growing in flower gardens, yards and fields around you, have some unique offerings for the taking. Dandelion greens are one of the best known examples. The following list just might encourage you to take a nibble.

In the Garden:

The flowers of violas (and pansies), marigolds, calendulas, batchelors buttons (*Centaurea*), lavender and Dianthus (minus the bitter heel of the flower) all make colourful additions to salads and can be chopped and added to butter, or used in baking. While all marigolds and calendulas are edible, most are too strong for anything but garnishes. However, the signet marigold (*Tagetes signata*) and pot marigold (*Calendula officinalis*) have spicy flavour. Pulverize the petals and add the paste to rice or butter. Finely chopped lavender flowers are particularly nice in shortbread cookies, adding a delicate flavour and fragrance. Nasturtium flowers make a superb, colourful vinegar; use it on salads or toss in some flowers or leaves for a peppery flavour enhancement. Bergamot (*Monarda*) petals which taste strongly of citrus, thyme or mint, are also great in salads. The leaves can be used to make a tea much like Earl Grey. Spiderwort (*Tradescantia*) flowers can be used in salads and stir-fries. Be sure to pick them early in the day or they will wilt. The new shoots can be eaten raw or cooked. Common daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*) petals are a decadent addition to salads and the firm tubers can be eaten raw or cooked like potatoes. **Do not confuse them with Asiatic and Oriental lilies** (*Lilium*), which are poisonous.

In the Yard or Field or Perhaps a Pesky Garden Weed:

Lamb's Quarters (*Chenopodium*) can be eaten raw in salads or cooked as a vegetable. This garden weed has twice as much Vitamin A and C as spinach. Plantain (*Plantago*) leaves can be eaten as greens, or can be sautéed with leeks, etc. Remove the tough mid-rib of this lawn weed first. Try adding the seeds to baked goods to boost the fiber content. Chicory (*Cichorium*) leaves can be used in salads or cooked and added to cheese sauces. Adding the flower petals to cottage cheese creates a nice colour contrast; an added plus is that it is good for the digestive system. Because the flowers are slightly bitter, let the mixture sit overnight so that the flavours infuse. Bull thistle (*Cirscum*) flowers can be an interesting addition to salads. The leaves are edible too, once the prickles are stripped off. Wouldn't that be fun to serve to guests? Purslane's (*Portulaca*) tender tips are good when boiled in salted water for five minutes. Because cooking brings out the natural thickening quality, purslane is good in soups and stews. The bitterness disappears in the sunlight, so harvest in the afternoon. Clover's (*Trifolium*) greens and blossoms can be cooked for several minutes until wilted and then eaten with a dash of salt and pepper. The flowers are also tasty in salads and, if dried, make a good tea. Seeds and dried blossoms can be added to breads. Garlic mustard (*Alliaria*) is a very invasive weed, which grows almost anywhere. eg. floodplains, trails and roadsides. urn the leaves into a fine pesto.

Elderberry (Sambucus canadensis) has small black berries which are good for jelly, pie or in baking. The flowers, cut off their stems, add a delicious, nutty flavour to pancakes. Chokecherries (Prunus virginiana) fruits are certain to make a fine jelly or syrup. Ground up juniper (Juniperus) berries are a unique, savory addition to soups, stews, fish and meat dishes. It hasn't hit the cafés yet, but Kentucky coffee tree (Gymnocladus) can be used as a caffeine-free coffee substitute. Remove the seeds from the pods and roast them slowly in the oven. Then grind and brew. Wouldn't this be great to serve with elderberry blossom pancakes or lavender shortbread cookies...or perhaps after a meal of purslane-laced stew and plantain seed enhanced rolls with marigold butter? Go ahead, take a nibble, but be sure of what you are eating!

Submitted by: Ruth Robinson, Guelph Township Horticultural Society

OHA Financials

In the past the OHA financial statements were inserted in the Newsletter. We are legally obligated to make them available before the AGM/convention. Changes a couple of years ago made the statements too large to include (they have to be provided as a complete document). The 2014 audited financial statements are all available in full on the OHA website. If they have any questions or concerns contact Sharon Hill, OHA Treasurer at treasurer@gardenontario.org.

James Graham

In the cold of this past winter, I renewed my friend-ship with a book from my past "*The Eighth Day*" by Thornton Wilder. The premise is that for some people through strange and unexpected circumstances "their week" is given an extra day "*The Eighth Day*". This is a new opportunity a new chance at something as unexpected as the circumstances that caused it. From this flows a whole new life experience.

Such has been my experience with the O.H.A. It has been so unexpected and so pleasant. I have met people, seen new things and learned new ideas and travelled to places I have only heard about.

Thank you for sharing your lives and your stories with me. Thank you for your kindness, your warmth, and the openness of your hearts.

As the seasons of my life unfold it will be nice in De-

cember to remember this kind of September. On a very personal note, thank you also for the expressions of sympathy which I received following my mother's death. It was so very touching and heartwarming.

Thank you for the hard work that you put in your societies. The value of gardening on any scale is really impossible to calculate. Gardening is good for the

mind, body and soul. It is also good for the community, family and individual. I encourage all gardeners to continue their passions and always find new ways to learn.

Horticulturally yours, James



The Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society Presents

58th Annual Rose Show an Exhibition of Cut Garden Roses and Floral Design at The Royal Botanical Gardens Centre at the Mac Questern Theatre 680 Plains Road West -Burlington- On.

Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st

Reception of entries from 7:30am -10:00 am.

Exhibitors Fee \$3.00. (no matter number of blooms) Vases supplied.

Show opens to the public from 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Auction of Show roses starts at 3:00pm

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Everyone is welcome to exhibit!

More information: hbrosesociety@sympatico.ca or FACEBOOK

Moss, Fungus and Lichen -What's the Difference?

Submitted by: Ruth Robinson, Guelph Township Horticultural Society

Moss

- * a flowerless plant
- * has thin stems, but the stems don't conduct water like most plants do
- * is green because it has chlorophyll and thus produces its own food and releases oxygen into the air
- * produces spores instead of seeds
- * usually grows in dense mats in damp or shady spots

Fungus

- * not a plant, but has fungal threads like roots, if growing on the ground
- * includes mildews, moulds, rusts, yeasts, mushrooms and toadstools
- * many live in soil or water, but many others have a parasitic or symbiotic relationship with plants (or animals)
- * breaks down organic matter and releases Carbon, Nitrogen, Oxygen, and Phosphorus into the soil and air.

Lichen

- * not a plant, but a combination of a fungus and an algae and/or cyanbacterium
- * has no flowers, leaves, stems or roots
- * reproduces by spores
- is dry and scaly, crust-like or tiny bushlike in growth
- * grows on rocks, trees, rails, bare ground, or even on dust, pollen, rain or snow
- can be greenish, gray, orange, yellow, or blackish –microbes give lichen its colour
- * not parasitic, but may use plants as a place to grow.
- * symbiotic it produces its own food from the sun, air, water and minerals in its environment, thanks to the algae and/or cyanobacterium portion. The fungal portion provides protection from the environment, collects moisture and nutrients and usually anchors the lichen.

Reference: Wikipedia



fungus growing on a stump

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Lakefield Horticultural Society's Antique and Flower Show and Sale

The Lakefield Horticultural Society's Antique and Flower enjoyment next year. Show and Sale is held at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre (30 Concession St.) mid August each year.

Antique + Vintage Sale & Flower Show!

Over 40 Antique exhibitors share their wonderful collections of antique furniture, silverware, tools, memorabilia, glassware, china etc. In 2015 look for more vintage items as well!

Flower Show & Competition

Horticulture Society members enter 100's of flowers and arrangements to show off their skills both in growing the beautiful entries and also their talents to create unique arrangements. Specimen flowers, potted plants, vegetables and decorative products – like tea cup arrangements and roadside collections – are judged by a panel of experts.

Plant sale

Plants are donated by members and from a few commercial plant growers. This means there are some extra special perennials that you can plant later in the summer for

Welcome!

A truly outstanding show that 1000's of people have enjoyed for many years. It is very popular with the public, and is the primary fund-raiser, allowing the Society to continue our important and sometimes-costly volunteer projects. Since 1978!

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The Swiss Chard Saga Continues....

Thank you for growing the ornamental Swiss chard last year.

I have received some interesting stories about it, and I have even received a plant, which is currently in the greenhouse of friends. It spent the winter and provided greens for minestrone soup or for salad.

One group used it in their town's planters along with "cherry" tomatoes, which people ate as they ripened. Another group scattered the seed – along plants where it grows very well and remained exactly the height they wanted. It did not grow as tall as I thought, it might but this suited some of the growers.

Another society planted a clump of it at the entrance of the municipal office where it stimulated lots of questions. It even showed up in a casserole at a pot luck.

For those of you who left in the ground for the winter you will hopefully get enough for salad be for it bolts. I hope this year you will not overlook vegetables when planning your new planters or beds. The ornamental hot peppers can be quite attractive.

Happy Gardening James Graham

Gone Native

By Carol Dunk

I've gone native! Now when I plan for next year's garden, my mind's eye no longer drifts to a specimen from a faraway place or a new cultivar limited to only a few customers. Instead, I dream of Joe-Pye-Weed and black-eyed Susans and the joy of another native spring ephemeral. I plan bee houses and bug hotels. I let my leaves and plant stalks stand, and I rejoice at the site of a dragonfly or a new bee.

My conversion didn't come overnight. It crept up on me gradually and was scarcely noticed. It came from rereading Sara Stein and Rachel Carson and from the words of Douglas Tallamy and from listening to David Suzuki. It came as I looked at my garden and yard, my local area, my city, through their eyes and realized what had been lost. My local ecosystem had been converted to asphalt plains and plants that didn't belong. Alien plants, sidewalks, paved roads and shopping plazas covered all that once was native and natural. How had this happened? How many species had been lost? Was the original ecosystem forever gone?

At first I complained and lamented that governments and damned capitalists were allowing our natural resources to slip away. The blame for the situation rested squarely on the shoulders of a populace that did not care. Letters to an MP, snippy tweets and interruptions into casual conversations were my modus operandi. I pointed out to all and sundry that others were ruining what was once the glory and abundance of the natural scene.

Soon, I said, there will be no space for wildlife at all. The natural flora and fauna will be gone forever, I said. And it's all the fault of the non-thinking public, I said. The public has allowed this to happen, I said.

And then, like a slap on the side of my head, I realized that *I* am the public. What happens to the local ecosystem is up to me. Now with clear eyes, I reviewed my garden. I saw the expensive aliens, the must-have cultivars, and the collection of plants from wherever that I had insinuated into the piece of the environment that I controlled. I noted the lack of any habitat for critters and creatures, and I was ashamed.

So.... I am doing my best to restore a sense of place to my garden. I am welcoming back the life that once belonged in this space. I've gone native.

Wingham Seedy Saturday A Huge Success

By Susan Watson

About 25 people attended the first Seedy Saturday held in Wingham on Saturday, March 21st. Attendees were treated to guest speaker, Kim Delaney, who owns Hawthorn Farm Organic Seed in Palmerston. In a passionate presentation Kim spoke on the history of seeds and emphasized the importance of saving and using non-commercial seed in our gardens.

Kim shared information showing 95% of the world's seed is owned by large consolidated companies such as DuPont and Monsanto. These companies actively own patents on seed and control the reproductive value of it. Organizations, such as Seeds of Diversity actively encourage individuals to preserve and cultivate heir-loom and endangered variety of food crops. Education to groups is important. It shows gardeners how to collect and save seeds for planting in their own gardens.

Kim covered the easier vegetables to save seeds from. These included peas, tomatoes, and squash. While covering the process of cutting, drying and storing the seeds she demonstrated how to mould tomato seeds before drying them for storage.

Attendees of the event were able to swap seeds. receive gardening advice and enjoy refreshments which were provided by the Wingham and District Horticultural Society. This event was a free community event sponsored by the horticultural society in partnership with the Wingham Branch Library. The society was delighted to receive a grant from the Ontario Horticultural Association to assist with this event.

Kim Delaney (on left) and her assistant (right) from Hawthorn Organic Seeds attended the Wingham Seedy Saturday as guest speakers.

They had seeds for sale and provided information on collecting and saving seeds.



Martintown and District Horticultural Society

Saturday April, 11,2015 was a big day for the Martintown and District Horticultural Society.

First, at the District 1 AGM in Russell we were honoured for our 50th Anniversary as a Society with a certificate from the OHA and from the Province of Ontario.

Second, Don, Lise and I attended the South Glengarry Awards Night in Williamstown were we were awarded "The Community Service Award" for 2014. We had a lovely dinner followed by the presentations. The Society was given a plaque and a certificate from the Province. Jim McDonell, MMP for Glengarry South, Stormont and Dundas presented the certificate

Congratulations to everyone who has helped to create and maintain the beautiful community of Martintown.

John Peters must be commended for calling Terri to urge her to nominate the Society for this Award. She called Don Blackadder who enthusiastically wrote a letter describing exactly what the Martintown & District Horticultural Society does in 200 words or less! Not a small feat! Thank you so much to both of you for your tireless work to get the nomination together and submitted.

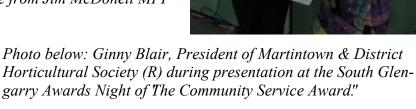
Also, a big thank you to the people who nominated the Society and wrote letters of support. That includes: The Martintown Goodtimes, Lise Robertson (President) who nominated the Society, and the following who wrote letters of support; John Smith of the Martintown Mill, Marilyn

Blackwood of the Grand Hotel, and Art Buckland one of our members.

Ginny

Photo on the right: Ginny Blair, President of Martintown & District Horticultural Society(L) and Kathy Lindsay, Director District #2 (R) during presentation of O.H.A. Certificate.

Photo below: Charles Freeman, Director, District #1 (L) and Ginny Blair, President of Martintown & District Horticultural Society (R) during presentation of Certificate from Jim McDonell MPP Glengarry South, Stormont and Dundas







LaSalle Horticultural Society Plant Sale & Tulip Program







This photos shows some of our society member hard at work with your annual "potting party".

This party entails preparing/ dividing/ planting and pricing donated perennials for our up-coming May plant sale. Funds from this sale go to the purchase of several metal benches in the Town of LaSalle. Our other shared photos are that of a few more members coming to help out at our "bulb party". At this event, our volunteers help divide, prepare and box over 3000 donated tulip bulbs. These bulbs are then re-donated to area churches, schools and low income houses projects to help beautify the town. Each year we find different recipients in LaSalle and the surrounding areas or them.

Mrs. Jan Dugdale 2nd Vice president Membership/PR LaSalle Horticultural Society









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Tilbury and District Horticultural Society

Tilbury and District Horticultural Society held a seed exchange and seed planting during March Break at the local library on Thurs March 19th from 12-8 pm. Members were available to help children plant a marigold or sunflower seed, and the children were encouraged to bring their plant back in June for our flower show. There were 17 children that came out through the day, and many adults took seeds for their gardens. We sold 4 memberships also."





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GARDENERS "CELEBRATE THE MOVIES" at the PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Horticulturalists from the Eastern Ontario societies returned from the Disney and Disney-Pixar- inspired production organized by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. A group of thirty—seven included organizers Sheila Dow—Cadieux and Françoise Govan, with the help of Jolly Tours and Delaney Bus Line.

Two hundred fifty thousand visitors saw the Show despite Hundreds of flights cancelled on the fifth of March with heavy snow.

The entrance to Hall A consisted of lights and glitter, huge floral arrangements at eye-level and in suspension with beds of plants to "Celebrate the Movies". This was surrounded by major displays by landscape businesses, often with sub-tropical plants, flowers and water features. An educational area included competitions among schools, colleges and representations of urban vegetable gardens such as the Camden Children's Garden. Three lecture studios provided information and instruction like the Garden to Table Studio.

The key to this two- century old event was the competition area. This staged competition had two different judging days, with judges' comments among the ribbons and rosettes. Spring plants, many categories of Orchids, Clivia in orange and yellow bloom, Euphorbia, ruffled-edge Cyclamen, double Amaryllis, were set out with extraordinary specimens of plants that most of us rarely see. In addition, each was entered by a member of the PHS but may have been transported hundreds of miles in cold conditions.

To tempt us were more than one thousand vendors, including Ottawa- based Lee Valley Tools.

The Reading Terminal Market was nearby with hundreds of food vendors from the Pennsylvania area, including bakeries, delicatessen-style meat products, fruit and vegetables, fish and specialty foods for lunch and supper: a great location for the hungry participants of the Ontario Horticultural Association, District One. One choice: Louisiana catfish with rice and beans.

Philadelphia is a walking city with many people choosing not to own cars. Three-story row houses remain as choice residences. The Art Museum steps- a location of the "Rocky" films, the home of Congress in 1776,

the Liberty Bell, Statues of Ben Franklin and "revolutionary" and Civil War statesmen and the home of Betsy Ross and the American Flag Society were among the features of the excellent oldcity tour guided by a retired Philadelphia judge.

Now, inspired by such wonderful greenery and design we watch for snowdrops, crocus and the summer growing season. Visit a meeting or a sale of your local horticultural society. You will be welcomed!



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