

# Trillium

*Keeping Ontario Beautiful*



*Sparrows waiting for the feeders to be filled  
- picture by Bernice Green*

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

Soon to be found on the GardenOntario website, are the following forms:  
schedules for the Youth Clubs  
2016 Youth Competition Schedule,  
2016 Youth Competition Entry Sheet  
2015 Youth Club Activity Report.

Please have your Youth Leaders review this information in preparation for next year's convention.

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### Discovering 'That Old Black Magic'

I always associate November with leaf collection. When I was growing up in Vancouver, it was my assigned task to earn some pleasant exercise and pocket change by raking the leaves off the lawn. More often than not, they were burned in old metal oil drums and reduced to ashes which could either be applied to garden beds and borders or discarded in the trash. Not very environmentally friendly, I admit. Nowadays, we eschew burning in favour of collecting leaf refuse with noisy, gas guzzling leaf blowers and electric shop vacs and cramming them into biodegradable leaf collection bags. The bags are then booted without mercy to the curb for pickup.

However, for organic gardeners like me, leaves are a valuable, precious resource. You can't buy them at a local greenhouse or nursery and you can never have enough for gardening purposes. With that in mind, I keep my eyes peeled for homeowners who use plastic garbage bags for their bagged leaves. Because the city will only collect paper bags for the leaf composting program, I offer to take the bags off their hands so that they will not have to purchase tags for additional garbage. This has proven to be a win-win situation for us both. Besides providing a free home for their trash, I provide daily entertainment as they watch the leaf bags accumulate and multiply overnight like yeasty buns.

When my friends and neighbours gently enquire as to why I would want such an amount of leaf litter (I think they question my sanity at times), I respond by informing them that "pound for pound, leaves of most trees contain twice the mineral content of manure" and that they are a rich source of calcium, magnesium and other trace minerals. Because my area is well-known for its clay soil, the leaves assist me by adding rich organic matter that not only feeds soil organisms and earthworms but help to aerate my soil as well. By recycling available natural material, I save vast sums of money by not having to buy peat moss which is a non-renewable resource and other soil amendments.

I take the bagged leaves and run them through my electric leaf shredder where they emerge as fine brown flakes, depending on the setting I've chosen. The leaf shredder accepts wet or dry leaves, pine needles and grass clippings or thatch and deposits them into my garden tote. I always make sure to remove any large twigs first. I wear protective ear muffs and eye goggles and try hard to keep my limbs out of the path of danger. Remember the scene in the movie, "Fargo", featuring the protruding leg stuck in the wood chipper? Always follow the operating guidelines for safety!

I have found that the leaf shredder generally reduces the volume to 1/5th to 1/10th the original amount. In other words, ten regular garbage bags of organic matter can be reduced to 1-2 very dense garbage bags of finely shredded material. It produces wonderful winter mulch for trees, shrubs and tender perennials if applied 2"-3" deep.

Of course, you can always opt for the path of least resistance by creating leaf mould. I know it doesn't sound pretty but leaf mould is basically decayed leaves, similar to what you would find on the forest floor. Instead of shredding the leaves which can be time consuming, you let the leaves decompose whole, on their own. Create a 3' x3' wire mesh container using stakes and chicken wire and situate it in shady, cool area of your yard. Pack wet leaves tightly into the container and leave them alone for 1-2 years, undisturbed, so they can rot in peace with the aid of fungi and produce very fine compost. If space is limited, put the wet leaves in garbage bags and poke some holes in the bottom to allow air in and hide them in a back corner somewhere.

*President's message continued ...*



### *President's message continued*

Remember that leaves are generally acidic in nature, so be sure to add some limestone if you don't require an acidic mix. For acid-loving plants such as rhododendrons and azaleas, use shredded pine needles. Grass clippings, (no more than 25% of the total volume) will aid in the decomposition process by supplying extra nitrogen. You can also use bone meal, alfalfa meal or blood meal (2 cups to 1 wheelbarrow of leaves) or 1 part manure to 5 parts leaves to act as activators. If you are impatient, take the time to shred the leaf litter and never let it dry out. When the time is up, be sure to mix up the material in a wheelbarrow before applying.

Leaf mould is amazing stuff even though it takes a long time to create. For those of you who plant vegetables, leaf mould can be applied to the garden in the fall. Fruit trees love to be mulched with it and container plants appreciate its insulating qualities. Plagued with pesky weeds? Spread a thick layer of leaf mould onto a freshly weeded garden bed to discourage seed germination. Sifted leaf mould can also be applied to lawns in early spring but don't go overboard. It also makes a good potting mix if you combine 1/3 leaf mould, 1/3 compost and 1/3 sand together. I once read that leaf mould can retain 300-500% of its weight in water which is pretty significant if you have sandy soil that drains too freely or are faced with drought conditions. It appears that leaf mould has plenty to offer.

So for all of you out there who are looking for a little "old black magic" for your gardens, join the rest of us who are curbing crawling and dumpster diving in search of garden leaves. When you've finished preparing your garden for winter and have hidden your secret stash of leaf bags out of sight, sit down with a good book. I recommend reading a good murder mystery by Ann Ripley. **Mulch** features a dismembered murder victim found--you guessed it--by our amateur gardener sleuth in one of the various leaf collection bags she furtively collected from curbs and back lanes in the shadow of darkness. Murder and mulch.... What a wicked combination!

Suzanne Hanna



*Pictured taken by Bernice Green, her Japanese Maple dropping its leaves creating natural mulch.*



## Chrysanthemums

Chrysanthemums are a fall favourite with their glorious colours, shapes and sizes. They can create and be part of some of the most beautiful designs. Since 1920, The Mum Show has celebrated the chrysanthemum through a new and exciting themed show every year. This year was no exception, with over 200 varieties and more than 75,000 blooms, the designs filled the Gage Park Greenhouse in Hamilton.



The Ontario Horticultural Association takes this opportunity to get involved by having a decorated table with information available during the entire show. The table contained OHA and society pamphlets. The assistance of many District 6 society members volunteer, approximately 30 this year, and are organized over two weekends to share the joy of gardening and what it means to them to be part of a horticultural society.

The Mum show was "spooktacular" and the volunteers had lots of fun sharing what societies have to offer with the public.

## Martintown and District Horticultural Society

The Martintown and District Horticultural Society participated in the 2015 International Plowing Match in Finch by decorating the south gate into the grounds.

The theme of the IPM this year was "Scarecrows and Sunflowers." Martintown created a welcoming display which included a family of Scarecrows in a fall scene. There was a 1000 lb pumpkin grown by one of the members, sunflowers we actually planted at the site, 40 to 50 assorted pumpkins, squash and gourds of all shapes and sizes, a wooden rail fence around the entire display, several different types of cornstalks, many interesting props and a hand painted welcome sign. Many Society members helped with this project and the IPM organizers were very pleased with the contribution.





The OHA Convention will take place in District 19 in the summer of 2016. As many of you may have heard through media reports, the hotel that the convention was to be held has been sold. The OHA and District 19 are working hard to finalize details on a new venue and dates. We will send out information to all societies as soon as information becomes available.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE 110<sup>TH</sup> OHA CONVENTION**

## **EXPERIENCE THE GRAND**

**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 19 (WATERLOO REGION)  
IN THE SUMMER OF 2016**

**Enjoy the speakers, seminars, workshops, tours and activities that reflect our unique District.**

**Celebrate a traditional Oktoberfest that includes a Bavarian menu and an "Oompah" band.**

**Dance the polka or shake your feathers in a "Chicken Dance.**

**Find your special treasure in our Silent Auction and Raffle.**

**Savour a sumptuous dinner at the Awards Gala Banquet!**

### **Williamstown Green Thumbs**

At the International Plowing Match in Finch, in September, the members of Williamstown Green Thumbs set up a display to promote horticulture and the Ontario Horticultural Association. The display drew many rave reviews from attendees and was a definite boost to the O.H.A., drawing new membership interest. Thank you to the members who were able to contribute.





## 4-H Potato Club & Giant Vegetable Club Achievement Day

On Sunday, September 20th, 2015, at 11:00am the Durham West and East Potato Club, and the Durham West Giant Vegetable Club, had their achievement day at the Wilfred Community Hall.

Members needed to have their entries in place before 11:00am because that is when the judging started. All potato members hurried to get their best potatoes in groups of three to enter the different potato classes. We had Yukon Gold, Russian Blue, Russet Burbank, Nicola Novella, Rode Esterling, Fingerling, and two kinds of Amarose and Banana. The veggie members scrambled to get their heaviest vegetables dirt free and presentable to show.

Abbi Shier had the heaviest beet at 15 lbs 6 ozs beating all previous records, heaviest gourd, and carrot. She tied for the heaviest tomato at with me. Abbi also tied with her brother Daniel Shier for the heaviest giant pumpkin. Daniel had the heaviest field pumpkin. Rebecca Crawford had the heaviest onion at 8 ozs, and the tallest sunflower at 12'4". The tallest corn was grown by Haley and Carter Ashton at 12'4" ft. Katelynn Crawford had the heaviest swede at 31.6 lbs.

Abbi won the trophy with 33 points, I came in second with 27 points, Kate came in third with 24 points, and Daniel came in fourth with 21 points.

After everything was weighed, judged, and the victors chosen, the locals took part in an auction with the vegetables and potatoes grown by the 4-H'ers, leaders, and other locals. Our auctioneer was Kevin McGuckin, and vegetables got auctioned off at the speed of light.

Thanks to Dorothy, the 4-H members got the opportunity to give away the money raised at the auction to the nicest family in need. Matt & Shirley Ostertag have a lovely 3 year old, Landon, and on December 13 Shirley gave birth to twins, Aubree and Chase. For some reason Chase couldn't digest food. All parents would understand how scary it is when your newborn can't/won't eat. The other day Chase hit 13 pounds! Though this may seem like a small feat, climbing the mountain over 10 pounds was hard. We 4-H'ers are super proud of the little guy. We were able to raise \$820 for the family.

We are all very happy with our success and the success of the family. We keep them in our prayers and hope them health in the future. By Kelly P. Crawford

*Kelly Crawford is President of the Durham West Potato club and press reporter for Giant Vegetable club. This is her report of our Achievement Day.*

*This is our 7th year and want to thank everyone for all your support. These young people are a credit to any community We are very proud of you ALL.*



<--Abbi Shier high point winner for the Giant Vegetable Club

Presentation from club  
to Ostertag family -->



<--Potato members

Giant Vegetable  
members -->



## Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens

Cornwall & District Horticultural Society and its membership, headed by one special member, Thelma, were most excited that their application for this program was accepted. In early November, there was a planting celebration/dedication which was attended by numerous dignitaries and some of "those special men and women" who have served.

Photo #1 The group



Photo #2 A few kind words



Photo #3 President Lynn Blanchard and a Cornwall City employee



### Ennismore Farmer, Gerry Cavanagh, Wins CANADA'S COMPOST'S GIANTS 2015 With 1078 pound pumpkin!

*Ennismore & District Horticultural Society receives \$500 prize for memorial garden*

October 13, 2015 - A giant pumpkin weighing 1078 pounds is the winning entry for this year's COMPOST's GIANTS; The Annual Pumpkin Growing Contest organized by The Compost Council of Canada.

Ennismore farmer Gerry Cavanagh lovingly grew his golden beauty and generously offered any prize money to support the Ennismore & District Horticultural Society in the building of a community memorial garden.

The grand prize of \$500 will be presented to the Society by Gerry and The Compost Council of Canada at a special event celebrating International Compost Awareness Week during the first week of May 2016.

The pumpkin is currently on display for all to enjoy and admire at the dry stone wall at the corner of Robinson Road and Churchill Crescent in Ennismore .

*"Congratulations to our local, national winner, Canadian Champion Gerry Cavanagh!"*





## Eganville and Area Horticultural Society

The Eganville and Area Horticultural Society had a very busy year for the 60th Anniversary, beginning with a birthday cake at our Anniversary meeting, in April. Our charter member, Mrs. Valeda Ziebarth was there to cut the cake.

In May, we set up a display featuring past accomplishments as well as old garden related items in the Bonnechere Museum.

Our garden tour in July, was the highlight of the year. We sold our brochures in area businesses and invited the customers to view the gardens, and to return to the Royal Canadian Legion, in Eganville for tea and cake. Approximately 100 visitors enjoyed the tour and the following day, most of the volunteers toured the same gardens, and marveled at the variety in the gardens on display.

In August, our Society, in conjunction with the Lake Clear Property Owners' Association, presented the Village of Eganville, with a picnic table which was placed behind the tourist bureau, for use by the public. The members also were treated to a private tour of a local gardener's yard.

As recipients of the \$200. grant from OHA for tree planting, our planting committee bought and planted 3 pear trees in a green space beside the Bonnechere River. These trees will continue to provide colour, as well as fruit for many years.

Our annual Harvest Auction in September topped off the summer, and a good sum was raised to help with expenses in the coming year. A great way to celebrate our 60th year of operations!



## Sharing News from District 4

On November 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 a group of District 4 members and the Executive Board gathered to honour John Sellers with the planting of a Serviceberry tree and a plaque created by Hoselton Studios to recognize his years of service to the District and the Ontario Horticultural Association.

John has been a member of Cramahe Horticultural Society since 1998 and has also held the positions in the OHA of Past District 4 Director and Past President of the OHA.

The tree is planted by the Town Hall gardens in Castleton so John and his wife Jill can be reminded of it when they pass by from their home.



## Niagara Falls Horticultural Society

On a cool Saturday morning in late October, over 15 enthusiastic members of the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society gathered at the local Armoury building to plant seven 100 red and white tulips. We were one of the 140 selected groups across Canada to receive these bulbs courtesy of Vesey's Bulbs of P.E.I. to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Holland in 1945 by Canadian troops.

Our site is a large public garden installed and maintained by volunteer members. Next spring, as part of our commitment, we will have a public ceremony involving local council, veterans, youth groups and interested citizens to celebrate the Dutch-Canadian alliance friendship

*Submitted by Russell Boles*

*President - Niagara Falls Horticultural Society*



## Leaside Garden Society Events for 2016

Date Topic and Speakers	Location and time
<b>Jan 14:</b> Gardening Disasters Tena van Andel	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>Feb 11:</b> Horticultural Therapy Margaret Nevett	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>Mar 10:</b> Vegetables Steven Biggs Also Winter Mini-Show	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>April 14:</b> Rock Gardens Barrie Porteous	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>May 12:</b> New York City High Line Lorraine Flanigan. Spring mini-show	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>May 14:</b> LGS Plant Sale	Trace Manes Community Centre, 9.00 AM - noon
<b>June 9:</b> Demonstration of Vertical Gardens Curtis Evoy	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>June 18:</b> Magical Gardens of Leaside Tour & Summer Flower Show	Leaside Public Library, 11 AM to 4 PM
<b>Sept 8:</b> Urban Potager Elizabeth Stewart	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM
<b>Oct 13:</b> Tulips Michael Erdman	Leaside Public Library, 7.15 for 7.30 PM



## North York Garden Club - District 5

The North York Garden Club enjoyed a very successful year of Flower Shows.

The April, May and June monthly shows and the annual September Flower and Vegetable Show attracted **506** entries.



From February through August members participated in local and OHA events:

**Get the Jump on Spring** - 1st (L. Smith)

**Canada Blooms** - 2nd (P. Cappelli, D. Wilton)

**OHA District 5 AGM** - 1st (J. Love, G. Broks, P. Cappelli)

2nd (J. Love, C. Huang) 3rd (P. Cappelli, C. Huang)

Best in Show (G. Broks)

**OHA Annual Convention** - Best in Show - Roses (G. Broks)

**CNE** - G. Cappelli had 53 entries in the vegetable competition, winning 42 prizes

D. Wilton had 35 entries in decoratives - her winning entries included 2

Judge's Choice, Most Creative and Best in Show

G. Broks won a Best in Show for her roses as well as three 1st and six 2nd for roses and hostas



## 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
- Youth Project Award

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, 2016. The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The OHA Awards Committee is composed of the President (Chair of the Committee), the Vice President, the Past President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Awards Coordinator, and the Chair of the Past President's Council. Any decision of the Committee will be considered as a decision of the Board of Directors.

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

### Plant a Tree

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Grant whereby a Society 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 2016.

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, ON L4L 2L6. The tree grants will be awarded on a first come basis after December 31, 2015, 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 2016 – the tree must be planted by the end of 2016.

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

### Begin a Special Project

As part of the ongoing support of member societies, the Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association annually awards Special Project grants of up to \$500 each for the use of societies toward the completion of projects having a long lasting benefit to their society or community. The grant is to be used for planting materials such as perennials, trees and shrubs and not for the planting of annuals or for mulch, manure, compost 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 2016, an application form and the accompanying information should be completed and mailed to your District Director no later than February 28, 2016. Application forms are available on the OHA website at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) or from your District Director.



## Nominations for Association Awards Continued

### 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.

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 2016 must be received by December 31 of 2017. 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.

### Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association is providing two (2) grants of \$250 annually to its member Societies to organize a first-time Seedy Saturday/Sunday event in their communities. It is hoped that such support will promote seed saving and the exchange of regionally adapted, bio-diverse seed in Ontario for the purposes of promoting seed saving and seed exchange in Ontario. (This event may be held any day of the week).

### CRITERIA

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

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

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

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

### TO APPLY:

Please complete the Seedy Saturday/Sunday application form, found on the [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) website and mail it to the Awards Coordinator NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15TH of the current year.

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

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

## Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2016

**February 21st - Spring issue**

**May 14th - Summer issue**

**August 21st - Fall issue**

**November 21st - Winter Issue**



## OHA Supplies List & Order Form

Item #	Descriptions	Price	Quantity	Total	Item #	Descriptions	Price	Quantity	Total
01-01	Youth Member Card	Free			04-22	Pin - 5 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
01-02	Youth Service Certificate	\$1.00			04-13	Pin - 10 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
02-01	Society President Certificate	\$1.00			04-14	Pin - 15 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
02-02	District Appreciation Certificate	\$1.00			04-15	Pin - 20 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
02-03	Life Member Certificate - w/ card	\$2.00			04-16	Pin - 25 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
02-04	Special Recognition Certificate	\$1.00			04-17	Pin - 30 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
03-04	Note Pad (4 1/2 X 5 1/2) (3 for \$2.00)	\$0.75			04-18	Pin - 35 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
03-05	Postcards	Free			04-19	Pin - 40 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
06-02	Garden Ontario Bookmarks	Free			04-23	Pin - 45 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
					04-20	Pin - 50 Year Service Pin	\$5.00		
04-01	Pin - President	\$5.00				Note Cards: 5 per pkg w/envelopes			
04-02	Pin - Past President	\$5.00			05-01	Trillium Design	\$ 5.00		
04-03	Pin - Judge	\$5.00			05-02	5 packages	\$20.00		
04-04	Pin - District Director	\$5.00			05-03	Lily Design	\$ 5.00		
04-05	Pin - Post District Director	\$5.00			05-04	5 Packages	\$20.00		
04-06	Pin - Secretary	\$5.00			05-05	Fall Colours Design	\$ 5.00		
04-07	Pin - Treasurer	\$5.00			05-06	5 Packages	\$20.00		
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Updated: August 31, 2013



## Pakenham Horticultural Society

Guess who turned 90 this year! The Pakenham Horticultural Society was founded in 1925 and has been proudly serving Pakenham and the surrounding communities for the last 90 years. On Wed Oct 21, the club held its Annual General Meeting and Potluck Dinner in St Andrews United Church Hall in Pakenham. Every fall, this meeting is a celebration of gardeners, young and old. In addition to fellowship and great food, the garden club's trophies are awarded and the Pakenham Junior Gardeners receive their awards. This year they had attendees from eighteen months to ninety nine years of age.

In addition to the trophies, awards, and business meeting, they also celebrated the 90 year milestone with a giant cake. Past presidents and past secretaries had their photo taken with the cake. The garden club also awarded four life memberships to Mary Scott, Verna Humphries, Mimi Edmondson and Doreen Blair. All these ladies were instrumental in making the vibrant club of today.

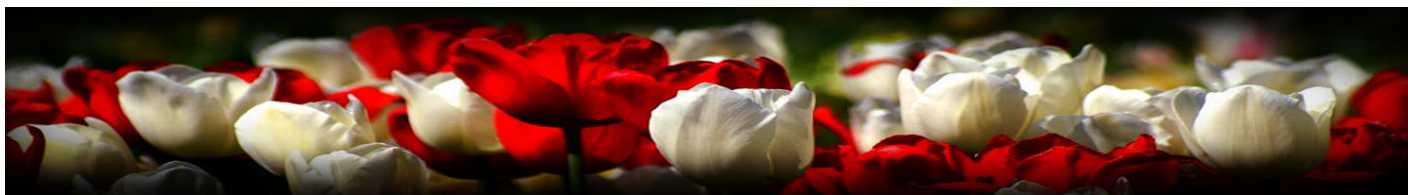


*Pictured left to right Toby Barratt, Mary Scott, Myrna Blair, Lori Ray, Hilda Brodmann, Mary Lunney, Judy McGrath, Doreen Blair and Elise Perron  
original photo taken by Lani Holland*

Junior leader Margie Hill presented a digital photo showcase of the junior gardeners. The kids talked about what they liked most this year in their garden. These are the future gardeners of tomorrow! Margie Hill and Sherryl Smith also arranged a Garden Club at Pakenham Public School. The kids in the Garden Club planted a pollinator garden by the entrance to the school.

Co-President Toby Barratt reported on some of the activities undertaken by the Society this past year. While the club only has around 50 members, they have a strong volunteer base. With the help of the volunteers (in addition to maintaining local public gardens, plant sale, three flower shows, and other regular activities) they were also able to assist with Pakenham Public School and MVCA to plant 300 new trees behind the school, organize a major clean-up of the Cenotaph Park with local Royal Bank employees, plant 1600 daffodils bulbs by the roadside between Pakenham and Almonte. If you are interested in finding more information about this local garden club, please visit their website at

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/pakenham>



## Norland Horticultural Society

“We feel very fortunate,” said Murray Walker, President of the **Norland Horticultural Society**, “to have received one of the 140 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens being distributed across Canada in celebration of the first gift of 100,000 Dutch tulip bulbs sent to Canadians in 1945. This gift of tulips was a symbol of appreciation for the role Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands and the hospitality Canada provided to the Dutch Royal Family in Ottawa during WWII.”

“We were granted this garden”, Murray continued “because of the story we told of Norland’s outstanding participation in the Second World War. Perhaps the best way to describe our efforts would be to quote Vernon LeCraw’s book *The Land Between*, as follows:”

‘The little village of Norland, on Highway 35, in the northern part of Victoria County, (with a population of less than 200) has a splendid record in the matter of patriotic endeavour. The Red Cross and other societies in Norland have accomplished a great deal, the women of the district having kept up their work for the soldiers. There are few hamlets the size of Norland that can boast of having as many boys in the services. In the recent Victory Loan campaign, a picture of the Norland boys in uniform was prominently displayed in Lindsay and attracted considerable attention. Besides the twenty-six in this picture, there were 8 more from the village and many more from the surrounding country who have enlisted.’ (a total of 44 names are listed in the Hope United Church, formerly the Norland United Church).

“In particular, the aforementioned author, Vernon Lecraw, and his brother John were specifically involved in the liberation of Holland”, Murray advised. Murray went on to say that John LeCraw, now Norland’s sole living veteran, travelled to Holland for the 70th anniversary celebration and stayed with the family where he was billeted during the Second World War. “We feel extremely privileged to have John with us today and look forward to honouring him, his late brother and all other Veterans of Norland who paid the ultimate price”.

*Special thanks to the Canadian Garden Council, Vesey’s Bulbs, Canada Post, National Capital Commission, Canadian Tulip Festival, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Garden Making magazine, Chimpanzee, Baxter Travel Media, Enterprise*

## Port Hope and District Horticultural Society

This past June the Port Hope Horticultural Society created " Phase One of our Bee Pollinator Patch" Through generous donation of land from a member, along with plants suited to Bee Pollination, the labour and mulch, again provided by members and neighbours of members, our Pollinator Patch has taken off. We will be expanding this project next spring.

Picture 1 June 3

Picture 2 and 3 are from 7 weeks later





## Sudbury Horticultural Society Regreens Cyril Varney Public School

Since 2005, the Sudbury Horticultural Society has supported the City of Greater Sudbury's schoolyard greening projects through the 'Ugliest Schoolyard Contest'.

Each spring, VETAC (Greater Sudbury's Regreening Advisory Panel) encourages schools to apply for support for their schoolyard enhancement projects and one (or more) school is selected to receive support for its regreening efforts. **Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations: a Glencore Company** (formerly known as Xstrata Nickel) provides major funding for the projects through a \$50,000 annual grant. Other local businesses and organizations provide additional financial and in-kind support for the winning school(s).

Through this year's contest, seven large silver maple, linden, autumn blaze maple and serviceberry trees were planted at three winning schools. In August, local garden centre's were hired to provide the trees and plant them in large raised planters created with rosetta stones. This enhancement will provide much-needed shade and outdoor seating for students. Other shrubs and perennials were donated to the schools for planting by the students in September.

Because Cyril Varney Public School had already begun working on schoolyard revitalization and developed plans for the creation of an aboriginal healing garden and berry patch at the school, the Sudbury Horticultural Society and Sudbury Master Gardeners donated a total of \$850.00 for the purchase of the plant material and supplies required for this project.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from the Society and Master Gardeners worked with the students and teachers at that school to plant these new gardens and upgrade existing flowerbeds.

An aboriginal healing garden was created using sage (*artemisia ludovicana*), sweet grass (*hierochloa odorata*), wild bergamot (*monarda fistulosa*), and purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*). Students in the primary grades worked



with the volunteers to plant these traditional perennials and mulch the garden.

A wild berry patch was created in an unused sandbox on the south side of the school with students from grade six. Following extensive weeding and site preparation by our volunteers, chokeberry (*aronia*), raspberry (*rubus ideaus*), currant (*ribes alpinum*), haskap (*lonicera caerulea*), and grape vines (*vitaceae*), as well as two crab apple trees, were planted near the apple and serviceberry trees that had already been added to the schoolyard in the spring.

Following weeding and soil amendments by our volunteers, students from grades four and five weeded existing flowerbeds and planters and planted a collection of hardy perennials and shrubs. The addition of daylilies, hostas, spirea, geraniums, iris, hops, clematis, forget-me-not, sedum, clethra, etc. should prove to be great additions that will help to beautify the entrance to the school and the new raised planters.

All gardens were then heavily mulched by the students to reduce weed growth and retain moisture.

These on-going schoolyard re-greening projects have assisted a total of 38 schools by providing trees, shrubs, perennials and outdoor seating for students throughout the four school boards in Greater Sudbury.

We invite you to view the results of this year's project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWt3piMayeo>

Photo on the left shows the volunteers who worked on the project. Top photo shows our Past President Theresa Cullum working with two of students planting the healing garden.

We have a lot of photos that were taken on that day. You can view them at:

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-Fsf2Gv/i-KF9LSzN>





## Bronte Horticultural Society Recognized by Bronte BIA

In the summer of 1995, the Bronte Horticultural Society was asked to create and maintain a heritage garden on the grounds surrounding the historic Sovereign House, (built 1846), on the bluffs overlooking Bronte harbour. Sovereign House is now a heritage center, and headquarters for the Bronte Historical Society.

Over the ensuing years, the gardens have been expanded; planted with shrubs and perennials purchased by the society or donated by our members. Annuals from the town greenhouse have been planted in late May, and beds maintained by teams of Bronte HS members from May to October. The gardens are part of the Oakville public parks system. Visitors to the park often comment on the beauty of the site, and most assume that it is the work of town staff because there has been no identification of Bronte Horticultural Society's role anywhere.

On July 8, 2015, the Bronte Horticultural Society was honoured by the Bronte BIA with the unveiling of a bronze plaque on the front lawn at Sovereign House. The plaque recognizes our contributions to the Bronte community, and the ongoing work of our members in the gardens.



### OHA District 6 Judging School Graduating Class of 2015

**Front row, left to right:** Jim Mabee and Anna Peterson, co-principals;

**Middle row:** Heather Moffatt, Sandi Remedios, Dianne Elliott, Sharon Garner, Denise Campbell, Dottie Smith, Dawn Suter.

**Back row:** Marilyn Brady, Mary Ann Kleiner, Catherine McGill, Linda Yeoman, Carolyn Hooper, Margaret Meyer Smith.

Absent from photo are Anne Faulkner, Donna Hussey, Coby Osinga, and Susan Suter.



## Fall Fun Social

Thirteen Societies (82 members) attended the first Fall Fun Social of District 13, on September 26, 2015 at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex in Spanish.

Advertising and posters were created by Jean Robbins (Lake George) and Hermina Hubert (Sudbury), and Spanish organized everything else, including the catering and renting of the Complex, for which we thank them.

Suzanne Hanna welcomed everyone. Christine Marsh introduced our guest, James Graham (pictured here), an educational and motivational speaker. She also thanked him and presented him with a gift on behalf of everyone attending.

James Graham blessed the meal, and we sat down to a lovely catered buffet lunch, for which each person paid only \$5; District 13 to make up the rest of the cost. Most societies had voted for the first of three choices: chicken fettuccine, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee/tea (\$12.00). Centre pieces pictured below graced each table



After lunch Suzanne, and her helpers, held a 'loonie auction' which raised \$839.50. Each Society had donated a gift. \$20-\$40 range: Assiginack, Espanola, Campbell, Lake George, Blind River, and Spanish. \$40-\$75 range: Sault Ste. Marie, French River, Massey/Walford, Thessalon, St. Joseph Island, and Bruce Station. \$100 range: Elliot Lake, and Sudbury.

We were free to return home at 3:30 p.m., well satisfied with the day, the events, and the chance to make new friends and re-acquaint ourselves with old friends.

## District 3 News

Our Fall Advisory Meeting was hosted by the Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society on November 7 at the North Crosby Community Centre near Westport. At this meeting the new District 3 Floral Emblem and Logo were presented to the member. At the lunch break all in attendance participated in the planting of a Service berry (Amelanchier). The tree and the plaque were provided by the Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society in honour of our new emblem. The meeting included a very energetic brain storming session for ideas for the 2018 Convention.

Mark Stevens President of RLHS and Penny Stewart D3 Director and D3 Fall Advisory attendees pictured here.



### Amelanchier Canadensis (Serviceberry)



Native Plant found throughout the district covered with snowy white fragrant flowers that burst out in early spring even before the leaves.

A source of nectar to pollinators and the summer berries are relished by songbirds and people alike. Graced by brilliant fall foliage.

The logo was designed by Celia Godkin of the Athens Garden Club and Horticultural Society.

## Ameliasburgh Garden Club Dedicates Memorial Garden

On Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 pm the executive committee and members of the Ameliasburgh Garden Club and invited guests, dedicated the newly designed and installed Drew McCandlish Memorial Garden at the Ameliasburgh Town Hall, 13 Coleman Street. The garden was designed and installed by Ben O'Brien, a two-time AGC bursary recipient and graduate of the University of Guelph's horticulture department. The memorial plaque was unveiled by Peter Hovestadt, Drew's partner for more than 15 years.

*(Peter Hovestadt and Teddy pictured here.)*

Drew McCandlish was an honorary member and long-time friend of the Ameliasburgh Garden Club. He passed away in November 2014. Since the tender age of six when Drew's mom helped him plant his first marigold, Drew had a passion for gardening and all things growing. This passion translated into more than 25 years of working in the nursery trade. Over the past several years Drew focused his attentions toward the aesthetics of floral and garden design. He was responsible for the design of many residential gardens within Prince Edward County as well as commercial design works.

The Drew McCandlish Memorial Garden beautifies the grounds of the Ameliasburgh Town Hall, provides a haven for bees and butterflies, and pays tribute to a wonderful man and gardener who did so much to enhance the beauty of Prince Edward County.



### Ameliasburgh Garden Club and Guests

In attendance with Ontario Horticultural Association were vice-president Rose Odell and assistant director and secretary Gayla Campney and District 3 Director Penny Stewart. The Ameliasburgh Garden Club was congratulated for undertaking this special project as it is an example of their dedication to the beautification of their community while also remembering a wonderful gardener, treasured member and dear friend. Following the dedication the executive of the Garden Club took the OHA Executive on a lovely tour of the Flower Show which was part of the Ameliasburgh Fall Fair. The fair flower show is another example of the excellent work the Club does in the community.



### Simcoe & District Horticultural Society

The Simcoe & District Horticultural Society of District Six would like to announce the winner of our recent raffle. An original water colour painting was donated by Mrs. Ruth Grove, who is also the talented artist of the framed piece called "Easter Lilies".

The raffle was a fundraiser with proceeds designated for improvements and maintenance of the civic flower beds. The draw took place on October 14, 2015 at the Joint Meeting of the Norfolk Horticultural Societies at our local OMAFRA Resource Centre.

Now, without further delay, the winner was Marion Hickman of Simcoe with ticket # 10. Congratulations Marion! Thank you everyone for your support.



## Clinton Horticultural Society - District 8 OHA Celebrating 125 Years - Since 1890

We hosted the District 8 Annual General Meeting on April 25, 2015 and then had several celebratory events throughout the year.



June 17, Clinton Society presenting to the Clinton Cemetery a black granite bench for all to enjoy.

June 17, president Michael Falconer, Florence Pullen and Eleanor Falconer planting Tri Colour Beech Tree at the Clinton Cemetery.



June 17, District 8 Director Sharon Nivins presenting to president Michael Falconer. Congratulations from OHA Jeff Blackadar



Oct 26, We buried a Time Capsule at Sloman Park in Clinton. To be opened in year 2140.



Oct.21, Presenting to Karen Tait a Horticultural Service Certificate who since 1983 has served as youth leader, treasurer, president, flower show coordinator, and several other positions.

With Karen the 2015 executive, President Michael Falconer, Treasurer Dianne Freeman, Karen Tait, Secretary Jeannette Martin and Vice-President Helen Lobb.

## Peterborough Garden Show

The Peterborough Garden Show returns for its' 16th year on the weekend of April 8th to 10th, 2016. This much-loved and anticipated show brings us a breath of spring and green after our long winter, exciting gardeners with a tantalizing peak at greenery and spring flowers. Over 100 vendors in 2 pads of the Evinrude Arena give us a variety of garden-related products ranging from local greenhouses, garden ornaments, landscape and design companies, seeds and bulbs, specialty hosta and clematis growers, products made with plants and much more. Lee Valley is one of our more well-known vendors but we promote the small independent businesses that specialize in anything garden-related. When you enter your eyes will be met with a colourful display of enormous butterflies suspended from the ceiling in bright jewel tones, our décor theme for the 2016 Garden Show.

Another popular feature is our speakers. We have a total of eight speakers on both Saturday and Sunday scheduled throughout the day with a range of topics. Check these out on our Rack Cards or Website:

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

Back again and growing more popular each year is our "Little Green Thumbs" Children's Garden. Bright, colourful hands-on centres and activities for young ones with crafts to make, a pansy or spring bulb to plant and take home and a chance to have faces painted make this a busy, fun place to take a peek at even if you don't have a young one in tow.

New this year is a Floral Competition among several of our local florists. Arrangements will be displayed with the public having a chance to cast a ballot for People's Choice Award.

Hungry? Our local award-winning caterer, BE Catering will have home-made soups, specialty sandwiches, baked goods and other specials available at both the Garden Café and mini-café to keep line-ups shorter. Also, our popular organic, free-trade Kyoto Coffee will be selling their coffees, teas and lemonades.

Each year as word grows, we have people from Ottawa, Kingston, Muskoka to Toronto coming back to our Garden Show, some car pooling or organizing buses with their Horticulture Society. If you are interested in organizing a Bus Tour for your group, please contact Joan at 705-799-5378 or [toursandtickets@outlook.com](mailto:toursandtickets@outlook.com)

Visit our website for more details: [www.peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://www.peterboroughgardenshow.com)



### 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Friday, April 8 5 pm – 9 pm  
Saturday, April 9 10 am – 5 pm  
Sunday, April 10 10 am – 4 pm

**Admission: \$8 per day  
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## Guerrilla Gardening in Omemee

In Omemee, as with many small communities in Ontario, many historical landmarks are struggling to survive and the historic home of Lady Eaton, known as the Tully Lark, is no exception. This notable home was included as one of five homes to visit in a special article in a local magazine, "My Kawartha" Edition 4. When some Omemee Horticultural members read the article and realized that the landscaping around this home needed some immediate attention, they contacted the owner (because the house was for sale) and the homeowner was delighted with the offer of help.

A team of about 10 Guerrilla Gardeners organized the first work party one evening, when the temperatures were cooler, to weed over grown daylily gardens, prune shrubs and trees, trim back an invasive ground cover, clean weeds out of the sidewalk pavers. About 8 leaf brown bags were filled with green waste in less than two hours. Two other smaller daytime work parties were held to tackle a very overgrown prickly Rugosa Rose Bush, as well as more sidewalk work. Having some of the cleared away space looking rather sparse, two generous Omemee Hort. members dug out some Autumn Joy Sedum from their own gardens and then transplanted it at the Tully Lark.

The homeowner was overjoyed with the transformation in such a short time, and the before and after photos show the dramatic changes. Many thanks to the many Omemee Guerrilla Gardeners who made the Tully Lark's landscaping look so presentable. Approximately 50 hours of Volunteer labour were donated so far, to this impromptu project. Take a bow you special Guerrilla Gardeners of Omemee (even without camouflage)!

Just in case you are not familiar with Guerrilla Gardening you will find a definition below. Our 2015 OHA President, Suzanne Hanna is a strong, one could say, even adamant supporter of Guerrilla Gardening. She will be pleased to hear about Omemee's efforts.

"Guerrilla gardening is the act of gardening on land that the gardeners do not have the legal rights to utilize, such as an abandoned site, an area that is not being cared for, or private property."

Submitted by Heather Grassie, Past President of Omemee & District Horticultur-





## Peterborough Horticultural Society

Peterborough Horticultural Society was the lucky recipient of one of 140, 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens distributed across Canada in celebration of the first gift of 100,000 Dutch tulip bulbs sent to Canadians in 1945 as a symbol of appreciation for the role Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands and the hospitality Canada provided to the Dutch Royal Family in Ottawa during WWII.

“We feel very fortunate,” said Mary-Jane Pilgrim, President of the Peterborough Horticultural Society to have received one of these Gardens as we understand that the Canadian Garden Council, the organization behind the Friendship Tulip Garden program, received more than 400 applications. The bulbs were generously donated by Vesey’s Bulbs of PEI.

Our garden, and the other 139 gardens planted across the country, will be symbolically linked to a 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden to be planted this fall in our nation’s capital by the National Capital Commission and showcased during the 2016 Canadian Tulip Festival.

On Saturday, October 31st a large group of PHS members, Mayor Daryl Bennett, WWII Veteran Frank Graham, and Girl Guides took part in the planting of 700 red and white tulips at Fleming Park



in downtown Peterborough. The Peterborough Horticultural Society took over maintenance of the Park some 8 years ago and a core team of volunteers has transformed it into a gem in the heart of the city.



## Convention Competitions: NEW Harmonized Rules & Regulations

For the 2016 OHA Convention, the OHA Competitions Committee has revised the rules and regulations to harmonize across the adult and youth schedules as much as possible. The competition schedules (except Publications) are inspired by the convention theme and, in 2016, are linked through the class title “Your Grand River” as a means to explore creative expression.

Competitions are open to adult and youth members in good standing of a Society in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association. The submission of an entry implies that the exhibitor gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the entry in any way that the OHA designates. Ownership of the content is retained by the exhibitor.

Important entry deadlines are May 1 (Photography, Publications), June 1 (Art, Creative Writing and some classes for Flower Show and Youth) and at the Convention (Art, Flower Show, Youth). Judging criteria are outlined in each competition schedule, Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, the exhibit is not worthy. The decision of the judges is final.

Awards vary among competitions but all include OHA placement ribbons (including Honourable Mention (HM) at the judge’s discretion), cash prizes, and rosettes for Best in Show and/or Judge’s Choice. There is a new \$100 award to the Society with the highest point aggregate in the adult competitions based on: 1st (5 points), 2nd (3), 3rd (1), HM (0), Best in Show (5), and Judges Choice (5).

No removal of entries is permitted until after the competitions are closed on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Entries and prizes are to be picked up on Sunday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or, if necessary, by special arrangement with the Competition Coordinator(s). A signature is necessary for receipt of materials. Materials from the photography and creative writing competitions will be sent to the exhibitor by mail only if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is included with the entry. An overview of the competitions rules & regulations will be posted on-line along with the schedules for each competition separately in conjunction with this issue of the Trillium.

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## Sarnia Wins 2015 International Communities in Bloom Award

Sarnia, Ontario placed first in the 2015 International Challenge Competition of Communities in Bloom, in the very large city category (50,000+ population). Special mention was given to the Centennial Park remediation, to be completed in 2015 after two years of environmental assessments and restoration in partnership with the City. Sarnia's competitors were Chatham-Kent, Ontario and Zlin, Czech Republic.

Sarnia first took part in CIB in 2006, when it won 4 Blooms at the Provincial level, with special mention for the Dow Wetlands. Since then, Sarnia has been awarded 5 blooms at the Provincial level (three times) and at the National level (twice). Special mention awards given during that time went to the Germain Park Floral Designs (2007, 2014); the Return the Landscape and One Tomato projects (2012); and the Sarnia and District Horticultural Society's College Avenue Garden (2010), amongst others.

In 2014, Sarnia competed with Chatham-Kent, Ontario and Richmond Upon Thames, a borough of London, England, in the international competition and won second place with 5 blooms and honourable mention.

Sarnia Communities in Bloom is a volunteer-driven, not for profit organization that acts as an ambassador for the City. It is dedicated to civic pride, respect for our heritage and environment and conservation. Its motto is "More Than Just Flowers." It works in partnership with Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, City of Sarnia Parks and Recreation, Sarnia and District Horticultural Society, the Sarnia Heritage Committee and Doors Open.





## Port Hope and District Horticultural Society

Port Hope and District Horticultural Society donated three trees to local parks this past June As well Marker Stones were also donated by our club and positioned at each tree.

Shown at the planting of the Basswood tree in June at Rapley Park are club members with Dan Clark from Parks and Recreation, Municipality of Port Hope. Club members (l to r) are Patricia McCaw, Linda Johnson, Nancy Martin, Barb Tordoff and Victoria Terry. The Club also donated an Ornamental Pear tree at the Commons (Little Hope and Sullivan) and a Basswood at the Lions Club, Port Hope.





# LaSalle Horticultural Society

The LaSalle Horticultural Society had a fabulous time organizing and hosting the District 11 Pot Luck Picnic. We had the best turn out, even in the extreme heat. Our hat contest was great , had a scavenger hunt and offered over 30+ raffle prizes.

In May we had our plant sale which brought in over \$1200.00 which we used for our scholarships for two graduating students from St. Clair College. June offered “Nation Garden day”, which we celebrated with three area schools by planting over 300 donated tulip bulbs to.

July brought our Garden tour with many folks meeting Leonard the cute Koi. Profits were used for the purchase of park benches for the town of LaSalle. We have purchased 8 in total now.

We’ve had some great speakers on bee’s and orchids and look forward to our up-coming garden shows and popcorn night in January.

Again this year, we will judge the decorations of houses in town during the “Light up LaSalle Campaign.” Looking forward to our spring plant sale in May and opening up our community gardens again to grow food for our LaSalle Food Bank.





# Bronte Horticultural Society Through the Years - A Digital History Project

In 2015, Bronte Horticultural Society celebrated its' 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One issue that we had to deal with was archival material dating from 1925 stored in cardboard boxes. Sorting and providing some order to the material took several weeks. The question then became how important content in these paper-based documents could best be managed for the future.

Because of the historic nature of the material, and the story it told of ongoing community involvement by the Bronte Horticultural Society, we were offered the opportunity to become part of the Oakville Images Collection- a digital history of Oakville being developed by the Oakville Public Library. (The Village of Bronte is now part of the Town of Oakville).

In April the Bronte HS Board of Directors established the Historical Records Committee to develop from all our archival material, the BHS story from 1925 to the present. The hard working members who agreed to take on this project were Joan Leslie, Betty Strong and Marg and Barry Catley. (picture attached).

The Historical Records Committee spent the summer sifting through 90 years of minutes, scrapbooks, documentation, correspondence and photo albums to identify material to be scanned into the Images Collection. Throughout the project, we were supported by resources at the Oakville Public Library, Local Collections Department.

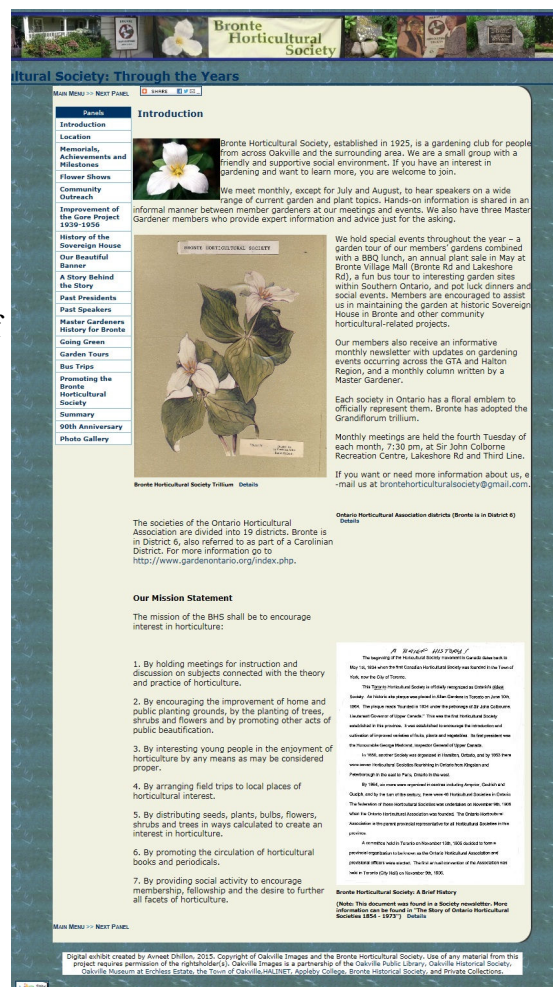
So now, anyone in the world with a computer and access to the web can read the story of Bronte Horticultural Society by clicking on the link:

<http://images.oakville.halinet.on.ca/368/Exhibit>

This exhibit is "user friendly"; the material (including illustrations) is organized in chapters/panels. There are many opportunities for more detailed viewing of subject matter.

Questions as to "how to get started" on a similar project for your society, or comments regarding the process or content of this project are welcome – Please reach us at:

[brontehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:brontehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com).



## 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, 2016. 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.

## Resolutions and Annual Information Report

can be found at: [www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php)

New version of the Resolutions have been forwarded to the Webmaster for uploading. Also the Annual Information Report for 2015 will be updated and posted shortly.

## Youth Club Grant

For the Youth Club Grant as well as all awards and grants can be found on:

[www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### GardenOntario Week

The OHA is pleased to launch its second **GardenOntario Week** which will be held June 11-19, 2016. Inspired by the National Gardening Week events organized by the Royal Horticultural Society ("RHS"), our event is fashioned similar to theirs and we are hoping that our societies, partnering organizations and other groups will join in and share their knowledge and love of gardening in their communities across Ontario.

Here are a few things you can start thinking about if you would like to get involved in 2016.

### 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. You do not have to belong to the OHA to join in the festivities. 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! Everyone in Ontario is welcome to participate in GardenOntario Week.

### Spread the word

Don't forget to share your stories and photos with us in the Trillium, on Facebook and Twitter and on our GardenOntario Week web page which we hope to have up and running in the early spring of 2016. Stay tuned...



## Message from the Editor

Some of you may know that I just returned from a 15 day guided tour of China. We flew 13 hours from Toronto to Beijing, then boarded a smaller aircraft to take us to Kunming in the Yunnan province. In Kunming we visited the provincial museum, and the flower and bird market in the old town. The following day we visited the famous Stone Forest... wow! What a beautiful site. These formations, caused by the erosion of limestone, are believed to be over 270 million years old.

The following day we boarded a bus and headed off to Dali where we visited the Three Pagodas, where there is an estimated one million people living around the Erthai Lake. We experienced a workshop for making batik in Lijiang, after which we headed to Shangri-La - known for its beauty and appearance of serenity, the city built on the Tibetan plateau at 3250 meters above sea level. We certainly had to take our time climbing to the monastery of the doctrine of Yellow Hats, which is one of 13 famous monasteries. After spending a few days in Lijiang we flew to Chongqing where we boarded our cruise ship along the Yangtze river. (the population of Chongqing is the same as all of Canada - over 32 million people!) During our remaining five days on the cruise we visited the red pavilion of nine floors which leans against the side of the hill, did an excursion thru the tributary stream of the Lesser Three Gorges. We also did an excursion to the Three Gorges Dam - the worlds largest hydro electric project. Over 1.2 million people along the Yangtze river were relocated in order to build this dam project. The main purpose of this project was/is to control the flooding along the river. After a few more days of touring, we flew back to Beijing and then home to Toronto.

So what's this have to do with gardening and horticulture. It was amazing to see the farmland, how they use up any nook and cranny to garden. Along the side of the highways, plateaus, steep hills. And the majority of these farms are worked by hand, no large farm equipment. Watering their gardens/farmland is done by hand with a bucket and ladle. Anyone

wanting to farm gets 660 square meters per family member. Due to the timing of my trip, we didn't see much of the crops in bloom as it's now their winter/rainy season.

We did get to visit Chinese Gardens which were very beautiful even in the rainy season. I can only imagine how spectacular they would be when in bloom.



From Wikipedia:

The **Chinese garden** is a landscape garden style which has evolved over three thousand years. It includes both the vast gardens of the Chinese emperors and members of the imperial family, built for pleasure and to impress, and the more intimate gardens created by scholars, poets, former government officials, soldiers and merchants, made for reflection and escape from the outside world. They create an idealized miniature landscape, which is meant to express the harmony that should exist between man and nature.

A typical Chinese garden is enclosed by walls and includes one or more ponds, rock works, trees and flowers, and an assortment of halls and pavilions within the garden, connected by winding paths and zig-zag galleries. By moving from structure to structure, visitors can view a series of carefully composed scenes, unrolling like a scroll of landscape paintings.

All in all it was a great experience. Lots of people, lots of history and culture. As with most things, it was great to get away, but always good to come home. Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and all the very best for 2016.

**Helen Scutt, Agriculture Organization Specialist**

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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](mailto:secretary@gardenontario.org) with the name and District No. (if applicable)

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