

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful



*Soon nature's beauty will be in full bloom.
- picture by Bernice Green*

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Some of the many available resources can be found on www.gardenontario.org

Now available on the GardenOntario website:
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 this year's convention.

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GardenOntario Week is back!

Last year the OHA quietly launched its latest initiative known as **GardenOntario Week** which was held on June 13-21, 2015. Inspired by the National Gardening Week events organized by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), our event was fashioned similar to theirs hoping to inspire our societies, partnering organizations and other groups to join in and share their knowledge and love of gardening in their communities across Ontario.

What a response! Over 75+ activities were posted on our GardenOntario Week webpage which was created by Past-President Carol Dunk. While the majority of these horticulture-related events were organized by OHA members, some community organizations and garden centres joined in the fun and created their very own. In District 13 where I live, we had an activity scheduled for every day but one. I visited Open Houses, participated in litter pickups and tree plantings, attended a Garden Art Festival as well as various community beautification projects and even enjoyed an organic smoothie at Algoma University's People's Garden. I was exhausted but elated and definitely proud to be part of the OHA!

The Executive at the request of the Board this past fall, has been working hard to expand GardenOntario Week which will take place June 11-19 this year. We have contacted several web site design/marketing firms to explore a revamp of our OHA website and we are committed to having our new GardenOntario webpage up and running by mid-March.

We have also spoken with Michel Gauthier of the Canadian Garden Council (CGC). The CGC organizes Garden Days, a three day celebration of National Garden Day held annually on the Friday before Father's Day. This year, Garden Days will run June 17-19 at the end of the OHA GardenOntario Week. We had a fruitful discussion and both the CGC and the OHA have agreed to partner in promoting each other's events this year and meet at the end of summer to plan for next year.

I have been saving the best news for last. Lee Valley and the OHA met via teleconference on numerous occasions after the 2015 Convention in Ancaster. As most of you are aware, Lee Valley is a family-owned business that offers quality woodworking and gardening tools since 1978. They have a solid reputation for integrity, customer satisfaction and excellent service. We are very proud to announce that Lee Valley has agreed to sponsor the GardenOntario Week this year. Stay tuned for further updates.

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 in 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 when it is up and running in mid-March.

Suzanne Hanna

Congratulations on Your Retirement, Sharon Hill, Past OHA Treasurer

In October 2015, Sharon Hill announced her retirement from the OHA Treasurer position. Sharon worked through until the end of January 2016 to assist us with completing year end book keeping requirements and to transition everything over to the new treasurer.

On behalf of the OHA Board of Directors, we would like to thank Sharon for her years of service and dedication to the OHA. Sharon worked as OHA Treasurer from 2005 to 2016. Thank you Sharon for everything you have done for us. To recognize Sharon for her years of service, a retirement gift will be presented to Sharon at her District AGM or at a time convenient to her. You will be missed Sharon!!



Introducing the New OHA Treasurer, Mary Donnelly

The OHA Board of Directors is very excited to welcome Mary Donnelly to the OHA Board of Directors. Please join us in welcoming Mary as the new OHA Treasurer!!

Mary began her career in Stratford, Ontario working at a bank as a computer operations/programming technician. After working there for a few years she learned that accounting was more suited to her.



In 1989 she started working as an accounting assistant for a Computer Technology company in London, Ontario. Her work, in the beginning, included recording the day-to-day accounting for the company, bank reconciliations for multiple bank accounts, accounts payable and accounts receivable functions. The company went through several mergers and Mary progressed with each merger. By 1997 she was responsible for all of the company's Accounting, Office and Human Resource needs and reported directly to the company president. This was an awesome career for Mary and she enjoyed her position and people she worked for very much.

After the birth of her second child she decided to stay at home and raise her children fulltime. She and her husband moved out of the city to a small town where they felt it would be great place to raise their boys. While at home with her children, Mary volunteered extensively at her children's schools and in the community. She participated on library committees, School Council, helped in class rooms and even ran homework help programs. She also picked up a part-time job as a bookkeeper for a small business.

Mary enjoys reading, the outdoors and spending time with family. Although she wouldn't consider herself to be a gardener yet this position will surely steer her in that direction.

The new OHA Treasurer can be reached at:

Mary Donnelly, OHA Treasurer
246 Allen Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0, Email: treasurer@gardenontario.org

Get the Jump on Spring

Spring is here! ...or at least, it was on February 20, when over a thousand people attended ***Get the Jump on Spring***, the first garden show of the season at the Toronto Botanical Garden. The day featured ten speakers and demonstrators, with subjects that ranged from environmental gardening through to urban chicken raising, floral design, monarch butterflies, and the gardens of the Loire Valley.

The day also featured a flower show and winter tours of the outside gardens. Among the dozens of vendors and exhibitors inside were nurseries, beekeepers, organic farmers, environmental groups, specialty plant societies, and seven Toronto-area horticultural societies.

Get the Jump on Spring is a free-of-charge and volunteer-driven event that has been running annually for over twenty years, and is a joint effort of the Toronto Botanical Garden and OHA District 5.



Left: District 5 members Dawn McEachern, Ellen Power, and Nancy Serrick share some information with Reggie Morgan, of the Ontario Daylily Society



Above: Ellen Power and Cindy Scythes at the OHA table."



Bottom Left: The Floral Hall at the Toronto Botanical Garden is abuzz with activity as visitors enjoy the day

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**Non Profit and
Charity Insurance**

The Co-operators

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Additional info regarding the OHA
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<http://gardenontario.org/abo/insurance.php>



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**Note: Please enclose a self-addressed stamped
envelope if you wish to receive a receipt.**



Kitchener, Ontario
July 29, 30 and 31, 2016

Experience the Grand

OHA CONVENTION 110
Hosted by District 19



Welcome to the 2016 OHA Convention!!

District 19 is delighted to host the 110th OHA Convention on July 29, 30 and 31, 2016 in the Region of Waterloo. Our venue is the Crowne Plaza Hotel Kitchener-Waterloo, 105 King Street East, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 2K8. It is located in the Market District of downtown Kitchener with walking distance to many restaurants and local attractions.

Our volunteer team has planned many unique and entertaining activities to reflect the convention theme ***"Experience the Grand"***.



Saturday Night, the Awards Banquet will feature our keynote speaker Dr. Ken Shonk. He will be speaking about humour and the benefits of working with the land and plants.

The Region of Waterloo is well known for its handcrafted patchwork quilts. The Silent Auction will feature a raffle of a quilt made by several members of the Wilmot Horticultural Society. Some of the quilters include (from left - right): Pat Luckhart, Mary Ellen Zehr and Ruth Trussler.



Friday night, experience a traditional Oktoberfest with a Silent Auction and Raffle. Enjoy a traditional Bavarian menu and listen to the musical entertainment provided by the award winning Oompah band Twin City Alpine Echo. Don your Lederhosen (for men) or Dirndl (for women) and shake your feathers in a "Chicken Dance".



Enjoy the speakers, seminars, workshops, tours and activities that reflect our unique District.
For more convention information, please see our district website:

<http://www.district19oha.org/2016-convention.html>

The OHA Convention Registration Form will be ready shortly and will be found on the gardenontario.org website under the "Convention" tab.

Waterford & District Horticultural Society

The Waterford & District Horticultural Society held a well-attended Dedication Day in September of 2015, when five benches and a tree were added to various Waterford Parks.

A ginkgo tree and bench were placed in Waterford's newest Park in the Yin subdivision in memory of Rose Dyrew who joined the Society in 1977 serving as Treasurer for nine years and later as President, and left a legacy to the Society for use in the Parks. Douglas and Betty Murton were also honoured with a bench in this Park after long-time service on the Executive and were present to enjoy the occasion.

Annie Zaluski, a Past-President and long term head of maintenance for the Parks was honoured with a bench at the Bridge Park, located at the northern entrance to Waterford's business district, and was also present. This Park contains an Ontario Heritage plaque, which outlines early Waterford history in the area of Nanticoke Creek.

Two additional benches were dedicated in the large Park located at the western end of the business district. This Park is located on former Railroad property, now owned by Norfolk County, and was completely renovated by the Society, some years ago under the direction of Past President, Walter Zdriluk. The Society was added with financial and practical help of many Waterford citizens and businesses. It contains several flower beds and many trees which have been planted by the Society, and a boulder with a plaque showing the name of "Waterford Horticultural Place".

The new benches were dedicated to Past Presidents Walter Clark, Don Rusling, and Lyn Pool, and Life Member and long term Director Louise Behrens. Louise served as Convenor of the Flower and Vegetable Show for many years and was present for the dedication but has since passed away. There are various other benches in this park already dedicated to past Executive members and two gazebos also provided by the Society. All of these facilities are being increasingly used by the public because this Park borders the Waterford Lakes and has access to the Waterford Heritage Railway Trail. This now extends from Port Dover through Simcoe and Waterford and into the north end of Brantford.

By: Betty Murton

Top Photo: Recently passed Executive and Life Member Louise Behrens (red jacket) with her long-time friend Helen Hall and Honorary Director on their newly dedicated bench in the Park by the Waterford Antique Market on Alice St.



Middle Photo: Annie Zaluski and her Family, on the recently placed bench in Heritage Bridge Park at the North entrance of the Waterford Business District, corner of Main and Alice St.

Bottom Photo: Many family and friends of Betty and Douglas Murton and Rose Dyrew gathered for the dedications. A Ginkgo tree and plaque honouring Rose's memory was presented. Two benches in honour of Douglas and Betty Murton and Rose Dyrew are all placed at the entrance of the new Yin Park on Yin Street.

Guelph Horticultural Society Turned 115 Years Old

The Guelph Horticultural Society turned 115 years old in 2015, Diane Marchese and Monica Bibby put together this retrospective on the society and its relationship with the city. It was a display that was mounted at the Guelph Civic Museum from April 2015 to January 2016. Thanks also went to Irene Montuori and Elizabeth Smith for their dry floral arrangements.

Note: my apologies to the Guelph Horticultural Society as this submission was omitted in the last issue of the Trillium.



Living Locally Fair Promotes Environmental Stewardship in Russell

On January 16, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in Russell hosted the very popular Living Locally Fair. Every year on the third Saturday of January, St. Thomas Aquinas partners with the Russell and District Horticultural Society to promote environmental stewardship by highlighting local farmers and food producers, artisans and community groups and services. This fair, with its farmer's market atmosphere, draws people not only from nearby communities but from Ottawa, and all over Eastern Ontario. People come to sample local cheeses, chocolates, or smoked meats and home-made ice cream. Other visitors came for fresh ground coffee, organic seeds, or to learn about heritage varieties of cattle and vegetables.



Now in its 8th year, the fair was again a huge success. In its first year, the show had about 35 exhibitors and 650 visitors. This has grown in 2016 to an incredible 134 exhibitors with an estimated 4,000 people in attendance. Admission to the show is free, but donations to the food bank were received. Approximately 25 boxes of food and over \$500 in cash was collected, which will greatly assist the Russell Township Food Bank.

Nipigon-Red Rock Horticultural Society

The Nipigon-Red Rock Horticultural Society purchased two trees for the new Nipigon Rotary Park, through the Ontario Horticultural Association Tree Grant. Society members planted them and attended the Dedication Ceremony of the Rotary Park on July 8, 2015.

Left to Right: Marie Hynna, Assistant District 14 Director, Bruce Hyer, Thunder Bay-Superior North MP, Shirley Robson, District 14 Director, Elvie Choiselat, President, Nipigon-Red Rock Horticultural Society and Nipigon Mayor, Richard Harvey.



North Toronto Horticultural 90th Anniversary 1926 - 2016

North Toronto Horticultural (NTH) history includes 90 years membership with OHA, District 5, and 39 years of meeting at the Toronto Botanical Gardens (Civic Garden Center). A review of the NTH archives reveals that in April 1926, a group of North Toronto residents, after consultation with the OHA, formed the Eglinton District Horticultural Society. From the beginning in 1926, Eglinton Horticultural Society was affiliated with OHA / District 5.

The record shows that in December 1937, after discussions with the OHA, Eglinton District Horticultural Society changed their name to the North Toronto Horticultural Society.

From the Toronto Star, April 14, 1926:

EGLINTON HORTICULTURE

With A. E. Roberts as its first president, the Eglinton Horticultural Society was organized at the Eglinton Avenue School at Mt Pleasant Road and Eglinton Avenue. W. Allan gave an address on "Spring in the Garden," and J. Lockie Wilson told of the work of horticultural societies. The new body has a membership of 100. "Mr. Wilson was the Superintendent of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture."

Eglinton Hort boundary was established as follows: Avenue Road to Bayview Avenue, CPR railway line (Summerhill Avenue) to Toronto northern city limits (Hoggs Hollow).

Eglinton Hort Objectives: Hold monthly meetings with speakers, monthly flower shows, garden competi-

tions, annual flower and vegetable show, educational horticultural programmes, and community beautification.

Eglinton Hort Motto: Horticulture, Health and Happiness

In 90 years, NTH has had 39 Presidents. Through the enthusiastic leadership of these presidents, NTH has acquired a reputation for excellence in both horticulture and floral design. Many aspiring Judges and Master Gardeners have joined NTH to gain experience while they took these courses. The many successes of NTH over the years at various competitions, in addition to the individual successes of their members, confirms that this reputation was well deserved.

A significant achievement for NTH was winning, at the OHA District 5 AGM meetings for nine consecutive years, the "Award for "Best Horticultural Society".

North Toronto Horticulture has and will continue to support and encourage its members to become accredited judges for roses, horticultural, and floral design.

The North Toronto Horticultural Society monthly meetings, at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, continues to promote and encourage the love of Horticulture and Floral Design in an atmosphere of goodwill and friendship.

Mary Ann Ankenman President
North Toronto Horticultural Society

Sat. July 16, 2016 10am ~ 4 pm

“Dream Gardens Tour”

Through Seven Ancaster Gardens



Tickets: \$20

*Includes entry to seven
Ancaster gardens, a map
and Tea & Treats
in
Fieldcote Museum Park*



**Ancaster Horticultural Society Presents “Dream Gardens”
In Support Of Fieldcote Museum’s Expansion Project.**

TICKETS: available starting **May 14, 2016**

IN PERSON at: -Fieldcote Museum, -Ancaster Library

OUT OF TOWN to reserve a ticket for pick up on Tour day **OR** for

More Information: www.ancasterhort.org **OR** **Contact:** ancasterhort.soc@ancasterhort.org

905-304-3708

LaSalle Horticultural Society

Our Christmas dinner is paid for each year by our society to thank the paid members for their loyalty and help through-out the year. It was a great evening with over 45 attending. We had great fun with our secret Santa gift exchange. There were also great door and raffle prizes, followed by great desserts. We also collect food for our local food bank during this general meeting. A great success!

We are excited to be now advertising our society at the local Vollmer complex with the purchase of six arena seats.

October we had a great speaker, retired school teacher and master bee keeper Ron Kerr come in and do a talk and demonstration on bee keeping. Boy our audience at this meeting where sure captivated. We even have a couple people interested in starting their own hives come this spring.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW OHA TRILLIUM EDITOR

Our current OHA Trillium Editor, Bernice Green is retiring at the end of the year. The OHA is currently seeking a new editor for the organization's quarterly newsletter. This position involves the following responsibilities.

The Trillium Editor:

- ♦ Solicits, edits, and collates content provided by the OHA Executive and Directors, as well as articles from representatives of local horticultural societies throughout Ontario. Currently, the deadline dates for copy are February 21 (spring issue), May 21 (summer issue), August 21 (fall issue), and November 21 (winter issue). The newsletter generally consists of either 16 or 28 pages.
- ♦ Communicates with the OHA Secretary to ensure that important notices and directives from the OHA Board are included in the appropriate issues.
- ♦ Provides the DRAFT Trillium to the OHA Board for review in advance of finalizing the newsletter.
- ♦ Emails the electronic newsletter to the OHA Distributor for distribution to societies, subscribers, and sponsors on or about the 24th of February, May, August, and November.

The successful applicant will have the support of the current editor to ensure a smooth transition.

Applications should be emailed to OHA Secretary Kelly Taylor at secretary@gardenontario.org by May 1, 2016.

Please include a one page synopsis of your qualifications. There is a small honorarium with this position.

A Tribute to Page Doris Campbell of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society

In October 2015, the St. Catharines Horticultural Society lost a valued member. Doris Campbell had been a member of the Society for over 50 years and served as secretary for 17 of those years.

How does a society thank someone like Doris? Yes, you give her flowers as she retires as secretary, you make her a life member, you take her flowers at Christmas when she can no longer come to meetings, you make sure she gets her 50 year pin but none of those tributes add up to all that she gave the Society.

I was new to the society when I joined the executive as treasurer. I hate to think of the mistakes I would have made without her guidance. She was still secretary when I became president. Doris knew the history of what we had done and where we had been. She knew what we needed to do and who should do it. She knew who was who in the city and how to contact them. Minutes – always correct and on time and she typed them. Few people had computers but Doris always had the best in typewriters. I was always advised when mail arrived. Doris served many organizations and I know they too only got the best from her.

Doris was a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, an excellent seamstress and a gardener. She will be missed by so many. Thanks Doris for everything.



Agincourt Garden Club

At our monthly meeting on Monday, January 11th, 2016, Bruce Vodden (President, Agincourt Garden Club) presented Norma Heaver and Ann Steffener with the "Judging/Exhibiting Service Certificate" for outstanding efforts in judging and exhibiting.

Norma has been an active member and convenor of our monthly and annual flower shows of the Agincourt Garden Club for over 50 years and Ann has been for over 30 years.

Norma has entered in both Design and cut specimen classes winning many "red" ribbons and best in shows over the years. Ann has also entered in these shows and received many a "red" ribbon. Both have been active members of the Agincourt Garden Club Board of Directors for many years lending their expertise and encouraging new members to participate in the flower shows and to follow in their footsteps. Norma also served as President of the Agincourt Garden Club in 1974.

Norma and Ann are certainly deserving of this award.
Bruce Vodden, President, Agincourt Garden Club



Norma Heaver and Ann Steffener accepting their award from Bruce Vodden, President, Agincourt Garden Club

Paris Horticultural Society

As a non-profit organization, these two events (described below) are our major annual fundraisers. The funds are used for public plantings around the Town of Paris, including education, a bursary to a graduating student from Paris District High school and for our society's horticultural programs.

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th, 2016 8 am to 11 am

Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena, 51 William Street, Paris, Ont. N3L 1L2.

Large selection of perennial favorites' from members' gardens, vegetables, herbs annuals etc.

Master Gardener on site. Plant Auction to follow. Coffee with muffin \$1.00.

Call Carol 519-442-3918 or email rboos3918@rogers.com for details

Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour

Saturday & Sunday, June 4 & 5th, 2016 from 10 am to 4 PM

in conjunction with Springtime in Paris.

Five gorgeous gardens to visit. Tickets \$10.00 per person.

Call Mel 519-442-3754 or email melandlinda@hotmail.com for details.

Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director, Paris Horticultural Society
519-442-9767, serryn@execulink.com

CHINGUACOUSY GARDEN CLUB'S

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 28 May 2016

**Earnscliffe Recreation Centre
44 Eastbourne Dr
Brampton
(south of Queen east of Bramalea)**

8:30am to 2pm



*COLUMBINE
(AQUILEGIA CANADENSIS)*

A member of the Ontario Horticultural Association District 15

Check out the OHA website: www.gardenontario.org

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Leaside Garden Society

The Leaside Garden Society will be holding a Plant Sale on
Saturday May 14
9 am to 12 noon
at the
Trace Manes Community Centre in
Leaside

The Magical Gardens of Leaside Tour

will take place on
June 18th
11 am to 4 pm

Includes a flower show at the
Leaside Library.

Don Beard, Publicity Director,
Leaside Garden Society



Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2016

May 14th - Summer issue

August 21st - Fall issue

November 21st - Winter Issue

Horticultural Society and the New Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)

Horticultural Society Incorporation: Each Horticultural Society is legally incorporated under the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act* (AHOA) – NOT the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act.

OHA Incorporation: The Ontario Horticultural Association is also incorporated as an ‘association’ under the AHOA.

Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act (AHOA): The AHOA is provincial legislation in Ontario that enables non-profit organizations, specifically horticultural societies, agricultural societies and agricultural associations, to be legally incorporated.

Administration of the AHOA: The AHOA is administered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Filing Annual Returns to keep your legal status as a non-profit organization in Ontario: Each horticultural society must file an annual return with OMAFRA. The annual return includes: 1) the list of officers and directors and their addresses; 2) the audited financial statements; 3) the number of members in your society; and 4) the date of your annual meeting. Horticultural societies file their annual return at the same time that you apply for the annual grant.

Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act: Most non-profit organizations in Ontario are incorporated under different legislation called the *Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA). This was formally called the *Corporations Act*. There are many proposed changes for non-profit organizations incorporated under ONCA.

No changes for Horticultural Societies at this time: For Horticultural Societies incorporated under AHOA, at this time, there are NO additional requirements being proposed for horticultural societies.

OMAFRA’s policy has been that where the AHOA is silent, the Corporations Act would be the default. Once the new *Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) has been finalized (date still to be determined), there will be an extended period of time to enact the legislation, and then a transition period for organizations incorporated under ONCA to comply if they need to make governance changes.

Once the final ONCA is passed, OMAFRA will provide the organizations incorporated under AHOA with a factsheet outlining any changes – IF REQUIRED. At the present time, we are proceeding with the status quo.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Helen Scutt, Agriculture Organization Specialist, OMAFRA at Helen.scutt@ontario.ca or 519-826-3115.

To access a copy of the AHOA, please click the following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a09?search=agricultural+and+horticultural+organizations+act>



OHA Supplies List & Order Form

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| 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 | GardenOntario Bookmarks | Free | | | 04-23 | Pin - 45 Year Service Pin | \$5.00 | | |
| 04-01 | Pin - President | \$5.00 | | | 04-20 | Pin - 50 Year Service Pin | \$5.00 | | |
| 04-02 | Pin - Past President | \$5.00 | | | | Note Cards; 5 per pkg w/envelopes | | | |
| 04-03 | Pin - Judge | \$5.00 | | | 05-01 | Trillium Design | \$ 5.00 | | |
| 04-04 | Pin - District Director | \$5.00 | | | 05-02 | 5 packages | \$20.00 | | |
| 04-05 | Pin - Past District Director | \$5.00 | | | 05-03 | Lily Design | \$ 5.00 | | |
| 04-06 | Pin - Secretary | \$5.00 | | | 05-04 | 5 Packages | \$20.00 | | |
| 04-07 | Pin - Treasurer | \$5.00 | | | 05-05 | Fall Colours Design | \$ 5.00 | | |
| 04-08 | Pin - Member | \$5.00 | | | 05-06 | 5 Packages | \$20.00 | | |
| 04-09 | Pin - Youth Leader | \$5.00 | | | 05-08 | Gerbera Design | \$5.00 | | |
| 04-10 | Pin - Life Member | \$5.00 | | | 05-09 | 5 Packages | \$20.00 | | |
| 04-11 | Pin - Assistant District Director | \$5.00 | | | 05-07 | Peel and stick OHA decal | \$ 2.00 | | |
| 04-12 | Pin - Vice President | \$5.00 | | | 06-01 | Society Manual CD - pdf format | \$ 5.00 | | |
| 04-21 | Pin - Society Director | \$5.00 | | | 07-01 | Natural Landscape Resource Booklet | \$ 5.00 | | |
| | | | | | 07-02 | Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Stds | \$ 6.00 | | |
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Updated: August 31, 2013

Omemee Blooms

The Omemee and District Horticultural Society, now also known by our user friendly name, as “Omemee Blooms Garden Club” has been beautifying the village one garden at a time, and on occasion more than one garden at a time for over 75 years. Since the amalgamation of the City of Kawartha Lakes with the increased funding for beautification as well as dedicated village councilors interested in improving the esthetics of the village, we have seen an increase in the number of garden projects in the village.

The Omemee and District Horticultural Society has supplied funding in partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes. We are responsible for designing, planting and maintaining over ten gardens in the village. Our volunteers can be seen regularly working in the village gardens in our bright green shirts. We call ourselves “the green team.” The Omemee Blooms Garden Club matches funds with the City of Kawartha Lakes to purchase plants, shrubs, compost, mulch and fertilizer yearly. On average our share is over \$1000.00 dollars yearly, which we raise mostly from our plant sale. Planting and maintaining the gardens is volunteer hours supplied by the Omemee Blooms Garden Club.

The latest garden projects were in 2015 in gardens at the Omemee Beach and the Omemee Marina/Boat Launch. These two gardens had become very overgrown with invasive plants and weeds, the wooden edging had rotted away on the marina bed and both beds needed the soil amended. Both gardens were given a total makeover with hardscaping, new soil and plant material. These locations attract tourists as well as being used by the local people in the village and area so it was a huge benefit for the village to have these new gardens.

The Marina/boat Launch, which is located at 64 Colbourne St just north of the King St Bridge, is a very busy well-used picturesque location with green space, mature trees, picnic benches, the Pigeon River with a boat launching area, and a beautiful new garden. The flowerbeds were prepared for armour stone edging. We used a modified form of “lasagna” gardening in this flowerbed. The top layer of the old nutrient depleted weedy soil was removed, wet leaf bags, which will decompose, but will also smother any remaining weeds were placed over the remaining soil. Then sterilized weed free leaf compost was placed over the leaf bags. The leaf bags will eventually decompose, weeds will be killed and the earthworms will do their magic and mix the underlying soil and compost.

The garden was planted with low maintenance, drought tolerant sedums and ornamental grasses. The finishing touch for this garden was the addition of three huge granite boulders, which are

very much a part of the landscape of our area. Colourful annuals will be added to the garden in the spring for that added punch of colour.

The Omemee Beach Garden on Rutland Street is the historic original site of three Omemee Schools. The original public school stood on the site from 1859-1884 the second school The Grammar School 1884-1904 the last school The High School established in 1904 was destroyed by fire in 1964.

A garden was planted a number of years ago with a granite boulder and plaque to commemorate the historic Omemee School site, but over the years the garden became over run with invasive plants and overgrown shrubs and was in constant need of edging to keep the grass from taking over the garden.

The total makeover project on this garden was started in 2014 with the cleaning and raising of the commemorative rock and then placing it on a compacted gravel base. The overgrown shrubs and all plant material was removed. Plants that were removed were sold at our plant sale and some were donated to other gardens.

In 2015 we removed any remaining weeds and vegetation and depleted soil, then the outside perimeter of the garden was prepared for the armour stone edging. We used guillotine cut armour stone for this garden edging. A modified “lasagna” garden technique was used for this garden as well with the wet leaf bags and then filling the garden with sterilized weed free leaf compost.

This garden is mostly shade with part sun so we went with shade tolerant plants as well as three part shade/part sun Standard Lime-light Hydrangea.

The garden was designed with three vignettes to carry through with the three school theme. A planting vignette was made in the corners and behind the commemorative stone of the triangular shaped bed. The highlight and focal point for each vignette was the beautiful Standard Limelight Hydrangea.

Plans are being made to rededicate the historic Omemee School site during OntarioGarden Week June 11-19 2016.

The Omemee Beach, with its new fountain for the beach, sandy beach, children’s play area, beautiful green space with mature trees, picnic area, public washrooms and the new garden commemorating the historic Omemee Schools is a beautiful area for the people of the village and tourists to visit and enjoy.

For information or to become a member of ODHS/Omemee Blooms Garden Club see our web site www.omemeeblooms.ca

Joanne Windrem Master Gardener



We Celebrated in Style!

Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society's 90th Anniversary Story

The Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society in District 5 celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2015. Our club was first formed and registered as the Scarborough Horticultural Society on March 1, 1925 and our current name was adopted in 1995 to reflect the growing interest in gardening.

We began our anniversary year at our March general meeting with a celebratory cake (made by our President), balloons, and party loot bags (containing gardening related items) for all attendees while some members dressed up in costumes from the twenties. The next month one of our members presented a power point presentation she had put together on our Society.

The year was full of activities: our usual 10 general meetings with a speaker and mini show for each; 10 issues of our newsletter 'Garden Cuttings'; a successful plant sale in May; a photography workshop; a floral design class; a couple of bus trips (to the Peterborough Garden Show and to tour 3 unique gardens in Northumberland County); a members' garden tour and social; our annual flower show in September; our second annual photo contest and the usual outreach talks and members' labour at various gardens in Scarborough.

As a special 90th Anniversary project, using a professional filmmaker, we produced a DVD of some of our members' gardens which was made available at cost to our members. The final event for our Anniversary year was our annual pot luck & gala where we showed the DVD and presented our awards and the membership pins for long time members. All attendees received a packet of seeds of *Aquilegia canadensis*, our Club flower and pens commemorating our 90th anniversary year.

The only downside to our year was the hiatus put on our junior club members' activities. As the OHA had neglected to register with the Toronto Police Service, we were unable to obtain the PRC required for our youth leader, hence all junior club activities from late spring onwards were put on hold. We look forward to having this situation re-

solved soon and having a productive year for all members of our Club in 2016.

*Submitted by
Sandy Imada,
Secretary & Editor
'Garden Cuttings',
SGHS*



You're Not Going to Believe This!

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Leaside Garden Society. Like most clubs, we have had our ups and downs, but we are determined that in 2016 we will celebrate! We have much to be proud of. We plant and maintain several gardens in the community, in some cases with the enthusiastic help of Grade 3 classes from local schools; each year we have a roster of fascinating speakers and often have a "full house" for our meetings; we have shows that go from strength to strength; and we enter District 5 shows and Canada Blooms with great success.

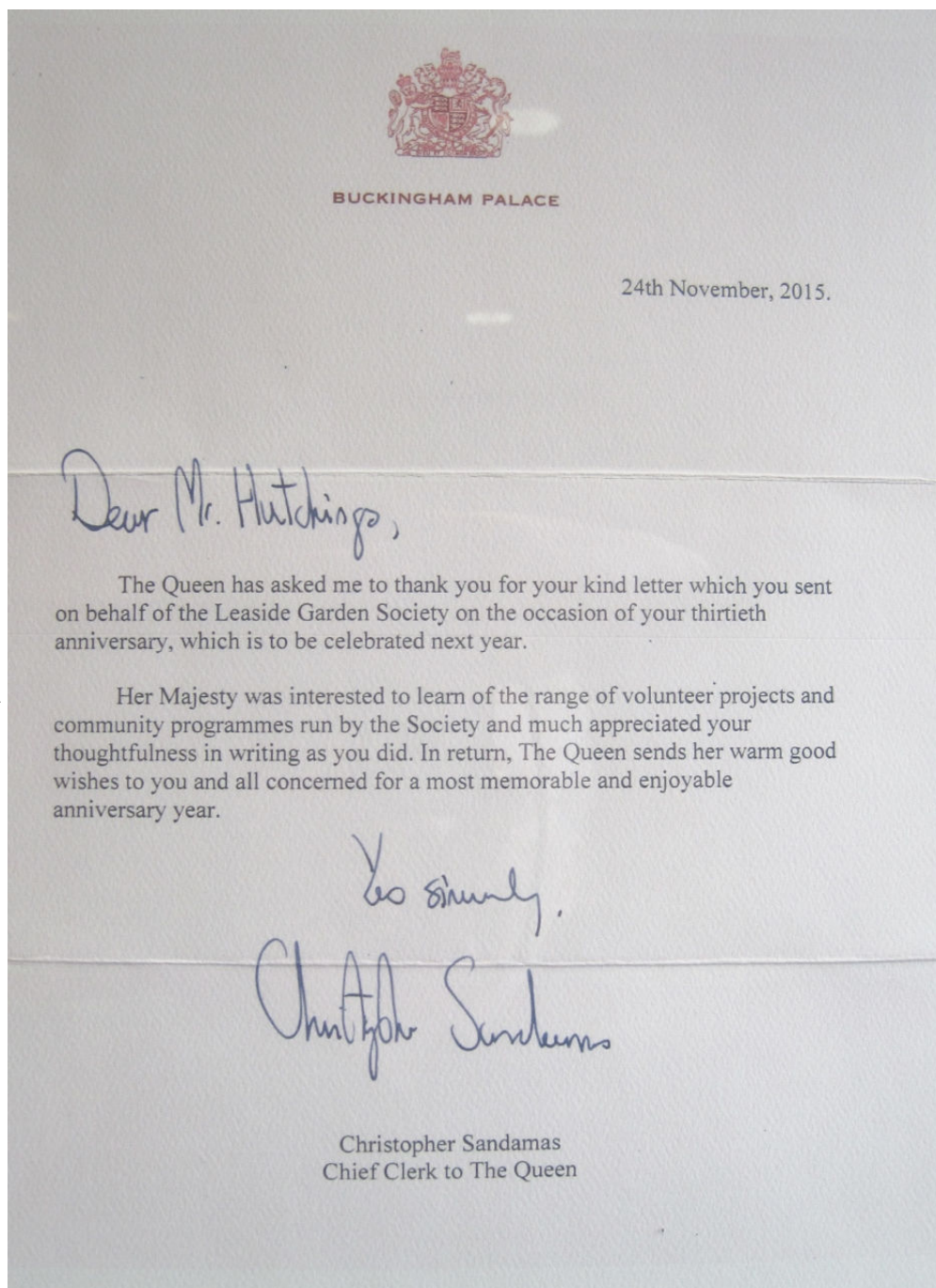
So it's no surprise that we have a congratulatory message from the Governor General David Johnston, as well as one from Mayor Tory, and another from the premier Kathleen Wynne.

Who would ever have believed that through the persistence of one of our members we would receive greetings from Buckingham Palace? We were informed that the Queen was interested to hear about the range of our volunteer projects and our efforts to beautify Leaside and sent her warm good wishes for a memorable and enjoyable anniversary year!!!

These letters are now on display in the Library where we have our meetings, for all to see.

The club is working to find a proper way to commemorate this milestone within the community, our hope being that we can work with the city to renovate a small bed in the park close to the library where we meet, with plantings of shrubs and perennials. We are waiting for word from the city before we develop a fully fledged plan and then, with luck, it will be full speed ahead.

Joanna Blanchard,
President, Leaside Garden Society





Milton & District Horticultural Society

Annual Plant Sale & Silent Auction

Saturday, May 14th, 2016 from 9am to 1pm
Milton Fairgrounds, Halls 1 & 2,
136 Robert Street, Milton, ON



- A wide variety of plants will be offered for sale: annuals, perennials, trees, herbs, vegetables, and shrubs.
- Master Gardeners are available to answer your gardening questions.
- Our knowledgeable members will also be able to answer your questions and help you choose plants depending upon your needs.
- Our Silent Auction has something for everyone. It features garden decor, gift certificates for garden services, garden tools, restaurant gift certificates, and many more items to bid on.

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

For more information email Marion Linkert at mlinkert@hotmail.com

NOTE: The schedules for the Photography competitions 2016 and 2017 are available on the OHA website by using the following link: <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pho.php>

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Convention Acknowledgement

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

August 2013