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# Trillium

## *Experience the Grand*

*110th OHA Convention*

*hosted by District 19*

*July 29, 30 and 31, 2016*

*Waterloo Region at the*

*Crowne Plaza Hotel Kitchener-Waterloo*



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Some of the many available resources can be found on [www.gardenontario.org](http://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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(as of May 23, 2016)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I dig up a lot of plants in the course of any given year. I am sure that most of you are aware of the fact that a real gardener's patch never stands still for long. His or her plants are like gypsies, always on the move and on the lookout for a better spot. Often, a favourite perennial or shrub has become too cramped in its current site and needs more room for its roots to spread or perhaps there is experimentation with plant combinations that requires a relocation. More likely though, inspiration has struck the plant enthusiast in the wee hours of the night and the resulting new garden bed or border is in need of surplus plants to provide its structure and personality.

Every now and then, however, the strenuous digging is not restricted to regular gardening tasks but is, instead, relegated to a higher purpose, such as a plant rescue, which calls upon a gardener's sense of environmental stewardship and passion for all living things. In such cases, there is an overriding sense of responsibility to save plants from housing developments and construction bulldozers that bring about certain doom. I've been involved in numerous plant rescues over the years. I remember one such rescue that involved a resident who wished to find homes for perennials, trees and shrubs she had inherited with her home purchase before the local utility company dug up her front yard to complete a necessary repair.

Of course, my favourite rescue arose close to a decade ago when several city blocks of homes were purchased by my city and slated for demolition to make room for a new truck route. In both cases, time was of the essence. In order to get the precious plants lifted out of the ground before the bulldozers appeared, a team of Horticultural Society volunteers rose to the challenge and dug for all they were worth. Numerous vehicles carried away hundreds of plants to be repotted and given new homes within our community. Retrieving plants from proposed construction sites is not as easy as it sounds. You cannot legally enter an area and help yourself to whatever you find or you'll be charged with trespass. Instead you must do some background work and determine the current owner of the land in question and apply for permission to conduct a rescue. Be prepared to show proof that you have liability insurance and will not create any further damage with your proposed actions. State your intentions clearly and certainly abide by all the set conditions if you do receive the okay to proceed. It certainly pays to scout out the area first and determine what is of value so you can assess how long the dig will take and how many avid volunteers you will need to round up to do the rescue work.

When entering a rescue site, be prepared to dress to minimize potential injuries. Wear pants and long sleeved tops because rose briars draw blood and you never know if you will encounter poison ivy or nettles that can cause painful welts or itchy rashes on unprotected skin. Look out for broken glass and protruding nails caused by senseless vandals and wear protective footwear, a hat and work gloves. Be sure that your tetanus shot is up to date (every 8-10 years) and carry a first aid kit in your car to handle any emergencies. Always visit a site in pairs so there is someone who can seek help if an injury does occur. It pays to be safe rather than sorry.

Most of us who have done rescue work before appreciate having the right tools on hand to get the job done quickly. A transplanting spade, garden fork and all-purpose shovel along with a sharp pair of pruners are essential for tackling deep roots and large clumps of perennials. A good supply of plastic bags, buckets, and boxes will hold the newly dug plants and a wheelbarrow is invaluable for transporting them back to a waiting vehicle. While a truck is handy, any car equipped with a large tarp will suffice. When you have completed your dig, be sure to collect your litter and belongings and leave the area.

Once you arrive home, unload the plants and give them a good long drink of water and place them in either a previously prepared holding area or pot them up in containers in a protected area of your yard. Don't forget to label and prune back the plants by a third to help them recover from the shock of being transplanted. Plant rescues do not extend into wild areas unless there is imminent danger for the plants involved by development. There is no excuse for digging up wild plants in their native landscape. Check out Wild One's Plant Rescue Guidelines:

[www.wildones.org/download/plantrescue/guidelines.pdf](http://www.wildones.org/download/plantrescue/guidelines.pdf) for more information. If you are aware of any plants requiring rescue from construction activity, contact your local horticultural society in your area. We can all be stewards of the Earth.

Suzanne Hanna

## Secretary's Report

Happy Spring Everyone! What a spring full of wacky weather we've had! Convention is fast approaching and in preparation for it, there are some important documents and links I need to share with you:

**OHA 2015 Convention Minutes:** The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from Ancaster 2015 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at: <http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/OHAConventionMinutesJuly3-52015.pdf>

This year's convention is being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Kitchener/Waterloo from July 29-31, 2016. This year's theme is *"Experience the Grand"*. **Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes June 27, 2016.**

For your society Proxy Authorization Form, an electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to: [ohasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ohasecretary@gmail.com). Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and returned by July 15, 2016 so the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

**Proxy Forms Link:** <http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

**OHA Convention Question Form:** If you are interested in having an OHA Convention Question answered, please send the completed form to me, available on the gardenontario site: [http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha\\_convention\\_question\\_form.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha_convention_question_form.pdf) by July 15, 2016.

Please take some time to review the many resolutions this year and have your voice heard. Please cast your vote! Safe Travels to Kitchener/Waterloo.

**In Memoriam Tribute at Convention:** If you would like to have your society or district's names included in the OHA In Memoriam Tribute at convention, please send these to me by July 15, 2016 at [ohasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ohasecretary@gmail.com). We will have an In Memoriam Table at convention where you may see the OHA In Memoriam Book, as well as all names presented at this year's convention.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor OHA Secretary



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#### The Co-operators

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Additional info regarding the OHA Insurance Plan can also be found at: <http://gardenontario.org/abo/insurance.php>



# Garden Ontario Week

June 11-19

GardenOntario Week will take place from June 11-19, 2016. Currently a new micro site created by Urban & Co. Inc. is now available on our OHA Website [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) is up and running as we speak.

We are pleased to announce that Lee Valley has agreed to sponsor GardenOntario Week this year and that the Canadian Garden Council will be promoting our OHA events during their Garden Days which are held June 17-19th.

Be sure to upload details of your events and activities on the Events Calendar. Let us know about your Open Houses, Garden Tours, talks and demonstrations so we can encourage the love of gardening in our communities. Let's spread the word far and wide!



## Persistence has abundant rewards

Gardening yields the best results when you take the time to do it right. Our website is like our ever-blooming garden, and that is why we took our time to manually manipulate it. You'll now find over 1600 gardening products in the Gardening section of our website, with product descriptions that are accurate and informative.

 **Lee Valley**

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

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## Highway of Heroes Program



At the March meeting of the OHA Board of Directors it was agreed to take the initiative to support the Highway of Heroes Program to plant 117,000 trees along the corridor of the 401 from Trenton to Keele St. in Toronto. We created a letter sent to all societies through the Districts to ask for donations to help with this project. The OHA also agreed to match donations up to a minimum of \$2,500.00.

The program through the OHA runs until June 30<sup>th</sup> so we can announce the results at the convention. The response has been so overwhelming I am very pleased to advise you that as of the middle of May we have already reached a total of \$7,305.00 and to that will be added the \$2,500.00 from the OHA.

The money raised will go to the planting of the trees. A private donor has covered the administrative costs. All the trees are native to Ontario, to this particular grow zone. Thank you to everyone who has supported this program so far.

You can get further information on the program by going to the website [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) and clicking on the Highway of Heroes link and/or go to <http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/HighwayOfHeroesAndOHAPartnershipAnnouncement.pdf>

Any further questions can be directed to Rose Odell at [vp@gardenontario.org](mailto:vp@gardenontario.org)







Kitchener, Ontario  
July 29, 30 and 31, 2016

# Experience the Grand

OHA CONVENTION 110  
Hosted by District 19



## Hello Fellow Gardeners

It is my “**GRAND**” pleasure to invite you to attend the 110<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention. Please join us from July 29 to 31, 2016 in the City of Kitchener in the Region of Waterloo.

Our theme is to ***Experience the Grand!*** Our goal is to have ***FUN!!***

Some of the convention highlights include:

- **Bus Trips** – Six unique destinations featuring Langdon Hall tour and dinner, private gardens, Mennonite farm garden, and West Montrose covered bridge.
- **Speakers** – Learn about plant propagation, plant pruning, plant pollinators (bees), and garden myths and poisons. Watch a demonstration of Ikebana (Japanese Floral Design).
- **Competitions** – Compete in the various horticultural competitions or enjoy viewing the various entries.



On Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, stay for an evening of **FUN!!** Experience a traditional **Oktoberfest** that includes a Bavarian menu and the music of the award winning Twin City Alpine Echo "Oompah" Band. Get a raffle ticket (\$3 or 2 for \$5) for your chance to win a handmade, pieced queen size quilt made by members of District 19.

Our **Silent Auction** includes:

- A fabulous gift basket from Fish Farm Supply in Elmira. Everything for the home pond. **Value \$125**
- A one night stay at the Colonial Creekside Bed and Breakfast in Waterloo. Two adults stay in the luxurious Suite Cherry and enjoy the indoor swimming pool and personalized continental breakfast basket. **Value \$150**
- A one night stay at the Courtyard Waterloo St. Jacobs. Two adults stay in a Whirlpool Fireplace Superior rooms and breakfast in the Bistro. **Value \$175**
- A Ryobi 40 volt edger and trimmer with battery and recharging station with a five year warranty and gift receipt. **Value \$220**
- Two Sundance Balloon (hot air) rides. Various flight locations are available. Enjoy the ride of a lifetime! Value of each ticket **\$325** plus tax.



The **Gala Banquet Dinner**, on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> is your opportunity to enjoy James Graham's recipe for chicken Kiev, celebrate the accomplishments of the various award winners and laugh at the jokes of our keynote speaker Dr. Ken Shonk.

Hope to see you in July, Gary Brenner, Director, District 19

Please see [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) for convention and registration details.





# Experience the Grand

**Early  
registration  
deadline is  
JUNE 27!**

## District 19 hosts the 110th OHA Convention on July 29, 30 and 31, 2016 in Waterloo Region at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Kitchener-Waterloo.

Enjoy the many speakers, seminars, workshops, tours and activities that our volunteers have planned for delegates to get to know each other, learn more about the OHA and Waterloo Region. Experience all the amenities of a large urban centre with the charm and character of a smaller rural community. All delegates are encouraged to participate in individual activities as well as in the group "chicken dance challenge". A \$100 prize will be awarded to the district that earns the most points.

### OKTOBERFEST WITH SILENT AUCTION (Friday night)

Celebrate local German Canadian heritage! Experience a traditional Oktoberfest celebration including a buffet Bavarian menu. Shake your feathers to the music of the award-winning, Twin City Alpine Echo "oompah" band.

There are many treasures to bid on at the silent auction and a quilt raffle featuring a traditional piecework quilt handmade by several members of the Wilmot Horticultural Society (see photo below).\*

### BANQUET DINNER (Saturday night)

The many achievements of individuals and horticultural societies within the OHA will be recognized at a three-course plated banquet dinner. Retired family physician, Dr. Ken Shonk, speaks about the benefits of humour in dealing with the stresses of everyday life. He will take a quick look at the physiology, biochemistry, classification, anatomy and uses of humour, all liberally sprinkled with jokes.\*

\*Menu details on our website.

### BUS TOURS

Several tours have been designed to provide a historical and educational journey of public and private gardens within our unique region. Where possible, a stop at a garden centre will be included. Tours last approximately four hours including travel time.

### Langdon Hall Tour and Dinner (Thursday, July 28)

Join us at the world-renowned, five-star hotel, Langdon Hall for a special garden tour and dinner. Enjoy garden-inspired canapés and house-made mocktails in the vegetable garden, followed by a three-course dinner with coffee and tea. Finish with a guided tour through Kitchener's Rockway Gardens. Cost is \$110 per person.\*

### Wilmot Tour (Friday, July 29, Saturday, July 30)

Amongst the rolling hills of Wilmot Township, discover the beauty of a modern Mennonite farm garden, a magnificent country retreat and a sophisticated urban property as well as a touring a popular garden centre. Cost is \$18 per person.

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### **Conestoga, West Montrose Tour (Friday, July 29, Saturday, July 30)**

Visit the historic West Montrose covered bridge and tour small, quaint towns while viewing picturesque private gardens, along with a Mennonite homestead. Cost is \$18 per person.

### **Waterloo Tour (Friday, July 29, Saturday, July 30)**

In addition to some great private Waterloo gardens, visit Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate, named the third most "green" school in the country, for a student-guided tour. Cost is \$18 per person.

### **Kitchener Tour (Friday, July 29)**

Named one of five must see gardens in Canada in 2015 by Canadian Gardening Magazine, tour Rockway Gardens, a botanical garden run by Kitchener Horticultural Society since 1928. Spectacular private gardens in Kitchener will also be featured and an eco-friendly modern greenhouse. Cost is \$18 per person.

### **Cambridge/Old Galt Tour (Saturday, July 30)**

In historic Cambridge visit a large private garden, stroll along the picturesque Grand River Walk, visit Ferguson Cottage garden, Cambridge sculpture garden, and McDougall Cottage's historical garden and building. Finish with a shopping destination of outlet stores, unique retail shops, and Canada's largest antique mall. Cost is \$18 per person.

### **COMPETITIONS**

OHA members in Ontario are welcome to get involved with the convention by entering one of its many competition categories including art, creative writing, floral design, horticultural, photography, publications and youth. Prize money and ribbons will be awarded! All competition schedules, forms and rules are on the OHA website. **Note: Pre-registration for photography and publications has closed. Remaining categories close on June 1.**

### **Accommodations**

Enjoy the convenience of staying on-site at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please call **1-877-408-6665** to reserve your room today. Be sure to mention that you are attending the OHA Convention to qualify for a group rate.

**For more convention information including registration details, please see our district website under the "2016 Convention" tab.**

### **SEMINARS**

#### **Friday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Tips for Successful Plant Propagation – *Lester C. Fretz*  
Insurance for Your Society

*Shawn LaPalm, Co-operators Insurance*

Pruning and Planting Techniques

*Perry Grobe, Grobe Nursery*

Planting Non-Invasive Plants

*Kellie Sherman, Ontario Invasive Plant Council*

#### **Friday 3 – 4 p.m.**

Myth and Magic, Potions and Poisons

*Jonathan Schmidt*

Green Infrastructure and Ecological Design

*Scott MacIvor, Post Doctoral Researcher, Department of Biological Science, University of Toronto*

Judge's Update (floral and design competitions)

*Kathryn Lindsay and Penny Stewart*

#### **Saturday 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Butterfly Gardening – *Thelma Beaubien*

Understanding the University of Guelph's Trial Garden

Program – *Rodger Tschanz*

Judge's Update (vegetable competitions) – *Jim Mabee*

#### **Saturday 3 – 4 p.m.**

Seeds of Diversity – *Bob Wildfong*

Ikebana (Japanese Floral Design) – *Myra Takasaki*

SMART Gardening – *Edith Michalski, Lee Valley Tools*

OHA Website Assistance – *Susan Lusted, OHA District Director (District 9)*

### **PLENARY SPEAKERS**

**Friday:** The Mennonite Story – *Del Gingrich*

**Saturday:** The Grand River – *Lisa Stockwell, Grand River Conservation Authority*

**Sunday:** Urban Farming – *Pat Rettinger, Kitchener Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational School, Green Industries*

**Be sure to stop by the many sponsor, vendor and exhibitor booths on display as well!**

[www.district19oha.org](http://www.district19oha.org)



## Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2016 OHA Convention

**Resolution 16-1:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

**Resolution 16-2:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, his Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

**Resolution 16-3:** Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 19 who worked to plan and conduct the 2016 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

**Resolution 16-4: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.1 be amended as follows:**

**Current wording :**

5.1 The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the Officers of the Association, together with the Directors, and a member of the Past Presidents' Council.

**Amended wording:**

5.1 The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the Officers of the Association and the Directors.

**Rationale:**

1. By removing the specific reference to "a member of the Past Presidents' Council" this brings this section in line with the wording in By-Law 5, 5.4
2. By removing the words "and a member of the Past Presidents' Council" there is now no ambiguity regarding the number of representatives of the Past Presidents' Council.
3. The Officers of the Association includes the Immediate Past President who is a member of the Past Presidents' Council.

**Resolution 16-5: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.2 be amended as follows**

**Current wording:**

5.2 The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. (13/1)

**Amended wording:**

5.2 The OFFICERS of the Association shall be the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors one from each identified region of the province.

**Rationale:**

1. With the removal of all voting rights for the Secretary and the Treasurer, this left only 3 voting/elected persons to run the business and affairs of the Association. By adding the 2 District Directors who are elected to represent the identified regions of the province, this brings the total number of voting members to 5 which is more representative.

**Resolution 16-6: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.5 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

5.5 The EXECUTIVE COUNCIL shall consist of the Officers of the Association, two Directors appointed from and by the Board from different regions of the province and the District Director hosting the upcoming convention. (13/2)

**Proposed amendment:** Remove this section in its entirety

**Rationale:**

1. By including the 2 Directors noted in the current wording in By-Law 5, 5.2, this body becomes redundant.
2. The District Director hosting the upcoming convention was involved in this body too late in the planning stages to make this person's inclusion a value to the group.
3. The current wording only allows the District Director of the upcoming convention to be included 1 year before the convention. By practice and practicality, this person may be called in to participate at any meeting of any body at any time so to only have the reference in this section is too restrictive for planning purposes.
4. This will remove an unnecessary level of governance

**Resolution 16-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.6 be amended as follows**

1. Renumbered to read 5.5

**2. Current wording**

5.6 All Officers shall serve for a one-year term, unless re-elected or re-appointed.

**Amended wording**

5.5 All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve for a one-year term, unless re-elected. The Immediate Past President shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

**Rationale:**

1. Section renumbering reflects amendment to original 5.5
2. This reflects the fact that the Secretary and the Treasurer are hired positions
3. This now makes reference to the Immediate Past President as the section was silent on this position

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**Resolution 16-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.7 be amended as follows**

Remove this section

**Rationale:**

1. With the removal of 5.5, this section becomes null and void as it refers to a body which now does not exist

**Resolution 16-9: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.8 be amended as follows**

Renumbered to read 5.6

**Rationale:**

1. Reflects the numerical changes that result from the striking of 5.5 and 5.7

**Resolution 16-10: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.9 be amended as follows**

1. Renumber to read 5.7

**2. Current wording**

**5.9** The Board of Directors may empower the Executive Council to act with the full authority of the Board.

**Amended wording**

**5.7** The Board of Directors may empower the Officers to act with the full authority of the Board.

**Rationale:**

1. Change in numbering reflects previous amendments
2. With the elimination of the Executive Council, the duty now falls to the Officers

**Resolution 16-11: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.10 be amended as follows**

Renumbered to read 5.8

**Rationale:**

1. Reflects amendments previously completed

**Resolution 16-12: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.11 be amended as follows**

1. Renumbered to read 5.9

**2. Current wording**

**5.11** The Executive Council shall meet at the call of the President, or any three of its members.

**Amended wording**

**5.9** The Officers shall meet at the call of the President, or any three of its members.

**Rationale:**

1. Reflects numerical changes that result from previous amendments
2. This wording reflects the removal of the Executive Council
3. The rules were silent with regards to the Officers and the calling of meetings other than those specifically identified

**Resolution 16-13: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.1 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

**6.1** The Board shall appoint the Secretary and Treasurer. All other positions are elected annually by the general membership.

**Amended wording**

**6.1** The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President and Vice President are elected annually by the general membership.

**Rationale:**

1. Identifies how the Secretary and the Treasurer positions are to be filled
2. Allows for the addition of the 2 members as Officers as indicated in By-Law 5, 5.2
3. Current wording suggests that the Immediate Past President is elected and this is not the case

**Resolution 16-14: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.8 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

**6.8** For an Officer of OHA who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer. (10/2)

**Amended wording**

**6.8** For an Officer of OHA, except for the Secretary and the Treasurer and the Immediate Past President, who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his/her term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer.

**Rationale:**

1. By-Law 6, 6.1 now references the hiring of the Secretary and the Treasurer
2. The Immediate Past President position is dealt with in By-Law 6, 6.9

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**Resolution 16-15: Be it resolved that: Under By-Law 6 a new section be created**

**Current wording – none**

**New wording**

6.9 If the Immediate Past President is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibility of the office, the Board will approach the Chair of the Past President's Council for guidance to fill the position for the remainder of the term. **Rationale:**

1. The rules were silent on this topic.
2. There was no mechanism to replace the Immediate Past President.
3. To not replace the Immediate Past President should the situation arise would offend By-Law 5, 5.1 & 5.2

**Resolution 16-16: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.1 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

7.1 President. The President, as Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the general management and direction of the business and affairs of the Association, and perform duties incident to the office and those prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council and the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of all Committees, ex-officio. The President or designate shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Council, Board of Directors and meetings of members.

**Amended wording**

7.1 President. The President, as Chief Executive Officer, shall be responsible for the general management and direction of the business and affairs of the Association, and perform duties incident to the office and those prescribed from time to time by the Officers and the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of all Committees, ex-officio. The President or designate shall preside at all meetings of the Officers, Board of Directors and meetings of members.

**Rationale:**

1. With the elimination of the Executive Council (By-law 5, 5.5) the duty falls to the Officers

**Resolution 16-17: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.2 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

7.2 Past President. The immediate Past President shall advise and assist the President in the performance of his/her duties, as necessary

**Amended wording**

7.2 Past President. The immediate Past President shall advise and assist the President where needed.

**Rationale:**

1. Mirrors the wording in 7.3

**Resolution 16-18: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.5 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

7.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and account annually, or as often as may be required by the Board and applicable government authorities, for all monies, bonds and other securities belonging to the Association, which shall be invested in accordance with the direction of the Finance Committee. All books and records of the Association shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall submit all invoices for payment to the Secretary who shall sign them for approval of payment. The Treasurer has a voice but no vote.

**Amended wording**

7.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and account annually, or as often as may be required by the Board and applicable government authorities, for all monies, bonds and other securities belonging to the Association, which shall be invested in accordance with the direction of the Finance Committee. All books and records of the Association shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall submit all invoices for payment to the Secretary who shall sign them for approval of payment. The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee and on a regular basis reports all financial matters to this committee. The Treasurer has a voice but no vote.

**Rationale:**

1. This section now better identifies the duties of the Treasurer.

**Resolution 16-19: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7, 7.6 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

7.6 Directors. Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards. If a Director is unable to attend an Association Board Meeting, they are required to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting.

**Amended wording**

7.6 Directors. Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards' Meetings. If a Director is unable to attend an Association Board Meeting or other Boards' Meeting, they are expected to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible. At Association Board Meetings, this individual has a voice and no vote.

**Rationale:**

1. Allows for a replacement person to attend Association Board Meetings, allows this person to be heard and participate and still covers any actual insurance issues involving indemnity by not allowing the person to vote.

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**Resolution 16-20: Be it resolved that: By-Law 8, 8.1 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

8.1 Finance. The Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, and consisting of the Officers of the Association, shall be responsible for the preparation of the recommended annual budget of the Association, for approval by the Board at its Fall Board meeting. It is imperative that the Treasurer present an initial budget proposal to the Board at its pre-convention meeting so that any questions which might arise on the floor of the convention can be answered.

**Amended wording**

8.1 Finance. The Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, and consisting of the Officers of the Association, shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and for the monitoring of its performance. The Association's annual budget is to be presented and approved by the Board of Directors at the fall meeting. The Finance Committee is also responsible for reviewing investments, insurance plans, fundraising, expense reimbursements policies, financial controls and other matters related to the financial well-being of the Association. The Committee shall make recommendations on these matters and provide advice to the Board of Directors as needed.

**Rationale:**

1. Better identifies the duties of the Treasurer and serves as a supplement to those duties identified in By-Law 7, 7.5

**Resolution 16-21: Be it resolved that: By-Law 8, 8.2 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

8.2 Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the President, and consisting of the Officers of the Association, and the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document.

**Amended wording**

8.2 Awards. The Awards Committee, chaired by the President, and consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, and the two Directors as identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, shall select award winners in recognition of their outstanding work in the pursuance of the objectives of the Association and the budget approved by the Board. The Awards Coordinator shall attend all Awards Committee Meetings. The Awards Coordinator has a voice but no vote. Regulations for the presentation of awards are presented in a separate Awards document.

**Rationale:**

1. This wording mirrors the wording in the Awards & Grants Booklet and current practice
2. The removal of the Treasurer reflects the fact that as a member with no vote, the time on this committee by the Treasurer serves no purpose. Funding, which would be the only input from the Treasurer who under By-Law 7, 7.5 has no vote, is already addressed in the current budget.

**Resolution 16-22: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.1 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

10.1 A quorum for meetings of the Executive Council shall be 50% plus one of the voting members. At all meetings of the Council, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

**Amended wording**

10.1 A quorum for meetings of the Officers shall be 50% plus one of the voting members. At all meetings of the Officers, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

**Rationale:**

1. With the removal of the Executive Council, this section was void
2. The question of quorum for a meeting of the Officers was silent in the current rules. This amendment addresses this silence

**Resolution 16-23: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.2 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

10.2 A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be twelve. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

**Amended wording**

10.2 A quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be twelve voting members. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chair of the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.

**Rationale:**

1. This wording mirrors 10.1
2. Ensures more than half of those with a vote are present, 12 of a possible 22

**Resolution 16-24: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.3 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

11.3 In the event that a Society does not have a full number of delegates attending the Annual General Meeting, then the proxy voting rights of the non-attending delegates may be assigned to any other delegate or to the Association Secretary

**Amended wording**

11.3 In the event that a Society does not have a full number of delegates attending the Annual General Meeting, then the proxy voting rights of the non-attending delegates may be assigned to any other voting delegate or to the Association Secretary.

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**Rationale:**

1. 11.2 refers to voting delegates attending to vote. This wording ensures those same people eligible to vote are eligible to carry the proxy of others.

**Resolution 16-25: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.4 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

11.4 Any Officer, Director, and all Past Presidents shall have voting rights at annual meetings or any special meeting of the Association.

**Amended wording**

11.4 Any Director, all Past Presidents and any Officer except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall have voting rights at annual meetings or any special meeting of the Association.

**Rationale:**

1. Complies with By-Law 7, 7.4 & 7.5 regarding the Secretary and the Treasurer not carrying a vote

**Resolution 16-26: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.8 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

11.8 The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the Association between general meetings, and report its activities at the Annual Meeting.

**Amended wording**

11.8 The Board of Directors shall provide leadership and assist in the promotion of education and interest in all areas of horticulture and related environmental issues in Ontario, through an expanding network of Association Horticultural Societies dedicated to the beautification of their communities between general meetings, and report its activities at the Annual Meeting.

**Rationale:**

1. Better describes the duties of the Board
2. Removes confusion/conflict with By-Law 5, 5.3

**Resolution 16-27: Be it resolved that: By-Law 12, 12.1 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

12.1 Any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall sign all cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money, and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange.

**Amended wording**

12.1 The President or the Vice President together with the Secretary or the Treasurer shall sign all cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money, and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange.

**Rationale:**

1. By adding the Vice President, this allows the person in this position to comply with By-Law 7, 7.3
2. This wording allows the Vice President to be able to carry the duties of the President in a succession-necessary situation. The current wording would, if the President were to be unwilling or unable to complete the duties of the position, leaves no elected Officer to sign cheques.
3. This wording mirrors 12.2

**Resolution 16-28: Be it resolved that: By-Law 12, 12.2 be amended as follows**

**Current wording**

12.2 The President or the Vice-President together with the Secretary or Treasurer may sign contracts, documents or any instructions in writing requiring the signature of the Association. The Executive Council has power from time to time by resolution to appoint any Officer or Officers to sign contracts, documents or instruments in writing relating to special projects. (13/1)

**Amended wording**

12.2 The President or the Vice-President together with the Secretary or Treasurer may sign contracts, documents or any instructions in writing requiring the signature of the Association. The Officers have power from time to time by motion and approval by the Board to appoint any Officer or Officers to sign contracts, documents or instruments in writing relating to special projects. (13/1)

**Rationale:**

1. With the removal of the Executive Council, the duty falls to the Officers
2. By adding The Board, this ensures oversight

**Resolution 16-29: Be it resolved that: A new By-Law be written as follows**

**By-Law 17 - Gender Neutral**

It is understood that where the masculine gender is used in the Constitution and By-Laws, and that the feminine gender shall equally apply.

**Rationale:**

1. Brings gender equality to the Constitution and By-Laws without having to do numerous individual amendments.



## OHA Nominating Committee Report

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Kitchener/Waterloo in 2016.

Suzanne Hanna, OHA President Suzanne Hanna has indicated that she will follow the past practice of founding OHA Presidents and stand for a second term as OHA President for 2016-2017. She wishes to complete a number of initiatives including the redesign of the OHA web site. She was born in Edmonton but has made her home in Sault Ste. Marie since 1977. She recently retired at the end of February 2016 from Community Living Algoma after 37 years of supporting individuals with intellectual and/or physical challenges to strive to live fully in their communities. She has supported barrier-free gardening initiatives for many years. Current Co-President of the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society and immediate Past Director of District 13, she is an active volunteer in her community, serving on numerous boards and committees of non-profit organizations including Seeds of Diversity Canada. Suzanne promotes Seedy Saturday events to highlight seed-saving efforts and lobbies for the creation of community gardens across Ontario. She has stated many times that she wishes to develop a sense of community in our neighbourhoods through the promotion of GardenOntario Week and to “sow the seeds of beauty in people’s minds.” She feels that we need to rekindle our sense of humour and have more fun if the OHA hopes to grow in the future.



Rose Odell, OHA Vice President, has agreed to have her name stand for the position of Vice President. It has been an interesting time since last July learning the duties of the Vice President and being an Executive Member of the Board over the last ten months.

As part of the team we have held many conversations on the phone via teleconference and email to make decisions on published material, regulations, website restructuring, sponsorships, upcoming conventions, projects, planning and administration. My involvement is so much more than anything I expected and with a good impression of where we are heading in the future.



The OHA team works together very well and this is a huge bonus to making everything come together with a goal that is shared and presented to the members. We work hard but like to play hard too. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the members of our Societies on the Executive of the OHA for another term of office.

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

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## OHA Spring Board Meeting Highlights March 19-21, 2016

**Retirements:** Sharon Hill's recent retirement as our OHA Treasurer has led to the hiring of Mary Donnelly who is our new Treasurer. We wish Sharon all the best with her future plans and welcome Mary to our OHA family!

Bernice Green, our current Trillium newsletter editor, has announced her impending retirement at the end of 2016.

**Sad News:** The Executive reported with sadness the recent passing of two OHA Past Presidents, John Sellers and Madeline Hobson. Each will have a tree planted in their name at the Past Presidents' Memorial Oak Grove located at the University of Guelph Arboretum. An In Memoriam Dedication and Ceremony will be held at a later date.

**Insurance:** If your Society or District is organizing an event that involves non-food vendors who do not have access to certificates of insurance, be sure to check out the Vendor's Liability Insurance offered by Shawn LaPalm of Cooperators. It is easy to complete and affordable and forms are available on the OHA website. Be sure to allow for two weeks or more of lead time to ensure your application is processed in a timely manner.

**GardenOntario Trademark Search:** An IP search which was started last autumn is still progressing. Our hope is to use the name "GardenOntario" in the near future. Our official name will remain the "Ontario Horticultural Association" for legal/reporting purposes.

**District 19 Convention 2016:** District 19 is very excited about the forthcoming Convention in Waterloo, July 29-31, 2016. Great speakers, workshops, bus trips and vendors and a few surprises will be available at this year's convention. Competition schedules, registration information and other details are posted on the OHA website.

**Competitions:** For the 2016 OHA Convention, the competition schedules (except Publications) are inspired by the convention theme and, 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. Awards vary among competitions but all include OHA placement ribbons, cash prizes, and rosettes for Best in Show and/or Judge's Choice. There is also a new \$100 award to the Society with the highest point aggregate in the adult competitions so exhibitors are asked to affiliate with only one Society/District if they belong to more than one.

**Judging Committee:** District Judges' Updates are posted on the OHA website; Judges' sessions are scheduled in the 2016 Convention program. Registry of OHA certified judges is on-line. Inclusion of other than OHA certified judges is waiting for the OHA website re-design. OJES revision is on-going. Stay tuned for Spring Judges' Corner and Show Table newsletters. Information on GardenOntario Week and the Highway of Heroes Project will appear elsewhere in the Trillium.

### Midland Horticultural Society - Potluck and Photography Show

When members of the Midland Horticultural Society entered the meeting room for the annual, January Potluck, they



were greeted with an explosion of colour. The outer perimeter of the room was filled with huge photos of red, pink, white and yellow flowers by photographer Gunter Hille. The garden is obviously a subject close to his heart.

It was a treat to enjoy the potluck meal surrounded by such beauty and colour on a dull, cold night in January.



## New District Directors

### District 16 - Joanne Rachfalowski

I am married and have 4 great kids (and a wonderful husband). I grew up in Toronto, and moved to the Barrie area almost 30 years ago. I love animals we have 4 dogs!), running (ran the Boston Marathon last year), my cottage (Stony Lake) and gardening.

I have been a hobby gardener for longer than I would care to admit, but during the last 5 years, I have developed a real passion for, and the love of gardening. I have been on the Barrie Garden Club board for four years and I am currently President. The garden club has allowed me to meet and to learn from so many great people throughout the years.

Now, becoming District Director, I hope to become involved with and to learn from each society and to really make a difference. I am hopeful that we can share knowledge, contacts, best practices, wisdom and perhaps even a road trip or two. My goal is to help recruit new generations of gardeners so that we can share the gift that is gardening, and inspire them and their kids to become great stewards of this planet.



### District 17 - Rick Causton

I joined the Uxbridge Horticultural Society in 1997 the following year I was asked to join the executive. I was President of the Society for 6 years and was involved with the District Executive during that time. I came on board as the Assistant Director about 4 years ago.

My wife Margaret and I have lived in our current home for 21 years. We live on an old gravel pit which we have been rehabilitating during that period. In addition to over 30 individual gardens around the property we have had planted over 6,000 trees in the old pit area. Both my wife and I are avid gardeners. Our most recent project has been a rock garden on a south facing hill in front of our home. We recently discovered cacti and have planted a number of different plants in areas of the garden.

I have been in sales and Sales Management for all of my working life and currently run a small business representing different lines of patio furniture.



### In Memory of Willa Mordle



St. Catharines Horticultural Society has lost long time member MORDLE, Wilhelmina R.N. (nee Cambray) - Willa passed away on Sunday, March 6th, 2016 at the age of 98. Willa was a member of the society for over 50 years. Willa served on the Board of Directors at one time but for most of us she is remembered as our Membership Secretary, retiring in 2006. Willa received Life Membership in 1987, Presidents Award in 1997 and the Horticultural Service Certificate for meritorious service to horticulture from the Ontario Horticultural Association in 2006. Willa spent many hours a week on the phone when it was time to renew memberships. She attended every event where she could find new members or resign the tardy. She instilled in the membership secretaries that followed her that same dedication to building the society and keeping meticulous records. Thank you, Willa.



## City of Kawartha Lakes

*Submitted by Lena Wilms (VP – Lindsay & Dist. Hort. Soc.)*

As many of you probably are aware, last year, 2015, was the 70th Anniversary of The Netherlands (Holland) Liberation from Nazi occupation in WWII. During the time of occupation, Canada opened their doors to the Royal Family of Holland. During that time, Princess Margriet was born in the Hospital in Ottawa. The rooms they used were declared Dutch territory so that the princess would have Dutch citizenship.

Because of the graciousness of Canada to the royal family, and sending their soldiers to liberate Holland, The Netherlands has donated tulips to the Ottawa gardens every year since liberation.

Last year, 2015, being the 70th Anniversary of Liberation, Canada received a gift of 100,000 bulbs to be distributed throughout Canada. The City of Kawartha Lakes was one of 140 communities across Canada selected to receive 700 red and white tulip bulbs for the 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden.

Megan Phillips (horticulturalist for the City of Kawartha Lakes Parks, Recreation and Culture Division) invited the Lindsay & District Horticulture Society to become involved in the planting and dedication of this special garden. As soon as we heard about the invitation, we (Bill and Lena Wilms) became all ears. We are of Dutch descent and have honoured our Canadian soldiers in every possible way during our lives here in Canada. Having immigrated from the Netherlands as 4 year olds in 1948 and 1954, our hearts swell with love for the country our parents brought us to.

On September 28, 2015, Megan invited LDHS to the Dedication and Planting Ceremony of the Dutch Canadian Friendship Garden planted in McDonnell Park adjacent to the Royal Canadian Legion on York St. in Lindsay. Along with dignitaries, and veterans, 4 members of the LDHS attended the event. In anticipation of the rainy day, most of the bulbs had been planted the day before and the ceremony was held indoors. The rain let up and we headed outdoors to plant the remainder of the bulbs.

Being Dutch/Canadians, Bill and I felt we needed to honour this special dedication by donning our Dutch costumes. What an honour to be part of this special event.

The tulips are now in full bloom and are creating quite a show.

20 years prior, in honour of our 50 years of Liberation, the Dutch people in our community organized a "Thank You Canada" Committee and established a special Thank You Canada Garden that can be viewed from the balcony of the Royal Canadian Legion across the river. Megan donated 100 of the 700 bulbs to be planted in that garden as well. Bill does most of the work to maintain this garden. I am his helper when able.





# The Gentle Victorian Era Garden in the Middle of the City

## The Halifax Public Gardens

*By Diane Marchese, Guelph Wellington Master Gardener, 2016*

The chance to go to Halifax, Nova Scotia presented itself to my husband and I last July so we happily pulled out the maps, updated the GPS and took a road trip out east. It didn't take long to fall in love with Halifax with its beautiful coast line, food, people and history. After a morning in the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia to see the Maude Lewis exhibition I decided to take a walk towards the 'hill' where I encountered at the corner of South Park Street and Sackville Street the beautiful black iron gates that enclose the Halifax Public Gardens.

It led me into this oasis in the heart of the city where I lost track of time and forgot about the cars and buses humming around this 16 acre patch of land. The weather was exceptional that week and the dogwoods (*Cornus florida*, *Cornus kousa*) were outstanding and abundant. I walked by Mock Orange (*philadelphus coronaries*) Katsura trees (*Cercidiphyllum japonica*) and Gingo Bilobas. As I meandered through the park I felt the history and pride of this garden that was created by Richard Power, a master horticulturalist whose skill and experience created this Victorian garden concept by bringing together 2 city gardens. He introduced fountains, statues, the gates, winding public paths, seating areas and garden beds. More elements were brought in over time like the bandstand, stone bridges of balusters and concrete urns, ponds and water fowl. A large pond I learned had a gruesome history of a public hanging of a wrongfully convicted man by the name of Frederick Griffin and the pond today carries the name of Griffin's pond. The majestic fountain that commemorates Queen Victoria's 1897 Diamond Jubilee was in full splendor surrounded by a canopy of old Maples, with Hawthorns and Golden chain trees. The sound of water was relaxing giving another vista to contemplate the extent of the shrubs and trees like the European Linden (*Tilia europaea*) which seemed to outlined the park. As I walked along the pathways I reviewed dahlia beds, rose beds, perennial beds

(*Acer palmatum*s) were poised along many paths taking you along to more ponds and fountains. There's a model of the Titanic that floats on a quiet pond and the Soldier's Memorial Fountain surrounded by a group of Weeping European birch (*Fagus sylvatica* 'pendula') seemed to be paying tribute to the past.

At Horticultural Hall I stopped in to have a coffee and speak to a representative of the Friends of the Halifax Public Gardens whose fundraising efforts continue to care for this beautiful garden. My afternoon at the Halifax Public Gardens was so overwhelming that I returned later in the week for another walkabout and I hope to return here many times in the future.

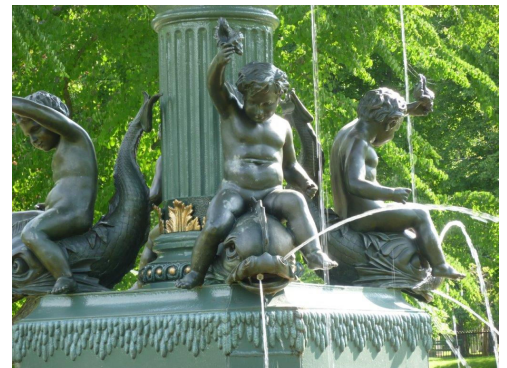
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**Soldiers Fountain with Weeping European Beech tree**



**Close up of Jubilee Fountain**



**Dogwood and pond**



**Left: Goddess Flora**



with poppies in full bloom, tropical beds, themed beds like the 'Year of the soil' for 2015. I loved the neo-classical statues like Ceres, the goddess of fertility and Flora goddess of flowers each surrounded with annuals. The serpentine beds were shaped like someone had scrolled lines in the grass and filled them with annuals and succulents in beautiful arrangements. Japanese Maples



# OPEN GATES "Fairy Gardens" Tour

Presented by  
Richmond Hill Garden H.S.



**Date:** Saturday July 16, 2016  
**Time:** 10-4pm  
**Ticket:** \$10 adult & children 14+  
Children \$5.00, babes-in-arms: free

Please join us as members from our society open their gardens for you to walk through and admire. To add a fantasy element to this year, fairy and fairy related items will be hidden in participating gardens. Some of the items will be created by our members during a special workshop scheduled for early summer. This event will be fun for children especially as they roam through the gardens in search of fairies!!

For further information, contact: [RHInfo@gardenontario.org](mailto:RHInfo@gardenontario.org)

## Arthur & Area Youth Horticultural Society

There are 6 members for this gardening season. Our 1st meeting of the season was May 11 at the Arthur Public Library. We had a scavenger hunt, made peanut in the shell birdfeeders and their vegetable & flower seeds were given out.

*Submitted by: Faye Craig, Youth Leader for the Arthur & Area Youth Horticultural Society*



## Mapleton Buds and Blooms 1956 to 2016 ...and still growing...

We are officially 90 years old! This is quite a celebration! We are still working out how we will be celebrating throughout the year, but a few things were worked on during the winter months and are being executed. We designed a bookmark which we will use to advertise our society by handing them out and placing them in various stores and offices. We have designed and are working on getting a new banner made. The banner will use our new public friendly name *Mapleton Buds and Blooms*; our official name remains Moorefield and District Horticultural Society. We are thankful for receiving the tree grant and will plant a tree to celebrate our anniversary. An executive member went through all our archives, which includes minutes back to 1956. She submitted interesting facts from the archives to the local newspaper and these facts are being shared with its readers in five installments. At each month's meeting, society members can look through old pictures, newspaper articles, etc. from the archives. Yes, we still need to plan a party!

We are looking forward to hosting the Oct. 22 meeting of District 7 in Drayton, which is next door to Moorefield. We hope many District 7 members will come to visit our area. We are also looking forward to the 2016 convention because it is being held close to us in Kitchener, making it easy for us to go. We hope to see many of you there.



We attended the recent District 7 meeting in Grand Valley. We were presented with a plaque to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will set it up at our next meeting to share with the membership. Thank you.

Shown is Jane McDonald presenting the plaque to Jo Houston, President of Mapleton Buds and Blooms, and Jerry Ottens, member of the executive.



### Three Decades of District 5 Directors

The recent District 5 AGM, held on April 23, gave us the opportunity to gather together three decades of District 5 Directors.

From left to right: Dave Money (1985-1991), Ken Smith (1997-2003), Nikola Warnock (2003-2007), Malcolm Geast (2007-2009), Nancy Serrick (2009-2015), and Cindy Scythes (District 5 Director since 2015).

(Photo by Rose Odell)



## French River Horticultural Society Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Our April meeting was a celebration of 10 years as a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association. We are the youngest of the 14 societies in District 13. This was a wonderful opportunity to reminisce about our many garden tours, community projects, workshops, competitions and guest speakers. There were lots of door prizes and everyone who attended went home with a complimentary plant to start off this year's gardening season.

O.H.A. President, Suzanne Hanna and District 13 Director, Christine Marsh presented our society with an O.H.A. Anniversary Certificate at the District 13 Annual General Meeting in May. We were very proud to be recognized!

*"The more you praise and celebrate your life,  
the more there is in life to celebrate!"  
Oprah Winfrey*



## Garden Clubs of Ontario

Considered the best floral design exhibition in Canada, the Triennial Flower Show, hosted by Garden Clubs of Ontario and this year titled, "Art Through the Ages: a Floral Journey", must not be missed. Held from the 14th to 16th of June at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington, Ontario, this prestigious flower show will present the magnificent creations of over 75 Canadian and Internationally recognized Floral Artists. With some good weather and green thumbs, the Horticultural Section is expected to shine, and the Special Exhibits Class will showcase the combined talents and thrilling work of the entrants.

Come and see exciting and unique Floral Art ranging from the Stone Age through to 21st Century Contemporary Canadian; with stops in between that will include First Peoples of the New World, Medieval, Baroque, the Romantic Period, Art Nouveau, French Impressionism and Twentieth Century Abstract work.

The event features workshops, demonstrations, and a live auction. In addition, and included for the first time, is a class open to Ontario Elementary and Secondary school students as well as an Invitational Class open to National and International Floral Design Artists.

No matter your age or horticultural prowess, this year's "Art Through the Ages" Floral Show is a wonderful opportunity to be surrounded by beauty, nature and art. Don't miss it!

Entrance to the Triennial Show is free of charge with admission to the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Event times are June 15, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., June 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Should you require any further information or clarification please contact me at Livingk1@bell.net or 1 905-528-5885

Katherine Livingstone, Vice President, Garden Club of Hamilton

## DHS...The Secret Is Out!

"Dunnville Horticulture Society is the best kept secret in town!" remarked one of our members at a recent gathering. The "secret" is getting out. Without a doubt, 215 horticultural members in small town of approximately 12,000 people is remarkable. The Dunnville Horticultural Society (DHS) was established in 1929. We have a rich and deeply valued presence in our community.

Recently, our growth and achievements were recognized at District 9 Annual General Meeting. We were honored and pleased to be awarded the "Doris Lighthouse Award" for the largest increase in membership in our district for 2015. We actually had the largest increase for all of Ontario. We achieved almost a 60% increase in membership in 2015, and we are on track for an additional 15% growth in 2016. Clearly, we have an exceptionally strong society and our presence in Dunnville gets bigger every year.

To what do we attribute our strength and vitality? People and programs are the backbone of our society. We have devoted and faithful life members, new members, young and old members. Our committed board of directors and executive leads the way with vision, energy, and by example. Many other volunteers work hard "behind the scenes" to carry out the dreams of the board.

DHS is known for our creation and care of public flower beds and planters throughout the town of Dunnville. These beds and planters are outstanding in every season and welcome visitors and residents. Truly they speak of the great pride and hard work of society members. We nurture strong partnerships formed with the many other service groups in Dunnville, enabling us to complete many large scale projects.

Our monthly program nights are lively and well attended with 80-100 people. Everyone is friendly and hospitable as we come together to share gardening knowledge, questions, and even blunders. Our speakers are planned a year in advance and present relevant topics to educate and inform. Our evenings are full of laughter and fun, not to mention delicious refreshments and "Ways & Means" free recycled garden items. We endeavour to keep our business "short and sweet" while informing everyone of important discussion items.

The annual Lions Spring Home, Garden and Craft Show is one of our best forms of advertisement. We use this venue to promote who we are and what we do. Many visitors stop by our booth for conversation or to attend a "Mini

Gardening Demonstration." It has been just the last two years at this event that we have focused our efforts on a membership drive that resulted in the Doris Lighthouse Award.

Our "town famous" plant sale is another opportunity for visibility in our community. Donations are accepted from members and non-members and clearly labeled with the plant's name, colour and sun/shade requirements. There is a plant for everyone---even outdoor garden art for those without a green thumb!

Planting and maintaining Dunnville's flowerbeds is what our society is all about. Each year the town looks better and better. A volunteer sign-up sheet is quickly filled and town planting is completed in 3-4 hours. Many hands make light work. Over 200 flats of annuals are donated by a local greenhouse. This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn some volunteer hours.

Of course, there are other "perks" for members of the DHS. For example, this year we are hosting a bus trip to the beautiful Niagara region to tour some wineries and gardens. A sommelier will be joining us to make this experience more informative. We are also offering "Garden Tours" for members. 8 exceptional gardens of our members will be on display. This is a self-directed tour with beverages offered at each garden. Members are invited to bring their own "picnic lunch" and take time to sit and enjoy the gardens. Of course, member discounts at garden centres, seed exchanges, flower and vegetable shows, photo competitions, rose draws, and our annual potluck Christmas Celebration are just a few more reasons why everyone likes to belong to DHS.

Gardening is for young and old alike. We are grateful for our many senior members who faithfully support the activities of the DHS. Recently, three of our life members were honored with the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for over 30 years of service with the DHS. We value the collective wisdom and experience of those who have been with us for many years. Our Junior Gardeners Program encourages children to discover the joy of gardening and showcase their green thumbs.

This year they will be creating scarecrows from the veggies they grow throughout the summer.

With gratitude, we celebrate both our rich history of over 87 years in the community and we look with vision into the future. Our goal is to continue to be a vibrant, growing and caring community of people who make our town of Dunnville a more beautiful place.



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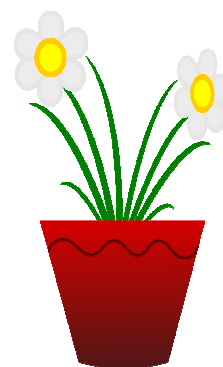
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## Cornwall & District - Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden

The Cornwall & District Horticultural Society was one of the lucky 140 recipients to be awarded a 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden by the Canadian Garden Council and its sponsors. The Society's Friendship Garden was planted, at the Cornwall Cenotaph which is located on Veteran's Walk, on 14th October/15. The Society was delighted to have as our special guests Bill Shearing, Lieutenant-Colonel [retired] [representing "The Glens" who participated in the Dutch Liberation], veterans from the Canadian Legion Branch 297, Leslie O'Shaughnessy (Mayor of Cornwall), and the local MPP and MP.

The City of Cornwall participated extensively in the planting and even erected a winterized sign indicating the location of this 'special' garden.

On May 10th of this year, there was a dedication ceremony for their garden. The dedication was quite poignant due to the fact that the local Royal Canadian Legion is the home of "The Glens", a military unit which participated in the liberation of Holland at the cost of 107 killed and over 300 wounded.

Shown here are the gardens at the Cenotaph.



A very special "Thank you" to Thelma Cameron who spear-headed this project.

Thelma, second from the right, listens with dignitaries, attendees and school children as Lieutenant Colonel Bill Shearing shows some of his photographs from the Holland liberation, and the Canadian cemeteries when he visited them five years ago.



### Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2016

**August 21st - Fall issue**

**November 21st - Winter Issue**

## Grand Valley Horticultural Society

Grand Valley Horticultural Society, one of 140 nation-wide recipients of red and white tulips bulbs planted last fall, will be held their Blooming Ceremony at the Cenotaph on May 14, 2016.

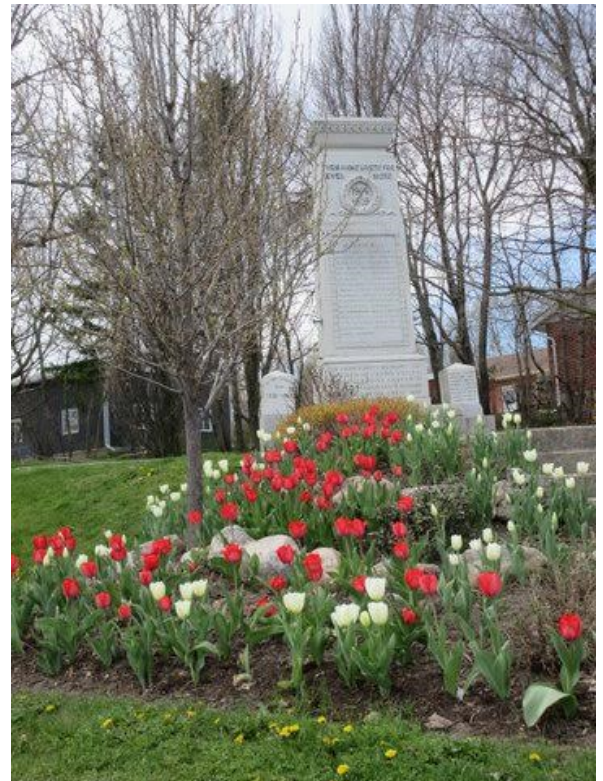
The Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden is to thank and commemorate the Canadian Veterans and citizens during the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and for the hospitality shown to the Dutch Royal Family during the latter years of WWII.

Veterans, Air Cadets, dignitaries, school children and citizens participated in this ceremony and help re-count the history and enduring friendship between Canada and The Netherlands so that it may live on for future generations. Unfortunately, the weather was too bad to have it outside, so we held it in the Anglican Church, a few steps north of the Cenotaph.

It is indeed an honour to have this Friendship Tulip Garden in our community, and to be part of this heartwarming national program. Thanks to the Canadian Garden Council, Vesey's Bulbs and Canada Post, the main sponsors of the Friendship Tulip Gardens, our blooming celebration and those of the other 139 recipients of the Friendship Gardens across the country, was symbolically linked to a similar ceremony taking place in Ottawa during the Canadian Tulip Festival.

In the spring of 1946, 100,000 tulips bloomed in Ottawa. Planted the previous fall, the Dutch tulip bulbs were sent to Canadians as a symbol of appreciation for the role Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands and the hospitality Canada provided to the Royal Dutch Family in Ottawa, where Princess Margriet was born, during WWII. Now a gift-in-perpetuity, Canada continues to receive 20,000 tulip bulbs every fall, the blooms of which are enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people every spring during the Canadian Tulip Festival.

We had a wonderful turn-out and enjoyed coffee (donated by the Lions Club) and cookies and squares (donated by Landman Gardens and Bakery).





# Norland Horticultural Society



On Saturday, May 14, 2016, a light rain was falling but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits, as the tulips were in full bloom. At least they were all around Norland, thanks to the generous donation of 700 red and white tulips last fall, and a little help from Mother Nature.

Murray Walker, President of the Norland Horticultural Society, opened Norland's Friendship Tulip Blooming Celebration by welcoming all and introducing our guest of honour, and sole remaining veteran of the Second World War, Jack LeCraw.

Dignitaries at the ceremony included: Laurie Scott MPP, Councillor Emmett Yeo, Ken Ferrill, the President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 519, Wayne Ross, Veteran of the Canadian Armed Services and Shirley DeHaas, President of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary."

Laurie Scott movingly said that she was honoured to have been invited to be a part of the celebration, and thanked Jack LeCraw for his part in WWII and in particular for his contribution in the liberation of Holland.

Murray Walker then reminded all of Princess Juliana's story, her refuge in Ottawa during WWII, the birth of her daughter Margriet, and the subsequent gift of thanks from the Dutch of 100 tulip bulbs, which began Ottawa's Tulip Festival. In honouring Jack LeCraw, Murray called upon the dignitaries to fittingly present Jack with bouquets of tulips.

Ceremoniously, Jack LeCraw cut the cake which one of our members, Joyce Bartley, had baked for the occasion. Following the cake cutting, Ross Fogwell, Pastor of the Baptist Church, said a prayer reminding us what a great man Churchill was in the fight against tyranny, and thanked all who had fought for and won our freedom.

After the Ceremony, Murray invited everyone to stay for lunch, which had been beautifully created by the women of Christ's Church.

Jack's LeCraw's daughter, Judy, shared a book that her Father had received, commemorating the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland, which she and her Father had attended. The book included many photographs of Jack, during the massive parade and ceremony in Holland. In addition, Judy shared a slide show she had created of the Netherlands 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Murray Walker finished the event again thanking everyone for attending, and welcoming all to stroll through the entire village to see the tulips in bloom, at the Old School, the Riverside and Mud Turtle Parks and Hope United and Pioneer Baptist Churches.

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 Canada, Gardens BC, Québec Gardens' Association and the Ontario Garden Tourism Coalition.

## Busing it to Peterborough

by Lee MacLeod

Saturday April 9th, a group of 25 Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society members and guests along with 7 Probus Guildwood members journeyed together to Peterborough by bus for the annual Peterborough Garden Show. We had a fabulous time!

There were four great speakers to hear, wonderful vendors, delicious food (including some old fashioned real ginger cookies) and good camaraderie. Cookies and candies were provided for the bus ride, and as it was the birthday of one of our members, there was a cheerful rendition of Happy Birthday for her. Some members had a chance to meet up with old friends, like Alan and Margaret Millikin shown here with their long time friends Dianne and Gary Westlake. Our wallets were a bit lighter as we relieved vendors of their wares. Alan discovered a nursery which sold native plants and I purchased several, one of which, the Purple Avens, shortly thereafter produced two flowers. There was an amazing variety of nursery stock and great coffee! Who could ask for anything more!



## Etobicoke Garden Tour

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For more information: contact: Sheila Gregory [416-253-1143](tel:416-253-1143) [sheilagregory1@gmail.com](mailto:sheilagregory1@gmail.com)

Visit our website: <https://longbranchgardentour2016.wordpress.com/>

We are an official "Garden Days" activity. Visit the Garden Days website at [gardendays.ca](http://gardendays.ca).

To purchase tickets (in the form of a printed, 20 page booklet) please visit one of these local merchants.

On tour day, come prepared with comfy footwear, and please bring your ticket booklet with you for entry to the Garden Tour on June 18th!:

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- Thrive Organic Kitchen & Café – 3473 Lake Shore Blvd. W.
- Long Branch Fish and Chips – 3260 Lake Shore Blvd. W.
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### In Memory of Madeline Hobson

Madeline Hobson passed away March 13, 2016. Beloved wife of the Donald William Hobson. Dear Mother of Jamie of Parry Sound, grandson Ryan and great granddaughter Gemmani. Dear Mother of Greg of Parry Sound (Karen), grandchildren; Shelby, Matthew and Alyssa. Dear Mother of Terry of Parry Sound (Susan) and grandchildren E.J. and Katherine. Dear mother of Cheryl (Wayne) who lives in Midland. Cheryl and Madeline operated the Elm Flower Shoppe in Elmvale.

She was active in many community organizations.

- She was a very active member of the Midland and District Horticultural Society
- Introducing the Geranium as emblem; helped produce the first year book; received the Service Certificate- Life member
- OHA District Director 6 years- conducted 1st judging school co-ordinator
- OHA President 1986-87; President of the Parry Sound Horticultural Society- Various Committees, Civic improvement
- Founder of the Elmvale & District Horticultural Society





## A Recipe for Success

### How Two Societies Co-Hosted a District AGM

By: Sarah Sullivan and Carol Mitchell

From their first meeting, just three months before the big AGM, the planning group, selected from two different societies, knew that they had it under control. The two Societies, Ennismore and Omemee, had offered to co-host the District 4 AGM. Ennismore was the novice Society, having only been formed in 2013. They had the space, but lacked the experience. Omemee had been around since 1939 and had much experience but no appropriate venue. And so it began.

Having two Societies work together to co-host a District event was a FIRST in District 4. They had no “plan of success” to follow. They were in uncharted waters! They learned as they went along. At the completion of the event, it was suggested that they share their experience, so that other societies could benefit from this new idea of co-hosting. The following is their “Recipe for Success.”

The first item was to choose the lunch source. Would the groups make and provide a light lunch for 100 or should they explore local restaurants? The general consensus was to choose a local restaurant that also catered and provided plates and cutlery. Wraps and salads galore! They were mindful of dietary restrictions and ensured vegetarian and gluten free options were available. Next was the format for the day. Usually the District AGM’s have one afternoon speaker, with a full morning of business, broken up with crafts and/or stretching. The groups decided to shake things up a little by having two speakers, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All of this needed to be approved by the District 4 Board and they loved the idea.

To complement the afternoon speaker’s topic on bringing youth into the outside world of nature and gardening, a short skit about a Grandmother working in her garden alongside her granddaughter was also right on the money. Folks loved the actors and the skit’s powerful message of the importance of teaching the many benefits of growing and working in a garden. There were lots of laughs and you could feel the community in the room strengthen.

Thanks to the combined efforts of both Societies the auction table was loaded with great donations. Lucky winners were announced by group before lunch and some were called out after lunch and throughout the afternoon. This worked out well and was not a tedious process.

Morning snacks and desserts presented no problems. The Society members donated, breads, biscuits, crackers and cheese and two big bowls of wholesome fruit cocktail. Delegates were offered coffee, tea and juice at two stations. Desserts, also donated by members, were many, varied and delicious!

While the snow flew outside, guests enjoyed the beautiful decorations contributed by both Societies. Lots of time and energy went into decorating the Auditorium the day before, and it really paid off in creating a beautiful sense of spring. This year’s AGM was wrapped up in record time. As all got busy cleaning up, (much faster with two groups) many, many folks congratulated both Societies on a great AGM.

*Pro and Cons in their own words: “We didn’t really find any cons. The Pros were many! With two societies, we had a much larger “membership pool” to draw from and we only had to provide half as many volunteers. Food donations were also cut in half with two membership lists. We had a wider pool of sources to obtain prizes and auction table donations. Each society had certain members with special talents (decorating, skit writing, finding speakers, organizing etc). The biggest benefit was meeting so many new friends.”*

When your Society is asked to host a District AGM, (especially if your group is too small to work alone), it is strongly recommended to consider your neighboring Horticultural Society as a partner. The work load is spread out and the ideas “on offer” cannot be beat. You will also come to know another great bunch of people, thereby creating a stronger community for all. Both Ennismore and Omemee agree that this experience was truly a recipe for success!





## District 6 - Haldimand Horticultural Society

At the recent Caledonia Community Chili Cook-off which is a community fundraiser in support for two local girls, Sydney Tong, an 11 year old in a wheelchair wanting to attend a special summer camp that offers full time 1 to 1 assistance and for Tanika Jacobs, a 6 year old who suffers with acute respiratory distress and had a limb amputated recently.

President Nancy Spellen, Alexandra Lazar and Catherine McGill proudly accept a trophy for the MOST Original Chili competing against 16 different restaurants, food providers and other community groups. The unique vegetarian recipe was a winner for the second year in a row.



Members of the Haldimand Horticultural Society (HHS) were out to admire the 700 red and white tulips which they planted last fall as recipient of one of the 70th anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens across Canada and the garden will also be featured on the 2016 edition of Canada's Garden Route [www.canadassgardenroute.ca](http://www.canadassgardenroute.ca). Historically in 1945 a gift of 100,000 Dutch tulips bulbs were sent to Canadians in appreciation for the role Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands and symbolize friendship, peace, and the memories of a nation coming to the aid of another. Last November 700 red and white tulips were planted by the HHS.

The Caledonia Friendship Tulip Garden is located at the Caledonia Legion, 29 Caithness Street East in Caledonia.

Seated in front is Legion President Dennis Zebiere of Branch 154 with Haldimand Horticultural Society members Catherine McGill, president Nancy Spellen, secretary Madeline Hagan, Gord Roberts, and Christine Mickeloff.

## Russell & District Horticultural Society

The members from Russell & District Horticultural Society again hosted the "March it on out" event. The event focuses on allowing the community an opportunity to responsibly get rid of those items that are deemed to be less than useful. The Society partners with a local High School which supplies the venue and offers students the chance to "work" at the



event thus acquiring their needed 40 hours of community volunteer hours. As well, students can set up display tables to advertise their current school and social projects. The general public may bring in any "gently used" items which are set out on display. An admission is charged, proceeds going to the Society, and people can take whatever items they feel they need or want. Anything left over at the end of the day is collected by a charity, this year the Canadian Diabetes Association. At the end of the day, people can get rid of unused or unwanted items and instead of throwing them into the garbage they are recycled, students can acquire their needed hours, a strong and continuing partnership is forged with the school, the Society is seen in the public eye, uncollected items go to a charity and the Society makes a bit of money which is then infused back into the community. A definite win-win-win for all. Thank you to all who participated.

## Newmarket Garden Club 90th Anniversary Celebration

Over 90 guests were on hand at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Newmarket Garden Club (formerly Newmarket Horticultural Society) as we shared the long history of Newmarket's garden lovers through our stories, books and photographs. In addition to our present members, we were joined by six Past Presidents, past members, as well as the Mayor of Newmarket Tony Van Bynen, and Councillor Dave Kerwin. We were fortunate to have several District 5 executive members in attendance including Nancy Serrick (who is also a member of our club), Malcolm Geast and Dawn McEachern. Prior to and after the business portion of the meeting, attendees were free to pore through displays of our history including a copy of a newspaper article reporting our first meeting and executive, newsletters, yearbooks and photo albums. Attendees were also able to admire three commemorative flower arrangements designed by Mary-Ann Vercammen.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Tony Van Bynen and Councillor Kerwin presented our President, Derwyn Miller with a plaque commemorating our long service to the Town of Newmarket. This was followed by a very entertaining and informative presentation on cacti and sedums by Anna Mizyn. Following her presentation, guests were free to enjoy refreshments and catch up with each other and with Past Presidents.

We remain fully committed to educating present and future gardeners and keeping Newmarket's gardens and green spaces beautiful for many years ahead.





## **Society Archives (Part One)**

**by Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian**

As gardeners, we look forward to summer as a time to get outside, work in the garden and see it grow. But it's not just in the garden, nor just in the summer that we see growth. It's easy for a horticultural society to also grow its collection of various items related to its operation: minutes, newsletters, yearbooks, correspondence, photos, receipts, flower show results.... The list goes on and on. Just as there comes a time when we need to prune and weed in the garden, we should also be thinking about maintaining our archives so that they don't become overgrown.

We need to look at all the "stuff" that is produced or accumulated each year, and make some decisions about what is of lasting interest or importance. It might seem obvious that we don't have to keep every receipt or scribbled note from decades long-passed. But it's not always as self-evident as one might think. As the OHA's historian, I've come into possession of the surviving records of several defunct societies, and found that sometimes a significant amount of the material consists of items such as decades-old receipts for paper clips, nondescript photos, recipes, or repetitive memorandums about meeting arrangements. While some of this may hold passing incidental interest, its usefulness is often rather low, since it usually contains very little that is of any historical importance.

To keep our archives in order, the first task is to look at the reasons for keeping any record of our past activities.

First is the legal requirement. We often hear that our financial records must be kept for seven years. Is that really the case? When it comes to items such as minutes, financial records, membership lists, or any legal documents, the best guidance can be found in a FactSheet from OMAFRA, "Record Keeping for Non-Profit Organizations" (<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/facts/08-059.htm>). Among the obligations noted and the advice given, is the need to keep financial records and membership lists not for seven years, but for at least 10 years. But beyond the legal regulations, there are other reasons why we want to keep records of our activities.

It's easier to make informed decisions about future activities when we know the backgrounds of those activities, whether they go back a few months or several decades. And if decisions of the Board or the membership form part of that background, it's essential that there's a record of those decisions. Past minutes are helpful, but it can be a time consuming process to search through them for important motions. Maintaining a Policy Book can make the task a lot easier and helps to avoid oversights.

Documenting our history purely for the purpose of knowing our heritage is the prime driving force for keeping track of our activities, past and present. How long our society has been around, the activities that it's been involved in, and how it's contributed to the community are of interest to many of us.

So, what do you have that is of historical importance? At a minimum, I would suggest that, in addition to the minutes, financial records, membership lists, and legal documents that you're already keeping, yearbooks and newsletters are essential items for being able to describe the history of the society. Photographs, correspondence, committee reports, newspaper articles, and publicity material (posters, flyers, etc.) are also of historical interest and should be kept. Imagine how much easier it would have been for your society to be certain of founding dates and other significant events if those old minutes, yearbooks, and newsletters had been preserved. But it's here that the "let's preserve our history" desire runs into the "where do we store it?" problem.

Yearbooks and newsletters take up a lot less space than you might expect. A century of yearbooks would usually fit into a bankers box with lots of room to spare. Newsletters are a little bulkier, but, depending on their size and the frequency with which they're issued, they usually take up no more than half to one inch of linear space per year. A single bankers box should hold 25-50 years worth of them. Now we come to minutes and financial reports. These can become bulky.

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That bankers box that contains a century of yearbooks might only hold 10 to 20 years of minutes. And when we get to photos and correspondence, we're getting into some significant challenges with regard to storage space.

It's at this point that it becomes necessary to look at each item and decide if it really is of any historical importance, and determine how it may be of use in the future. It's not necessary to keep a dozen photos of each meeting, flower show or public planting event. And, of course, unless there's proper documentation, those photos are of dubious future value.

Possibly the most difficult issue is finding a storage location. Many societies have material scattered among several members. As tempting as it may be to spread the effort around, this makes it harder to keep track of each item, and too often results in entire sections of the archive vanishing. Records have been destroyed by fires or floods, but the biggest cause of loss seems to be simply losing track of them. Protection from fire and/or water damage is a concern when attics and basements are used for storage. Make sure that humidity levels are neither too high nor too low, that there is good air circulation, and that basement storage is elevated enough that it is unlikely to be affected by any flooding. Although far from fool-proof, plastic containers can help to keep flood waters at bay, and storage in metal cabinets is a low-level protection from small fires.

In a previous paragraph, I made reference to bankers boxes. These are often the most convenient and cost-effective method of storing documents. But for long-term storage (i.e., decades) they're not the best solution. For the best protection from moisture and/or the coatings of plastic containers, the usual advice is to use archival storage boxes that are acid-free and moisture-resistant. However, these are relatively expensive (about 10 times the cost of regular bankers boxes) and only available from companies that specialize in archival products.

Museums and libraries are often (but not always) the best place to keep a society's archives. However, not all of us have access to such facilities, and sometimes those facilities are themselves not particularly secure or properly protected from floods and/or fires. As well, a society that transfers its archives to an institution must be prepared to give up ownership of the material and to have less-convenient access. As alarming as this may sound, the tradeoff against complete loss can make it a worthwhile decision.

Another method of storage, and one that's becoming more common, is to scan and digitize a lot of the material. This is particularly convenient for minutes, newsletters, financial records, and correspondence. But it's not a cure-all, and, in fact, comes with several new and significant problems of its own. I'll address these issues in Part Two of this article, in the next issue of the Trillium.

### **OHA Financials**

The 2015 audited financial statements are available on the OHA website. If you have any questions or concerns contact Mary Donnelly, OHA Treasurer at: [treasurer@gardenontario.org](mailto:treasurer@gardenontario.org). Printed copies of the 2015 OHA financials will be available at our July Annual General Meeting or you may request a copy to be mailed to you by contacting the OHA Treasurer.

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## The Cracked Pot

**Note:** At the 2015 OHA District AGMS, OHA President Suzanne Hanna or an OHA representative shared this story with AGM attendees. Various renditions of this tale exist on the Internet but its source appears unknown. So here is how it goes...

Once upon a time there was a water bearer who had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream... "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, your crack allows some water to leak out and it nurtures the seeds to bloom into flowers. "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

The moral of the story is that each of us has our own unique flaw. We are all cracked pots. We can all be useful, despite our defects. It's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. Remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!



### John Peterson Sellers

December 16, 1930 - March 9, 2016

Retired high school teacher with the Toronto Board of Education

Member of the Refugee Board

Former President of the Ontario Horticultural Association

Surrounded by his family at Northumberland Hills Hospital on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Jill (nee Page) for 55 years. Loving father of Chris (Val), Pippa (Danielle) and Tim (Jenn). Proud grandpa of Kaitlyn, Brandon, Teagan and Colm. John will be greatly missed by his extended family and friends. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 9th at 2pm with visitation prior from 1-2pm at Castleton United Church, 1815 Percy Rd., Castleton. Those wishing to make a donation may do so to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com).

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

August 2013