

# Trillium

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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  
2017 Youth Competition Schedule,  
2017 Youth Competition Entry Sheet,  
2017 Photo Competition Schedule.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A Year in Review

It is hard to believe that over a year has flown by since the 2015 Convention in Ancaster organized by Donna Hussey and District 6 volunteers. It was very laid back at Convention with lots of dancing and fun activities which I enjoyed immensely. With James Graham appointed as Immediate Past President to fill the vacancy left by retiring President Jeff Blackadar and Rose Odell as my VP, I began my term as your OHA President.

I did not know that when Jeff presented me with the Chain of Office and a brand new pair of black rubber boots that I would be preparing for a wave of change. In October, the Board received notice from Sharon Hill, our OHA Treasurer of 10+ years that she would be retiring from the Board by the end of January 2016. Gary Brenner, District 19 Convention Host, was informed that his contracted venue in Waterloo had been sold and would not be available for our Convention previously scheduled for the start of July 2016. Later on the Board would receive notice that Bernice Green planned to retire from her position as Trillium Editor by the end of the 2016 year.

The loss of a treasurer was a gob smacking experience for all, but the Board and Executive rose to the challenging task of reviewing OHA finances in preparation for the recruitment of an individual who had the knowledge and commitment to tackle such an important position. We are happy to report that our new Treasurer Mary Donnelly accepted the job with relish and is providing us with a fresh pair of eyes!

Work got underway and the Board and the Past Presidents Council worked together to discuss and update the procedure for honouring the passing of a President. As well, the Awards Committee met via teleconference to rework the old blue OHA Awards booklet and incorporate the OHA Grants into the new green version. It is available in electronic format at [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) in the Resources section.

GardenOntario Week was held June 11th -19th this year. The OHA organized 75 events across Ontario to promote the love of gardening. A micro site was created by Ann Urban and her design team and up and running on our GardenOntario website by spring 2016. Between April, May and June, we registered just under 100,000 hits. How amazing! A collaborative agreement was forged between the Canadian Garden Council and the OHA to support each other's initiative on our respective sites. Lee Valley, our first official sponsor, provided cash as well as gift certificates that led to the "For the Love of Gardening" 18 month calendar fundraiser that we have recently launched. Next year this initiative will run June 10-18, 2017.

As you are aware, the GardenOntario Web site is being revamped and we have a new logo and a new look. The OHA Board unanimously voted to hire Urban & Co Inc., a web site design team this past spring to turn our outdated and frustrating site into one that is more productive, accessible and easier to navigate as well as being secure. They are willing to tackle this challenge in three affordable stages. The Website Redesign team is currently prepar-

ing content to populate the new site so that it is up and ready for December 1st. Stay tuned!

I had the pleasure of traveling to Districts 11, 12, 13 and 14 to deliver OHA news, preside over elections and installations of the boards and present award certificates at their annual general meetings. Retiring Board members included Elaine Davidson, Carole Spraggett, Shirley Robson, Russ Talbot and Sharon Hill. We welcomed new Directors—Joanne Rachfalowski, Sandra Mazur, Rick Causton and Celia Roberts who was appointed to replace Carole Spraggett in District 15.

This past year we forged closer partnerships with the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Seeds of Diversity Canada, the Canadian Garden Council, USC Canada and others for the purposes of networking and the sharing of resources. We participated in the Ontario Pollinator Health Strategy discussions, began the review of our existing Convention Manual and Garden Circle structure for recognizing corporate sponsors and partnerships and are gathering information for our new Policies and Procedures Manual.

At the end of July the 110th OHA Convention was held in Kitchener under the watchful eye of Gary Brenner, Convention District Host and his welcoming band of District 19 volunteers. We were treated to some amazing speakers and garden tours and practiced our Chicken Dance with smiling faces. My wallet was considerably lighter as a result of their awesome Silent Auction! I was bursting with pride when a number of OHA delegates and volunteers from the community joined my husband and I in a spot of guerrilla gardening at a men's shelter known as the House of Friendship. We planted donated annuals, perennials and shrubs in an incredible rain shower and shared a lot of laughs as we demonstrated the OHA in action making Ontario beautiful. Thank you, Gary for making that event happen!

The OHA Board & Executive put forth an incredible team effort this year to solicit donations from individual members, Societies and Districts to support the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute along the 401 Highway to honour Canada's fallen soldiers. A cheque in the amount of \$27,337.25 was presented to Scott Bryk, Executive Director and Mark Cullen, Board Chair at our Convention. Don't you love being a member of the OHA!

So what lies ahead in our future? Rose and I have received a second term as Vice President and President, respectively from the OHA membership to continue to guide the work that we, the Board and Executive, have initiated on your behalf. We pledge to complete the revamping of our new GardenOntario web site, explore marketing opportunities for GardenOntario Week and work on other stated goals to make the OHA a more inclusive, diverse and responsive organization that will attract new members of all ages, incomes and abilities to share their love of gardening in Ontario!

We are all up for this challenge!

Suzanne Hanna







## 110<sup>th</sup> Ontario Horticultural Association Convention

The greatest horticultural event in Waterloo Region in twenty years takes the nine local societies by storm.

Fun started on Thursday even before the convention began. Pre-convention shenanigans included 63 delegates enjoying the evening at Langdon Hall in Cambridge. That night they dined on sumptuous culinary delights and had a tour of the historical gardens designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted. The traditional convention tree Columnar Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata' was planted in the award winning Rockway Gardens in Kitchener. At 6:30, the top guerilla, one Suzanne Hanna, led a motley group of gardeners from every corner of Ontario and planted a new garden for the House of Friendship, an adult shelter in Kitchener. It wasn't done in the dead of night, but it was guerilla gardening at sunset.

Friday morning opened with our Oktoberfest theme, you know, oompah band, lederhosen and of course the chicken dance. Local dignitaries including Miss Oktoberfest gave greetings. The morning culminated with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) presenting Mark Cullen and Scott Bryk (Board Members of the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute) with a donation of \$27,337 collected from societies and individual members across Ontario. Mark graciously entertained us with an energetic presentation on his new book *The New Canadian Gardener*. Following his talk, Mark autographed and sold a case of his books and donated every penny to the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute. A great guy!!

Friday we dined and danced the night away to an oompah band. Onkle Hans, the official mascot of Oktoberfest crashed the party and led everyone in the traditional "chicken dance". Then the crowd erupted in laughter as they watched the videos submitted for the Chicken Dance Challenge. The second runner up was Katharine Smyth's District 11, Belle River. The first runner up was Donna Hussey's District 6. The best chickens came from Dianne Westlake's, District 4. Throughout the evening, bids were taken on over 260 auction items. This was the night when all the chickens came home to roost and clucked until the rooster crowed at dawn.

Saturday morning OHA business resumed, followed by the bus tours and speakers in the afternoon. That evening at the Awards Ceremony and Banquet, the keynote speaker, Doctor Ken Shonk had everyone laughing out loud as he talked on the importance of humour in our lives. He got an overwhelming standing ovation!!

The chicken dance videos were broadcast again on Sunday morning, before the OHA business began. Once again the feathers flew as people did the chicken dance beside the tables, beside the chairs, on the stage – everywhere in the Ballroom. The featured speaker, Pat Rettinger, an award winning youth educator from the Green Industries program at Kitchener Collegiate Institute, gave a riveting talk on youth and gardening. The winners of the For the Love of Gardening Calendar Contest were announced by Donna Hussey, District 6. These photos will be featured in the 2017-18 OHA calendar. The winner of the Activity Team Challenge was Donna Hussey's District 6. The fund raising raffle ticket for the handmade patchwork quilt was drawn at Castle Kilbride, and the winner was Mary Sim of Alban, a member of the French River Horticultural Society. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will finance speakers for District 19 societies. The closing ceremonies concluded with the passing of the OHA flag to Cindy Scythes, District 5 for their 2017 convention, Green from Shore to Shore.

I hope everyone had a chance to Experience the Grand and took something fantastic back home. I want to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the incredible volunteers. I had the time of my life.

Gary Brenner, Director of District 19

## Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Jul 29-31, 2016

Over 300 members from all corners of the Province attended the 110th annual convention in Kitchener. The Association is composed of approximately 270 Societies in 19 Districts and serves over 27,000 members and this convention was hosted by District 19 (home of the largest society and another that is the fastest growing society in Ontario) and its 9 societies.

The OHA and its societies strive to:

- Share their knowledge about gardening and horticulture
- Promote and take part in the preservation and restoration of Ontario's natural environment
- Make our communities beautiful, sustainable and liveable.

To that end district 19 provided a broad program ensured to broaden the knowledge of the delegates and to show them what is possible. We provided knowledgeable speakers both local and from away; creative vendors that had unique products that may not have been seen elsewhere; tours of gardens (small and large), tours of local nurseries and local venues; exhibits and competitions structured to teach and share; and opportunities to share and exchange ideas.

Pat Rittinger of KCI was the speaker at Saturday's banquet and he shared his experience of the school's incredible award winning agriculture/gardening program that he and the school developed. It is a model for schools across the Province and beyond.

In summary, the 287 delegates had the opportunity to hear 19 speakers on diverse topics, visit 19 vendors, take 1 or more of the 10 buses ferrying delegates around our communities to gardens, nurseries and attractions, and to exchange ideas with new and old friends. Guerilla gardeners planted gardens at the House of Friendship on Thursday prior to the convention in the pouring rain.

Of special note is the donation of \$27,337.00 made by the OHA and its 270 member societies to the Highway of Heroes Tribute program that will see over 117, 000 trees planted along the 401 from Trenton to Toronto in memory of fallen veterans from Confederation to the present.

All in all, it was a special convention for us all.

Bruce MacNeil

**Note:** At time of printing this issue the total donation is now \$28,067.60

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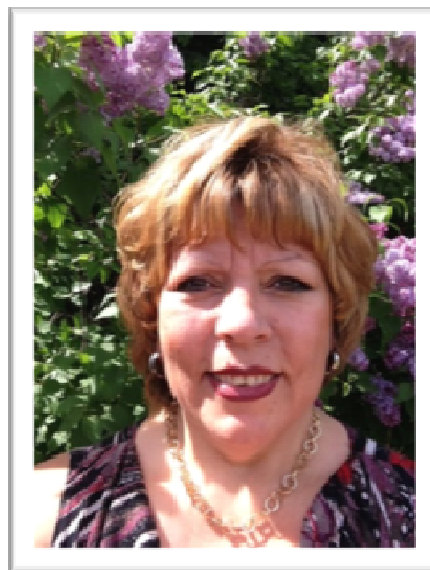
Additional info regarding the OHA Insurance Plan can also be found at: <http://gardenontario.org/abo/insurance.php>



## **Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director**

I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to become the District 14 Director. I have been involved in gardening all my life. As a child we had a huge garden on 2 acres of land and we were expected to assist our mom in the planting, weeding and harvesting of the garden. I grew up in a large family where mom preserved everything that we grew. We had a root cellar and a cold room and they were full every fall. Gardening was a way of life in our family.

I have been married to my husband Fred for 38 years and we live about 15 kms South-West of Kakabeka Falls. We have three adult children Jacob 37, Jennifer 36 and John Henry 32 along with 2 granddaughters Katelynne (7) and Piper (5 months). We are also grandparents to a number of foster grandchildren who we have raised for part of their lives. Presently, we are caring for two 1 year olds. I have passed my love of gardening on to my children and grandchildren.



I am also an active volunteer in my community and I have spent many years involved with the Hymers Agricultural Society. I spent three years as the President and organized our Hymers Fall Fair every Labour Day weekend.

I have spent many years on the board at the Kakabeka Legion. Even though I have given up my board position I continue to do their Public Relations and ensure that our monthly events are advertised in all of the rural newsletters every month. Volunteering has been a way of life for me since I turned 13 when I began my first volunteer position as a teen aid at the hospital.

I became involved with the Horticultural Society over 10 years ago. At the start I just attended the plant auction every year. Then, I began to attend some of the speaker sessions that they hosted every month. I wanted to learn more about pruning my apple trees, saving my own plant seeds etc. I am presently volunteering on the board to plan our annual district convention for next year.

My goal during my position is to educate more local people as to the benefits of being a member of the Horticultural Society. I want people to realize that the society is inclusive and that everyone can belong. We need to let the public know that we welcome new members of the community and that there are many opportunities available to anyone who has an interest in gardening.

I hope that during my position I am able to bring back ideas and suggestions from other groups to share with members in the societies that make up our district. I have a passion for gardening and I want others who share that passion to come to our local Horticultural Societies to see what goes on. I am hoping to meet other like people involved in their Horticultural Societies to see what kind of information sharing we can create to share and help each other out. I'm looking forward to the coming year and meeting many of you.

Happy Gardening

Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director

# 2016 Youth Competition Results

## Section A: Writing

**Class 1 - "Grand River Trails"** - Describe what plant and wild life you might see while walking or cycling one of the many trails found within the Region of Waterloo.

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6-8 yr. No entries

9-11 yr. No entries

12-14 yr. No entries

15-18 yr. 1) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

**Class 2 - "The Monarch Butterfly"** - Describe the life-cycle of the Monarch butterfly.

6-8 yr. 1) Mackenzie Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
3) Georgia Zehr, Wilmot H.S., District 19

9-11 yr. 1) Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Flora Livingston, Wilmot H.S., District 19

12-14 yr. No entries

15-18 yr. 1) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Alexander Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

## Section B: Artistic Creativity

**Class 3 - "Oktoberfest"** - Create a seed mosaic depicting a flower or vegetable you might have in your garden in October.

6-8 yr. 1) Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
(Best in Show)  
2) Olivia Pritchard, Guelph Township H.S., District 7  
3) Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
4) Sarah James, Deep River H.S., District 2  
5) Rebecca MacInnes, Grafton H.S., District 4

9-11 yr. 1) Danica Zehr, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Luke Amidon, Guelph Township H.S., District 7

3) Lohah Shutt, Grafton H.S., District 4  
4) Sydney Galt, Grafton H.S., District 4  
5) Hannah Burgess, Grafton H.S., District 4

12-14 yr. 1) Ryan Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
2) Lola Dickson, Grafton H.S., District 4  
3) Grace, Wilson, Grafton H.S., District 4  
4) Eve McIvanin, Grafton H.S., District 4  
5) Emma Kelly, Grafton H.S., District 4

15-18 yr. No entries

**Class 4 - "Garden Quilt"** - Create a "quilt" on 22cm x 28cm (8.5" x 11") paper or card stock which represents the vegetables and flowers in a "square foot garden".

6-8 yr. 1) Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
2) Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
3) Georgia Zehr, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
4) Olivia Pritchard, Guelph Township H.S., District 7

9-11 yr. 1) Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Danica Zehr, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
3) Hannah Burgess, Grafton H.S., District 4  
4) Sarah Kovacs, Grafton H.S., District 4  
5) Lynsey Gillespie, Grafton H.S., District 4

12-14 yr. 2) Grace Wilson, Grafton H.S., District 4

15-18 yr. 1) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

2) Alexander Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

## Section C: Floral Design

**Class 5 - "Market Day"** - A display in a basket with a handle. Should include flowers and vegetables. Herbs may also be included.

6-8 yr. 1) Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 1

9-11 yr. 1) Carley Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Madilyn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19

12-14 yr. 2) Kathy Kuepfer, Wilmot H.S., District 19

15-18 yr. 1) Alexander Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

**Class 6 - "Your Grand River"** A landscape design - No entries

**Class 7 - "Memories of Last Summer"** - A bouquet of dried flowers in a mason jar

6-8 yr. 1) Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
2) Rebecca MacInnis, Grafton H.S., District 4  
3) Mackenzie Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
4) Katelynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
5) Zoe Barja, Deep River H.S., District 2

9-11 yr. 1) Hannah Burgess, Grafton H.S., District 4  
2) Rowyn McKenzie, Grafton H.S., District 4  
3) Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
4) Branden Bowman, Grafton H.S., District 4  
5) Carley Cressman, Wilmot H.S., District 19

12-14 yr. 1) Ryan Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
(Judge's Choice)

15-18 yr. 1) Alexander Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19

## Section D: Plants

**Class 8 - "Terrarium"** - Create a terrarium

1) Grafton H.S., District 4  
2) Deep River H.S., District 2

**Class 9 - "My Favourite Houseplant"** - Entry to be a drawing (hand or pre-drawn) on 22cm x 28cm (8.5" x 11") sheet of paper.

1) Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
2) Elsa Livingston, Wilmot H.S., District 19  
3) Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2  
4) Sophie Lussier, Deep River H.S., District 2  
5) Callum Livingston, Wilmot H.S., District 19

## Section E: Fine Arts

**Class 10 - Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award - "A Grand Experience"** - Your interpretation. Should have a horticultural element. Any medium: painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, fiber art, etc. not to exceed 50cm (20") in any direction.

Kali Broome, Deep River H.S., District 2



## 2016 Youth Competition Results...Continued

**Class 11 - Maisie Bray Award, "Joe Pye Weed"** - Create a poster to include the entire plant, and root, plus the printed name, including common and botanical name and some facts about this plant.

- 1) Deep River H.S., District 2
- 2) Wilmot H.S., District 19

### Section F: Special Awards and Competition For Youth Club Leaders

**Class 12 - Ruby Bryan Award** - In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2015 Calendar Year or School Year.

- 1) Grafton H.S., District 4
- 2) Deep River H.S., District 2

**Class 13 - Youth Activity Award** - A \$25 award to the Youth Club that has been the most active and innovative in the previous Calendar Year or School Year.

- 1) Grafton H.S., District 4
- 2) Deep River H.S., District 2
- 3) Wilmot H.S., District 19

**Class 14 - OHA Youth Project Award**  
Not awarded

**Class 15 - Ruby Lobban Award** - Based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club from awards in the Youth competition.

- 1) Wilmot H.S., District 19
- 2) Deep River H.S., District 2
- 3) Grafton H.S., District 4

Number of entrants: 37

Total number of entries: 109

Number of Societies participating: 4

Number of Districts participating: 4

Coordinator: Jane MacDonald, Director, District 7

## 2016 Creative Writing Competition

There were 26 entries this year. 9 class #1; 9 class #2 and 8 class #3. 15 OHA members entered the competition from the following 12 societies:

Chinguacousy-D15	Cramahe-D4
Deep River-D2	Dryden-D14
Guelph Township-D7	Kapuskasing-D12
Kingston-D3	Moorefield-D7
Oshawa -D17	Richmond Hill-D15
Russell-D1	Waterloo-D19

Many thanks to everyone who entered this competition.

### Class 1 - Create A Song

- 1) Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River H.S., D2
- 2) Rose Odell, Cramahe H.S., D4
- 3) Debi Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17

**Honourable Mention.** Patty Carlson, Richmond Hill G & H.S., D15

### Class 2 - Free Verse Poem

- 1) Elizabeth Taborek, Guelph Township H.S., D7
- 2) Debi Foster, Oshawa H.S., D17
- 3) Rose Grigaitis, Russell H.S., D1

### Class 3 - Story

- 1) Patty Carlson, Richmond Hill H.S., D 15
- 2) Rose Grigaitis, Russell H.S., D1
- 3) Alison Robinson, Dryden H.S. D14

### Best In Show, Class 2

Entry By Elizabeth Taborek, Guelph Township H.S., D7

#### A Boat Trip On The Grand River

With Strong, Calm Strokes  
We Pushed Forward In The Canoe.  
The Water Shimmers, Reflecting  
The Sky, The Clouds, The Line Of Trees.  
Tree Sparrows Regale Us With Their Songs,  
Flitting Through Tall Grasses At The Edge.  
We Pass Gentle Green Pastures  
And Skirt The Hanging Willow.  
We Glance At The Golden Buttercups  
That Dot The Fields Nearby.  
Suddenly, Feathers Beating,  
An Osprey Swoops, Warning Us Away.  
We Look Up To See The Stick Nest  
In A Branch Crook High Above.  
Quickly, In Deference, We Paddle Onward,  
Enthralled With The Living World Around Us  
On This Late Spring Day.  
We Rejoice In This Unspoiled River,  
A Restful Haven  
From The Cities Nearby.

Sandra Hartill, District 18 Director &  
Co-ordinator, Creative Writing Competition

# 2016 Flower Show Results

## DESIGN DIVISION

**Class 1: The Kissing Bridge** - a “caged”, hand-tied bouquet sitting in a clear vase. *(1 entry)*

- 1) Melanie Majoram, Grand Valley & District H.S. & District H.S., D7

**Class 2: Waterloo H.S. Region Pioneers Memorial Tower** - a design. *(3 entries)*

- 1) Sandra Williamson, Georgetown H.S., D6
- 2) Melanie Majoram, Grand Valley & District H.S., D7
- 3) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 3: Conestoga Wagon** - a miniature design using fresh plant material. *(4 entries)*

- 1) Sandra Williamson, Georgetown H.S., D6
- 2) Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10
- 3) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 4: Quilting Time** - a square pavé arrangement which illustrates a named quilting pattern. *(4 entries)*

- 1) Marie Decker, Oakville H.S., D6
- 2) Melanie Majoram, Grand Valley & District H.S., D7
- 3) Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River H.S., D2

**Class 5: Plain Folk** - a small design. *(4 entries)*

- 1) Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10
- 2) Lil Taggart, Georgetown H.S., D6
- 3) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 6: Market Time** - a design incorporating a basket; may include fruit, vegetables and decorative gourds. *(1 entry)*

- 1) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 7: Your Grand River** - a duo design by a team comprised of an experienced designer and a novice. The entry is to be two-sided in one container or appearing to be in one container, with each side different and not visible from the other. Each side is judged separately. *(No entries)*

**Class 8: My Cellphone Died** - an abstract design. *(5 entries)*

- 1) Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley H.S., D15
- 2) Lil Taggart, Georgetown H.S., D6
- 3) Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket H.S., D5
- 4) HM Sandra Williamson, Georgetown H.S., D6

**Class 9: The Steeples of Cambridge** - a parallel design. *(5 entries)*

- 1) Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket H.S., D5
- 2) Sandra Williamson, Georgetown H.S., D6
- 3) Marie Decker, Oakville H.S., D6

### Best in Show:

Class 8: Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley H.S., D15

### Judge's Choice

Class 8: Lil Taggart, Georgetown H.S., D6

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

**Class 10: Down by the Grand** - a pot et fleur. *(No entries)*

**Class 11: The River Runs Dry** - a dish garden using succulents. *(4 entries)*

- 2) Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River H.S., D2
- 3) Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley H.S., D15

**Class 12: Digging in the Dirt** – a display by a Society of flowers and edibles grown by the exhibitors incorporating a garden hand tool. *(2 entries)*

- 1) Susanne Culp, Waterloo H.S., D19
- 1) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

### Best in Show:

1) Class 12: Susanne Culp, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Judge's Choice:** *Not awarded*

## HORTICULTURE DIVISION

### SECTION A: COLLECTIONS

**Class 13:** Collection of cut perennial flowers - excluding branches or vines - minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, at least 2 stems each, in one container, named. *(5 entries)*

- 1) Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10
- 2) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19
- 3) Marianne Vantol, London H.S., D10

**Class 14:** Collection of cut annual flowers - excluding branches or vines - a minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, at least 2 stems each, in one container, named. *(5 entries)*

- 1) Margaret Laman, Kingsville H.S., D11
- 2) Marion Thompson, Deep River H.S., D2
- 3) Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10
- 4) HM Marianne Vantol, London H.S., D10

**Class 15:** Collection of roses - minimum of 3 different kinds/cultivars, at least 2 specimen blooms or sprays each, in one container, named. *(No entries)*

**Class 16:** Collection of cut foliage - minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, at least 2 stems each, in one container, named. *(2 entries)*

- 1) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 17:** Collection of herbs - minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, at least 2 stems each, in one container, named. *(3 entries)*

- 1) Marianne Vantol, London H.S., D10
- 2) Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10

**Class 18:** Collection of vegetables – a Society entry with a minimum of 5 different kinds/ cultivars, on a tray, named. *(No entries)*



## 2016 Flower Show Results...Continued

### SECTION B: ROSES

**Class 19:** Rose in a Bowl - fully open bloom, without foliage, floating in a clear bowl in water. (5 entries)

2. Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket H.S., D5
3. Marion Thompson, Deep River H.S., D2
- HM Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River H.S., D2

**Class 20:** Rose Miniature - 1 spray. (No entries)

### SECTION C: FLOWERING BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

**Class 21:** Begonia, tuberous - 1 stem. (2 entries)

- 1) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19
- 3) Marianne Vantol, London H.S., D10

**Class 22:** Crocosmia - 1 stalk. (4 entries)

- Mary Lou Purcell, St. Thomas & District H.S. & District H.S., D10  
 Sherry Burgess, St. Thomas & District H.S. & District H.S., D10  
 Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class 23:** Lilium (Asiatic Lily) - 1 stem. (No entries)

**Class 24:** Lilium (any other lily) - 1 stem. (4 entries)

- Melanie Majoram, Grand Valley & District H.S., D7  
 Sherry Burgess, St. Thomas & District H.S. & District H.S., D10  
 Eva Norman-Vesterguard, London H.S., D10  
 HM Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket H.S., D5

**Class 25:** Dahlia – different cultivars – 3 stems. (1 entry)

- 2) Marion Thompson, Deep River H.S., D2

### SECTION D: POTTED PLANTS

**Class 26:** African violet (Saintpaulia) – standard, single crown, in flower. (1 entry)

- 2) Sherry Burgess, St. Thomas & District H.S., D10

**Class 27:** Any other house plant grown principally for bloom, in flower. (2 entries)

- 1) Marion Thompson, Deep River H.S., D2
- 2) Sherry Burgess, St. Thomas & District H.S., D10

**Class 28:** Any house plant grown principally for foliage. (3 entries)

- 1) Sherry Burgess, St. Thomas & District H.S., D10
- 2) Shelley Mackenzie, St. Thomas & District H.S., D10
- 3) Margaret Laman, Kingsville H.S., D11

**Class 29:** Any succulent. (5 entries)

- 1) Melanie Majoram, Grand Valley & District H.S., D7
- 2) Marianne Vantol, London H.S., D10
- 3) Myra Takasaki, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Number of Exhibitors: 18**

**Number of entries: 75:** Design 27  
 Special Exhibits 6  
 Horticulture 42

**Number of Societies: 10**

**Number of Districts: 7**

**District 19 Committee**

Chair - Colleen Allen  
 Division Convenor - Roland Craig  
 Registrar- Suzanne Culp

**OHA Coordination**

Kathryn Lindsay, Director, District 2  
 Penny Stewart, Director, District 3

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# 2016 Photography Competition Results

## Class 1: "Monet's Garden"

- 1) Mary Austin, Elmira & District H.S., D19
  - 2) Wade Pitman, Oakville H.S., D6
  - 3) Valerie Liney, East Gwillimbury H.S., D 5
- H.M. Kelly Taylor, London Fanshawe H.S., D10

## Class 2: "Fairies"

- 1) Nancy Yake, Cloverleaf G.C. of Mississauga, D 15
  - 2) J.J. Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 3) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19
- H.M. Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13

## Class 3: "Harvest Time"

- 1) Mary Austin, Elmira & District H.S., D19
  - 2) Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 3) Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
- H.M. Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13

## Class 4: "My Friend Herb"

- 1) Brenda Doherty, Guelph Township H.S., D7
  - 2) Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 3) Debra Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17
- H.M. Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19

## Class 5: "Waterloo Glads"

- 1) J.J. Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 2) Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 3) Debra Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17
- H.M. Nancy Yake, Cloverleaf G.C. of Mississauga, D 15

## Class 6: "Fantastic Ferns"

- 1) Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 2) Debra Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17
  - 3) Mary Rose, Oakville H.S., D6
- H.M. Marie Decker Oakville H.S., D6

## Class 7: "Patterns in Black & White"

- 1) Wade Pitman, Oakville H.S., D6
  - 2) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19
  - 3) Mary Rose, Oakville H.S., D6
- H.M. Valerie Liney, East Gwillimbury H.S., D 5

## Class 8: "Woodland Landscape"

- 1) Valerie Liney, East Gwillimbury H.S., D 5
  - 2) Debra Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17
  - 3) Nancy Yake, Cloverleaf G.C. of Mississauga, D 15
- H.M. Wade Pitman, Oakville H.S., D6

## Class 9: "Your Grand River"

- 1) Kelly Taylor, London Fanshawe H.S., D10
- 2) Nancy Yake, Cloverleaf G.C. of Mississauga, D 15
- 3) Wade Pitman, Oakville H.S., D6

## Class 10: "Wilmot Rose"

- 1) Peter McLarty, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
  - 2) Mary Rose, Oakville H.S., D6
  - 3) Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13
- H.M. Debra Foster, Oshawa G.C., D17

## Class 11: "Wellesley Hollyhocks"

- 1) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19
  - 2) Mary Rose, Oakville H.S., D6
  - 3) Pamela Stierhoff, Stouffville H.S., D5
- H.M. Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie H.S., D 13

## YOUTH:

### Class 13: "I Grew That!"

- A. 1. Bianca Fenning, Sudbury H.S., D 13
- B. 1. Ryan Taylor, London Fanshawe H.S., D10

## Best In Show

Wade Pitman, Oakville H.S., D6

## Judge's Choice

Mary Austin, Elmira & District H.S., D19

Number of Exhibitors 25

Number of Exhibits 160

Number of Societies 15

Number of Districts 11

## Coordinator(s):

Russ Talbot, Past Director, District 16

Dianne Westlake, Director, District 4



# 2016 Publications Competition Results

## **Class #1 - 2016 Yearbook Cover - Primarily Hand Drawn-Front & Back, Inside & Outside**

- 1) Pat Izsak, Thunder Bay H.S., D14

## **Class #2 -2016 Yearbook Cover - Primarily Computer Generated Graphics Back & Front, Inside & Outside**

- 1) Don Matthews, Harriston & District H.S., D7
- 2) Linda Belisle-Wallis, Brighton H.S., D4
- 3) Doris Moneweg, Richmond Hill Garden & H.S., D15

## **Class #3 -2016 Yearbook Cover - Cover Illustration Primarily Photographic-Back & Front, Inside & Outside**

- 1) Barb Fairbanks, East York Garden Club, D5
- 2) Jean Gordon, Guelph Township H.S., D7
- 3) Pegi Holtz, Russell & District H.S., D1

## **Class #4 -2015/2016 Special Event Poster**

- 1) Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley H.S., D15
- 2) Aimee White, Waterloo H.S., D19
- 3) Ralph Cox, Greater Toronto Water Garden & H.S., D5

## **Class #5 - 2015/2016 Special Event Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer**

- 1) Wayne Hugli, Sudbury H.S., D13
- 2) Tom Bridge, The Lennox & Addington H.S., D3
- 3) Howard Hunter, Prince Edward County H.S., D3

## **Class #6 - Club/Society Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer - Under 11" X 14" Dimension**

- 1) Doris Moneneg, Richmond Hill Garden & H.S., D15
- 2) Anne Patricia Hill, East Gwillimbury Gardeners, D5
- 3) Barb Fairbanks, East York Garden Club, D5

**For larger newsletters, ONLY first 10 pages will be judged**

## **Class #7 - Newsletter: Cover Illustrations Primarily Hand-Drawn - 2 Diff. Issues- 10 Pg Or Less (0)**

## **Class #8 - Newsletter: Cover Illustrations Primarily Photographic -2 Diff. Issues -10 Pg Or Less**

- 1) Kathy Allam, Brooklin H.S., D17
- 2) Pat Graham, London H.S., D10
- 3) Janet Love, North York H.S., D5

## **Class #9 - Newsletter: Cover Graphics Primarily Computer Generated - 2 Diff.Issues - 10 Pg Or Less**

- 1) Heather Kelly, Waterloo H.S., D19
- 2) Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley H.S., D15
- 3) Lynn Townley, Milton & District H.S., D6

## **Class #10 - Current Youth Journal/Scrapbook (0)**

## **Class #11 - Club/Society Bookmark - Current Year**

- 1) Edna Caldwell, Oro-Medonte, D16
- 2) Pine Ridge Garden Club, Pine Ridge Garden Club, D17
- 3) Barb Fairbanks, East York Garden Club, D5

## **Class #12 - Club /Society Promotional/Partnership - Max Size 8" X 11.5"**

- 1) Melanie Hevesi, Minden & District H.S., D4
- 2) Kathy Allam, Brooklin H.S., D17
- 3) Russell & District H.S., Pegi Holtz, D1

## **Class #13 - 2016 Yearbook - Full Letter Size 8.5" X 11" - Maximum Cover Size 9"X11.5" Inc. Binding**

- 1) Susan Ramsay, Williamstown Green Thumbs H.S., D1
- 2) Mary Higginson, Vankleek Hill H.S., D1
- 3) Pat Izsak, Thunder Bay H.S., D14

## **Class #14 -2016 Yearbook - Letter Size Folded Into Booklet Style 8.5" X 5.5" - Max Size 9" X6" Including Binding**

- 1) Lorraine Jeffrey, West Carleton Garden Club & H.S., D2
- 2) Jean Gordon, Guelph Township H.S., D7
- 3) Barb Fairbanks, East York Garden Club, D5

## **Class #15 - 2016 Yearbook Legal Size Folded Into Booklet Style 8.5" X 7" -Max Cover Size 9" X 7.5" Including Binding**

- 1) Melanie Hevesi, Minden & District H.S., D4
- 2) Linda Belisle-Wallis, Brighton H.S., D4
- 3) Don Smith, Lakefield & District H.S., D4

## **Class #16 - 2016 Youth Yearbook - No Restrictions-May Be Scrapbook Format**

- 1) Olivia Gibbs, Grafton H.S., D4
- 2) Anne Patricia Hill, East Gwillimbury Gardeners, D5
- 3) Pegi Holtz, Russell & District H.S., D1

## **Class #17 - Current Show Schedule (May Include Divisions/Sections Other Than Floral)**

- 1) Theresa Bass, Chinguacousy Garden Club, D15
- 2) Karen Fell, Huntsville H.S., D18
- 3) Anne Sikkema, Dryden & District H.S., D14

## **Number of Exhibitors (43)**

## **Number of entries received by May 15, 2016 (163)**

## **Number of Societies participating (41)**

## **Number of Districts (17)**

**Coordinator:** Shirley Robson, Past Director, District 14

## 2016 Art Competition Results

**Class # 1 – “Countryside Community” - Quilt** - Make a quilted wall hanging that reflects countryside community. Total perimeter of wall hanging not to exceed 152 cm (60”).

- 1) Joan MacKinnon, Gananoque H.S., D3

**Class # 2 - “Ein Prosit” – Painting (0)** - Create a painting depicting Oktoberfest. Use 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5” x 11”) paper, any medium (oil, water colour etc.).

**Class # 3 - “Your Grand River” – Woodwork (0)** - Create a wood hand carving of any animal, waterfowl, bird or natural items found near a river. Not to exceed real life size.

**Class # 4 - “Renew with the Blue” - Sculpture** - Re purpose any item(s) to create a new garden art object. Max. 46 cm (18”) in any direction.

- 1) Sharon Nivins, Lucknow & District H.S., D8
- 2) Susan Morley, Chinguacousy Garden Club, D15
- 3) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D19

**Class # 5 - “Kissing Bridge” - Painting** - Create a painting of a covered bridge using any medium (oil, water colour etc.). Painting to be on a barn board not to exceed 36 cm (14”).

- 1) Dorelene Anderson, Harriston & District H.S., D7
- 2) Loretta Jones, Haldimand H.S., D6

**Class # 6 - “Pressing Matters” - Dried Picture (0)** - Create a garden scene using real pressed and dried flowers and/or other plant materials. Put your design in an 8” x 10” picture frame (with glass).

**Class # 7 - “Floral Emblems of District 19” - Stitchery** - Create any hand stitchery (embroidery, crewel, cross-stitch, petite point, needlepoint etc.) that features some/all of floral emblems in District 19.

- 1) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D 19

**Class # 8 - “Apple of My Eye” - Doll** - Make a homemade apple doll using a real apple not to exceed 30.5 cm (12”) high. Make an outfit and decorate with various dried garden materials.

- 1) Lucia Rostirolla, Richmond Hill Garden & H.S., D 15
- 2) Carolyn Dawn Good. Wilmot H.S., D19

**Class # 9 - “Sugar Bush” - Pencil Drawing** - Create a pencil drawing that features one or more maple leaves and/or trees. Max. 36 cm (14”) in any direction.

- 1) Loretta Jones, Haldimand H.S., D6
  - 2) Dorelene Anderson, Harriston & District H.S., D 7
  - 3) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D 19
- HM Adrian Cooper, Kingston H.S., D3

**Class #10 - “Technology Triangle” - Mosaic** - Using triangular shapes, create a mosaic design that represents the conference theme “Experience the Grand”. Max. 36 cm (14”) in any direction.

- 1) Ana Shantz, Waterloo H.S., D 19

### Best in Show

- \* Joan MacKinnon, Gananoque H.S., D 3

### Judge’s Choice

- \* Loretta Jones, Haldimand H.S., D 6

Number of Exhibitors (9)

Number of entries (14)

Number of Societies (9)

Number of Districts (6)

**Coordinators:** Sharon Nivins, Director District 8  
Gary Brenner, Director District 19

## *Galt Horticultural Society*



**On Saturday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m., the Galt Horticultural Society, in District 19, will celebrate its 125th Anniversary and the 35th Anniversary of the heritage Ferguson Cottage building**

A committee consisting of David Emberly, Judy Welsh, Heather Franklin, Joan Sims, Audrey Bailey, Doreen McMillan and Jeanette Berenz are planning a special ceremony to mark the occasion. Special guests, the unveiling of plaques and refreshments are planned.



# 2016 OHA Update for Judges of Horticulture and Floral Design

**OHA Districts 1, 2 and 3**  
**(Penny Stewart, Kathy Lindsay, Linda Bartlett)**

**September 24th, 2016**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.**  
Kemptonville United Church  
400 Prescott Street Kemptonville, ON K0G 1J0

**Theme: “The More The Merrier”**

## **Schedule:**

8:30 – 8:55 Doors open – Sign In - tea/coffee/snacks available  
(Placement of assigned Horticulture Specimens)  
8:55 – 9:00 Welcome and opening remarks – Kathy Lindsay,  
Director, District 2  
9:00 – 10:00 Design demo – Judy Fine – Interpretative Design  
10:00 – 10:45 Creation/placement of designs – list of materials  
will be provided ahead of time  
10:45 – 11:00 Health Break  
11:00 – 12:00 Horticulture presentation- Helen Halpenny –  
Judging Vegetables  
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch (Catered) (Silent Auction for Demo  
Designs)  
(Show is judged during this time by Horticulture and  
Design demonstrators)  
12:45 – 1:45 Practice Judging, Placement Comparison (Each  
registrant assigned to judge two classes in Hort and  
two classes in Design)  
1:45 – 2:00 Break  
2:00 – 3:00 Discussion of OHA Judges’ Issues - Penny Stewart,  
Director, District 3  
- Ethics & Etiquette  
- OHA Registry - Re-certification criteria  
- OHA Judging School/Updates Coordinator - role,  
criteria for updates  
- Need for an OHA Judges Council along the lines of  
the GCO Judges Council to coordinate efforts?  
Structure?  
- D2 Judges Coordinator - Need? Tasks? Who?  
- Discussion of judging issues/topics submitted at  
OHA Convention and with registration  
3:00 – 3:10 Next Update, Closing Remarks

When a participant registers, they will be assigned a Horticulture specimen and a Design class to bring.

**Registration:** Email Linda Bartlett ASAP at  
linda@maylinedesign.com to register and submit your judg-  
ing issues/topics to discuss. Please send a \$25.00 cheque pay-  
able to Linda Bartlett, 1060 Ford Road, Perth, ON, K7H 3C3  
or send an electronic transfer to arrive by September 15th,  
2016. Cost includes lunch and snacks. No refunds after Sep-  
tember 18th, 2016.

**Theme: The More The Merrier**

## **Design Division**

Class 1: “Lincoln Green” – a foliage design  
Class 2: “Maid Marian” – a small design  
Class 3: “Robin Hood” – an interpretative design  
Class 4: “The Merry Men” – a synergistic design  
Class 5: “Sheriff of Nottingham” – a crescent design  
Class 6: “From The Rich To The Poor” – a parallel design  
Class 7: “Coins” – a miniature design  
Class 8: “May Day Celebrations” – a design incorporating  
wood

## **Special Exhibit**

Class 9: “Sherwood Forest” – Pot et Fleur  
Each design is allotted a space of 20” (excluding miniatures/  
smalls)

## **Horticultural Division**

Class 1: “Rose, Hybrid Tea” – 1 specimen bloom  
Class 2: “Rose, Miniature” – 1 spray  
Class 3: “Rose, Modern Shrub” – 1 spray  
Class 4: “Sedum” – 1 stem  
Class 5: “Asters” – 3 stems  
Class 5: “Leaves” – 3 leaves of the same cultivar  
Class 6: “Any other perennial” –3 stems, named  
Class 7: “Any annual” –3 stems, named

Participants are to bring their horticultural specimen in a clear  
glass vase

For definitions, please refer to OJES book.

# OHA Awards Presented at Convention 2016

The following awards were presented at the Convention Awards Banquet:

**Trillium Award** was presented to Irva Stewart. The Trillium award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium and a certificate. The award was initially donated by Thelma Boucher who was the OHA President in 1941. Two awards annually may be given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period.

Irva Stewart, a member of Parry Sound HS, received the Trillium/Silver Fir award at the Convention in Waterloo. Irva has been an OHA member for over 50 years and has held many positions at both society and district levels. She is very hard working and willingly shares her knowledge. She participates in all society and district activities. She has received many awards at the district and society level. She is a certified judge and has willingly judged flower shows throughout district 18. She has seldom missed attending OHA Conventions, District meetings and Society meetings. She has enriched our District in so many ways and we are all so very pleased that she won this award. Congratulations and thanks, Irva.



**Community Improvement Awards** were presented to The East Gwillimbury Literacy Garden and Brant County Roadside Tree Planting Group. This award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

## Brant County Roadside Tree Planting Group

In 2003, three neighbours north of the village of St. George got together to formulate a plan to once again have maple trees lining the roads in the county. They involved local farmers and community groups in planting 200 bare root trees each spring in April. Since the trees are all planted beyond the road allowance, on individual owners' properties, pre-planning is done each winter and spring to gain all the needed permissions. Students in the Community Environmental Leadership Program at Paris District High School participated the first year and have helped every year since. This usually involves at least 20 students coming out to plant for the day. The St. George Garden Club has been involved from the start with planting and pre-planning. The volunteers also pre-measure and stake where each tree will be planted. Other groups involved have included the Brant County Stewardship Program (loaning out shovels, rakes, and gloves and giving a grant), the St. George Lion's Club, Waterloo Regional Suicide Prevention Council and Grand River Conservation Authority. Obviously, there is strong community involvement is fostered with this effort. To date, approximately 2500 trees have been planted along 25 km of roads.

(L - R) Donna Hussey, District 6 Director, Jackie Riddell & Irene Thurston (St. George Garden Club), Suzanne Hanna



***“If you have a garden and a library you have everything”***

This quote from Cicero is displayed on the sign leading into the Holland Landing Literacy Garden and represents the dream that gave rise to the garden eight years ago. Last month the OHA presented its Community Improvement Award to the Literacy Garden, recognizing it as a horticultural project that has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and added to the quality of life in a community.

Valerie Liney, president of East Gwillimbury Gardeners, says “On behalf of the Board of Directors of East Gwillimbury Gardeners, I am delighted that our Society has been awarded the OHA Community Improvement Award. The Project to establish the Literacy Garden was a collaborative initiative by the Town of East Gwillimbury, The East Gwillimbury Library board, the Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library and Mt. Albert Garden and Horticultural Society as we were then called. The garden was created with the help of a \$75,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and opened in 2010. Our Society maintains the flowerbeds and the native plantings under the trees with help from community volunteers and the Town of East Gwillimbury. We receive annual grants for this upkeep from the Town of East Gwillimbury and the York Region Water for Tomorrow program to primarily grow water efficient plants as a demonstration garden. We feel it is a great privilege to be involved in this project.”

L-R: Anne Hill (Past-President, East Gwillimbury Horticultural Society), Catherine Brydon (President, Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library), and Valerie Liney (President, East Gwillimbury Horticultural Society).



**Youth Leader Awards** were presented to Anna Peterson and Janice K. Wagler. This plaque is presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of five years.

Anna Peterson is the chair of the St. Marys Horticultural Society youth program, a position that she has held since 2005. In addition, twice a month, she also chairs youth group meetings in an afternoon school program. Under her guidance, the St. Marys Horticultural Society’s youth program participates in year-round activities, including seed pots in the spring, potting up plants for Mother’s Day, making cards with horticultural material of the season and making decorations. Anna provides parents with detailed information about plants that are studied in class, and arranges for a least three youth classes in each of the Society’s flower shows. As District 10 Director from 2005 to 2010, she co-chaired the OHA Youth Program in her first year on the OHA board and served as Chair until 2011. Anna inaugurated the practice of convention-site themes at the annual OHA convention, and set up a network to keep in contact with youth leaders to exchange ideas and address problems.

Janice Wagler has been actively involved with the Wilmot Horticultural Society on its Board of Directors and as a Youth Leader since 2008. She organizes the youth competition at the Society’s annual flower show, and is a judge of the Junior Gardens each August and the Junior Gardener Competition at the New Hamburg Fall Fair. On behalf of the Society’s youth group, she was the proud recipient of the Ruby Lobban High Points Award, placing first overall at the OHA convention four years in a row. Janice is also on the Society’s Program Committee, and often attends other horticultural meetings and conferences, continually seeking out prospective speakers. With her coordination, the Society’s Junior Gardeners and 4-H assist with civic beautification by planting annuals at Castle Kilbride, in Baden. As well, since 1978 she has been a leader at 4-H, where she received a special 35 Year Award three years ago.





### Award of Merit

Every society needs at least one Sheila Oddy as a member. We've volunteered together on many tasks and she's always thorough and accurate. But over the years we found that the former accountant is also artistic and knowledgeable gardener.

Allow me to highlight why we are so proud that the OHA has recognized her talents with the 2016 Award of Merit. In just 17 years with our society, Sheila has done just about every task asked of her: secretary, co-president, treasurer, membership archivist, and co-director of the Trillium awards as well as the Flower, Vegetable and Photo show. And Sheila has also shown her considerable photographic skills by speaking to our society about gardens that she and her husband have seen around the world. You name it, Sheila has done it. One of the ways that Sheila has surprised me is her adapting to the newer technologies. Most of us use computers as a simple tool but Sheila uses it as a machine and an artist's tool. She consistently surprises us with her management of not only copious amounts of data but her deft artistry in creating posters & programs.

But at the core Sheila is an avid gardener along with her husband Ted. She has donated hundreds of plants to our Plant and Bake Sale. Again, if your society has a Sheila Oddy in your membership, you'll be fine. She can do anything.



**Honour Roll** certificate was presented to Bette Hall of the Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga. The Awards Committee may select a maximum of two candidates from those nominated. Award accepted by District Director, Celia Roberts (District 15),

As its longest serving member, Bette Hall joined the Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga in 1961. During that time, she has served on the Club's Board and numerous committees, including those for the garden tour and plant sale. But it is on the Flower Show Committee that she particularly stands out, having served on it for most of her time with the Club. She has judged at most horticultural societies in southern Ontario, at Canada Blooms (10 times), numerous Garden Clubs of Ontario shows, the Royal Winter Fair, the Massachusetts Horticulture and Design Show, and the Niagara Falls (New York) International Show. In 1962, she began studying with the first schools of judging held by the Garden Clubs of Ontario and the Royal Botanical Gardens, graduating as a Design Judge and as a Horticultural Judge. In the next two judging schools (1974 and 1977) she was a teacher. She continues to participate as a judge and a presenter on Judging Ethics. In addition, from 1978 to 1982, Bette taught a course in "Horticulture and Design" at the University of Guelph, has been a frequent speaker about design (both garden and floral), and a columnist.

### Fine's Flowers District Membership Growth Trophy

This trophy is awarded for the largest growth in membership by an OHA District over the past year.

In 2015, membership in District 11 Societies grew by 11.1%, expanding from 1475 members to 1638, an increase of 163 members.

The recipient was Katharine Smyth, the District 11 Director, pictured with Suzanne Hanna.



## New \$100 Society Award for Convention Adult Competitions

At the Convention in Kitchener, participation in the adult competitions was as follows:

Competition	# Exhibitors	# Entries	# Societies & Garden Clubs	# Districts
Art	9	14	9	6
Creative Writing	15	26	12	10
Flowers	18	75	10	7
Photography	25	160	15	11
Publications	43	163	41	17
Total	93	439	58	19

The new \$100 award to the Society or Garden Club with the highest point aggregate based on 1st (5 points), 2nd (3), 3rd (1), HM (0), Best in Show (5) and Judge's Choice (5) was won by: Waterloo Horticultural Society with 65 points (12 in Art, 36 in Flowers, 9 in Photography and 8 in Publications).

Runners up were London Horticultural Society with 41 points (38 in Flowers, 3 in Publications) and Oakville Horticultural Society with 33 points (6 in Flowers, 27 in Photography).

Thanks to all who exhibited, volunteered and coordinated. Kathryn Lindsay, Chair/OHA Competitions Committee and Director District 2



## Ontario Horticultural Association Convention - Kitchener

What happens when you mix a large group of gardening enthusiasts and naturalists with a campaign like the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute?

*Magic - pure magic!!!*

That's what happened this past week at the annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association when they surprised the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute with a cheque for over \$27,000.

The energy in the room was electric as all of the regional districts of the Association applauded when hearing more about the campaign. In particular, the applause was strong when we shared the fact that 100% of every dollar raised goes to purchase, plant and maintain trees. There is no administrative burden of any kind - Now THAT is value to our Donors!!

Members of the OHA from across the province contributed. And, as of the end of July, more cheques were still coming in. The support from this incredible association has been province-wide and incredibly generous. Thank you to everyone who has supported the campaign so far (see below). We're excited to work cooperatively with every district across Ontario. Thank you to our hosts (apologies for anyone I've mistakenly overlooked); Gary Brenner - Convention Host, Suzanne Hanna - OHA President, Rose Odell - OHA Vice President, Kelly Taylor - OHA Secretary, Mary Donnelly - OHA Treasurer.

Since the convention the total has risen even higher and now is at \$28,067.60.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity.

Submitted by Rose Odell

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Thank You!

## District 6 Takes Home the OHA District Challenge Award

Thank you District 19 for hosting such a fabulous OHA Convention. All of your hard work and planning paid off and delegates from across Ontario had a fantastic time taking in all of the activities from the great line up of speakers to the bus trips; guerilla gardening, great meals; simply all of it!

It was District 6's year to sit back and enjoy the Convention experience and over 35 members did just that. Last year, District 6 donated a trophy, \$100.00 and started an "Activities Committee" to ensure all delegates had a fun-filled Convention. District 19 carried on this tradition and offered some very unique, fun activities for all of the delegates to complete.

All of the little rubber chickens scattered throughout the venue were found but one, apparently clearly visible in the Plenary Room on a table leg! Delegates completed and returned all the quizzes to chalk up points for their districts but in the end, District 6 found the "Hidden Treasure", the Chicken Wind Charm. This placed us first on the leader board to become the winners of the 2016 OHA District Challenge Award trophy. For our efforts, our District won \$100.00, the elusive Chicken Wind Charm, a stuffed chicken and the trophy!

Our District had a blast and hope to see you all next year at the 111<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention, "Green From Shore to Shore" in District 5!

District 6

## Introducing the Next Trillium Editor

Malcolm Geast is a Past-President of the East York Garden Club, where he is a former editor of the newsletter and currently does the yearbook. He is the Treasurer for the Leaside Garden Society and an Assistant Director of District 5. Malcolm is also the OHA's historian, the photographer for the City of Toronto Front Garden Awards, and a frequent speaker about insects in the garden, and the history of the OHA..

Now retired, Malcolm spent 34 years with Environment Canada, working at several weather offices in southern Ontario and in Downsview as a climatologist and software developer.

He and his wife have lived and gardened in the Toronto suburb of East York for over 30 years, and since 1998 have been members of the East York Garden Club and several other horticultural societies in the Toronto area.

Malcolm will be starting with the Winter issue. Please continue to send your information to [editor@gardenontario.org](mailto:editor@gardenontario.org).



I want to thank all of you for your submissions, pictures, wonderful information and positive feedback. It's been a pleasure editing the Trillium over the last three years. I hope I've done it justice. The Trillium will be in good hands with Malcolm as the editor. As mentioned in an earlier issue, I'm retiring from the position (well I'm already retired) - my husband is retiring, so we plan on doing lots of travelling and explore this big beautiful world we have. In the past year, I've been to China, my husband and I went to Cancun last December, to Portugal this past April and we plan on going south again this December, with hopes of getting to Belgium and Holland next Spring. Who knows where the wind will blow us... I wish you all a healthy, happy and wonderful life. Sincerely, Bernice Green, retiring Editor.

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## Ancaster Horticultural Society - District 6

I just love it when a plan comes together. And when you have a high energy committee, you can make almost anything happen. The Ancaster Horticultural Society (District 6) saw a need and filled it. Our largest community garden that we maintain is the Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum. We are in there every Thursday but now Fieldcote is launching a significant expansion plan.

So we pulled together the Dream Garden Tour and Tea with over a year of planning. Mavis Baker chaired the committee and lost her share of sleep before the July 16<sup>th</sup> tour. She not only chaired the committee, she prepared her own gorgeous garden for the tour. Ancaster's society doesn't usually put on annual garden tours so we all were counting on the wow factor of the seven



Trillium award winning gardens. And at the end of the tour we held a tea on the grounds of Fieldcote Museum. Wendy Spangenberg and Rosemary Anstey were the organizer of that delicious conclusion to the tour.

The tour was a huge success with over 300 tickets sold, some to gardeners from as far away Ottawa and Windsor. This allowed the Ancaster Horticultural Society to make this \$5,500 donation towards the Fieldcote Expansion Plan. The picture is of (left to right) AHS president Bob Wilt, Lois Corey, curator of Fieldcote Museum and Hamilton Councillor Lloyd Ferguson. As they say "Plan the work, work the plan".



## The Hamilton & Burlington Rose Society

**Meets on Sunday, September 11th at 2:00pm at The Royal Botanical Garden Centre  
(680 Plains Rd. West - Burlington -) Room # 3 & #4. Speaker: Claudette Sims**

**Topic: "Incredible Edible Flowers"**

**Everyone is welcome to attend. No Entrance Fee.**

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### District 3 – Bath Gardening Club

On Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Bath Gardening Club marked the passing of one of its long-standing members, Paula Winn. The tribute to Paula was marked by the planting of a tree in her honour in Hawley Park, the park immediately adjacent to her home. Paula and her husband Stuart lived in Loyalist Country Club Community for about 20 years and were founding members of the Bath Gardening Club.

The accompanying plaque, set in a stone from Paula's own garden, reads: "In Memory of Paula Franklin Winn, a longtime resident of Hawley Court. This tree planted in 2015 by the Bath Gardening Club, friends, and her family. This was her favourite park in which to walk with her dogs Cricket and Angie."

Paula will be missed not only by her friends in Bath Gardening Club, but by all members of the community who knew and loved her.



### Creemore Hort Society - Plant Sale

by Trina Berlo

It was a good idea to hit the Creemore Horticultural Society Plant Sale early for those that liked to snag some of the more unusual plants. Hort Society member **Charlotte Vorstermans** donated some of her gems to the May 21 sale, including Turtle Head, Japaene Waxbells, Bear's Breeches, Epimedium and more. There was about 1,000 plants up for grabs at the annual plant sale, which is the society's main fundraiser. The sale is held each year on the same day as the Creemore Farmers' Market opener and it is very popular with area gardeners. The doors opened at 8:30 a.m. and there is usually a line-up. Members donated a wide range of plants, in good sized pots, dug from their own gardens. There was many native plants, the old standards, raspberry and blackberry cane, shrubs, ornamental grasses, lots of Hostas and maybe some annuals. New this year, there was a children's table with miniature plants in small pots. Prices range from 25 cents for the children's plants to \$25 for the bigger pots. Also that day, raffle tickets went on sale for the "Through my Garden Gate" quilt made by **Cheryl Robertson** of Creemore House of Stitches. The draw was held in August. The money raised covers the cost of maintaining four gardens in Creemore. Volunteers look after gardens at the library, the jail and Grandmother's Garden beside the log cabin, in addition to the large garden off

Mill Street. The money is also used to pay for speakers at the Hort Society's monthly meetings. The group meets at St. Luke's Anglican Church on the third Wednesday of each month until June and starting up again in the fall. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Charlotte Vorstermans at 705-466-2756.



Gillian Stoker-Lavelle, Charlotte Vorstermans and Jaki Skillings pot plants for the Creemore Horticultural Society Plant Sale at Station on the Green.



## In Memory

It is with great sadness that I inform you that **Brian Calvert** passed away Monday August 8, after a brief medical emergency. Brian was a valuable member of our club, always was thinking of others as he organized interesting trips and shared seeds. If you were fortunate enough to grow some of Brian's seeds, his legacy will live on as we continue his tradition of seed saving and sharing.

By Trish Rybski, Secretary Pelham Garden Club

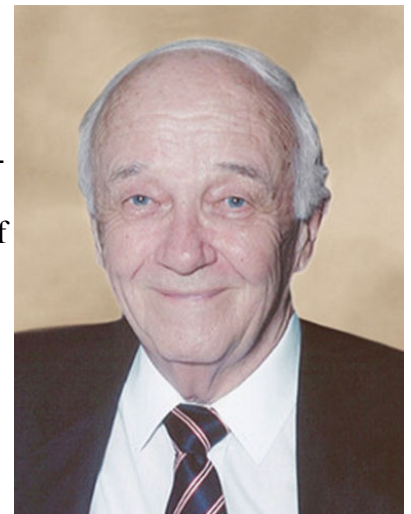


**Judy Jeffery** of the Dunnville Horticultural Society passed away on Sunday August 14th. Some of you may not know Judy but she was a great lady and an inspiration to all. She loved gardening, whether in her own garden, at her business (Judy's Plants on Marshall Rd.) or with the Dunnville Horticultural Society. She was a long term member, past president and played a huge part in the Junior Gardener program. Her disabilities never slowed her down, and her laugh was infectious. She will be greatly missed by all.

By Kim Christoff



**Gordon Winter** passed away at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Gordon was a long-time member of the Maxville Horticultural Society, Director of District 1 from 1983 to 1987, and President of the OHA in 1989. He was a former school teacher at Ormstown High School, Eastview High School, Ridgemont High School, and CCVS High School. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him.



## District 2 Flower and Edible Show Perth Ontario – August 6, 2016

The Perth and District Horticultural Society volunteered in April 2015 at the spring Advisory meeting to host the Flower and Edible show scheduled for the summer of 2016. The wheels were soon put in motion and Perth took on the challenge. Madeline Archer, a seasoned show coordinator, agreed to set up a team of dedicated volunteers “to make it happen”. The team petitioned to have the show recognized as a sanctioned event by the town and we started the planning like a carefully mandated military manoeuvre. This is a very important year for Perth Ontario as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Perth as a Settlement. The Town Crier, Brent McLaren very skillfully announced his Worship the Mayor of Perth, John Fenik, who opened the show at the Royal Canadian Legion in Perth Ontario. The Mayor even made a comment about the quality of the exhibits, “for some reason my green peppers don’t look quite the like the ones on exhibit”! Our program was full with the show opening at 1:00 p.m. and our tea room available for patrons to purchase delicious squares and cookies along with liquid refreshments. The mood was extremely upbeat; so many comments were that of awestruck observers who remarked on the quality of the exhibits. The show was well attended with a number of people staying to see the flower arranging competition and the demonstrations of floral arrangements brought admiration and excitement from the audience. Kathryn Lindsay District Director and Madeline Archer, Show Coordinator presented the following awards;

**Best in Show for Design - Small Beginnings** was Judy Fine from Nepean who received a framed watercolour picture.

**Best in Show for Edibles – Collection of Culinary Herbs** was Judy Fine from Nepean who was awarded a Silver Platter.

**Best in Show for Houseplants - Coleus** was Robin McIntosh from Perth who was awarded a Silver Bowl.

**Best in Show for Horticulture - Amaranthus** was Marilyn Snedden from Almonte who was awarded a Pewter Tankard.

**Best in Show for Roses** was Toby Barratt from Pakenham who was awarded a Rosette.

The show continued with a Head to Head Flower Arranger Competition. Four members from District 2; Linda Bartlett, Sheila King, Kathy Lang and Judy Fine had 25 minutes to make floral arrangements using similar vases and flowers to even up the playing field. After the 25 minute mark, the audience was asked to applaud each exhibitor. The applause was recorded and the loudest applause signaled the winner. Judy Fine was the winner of event. The floral bouquets were then auctioned off and the unused flowers recycled throughout the audience at a modest offering.

Our next event was “Arranging with Garden Flowers” presented by Helen Halpenny. Helen masterfully displayed five different arrangements. The audience was wowed by the beauty of each presentation and we soon saw how simple arrangements can be so beautiful. A special thank you to Helen for coming and helping us with this demonstration.

Anxious people waited near the end of the show to hear if they were the winners of various prizes. In the end, certain lucky people would enjoy their winnings.

Wow, what a day! Everyone went home with a little more appreciation of the beauty that horticulture can provide. We had a blast as hosts of such a fun day. You never know -- we may volunteer to host again for the 300th anniversary!

Jane Law  
President, Perth and  
District Horticultural  
Society





## For The Love of Gardening Contest & Calendar

In the Spring, Lee Valley generously sponsored \$1000.00 worth of gift certificates and cash to our Association.

As an OHA initiative, the “For the Love of Gardening” Contest was created to promote friendly competition amongst our 19 Districts and to give each district the opportunity to showcase public, private & community gardens within their districts. Each district was asked to submit 1 entry of 5 or more colour garden photos for a chance to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. As promised, the first ten Districts to submit their entries received a \$20.00 gift certificate for their district.

Congratulations to Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 16, 18 & 19.

During Convention, two Lee Valley representatives, appointed by their Corporate Office, spent 90 minutes judging the entries. These judges were very impressed with all entries received and asked to convey their congratulations to the winners and their appreciation to all entrants on a job well done.

In the Fall, beautiful 18 month calendars featuring all 19 districts will be available for sale for \$20.00 each. Please see the attached poster with society order form.

Judges had an extremely hard decision to make but chose these three top winners:

- 1st prize of \$400.00 gift certificates & a place on the front cover – D14, Sandra Mazur.
- 2nd prize of \$250.00 gift certificates & “January 2017” month is D6, Donna Hussey.
- 3rd prize of \$150.00 gift certificates & “February 2017” month is D7, Jane McDonald

Congratulations to you all and thank you to Lee Valley for sponsoring this initiative and to all who participated!

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## District 3 and the Vesey's Tulip Gardens

As fall once again approaches and we gardeners think of planting bulbs it is a good time to reflect on the Friendship gardens that were planted just one year ago. District 3 was fortunate enough to have three societies that were awarded Vesey's tulips to plant in honour of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands. Bancroft, Belleville and Gananoque each eagerly undertook to plant the tulips with help from community members including veterans. This spring the red and white blooms that burst forth were eye catching and gave yet a second opportunity to celebrate in our communities with school children, veterans, family and friends.

In Belleville last October the Friendship Tulip Garden was planted in the City's Memorial Gardens as a tribute to our longstanding relationship with the Netherlands.

In Bancroft the society joined in partnership with Bancroft Business Association and planted the tulips along the York River. The 1400 red and white tulips planted in Bancroft made for a splendid display.

In Gananoque the two local public schools partook with local veterans and horticultural society members to plant the tulips in the fall and in May gathered again together to view the tulips planted at town hall.

All across Canada this project gave school children and members of the communities a chance to meet the veterans and to learn a bit about the history of the service our veterans so willingly provided to liberate the Netherlands 70 years ago. It was also a chance to say thank you to the veterans and to celebrate the freedom we have here in Canada.

Town Hall Gananoque. the  
Veterans with local School  
Children



### **Pine Ridge Garden Club Meeting**

**October 4th 7:30 PM**

**Nestleton Community Centre, 3971 Hwy. 7A Nestleton**

**speaker Vickie Taylor Scott "Four Season Containers".**

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Kawartha Conservation's Blue Canoe Team is pleased to announce our Native Plant Distribution Program is now available! Native plants add both ecological and aesthetic value to your property, and can help to support local wildlife and protect water quality. All local residents interested in diversifying their property with a rain garden, natural lawn, or shoreline buffer, can order plants through the Conservation Authority at a reduced rate. We hope that this program will help to make adding native plants to your property a more accessible option! You will be asked to provide a very basic project sketch when placing your order. In addition, residents living along the water, are eligible for \$50 worth of free plant materials if they have had a site visit with the Blue Canoe Team and are planning to expand or create a natural shoreline buffer. The order form for the Native Plant Distribution Program is attached to this email, and will soon be available on our website. Feel free to share with neighbours and friends!

If you would like to speak with a Stewardship Technician before placing your order, please call 705.328.2271 ext 240 or email [Stewardship@KawarthaConservation.com](mailto:Stewardship@KawarthaConservation.com)

To speak directly with a Blue Canoe Staff Member, regarding shoreline plantings, or to book a site visit please call 705.328.2271 ext 239 or email [BlueCanoe@KawarthaConservation.com](mailto:BlueCanoe@KawarthaConservation.com)

A completed order form can be delivered to Kawartha Conservation by one of the following methods:

- Email the form to [Stewardship@KawarthaConservation.com](mailto:Stewardship@KawarthaConservation.com)
- Deliver the form Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 277 Kenrei Road, Lindsay
- Mail the form to 277 Kenrei Road, Lindsay Ontario, K9V 4R1
- Fax the form to 705.328.2286.

Plant orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ken Reid Conservation Area (at the Field Centre beside the Administration Building), 277 Kenrei Road, Lindsay, ON.

## Lilac Garden Walk at Tower Hill Heritage Garden

The Parry Sound & District Horticultural Society celebrated GardenOntario Week by co-hosting a Garden Days on Tower Hill event on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. The full day event to celebrate gardens and gardeners took place in Parry Sound's very special Tower Hill Heritage Garden featured workshops, family activities, garden vendors, a strawberry social and the official opening of the Lilac Garden Walk.

The garden walk features 22 different lilac cultivars selected for a variety of flower colour, bloom time and size, suitable for planting in the Parry Sound area. Included in the collection are four French lilacs developed by Leonard Slater including "Agincourt Beauty" whose claim to fame is that it produces the largest florets of any lilac in the world. The planting and interpretive signage were partially funded by an OHA special project grant along with funding from the Parry Sound Society, the Tower Hill Gardeners and the family of Leonard Slater.

For more information about the Tower Hill Heritage Garden and the Lilac Walk visit [www.towerhillheritagegarden.org](http://www.towerhillheritagegarden.org)

Unveiling the Slater Lilac Collection interpretive sign.  
From left: Mary McKay (Parry Sound & District Horticultural Society President), Sandra Hartill (District 18 Director), Jim Marshall (Town Councillor), Lynne Gregory (daughter of Leonard Slater) and Jamie McGarvey (Mayor, Town of Parry Sound)



## From Weeds to Wonderful!

Last fall, Credit Valley Horticultural Society renovated the Pediatric Oncology garden at the Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. Eighteen garbage bags of weeds were removed leaving only eight “not so great” shrubs in the garden.

After the soil was amended by hospital grounds staff, six CVHS volunteers dollied logs, stumps, bricks and, of course, new shrubs, perennials and bulbs through the hospital to get to the garden. Three hours later, we were done – the garden was planted and mulched, compliments received from hospital staff and we headed home feeling very satisfied and proud of our work. All our planning had come together.



This year, plant markers were added. The plants are not only suitable for the site but have fun names that children will enjoy i.e. Lamb's Ears, 'Black Knight' butterfly bush, Dwarf Goat's Beard, Turtlehead, 'Ghost' fern, Balloon Flower, 'Alligator Shoes' Hosta, 'Jack Frost' Brunnera etc.



The garden is now a place of discovery with a croaking frog, mushrooms, a giant's boot, yellow brick road complete with ruby slippers and stumps & logs where fairies live. I visited the garden a week after planting and watched a little girl (about 4 years old) discover the motion-activated frog. The smile on her face when it croaked was huge. I'm certain the remainder of her morning undergoing cancer treatment wasn't anything to smile at. It's that smile that makes me really glad CVHS is able to undertake projects like this, thanks to our very hardworking volunteers and the funds raised at our annual plant sale and garden tour.



Hopefully, this garden will now bring at least a few moments of pleasure to families at a very difficult time in their lives.

Submitted by Heinke Thiessen, President, CVHS



## Trillium Submission Deadlines for 2016

November 21st - Winter Issue



## Haldimand Horticultural Society

Haldimand Horticultural Society, District 6, gathered together in the rain in the early morning on July 1st to assemble their Flower Bed Float for the Canada Day Parade in Caledonia

Fortunately they were able to put away the umbrellas and wet jackets, which was certainly due their joyous rendition of "Singing in the Rain" ; "Nothing but Blue Skies" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The sky began to clear as the parade began winding through the streets of Caledonia.

**Flower Beds** was the theme. Members Catherine McGill, Lena Atkinson, Sharon Slack, Madeline Hagan, Coby Osinga, Issy Neighbour to Gord Roberts (who took the photos) and Jim Osinga walked in front of the Flower Bed float and pulled mini flower beds wagons.



## District 13 Massey/Walford Horticultural Society

Cleanup day, where members came out to clean up the gardens at the Massey Town Centre on May 11th, 2016.

A Native Tea Tasting Party on June 1st, 2016, complete with English style cucumber sandwiches, cakes and salads. Teapots and cups and saucers brought in by members. Barb Outhwaite, President of the Spanish Horticultural Society, came to brew up some Native plant teas. She brewed, and members tasted, strawberry leaf tea, raspberry leaf tea, hawthorn leaf tea (tastes just like green tea), and spruce needle tea.



Pictured on the right are members, and Beth Emery, who won 'best cup and saucer' which was her grandmother's 90 year old set.



Pictured on the left are the members proudly showing off their hats. Sheelagh MacDonald won for 'best decorated hat'.





## Wingham & District Horticultural Society - 50th Anniversary

### Wingham & District Horticultural Society: Cruickshank Park Site of 50<sup>th</sup>

By Susan Watson

The weather was warm and balmy as about 50 people gathered in Cruickshank Park on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wingham and District Horticultural Society. A number of dignitaries marked the occasion with speeches, congratulating the members on the many successful projects completed by the society over the last 50 years. This includes the very park where the celebration was held. Originally a vacant lot, the park has been turned into beautiful gardens, complete with a fountain, pergola and sitting areas that are enjoyed by the Wingham community.

The members were pleased to have in attendance North Huron Reeve Neil Vincent, Ontario Horticultural Association President Suzanne Hanna, Ontario Horticultural Association Past-President James Graham and Pat Newson from the Town of North Huron.



Group 50th Photo - left to right:  
Ruth Baxter, Annabelle Hoy, Ann Inglis,  
Suzanne Hanna, Gord Baxter and Helen Currie

Tree Dedication - left to right:  
Verna Steffler and Ann Inglis cutting the  
ribbon to the new Ivory silk tree purchased  
with an OHA grant.





## 95th Anniversary of St. George Garden Club

This year the SGGC has been very busy with various projects. Since it is our 95<sup>th</sup> year of operation, it seemed like a good idea to have some special projects. With the assistance of two grants, one from the Brant Community Foundation, and the County of Brant, these projects were made possible.

In April we excavated ground to allow for the relocation of our Joseph B. Smith Lily Gardens to the front of the St. George Arena. The design is somewhat different, but makes for easier access for maintenance. The lily display was at its peak the first week of July. We feel the lilies will do much better at this location. Roy Steedman designed the gardens and spearheaded this project.

Once we had the Lily Gardens well under way, on June 1<sup>st</sup> we had a bee to plant 10 Main Street planters provided by Apple Fest. Our new designs have gone over very well, but we have learned a lot. For one thing, we have learned what plants survive in such a heat wave. But our efforts have paid off and we are very proud of the outcome. We also added hanging baskets to the Main Street, and our Cenotaph plantings in red & white are the best they have seen in several years, as we are told.

July 12<sup>th</sup>, President Jan Masters invited members to her farm for a Garden Party. Approximately 50 people attended the pot luck meal. Everyone enjoyed the meal, while we sat in the shade and visited. It made for a perfect opportunity for new members to meet other new gardening friends.

August 27<sup>th</sup> the St. George Legion is holding a "Supporting Community BBQ". The proceeds from the food sales will be given to the garden Club. Everyone is welcome to join us between 5pm – 7 pm. The garden club will offer corn on the cob and coleslaw in addition to the Legion's offerings of sausage, hamburgers or hotdogs.

Once again this year, the Garden Club will be exhibiting at the St. George Apple Fest. We will have the 150 Canada tulips for sale. Come and see us Sept 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-5pm



July Garden Party at Jan's



Main Street Planter



## Mapleton Buds and Blooms 1926 to 2016.....and Still Growing

Mapleton Buds and Blooms members have no problem keeping busy! In June we held our annual plant and bake sale. Many plants and baked goods were generously donated. It was our most successful sale yet and we are very thankful for community support. The balloons in the picture are for our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Throughout the season our volunteer gardeners have been tending various gardens in Moorefield and surrounding communities. We also added a few more gardens to take care of. We decided to make them especially colourful this year to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In the picture, three volunteers pose in the garden they care for. This fall we plan on adding tulips to various gardens to celebrate Canada's birthday in 2017.



We were very thankful for receiving the tree grant from OHA. We decided to plant a flowering pear at the Crest, a retirement home. They were thrilled to receive the tree and a number of people came to the planting, many of whom had been members of our society. The picture below shows Jo Houston, our president, shaking hands with the Crest's president. We planted it during Ontario Garden Week. A resident at the Crest is

faithfully watering it for us as it develops strong roots, in spite of the dry weather. The Crest also wanted a maple tree planted so Jo and her husband planted the tree for them.

We were able to send a donation for the Highway of Heroes project. We were surprised at the total amount raised as reported at the convention and are glad to be part of such a worthy project.

We are excitedly planning our second corn roast. This year we will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 90<sup>th</sup> year of Jo's mother-in-law at the corn roast. The corn, meat, and potatoes will be cooked in Jo and Bob's steam engine- yes, in a steam engine! It turns out delicious! A variety of salads and dessert are prepared by others. This year we will also have a birthday cake.

We are looking forward to hosting the District 7 meeting in October and have been busy making plans for decorating and refreshments. The meeting will be held at the Christian Reformed Church in Drayton, a community close to Moorefield. We look forward to seeing many District 7 members at the meeting.





## Welcome Signs Beautified

Town of Minto Mayor George Bridge accepted an invitation to help beautify the village of Clifford one hot and sunny Saturday morning June 9 and dug in right alongside volunteers to plant trees and flowering plants behind the Welcome to Clifford signs at the north and south end of the village.

Clifford & District Horticultural Society president Vic Palmer noted the Society applied to the Ontario Horticultural Association and was awarded a grant to cover the cost of planting trees and shrubs that would have a lasting benefit to the community. Clifford Rotary assisted with preparing the sites breaking up the earth to make planting a little easier. The Homecoming 2017 Committee participated to help beautify the town in preparation of the Homecoming celebrations. Watering will be maintained by the Town of Minto.

Mayor George Bridge commented this will make a great addition to Clifford and look great for the homecoming celebration. This design will compliment the flowerbed complete with a stone facade to be built in front of the signs. I am pleased to help out where able, but the town wouldn't look so great without the great community involvement. It will be good to have Paul Judge act as liaison for the beautification of the community.

With shovels in hand, the holes were dug and plant material set in place at the north end sign. Once watered, the crew headed to the south end planting. Those participating included Society president Vic Palmer, Mayor George Bridge, Rotary president Bruce Kaufman, Homecoming 2017 committee members Carolyn Lemay and Don Senek, and volunteers Larry and Elsie Grummett, Isabel Senek, Trish Palmer, and Ann Bowen. Society director June Ide photographed the planting and will post the event on the Society facebook page.

Vic Palmer mentioned the Society tries to highlight or participate in provincial and federal gardening events. We celebrated Arbor Week and Arbor Day by planting trees in Old Rotary Park in April. This event was to celebrate National Garden Day. Also, the Ontario Horticultural Association designated it as GardenOntario Week. The next project that service groups in Clifford will be co-operating together on will be national Tree Day on September 28th, when hundreds of trees will be planted.

Appreciation is expressed to all those who keep Clifford blooming beautifully.

Clifford & District Horticultural Society president Vic Palmer invited Town of Minto Mayor George Bridge, Clifford Rotary, and Homecoming 2017 committee members to help plant trees and shrubs on Saturday, June 9 at the welcome to Clifford signs. Pictured at the north end sign are left to right – Vic Palmer, Mayor George Bridge, Ann Bowen, Isabel Senek, Trish Palmer, Larry Grummett, Bruce Kaufman, Carolyn LeMay, Elsie Grummett, Don Senek.



Clifford & District Horticultural Society president Vic Palmer (left) and Town of Minto Mayor George Bridge (right) work side by side at the north end welcome sign on Saturday, June 9 to beautify the village of Clifford.

Photo by Bonnie

## Haldimand Horticultural Society

Haldimand Horticultural Society members wowed the judges in their recent Spring Flower Show and Competition. There were consistent top winners throughout the competition of 21 different categories.

Some of the categories were:

Allium 3" and over	1st Don Reeder	2nd Dawn Suter
Allium 3 blooms	1st Don Reeder	2nd Dawn Suter
Tulip	1st Lena Atkinson	2nd Sharon Slack
Tulip 3 blooms	1st Sharon Slack	2nd Colby Osinga
Iris	1st Hans Vaarkamp	2nd Sharon Slack
Flowering Shrub	1st Don Reeder	2nd Lena Atkinson
Rhubarb 3 stems	1st Don Reeder	2nd Lena Atkinson
Herbs 5 or more stems	1st Don Reeder	2nd Lena Atkinson

The colourful entries in the Design Division made for a fragrant display of Spring Colours.

The first entitled "Tiny Buds" was an adorable miniature design that had to fit in a white niche about 5 inches square. 1st place went to Don Reeder and 2nd place to Sharon Slack.

"Reaching Colours" in section 2 was a Line Design won again by Don Reeder and 2nd Sharon Slack.

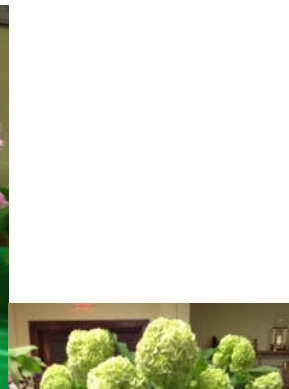
"April Showers May Flowers" was an interesting water viewing design won by Don Reeder and Dawn Suter placed 2nd.

"Twist and Turn" required a piece of decorative wood be incorporated in the design so the creativity factor influenced the arrangement to fit the theme. Dan Suter won 1st place with Don Reeder 2nd.

"The Spring Wow Factor" had to be a mass design and the large 30" arrangement of purple lilacs and allium by Dawn Suter really wowed the judges with the monochromatic colour theme.

The final Design category was "S is for Spring" whereby all the entries had to be arranged in a Haldimand Horticultural Society thermos container. Don Reeder chose to mount his thermos in a large piece of wood and created a masterpiece around the spring flowers that were available.

Dawn Suter won the best cut flower specimen in the Horticultural Division section 11 of "Any Other Spring Bloom" thereby receiving a beautiful red rosette ribbon as well as a cash prize. The huge Peony measured about 8 inches across was an intense dark purple color.





## Waterford and Simcoe Horticultural Society

Waterford and Simcoe Horticultural Society hosted a joint Flower and Vegetable Show this year on July 27th & 28th. We held our show at the Waterford Heritage and Agricultural Museum.

Our show honoring Waterford's 100th Anniversary of the Black Bridge on the Waterford Heritage Trail. A beautiful walking and cycling trail all through Norfolk County and beyond.

We had a wonderful turn out of exhibitors considering this summer's very dry weather. Waterford Member Evelyn Babineau was our top competitor with Highest Points in Show! Irene Landon of Waterford had 2nd Highest Points in Show and Best Lily, with Simcoe's Carolyn Hooper with Highest Combined Points and Best Arrangement. Betty Murton of Waterford received Best Rose and Liz DePauw Best Vegetable Awards.

A special thank you to Waterford member Chef Lisa Robb for all the yummy baked goods and to all that helped out with so very much it made our Flower & Vegetable Show a great success! Thank You Again!!!

By: Cheryl Murphy-Simon



## Waterloo Horticultural Society: Community Gardening Teams

In mid-May this year, about a dozen members of the Waterloo Horticultural Society attended a wonderful workshop at the St. John Community Garden in May this year. James Graham and Heather Kelly put together a quick garden tour and short talk about the fun and benefits of having your own garden plot in one of these city spaces. As many of you know, James is a frugal gardener with many economical tricks up his sleeve and we were definitely not disappointed with his very funny but very useful pointers. It was deliberately without precision, but hilarious finesse as he buried his home kitchen waste right under his newly planted seeds for the season. He instructed us to "just flight it in there" and in his unassuming way really taught us about space planning for best yield with minimal weeding and watering. We were also surprised when James announced that we would be joining a team and taking care of a garden of our own. I think we all kind of looked at each other in wonderment at first, but in the spirit of community that seems to come with membership at the Waterloo Hort Society, we joined a team and jumped right in!

Thus far, we have harvested radish, beets, beans, zucchini and tons of swiss chard. Our potatoes are quietly doing their thing under the ground and our tomato plants are laden with green fruit and have finally started to ripen. We have a butternut squash plant that has gone absolutely wild in this summer heat and is starting to take over but as the beans finish and the beets are all picked, we find that we can make a little more room for our future soup star.

Lessons learned?

We probably could have used some better support for some of the plants.

Maybe next time, just one squash plant per plot is plenty.

You can carry four full watering cans when they are empty, but only two when they are full. If you use a wheelbarrow, you can squeeze in 5 full cans.

There are people from all different cultures and backgrounds growing at the plots and some of them grow some really interesting vegetables.

Some people can grow tomatoes that are as big as your head.

And finally, you can meet some really nice people in the gardens.

While we have had a few group garden sessions, we normally don't plan our work times. It has happened organically with teammates coming and going when they have the time. I have gone to the garden to find it has just been weeded and watered by someone else. This lovely surprise then gives me the time to just stand back and admire what we have accomplished, to walk around all of the plots and learn how so many people can do the same hobby so differently. It really is a beautiful space full of friendly and sharing people, birds, bees and wildlife and it's been a surprise delight of my summer. We can let you in on a little secret as well... listening to the sound of the church bells on a Sunday morning while you dig in the dirt, brings a truly lovely kind of peacefulness to your day.

By Kim Silva

The Calendula Team (left picture)

The Bachelor Button Team (right picture)





## In Memoriam Tree Dedication

On Sunday, July 31, following the OHA Convention, an In Memoriam Tree Dedication was held at the Guelph Arboretum for three Past Presidents who passed away this year. Trees were dedicated for John Sellers, Madeline Hobson, and Gordon Winter. In this photo, Past President James Graham dedicates a Feather Leaf Japanese Emperor Oak planted to honour John Sellers.



The post-convention tree dedication at the Guelph Arboretum was an opportunity for eight Past Presidents to get together. From left to right: Don Matthews, Dave Money, James Graham, Bert Card, Jim Mabee, Shirley Daniels, Jim Anderson, and Wilma Wood



In commemoration of the 2016 convention, a European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus Fastigiata*) in Kitchener's Rockway Gardens was dedicated on July 28. From left to right: Bruce MacNeil (1st Vice-President, KHS), Yvonne Fernandes (Councillor, City of Kitchener, and KHS Board member), Gary Brenner (District 19 Director), Suzanne Hanna (OHA President), and Catherine Owens (KHS Board member).

## Digitizing Our Archives

by Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian

In my previous article, in which I discussed some of the problems that we face with keeping our Societies' archives, I ended by noting that it's becoming common to scan and digitize many of our records. By turning all those papers and pictures into a digital format, we can save space, keep more information, and easily find that information in files that are fully indexed and searchable. What's more, we'll never lose any of it, because we can have multiple backup copies. If only it was that easy. In this article, I'll cover some of the issues that need to be considered before we decide to make the move from paper to digital archiving.

Possibly the biggest motivation for digitizing a Society's archives is the need to reduce the amount of room needed for storage. Information that's contained in several boxes of material in someone's basement can easily fit on a \$10 USB key the size of your thumb. On that count alone, digitizing our records makes eminent sense. But before charging into action, there are several issues that need to be recognized.

First, it's necessary to consider exactly how our archives will be transformed from paper to digital. Much of the material that we're producing today is "born digital", created and stored on a computer. Items such as emails, newsletters, minutes, and photographs fit into this category. But those "pre-digital" records need to be converted, usually with the use of a scanner. And it's here that we hit our first obstacle: scanning is an activity that is time-consuming, and often tedious. A flatbed scanner is relatively inexpensive (\$100-200) but requires that each page be copied individually, making for a rather lengthy process. The job will get done a lot quicker with a document scanner, but you'll be paying \$500 or more for the speed that comes with a sheet feeder. Another method, one which is beginning to look more viable, is the use of one of the many scanner apps for your phone or tablet. The quality of the images produced by these apps is not yet as good as those from a dedicated scanner, but this is an area that is definitely showing some promise.

No matter how you scan your documents, the end products are digital files – lots of them. Add in all those emails, minutes, and photos that are added almost every day, and it will soon become apparent that proper methods of storing them are needed. Remember, the purpose of maintaining an archive is to be able to access and use the information in the future. With this in mind, there are three important issues to consider:

**File formats:** Three decades ago, the most frequently used word processors included names like WordPerfect and WordStar; the top-selling spreadsheets were Lotus 1-2-3, VisiCalc, and SuperCalc; and graphics software produced files in now-obscure formats such as PCX and HPGL. Retrieving information from the files created with that 1980s-era software is usually a difficult task, and sometimes impossible. It's a little different today, with file standards that are likely to last for many years. A PDF file created today will likely be readable in 30 years, as will the de facto standards for word processing (.docx and .doc), spreadsheets (.xls), and images (jpeg and tiff). For this reason, when considering long-term storage, it's best to save your information using these commonly used formats.

**Storage medium:** You may still have some of those WordStar or SuperCalc files around. Or perhaps you've got hort society minutes that were produced on an Apple II or a Commodore 64. Have you tried recently to use the disks on which the files were written? It's pretty much an impossible job, since it's unlikely that you've got anything that will read them. Since the advent of home computers, we've seen portable data storage move from tapes to disks to CD-ROMs and DVDs and, in recent years, to USB keys, small hard drives, and "the cloud". So, unless you moved those cassette files to 5¼ inch disks, then to 3½ inch disks, then to CDs and/or USB keys, there's a good chance that they are, for all practical purposes, lost forever. Even if you have software that can interpret them, there's a good chance that you won't be able to lay your hands on the hardware that will read cassettes or even 5¼ or 3½ inch disks. As well, CDs and magnetic disks degrade over time, which eventually can make them unreadable.

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So, where should your files be stored if you want them to be retrievable for decades to come? Unfortunately, there is no definitive answer to this question. As we've seen, once-dominant methods of storage can change in just a few years. Even if your USB key is still in good condition, there's no guarantee that your successors 25 or 50 years down the road will have a suitable computer in which they can plug it in (they probably won't). For digital storage to be viable, it's necessary to have a succession plan in place, so that files are always backed up, renewed every few years, and copied to new media when it becomes standardized. Is storage in "the cloud" the solution? Perhaps, but probably only as a backup and certainly not for the long term. After all, can you guarantee that Dropbox, Google Cloud, or any other service will still be in existence several decades from now?

Another consideration is that, if your Society is going to store its archive in the cloud, dependable service often requires an annual fee. Whatever decisions are made regarding storage methods (short-term or long-term), it is essential that they be properly documented – you don't want to lose access to your archive because no one knows the passwords.

**Storage location:** One of the problems that often occurs with traditional archives is the loss of papers either through damage (fire, flooding) or simply by losing track of them. Both of these can easily be reduced by digitizing our material. Lost items can often be reprinted from the digital copies, and backups can be kept in several members' homes or in a safe location, such as a safety deposit box. But this isn't a completely fool-proof solution. Someone has to have the key to that box, and those multiple copies can't just be scattered around randomly. And of course, it doesn't matter whether our files are paper or digital, if we don't make sure that we keep track of who has them, sooner or later they'll be gone.

Paper archives are often kept in a box stuffed away in someone's attic or basement. As much as some of us may look upon this as a terrible way to keep a record of our past, it does have one major advantage over digital storage: as long as it's not lost or seriously damaged, it's decipherable for decades or even centuries into the future. Those old photos or newspapers from the 1800s or early 1900s may be yellowed, may be incomplete, or may be ripped. But, in almost all cases, they're still readable. There's no need to worry about the file format of a piece of paper, or to search out a machine that will read it, and, unlike a file that's been corrupted by a software glitch or a stray magnetic field, a ripped or incomplete photo can still be used. When we find a photo taken in 1916, we can see right away what it is. Will our successors have any idea what a CD or DVD is when they find it in 2116? Digitizing our archives gives us the ability to save large amounts of material in a small space. But it's not without its own problems. Rather than putting all our eggs in the technological basket, we can better ensure the preservation of our history by also keeping hardcopies of our newsletters, yearbooks, selected photographs, and other essential items.

One final note, one that I cannot stress enough: Always, always, have backups. And not just in one location. Lose a file folder of papers and you may have lost a year's worth of minutes. Lose a USB key that has no backup, and you could lose the entire history of your Society.

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## Omeme: “Tree Dedication and Garden Party” June 18, 2016

As part of our GardenOntario Week event, the Omeme Blooms Garden Club held a Tree Dedication at the green space on Mary Street behind the Omeme Post Office. It was followed by a Garden Party at the renovated Tri-School Garden on Rutland Street on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Omeme Blooms was given money from OHA District 4 to plant a tree. It was decided to dedicate the tree to Gerald McGregor, a former councillor, for his support and tireless work in securing funding from the City of Kawartha Lakes for the beautification of the village.

An Exclamation London Planetree was researched and chosen by Aron Muscutt, our club horticulturist. This tree was chosen for its superior adaptability, hardiness, disease resistance and unique upright dense habit. This tree works very well in an urban site for its tolerance of poor soil, and drought.

This mature size of this tree is 60 feet high by 45 feet wide. As a young tree it can grow three feet per year. Gerald was instrumental in procuring approval of a planting site at the large vacant green space behind the Omeme Post Office. This tree will be a showpiece for years to come.

The Exclamation London Planetree has medium green foliage with deeply palmate lobed foliage that cloaks the tree all summer but the outstanding feature of this tree is the attractive exfoliating bark even at an early age. The mottled brown, green, and tan bark peels off in large plates revealing patches of interior bark in varying shades of cream to white.

Aron and Ron Muscutt planted the tree on May 25<sup>th</sup> with the generous assistance of Darren James Construction, his machinery and several workers. Due to the extreme drought it was necessary to water the tree every day after planting. Thank you to Barbara McGregor and Ken Hunter for keeping the tree watered.

Following the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, guests socialized at a wonderful garden party, with refreshments and a delicious cake, decorated with a London Planetree. The Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, Rose Odell, and Assistant Director of District 4, Pam Chellew honoured us with their presence. Greetings with regrets were received from Councillor Mary Ann Martin.

*Joanne Windrem, Master Gardener and Chairperson of the Omeme Public Gardens*



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