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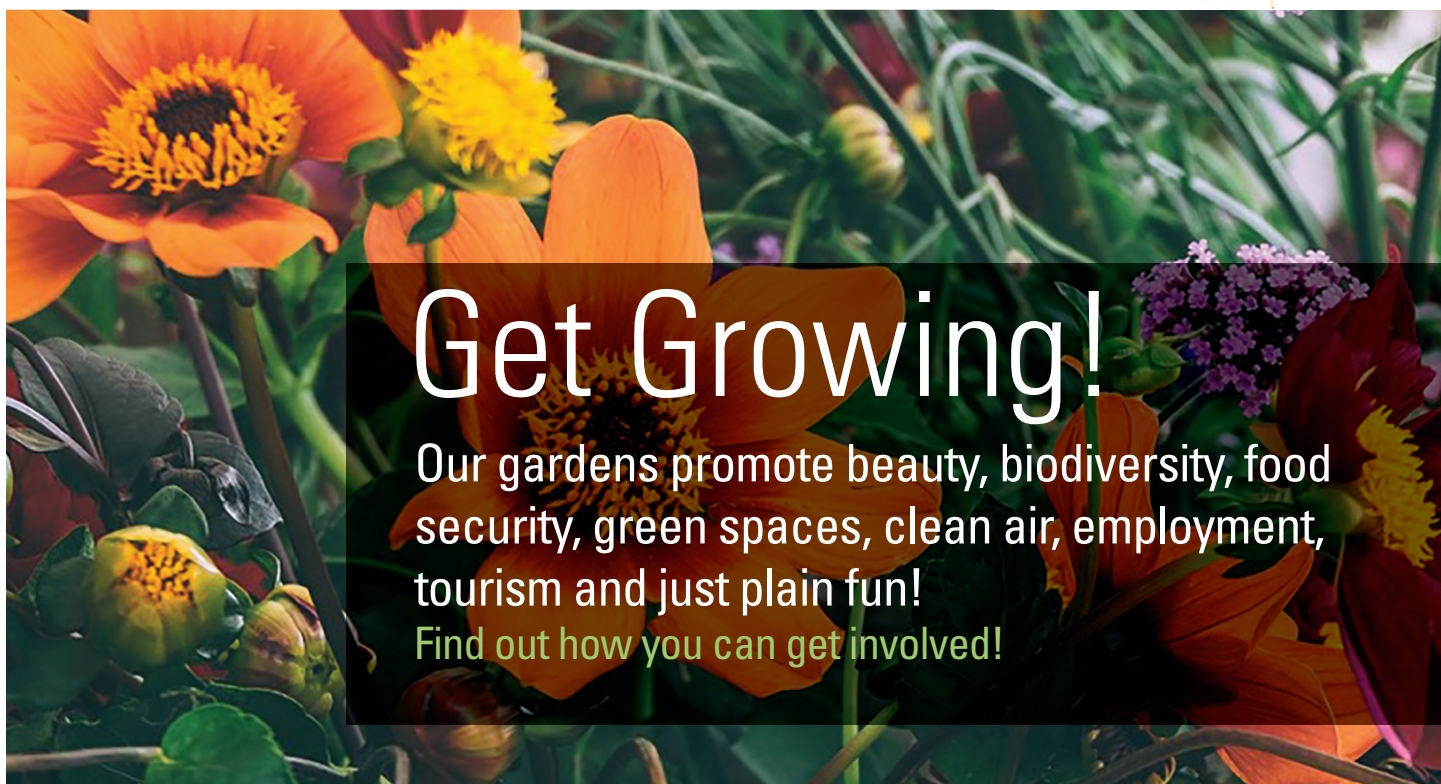
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President's Message

My, oh my, where has the time gone! While life has been a whirlwind of activity for me lately, I am most appreciative of the opportunity to share what has been happening with you, my fellow gardeners. As you know, Malcolm Geast is now our new Trillium Editor, replacing Bernice Green who has retired. I want to extend a warm welcome to Malcolm on behalf of all of us, as he begins this new position. May he never have regrets!



Our Executive and Directors met in mid- October for our regular fall Board meeting in Innisfil to share our progress to date on various committees and initiatives, address issues of interest to the OHA and to do some strategic planning. Your Board takes their responsibilities to advocate on your behalf very seriously so you can imagine how lively and productive our discussions are.

Here is a brief synopsis of our Fall Board Meeting Highlights.

- GardenOntario Week will take place from June 10-18, 2017. The Board feels that this initiative serves to inspire our societies and partnering organizations to join in and share their knowledge and love of gardening in their communities across our province. Events can be publicized on our website www.gardenontarioweek.org. This year we are providing some promotional resources. Check out our fill-in poster that societies can use to advertise their specific events as well as our template for labels that can be used on seed envelopes, welcome bags and other items to advertise what you plan to do this June to promote your love of gardening. Be sure to spread the word!
- Have you heard about the new OHA Pollinator Initiative? The OHA is taking the lead in spearheading a project to create and promote pollinator friendly gardens and nesting sites in all 19 Districts. The Conservation & Environment Committee is working on a new pollinator booklet to assist gardeners and our organization is collaborating with many like-minded organizations to create a pollinator garden at Queen's Park in Toronto. We hope that many societies & Districts will use GardenOntario Week to showcase their efforts and educate the general public about the importance of supporting our pollinators. Everyone can make a difference.
- Two new Honorarium positions are being created for 2017. The Board has voted to offer a \$1500 honorarium for the position of OHA Web Administrator and a \$1500 Honorarium for an OHA Communications Coordinator. Job descriptions and a call for interested applicants will be circulated via email and website shortly so if you are interested in sharing your talents and skills in either of these two positions, please contact the OHA Secretary.
- District 5 is hosting our forthcoming Convention July 21-23 in York Region. Cindy Scythes and her District will be posting information about guest speakers, workshops, bus trips and vendors as soon as details are finalized. Be sure to add these dates to your calendar.
- Support this year's two fundraisers: License Plate Frames & OHA 18 Month Calendars. The OHA Fundraising Committee reminded everyone that it is not too late to order these wonderful items. Frames are \$10 each and the beautiful calendars that feature gardens across the province sell for \$20 each. Contact Donna Hussey, DD6 at district6@gardenontario.org or Sandra Hartill, DD18 at district18@gardenontario.org to place your order before Christmas.

Well, I must get back out to my garden while the weather is mild. We have had a sprinkling of snow here in Sault Ste. Marie for the past week. I must hustle if I hope to get the last of my Canada 150 tulips planted in the ground for next spring's brilliant display. I am so thankful for my bulb auger that attaches to my husband's drill as it makes the hole digging so much easier!

I wish you all health and happiness during this festive season.

Suzanne Hanna

Celebrating Canada's 150th in Assiginack

In celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017, Assiginack Horticultural Society was the lucky recipient of one of 150 of the "150th Celebration Gardens" distributed across Canada by the Canadian Garden Council in collaboration with Veseys Bulbs of PEI. Consisting of 1,000 tulip bulbs, an international symbol of friendship and an enduring symbol of our national ethos of kindness and hospitality, the 150th Celebration Garden is a terrific way to say "Happy Birth" to Our Home and Native Land.

As a Co-President, May Mervyn noted that the Society feels very fortunate to have received one of these Gardens since the Canadian Garden Council, the organization behind the 150th Celebration Garden program, received more than 400 applications. The public planting ceremony for the garden, which consists of 500 red and 500 white tulip bulbs planted in the shape of the maple leaf on the Canadian flag, took place on October 14th, in front of the Assiginack Public Library. Everyone, from seniors to school children, the Mayor, the local MPP, and the public was in attendance at the planting ceremony as the community makes its preparations to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday next year.

The garden, and the other 149 gardens planted across the country, is symbolically linked to a Flagship 150th Celebration Garden Promenade, consisting of 25,000 tulips also donated by Veseys, adjacent to Niagara Falls, one of Canada's largest gateways for visitors to our country.



The Assiginack Horticultural Society would like to thank Society member Alison Greenhill for submitting the winning "150th Celebration Garden" application as well as all those that made this heartwarming program possible: Canadian Garden Council, Veseys Bulbs, Canada Post, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Niagara Parks Commission, GardenMaking magazine, Landscape Ontario, Ontario Garden Council, Baxter Travel Media, Enterprise Canada, Gardens BC, Québec Gardens' Association and VIA Rail Canada.



Celebrating Canada's 150th in LaSalle

Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society Vice- President

Our society has been very busy. We won one of the 150th "Celebration Gardens" across Canada and planted our 1000 red and white tulip bulbs in November with a great opening ceremony, celebrating history for the town with this garden. We can't wait for our spring show along with the Kinship garden of 25,000 in Niagara Falls. Thank you Veseys Bulbs, The Canadian Garden Council and the other sponsors for this great gift and opportunity.

With profits from our June plant sale, we purchased six arena seats at the Vollmer Complex, donated two \$500 scholarships to St. Clair College Students graduating from the horticultural program and gave money and food towards the area food bank.

We are looking forward to the snow season, as we continue with being the judges for the "Light Up LaSalle" campaign in which we judge area homes and businesses Christmas decorations and they get prizes donated by the Town of LaSalle.

Spring will bring the blooming of our new garden, as well as entering the 2017 Strawberry Festival Parade again. We won first place this year with our great flowering float!



LaSalle Hort Society President Barrie Hoare and Vice-President Jan Dugdale prepare for planting



Ennismore Sprouts Donate a Buddy Bench

Susanne Gardiner, Ennismore Sprout Leader

It all began with an OHA grant to the Sprouts. Our group already has planted trees, built a pollinating garden, and has built and maintains a public garden. We were not sure if we wanted another garden to maintain. The leaders all agreed we wanted to do something that would have an impact on the youth in Ennismore. On CBC there was a topic about a Buddy Bench. This is something that has taken off across Canada. These special benches are placed in the school playground. It is a place for a child to sit if they have a problem, such as:

- can't resolve a conflict with their friends
- friends are not at school today
- want to play a different game than their friends
- being bullied

This sounded like something the Sprouts would be proud to be a part of. We meet in Ennismore, so of course, the school would be St. Martins Separate School in the Hamlet of Ennismore. The principal was very excited that we would be willing to raise money to donate the bench to the school.

Over the course of 10 months, the Sprouts raised money by having bake sales and bottle drives and sold fire starters. We also had many private donations to help reach our goal. On the first day of school in September, the bench was delivered to the school. The principal was in shock. He couldn't believe we actually came through and raised enough money to purchase the bench. In November there was the official unveiling of the bench. School dignitaries, members of the Ennismore Horticultural Society and, of course Ennismore Sprouts who attended this school were present. Scott Gardiner (pictured at right), one of the leaders for Sprouts spoke about how we decided on this project and how we raised the money. It was a very proud day for Ennismore Sprouts.

We have 16 Sprouts, four of them attend St. Martins School, and the rest attend Chemong Public School in Bridgenorth. So here we go again. We are fundraising to purchase another buddy bench at that school now. The cost of the bench which is made out of recycled plastic, is \$800.

We are excited about this project and we have had wonderful community support.



Celebrating Canada's 150th in Port Hope

As part of its preparations for the Canada 150 Celebrations next year, the Port Hope Horticultural Society planted Canada 150 tulips at the Welcome To Port Hope signs at the entrances from the east (Toronto Road), the north (Ontario Street) and the west (Highway 2). Pictured here (left to right) are Ann Dilks, Paulette Mouzer, Marg Merrill, and Maggie Money.



Mapleton Buds & Blooms

Jerry Ottens, Mapleton Buds & Blooms

It continued to be a busy year for Mapleton Buds and Blooms as the celebration of our 90th year soon ends. We recently hosted the October meeting for District 7 in Drayton. Many hands made the day possible. Decorations were planned and muffins and loaves baked. Many donations were received from local businesses for prizes and for the gift bags that each member in attendance received. In each bag we also placed a few official tulip bulbs for Canada's 150th anniversary. Hannah Veld, one of our members, made a beautiful cake to celebrate our 90th year. We invited our oldest living member, Jean Dobben, who turned 90 this year, to come to the meeting to cut the cake. (Jean is pictured with Lukas, Jo Houston, current president, and four past presidents Hanna Veld, Clara Bauman, Renske Helmuth, and Dorothy Noecker. Jean is also a past president.) Jean and Lukas have been active members for many years. They attended almost every monthly meeting until about two years ago when Jean became unable to come anymore. We applauded Jean and Lukas because it was also their 61st anniversary on that day. Everyone present enjoyed a piece of cake for dessert. In the morning, Mayor Neil Driscoll brought greetings to everyone at the meeting. He then presented a plaque to Mapleton Buds and Blooms from Mapleton Township for our 90th anniversary and many years of service to the community. Jo Houston accepted the plaque on our behalf. Our new banner was finished and we revealed it for the first time at this meeting.



In August, we held our 2nd annual corn roast, which this year was a combination celebration, commemorating Mapleton Buds and Blooms 90th anniversary and Bea Houston, Jo's mother-in-law's 90th year/89th birthday. The weather was beautiful, and many people came to celebrate. Bob Houston ran the steam engine and cooked corn, potatoes, and meat. Members brought salads and desserts.

We have enjoyed many interesting topics at our last few monthly meetings. Melanie Marjoram taught us how to make a Hogarth Design. We learned all about apples from Steve Martin and tried his apple chips. Nick and Shirley Morris from Flowers to Fragrance Lavender Farm explained many projects they are involved with. We tried their lavender shortbread cookies and were able to purchase essential oils and soap. At our October meeting Clara Bauman and Hannah Veld showed us how to make some Christmas decorations using living greenery. We were inspired to get going on our decorations.

In November, we will end the year with our annual meeting and potluck. We look forward to another awesome year in 2017.

We were saddened this year with the passing of Bernie Veld, husband of Hanna. As an active member for many years, and an avid gardener, it was obvious that he loved plants and flowers. Bernie enjoyed winning a prize with his raffle tickets and seemed to win something at every meeting. We uphold his family with prayer and miss having him at our meetings.



A Very Special Five-year Pin

David Blythin, Secretary, Niagara Falls Horticultural Society.

During this year's Annual General Meeting of the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society, District 9 Director Sue Lusted handed out a five-year service pin to one of the members, William Blythin, a special moment that was particularly notable for one fact – William celebrated his 8th birthday just one week later on November 18th.

With both his parents and grandparents being members of the Society, it was only natural that William would also become a member. William is a keen gardener, a talented photographer and a floral designer. He is "head gardener" at home and also has his own flower bed in Nana's garden.

The Niagara Falls Society has monthly flower shows and William is a frequent competitor, not only in the horticultural classes but often also in design, and has taken first place – ahead of the adults (including his grandfather).

He has been very active in the Society in many other ways. Each year the Society has a plant sale in May, and William has been one of the most active volunteers. In 2013, he set up his own plant sale on mom and dad's front yard, selling off the unsold plants from the "official" plant sale, and managing to raise an additional \$40.

In 2014 he was the plant sale manager, with younger sister Keira (also a member) as the assistant manager, giving his Mom and Nana a lot of helpful advice as to how to close a sale. At the 2016 plant sale, William manned a table helping other kids pot up annuals to take home.

When the Society planted a 700 tulip bulb 70th Anniversary garden in the fall of 2015, William was one of the 26 volunteers who planted the garden.

Having William taking such an active part in the Society events has encouraged other parents and grandparents to bring along their own younger family members – not to all meetings, but when appropriate. His participation in flower shows has also encouraged others to take part – "If a little boy can do it, so can I".



Williamstown Member Receives Award From Governor General

For more than 30 years, Ernest Spiller has been actively promoting heart health education, appreciation for local historical venues, and the exchange of horticultural information in Williamstown. His passion and commitment have yielded wonderful results that continue to have a lasting and positive effect. On September 7, 2016, at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, Ernest was presented with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by Governor General David Johnston.

An avid gardener, Ernest Spiller was President of the Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society and loved to promote horticulture in the region. Each year Ernie helped beautify the Williamstown Fair Grounds.

In a letter of nomination for the award it was noted that "Ernie's meetings were always well run, in his gentle fun loving manner, and the membership swelled under his direction".



Photo courtesy of The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General; original version available at gg.ca

Living-Wreath Workshop in Beaverton

Ildi Connor, Beaverton Horticultural Society President

Our members love workshops! So our Vice President, Sharon Bognar, had a wonderful idea to make a living wreath. Our show chair, Ainsley Gillespie suggested we hold the workshop at Lakeview Manor in Beaverton and include the residents in the activity. The workshop, which took place on June 9, turned out to be a great success for our members and especially for the residents.



Trillium Deadline Dates

In 2017, the deadlines for Trillium submissions will change from the 21st of the month to the final Monday of the month for the Spring (February), Fall (August), and Winter (November) editions. The exception will be the Summer edition. In order to have Convention resolutions published on time, the deadline will be the third Monday in May. With all that in mind, the dates are:

- Spring: Monday, February 27
- Summer: Monday, May 15
- Fall: Monday, August 28
- Winter: Monday, November 27

Articles should be sent in Word format or plain text. If you have a Mac, and would rather use Pages, I can also accept that. Photos and other graphics should be sent as separate files (i.e., not as part of a Word file), with a resolution of at least 1000 by 800 pixels. Full-sized original files will be happily accepted.

Email your articles to editor@gardenontario.org. If you're unable to send your material via email, I can also accept them via Canada Post at:

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Please note that I will send an email reply to confirm that I have received your article. If you don't get a reply within 24 hours, send me another email or call me.

OHA Judging Course in District 4

District 4 is pleased to announce that fourteen gardeners successfully completed the OHA Judging Course. They are now available to judge at your flower shows and fairs. Their names will be added to the list when they send in their application form. The courses were taken in Sept 2014, June & Sept 2015 and June & Sept 2016.

The majority of the new judges are from District 4 with a few residing in District 3. They will all be a welcome addition to our judge rosters.

Thank you, especially, to our principals, Barbara and Ann from whom we learned a lot. They invited a good selection of guest presenters who were very knowledgeable in their field. We had a fantastic learning experience and it was fun too! Good work team...Woohoo!!!



Front Row: Suzi Gabany, Principal Barbara Twiner, Co-Principal Ann Slemming, Bev. Silk
Back Row: Shelly Fredericks, Rose Odell, Wendy Melanson, Nancy Cole, Margaret Knight, Lezlie Miller, Kris Rahn, Joan Harding, Linda Wallis, Felicity Lukace, Kathy Reid and Diane Huddle.

Convention information is now available on the GardenOntario website:

- Bus tours, plenary speakers, seminar speakers, and the Saturday evening banquet speaker
- Show schedules for all 2017 competitions
- Accommodation information and hotel reservation details
- Convention registration coming in early 2017



2016 OHA Fundraising Committee wishes to thank you for supporting this year's two fundraisers; License Plate Frames & OHA 18 Month Calendars.

It's not too late to order: **Frames are \$10.00 each and the beautiful calendars featuring gardens across the province are \$20.00 each.**

Both of these items would make wonderful Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers; so please contact Donna Hussey at district6@gardenontario.org or Sandra Hartill at district18@gardenontario.org to place your orders!

Have a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Donna Hussey, DD6 & Sandra Hartill, DD18

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Clifford Horticultural Society - Honouring Bruce Walters

Sheltered from the rain, 35 family and friends gathered under a tent in Old Rotary Park in Clifford on Saturday, September 17 in honour of National Tree Day and to honour the late Bruce Walters.

Clifford & District Horticultural president Vic Palmer welcomed everyone. A large hackberry tree was chosen as it is a native tree, hearty, and drought tolerant.

Past president Georgie Hutchison introduced his wife Beverly and their daughter Becky and other family members present. A gift of Dutch tulip bulbs was presented to Bev Walters.

Elizabeth Bott spoke on behalf of her husband Doug who performed the funeral service on July 9.

George Bridge, Warden of Wellington County and Town of Minto Mayor, remembered Bruce as a classmate, fellow councillor, and friend. Councillor Dave Turton was also in attendance.

Bruce held the distinction of serving as the last Reeve of Clifford before amalgamation in 1999. He accomplished many deeds and will be remembered for his leadership in installing the traffic lights in Clifford. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Harriston and recently retired from his job of 44 years as a millwright at Rothsay Concentrates.

Seven family members stepped forward, picked up shovels, and applied a layer of mulch at the base of the tree - wife Beverly, daughter Becky, sister Barb Wakeford, father Ivan Walters, daughter Angie Walters, sister Diane Ballantyne, brother Wayne Walters.

A plaque recognizing Bruce and National Tree Day will be placed at a later time.

The hackberry tree was purchased through Trivic Trees with Ash Jay of New Realm Landscaping helping to prepare the site. The tent was generously donated for the day through the Clifford Rotary Club.



Seven family members helped lay mulch on the tree in honour of the late Bruce Walters and National Tree Day celebrated on Sat., Sept. 17 at the Old Rotary Park in Clifford. Left to right – Bev Walters, Becky Walters, Barb Wakeford, Ivan Walters, Angie Walters, Diane Ballantyne, Wayne Walters. (Photo by June Ide)

Hacky Halloween In Waterloo

It was a pumpkin extravaganza on Saturday October 29th as the Waterloo Horticultural Society, Kwartzlab, Sobeys and the Waterloo Public Library partnered to offer families a chance to carve a pumpkin, complete with a battery-operated illumination device. The response to the event was overwhelming, as 35 families arrived to take part, resulting in two extra trips to the store for pumpkins.

The community room at the library was transformed into a hive of creativity as each family scooped, carved, painted and decorated their pumpkin before visiting Kwartzlab's soldering station to make their light. For many of the participants, it was their first opportunity to make a jack-o'-lantern – judging by the happy smiles, it won't be their last.



Midland Horticultural Society - A Trio of Trees

In memory of Madeline Hobson, a tree was planted beside the walking trail in Midland by members of the Midland Horticultural Society and Madeline's family. An active member of the Society, Madeline passed away March 13 2016. She introduced the geranium as the emblem for Midland Horticultural Society and helped with the first yearbook. Madeline was District 16 Director for six years and conducted the first judging school. She was OHA President in 1986-1987 and also President of the Parry Sound Horticultural Society. As well, Madeline was a founding member of the Elmvale and District Horticultural Society.



Mary Michalak is standing beside a red maple tree planted at the Yonge Street planter in Midland by our Horticultural Society. The monies for the tree came from an OHA \$200 Grant.



Marg Randa is standing beside another tree planted beside the walking trail in Midland, this one in memory of Alvar Randa, her husband and former member of the Midland Horticultural Society.



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2:30 **Vikki Whitney**
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Sunday, April 9th
10:30 **Cathy Dueck**
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12:00 **Stephen Biggs**
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District 9 Fall Forum

Leslie Daniels, Thorold Garden Club President

October 1st, 2016 was the perfect day to hold OHA District 9's Fall Forum. The leaves were starting to turn and fall was certainly in the air. The inside of Grace Mennonite Church Hall was decorated with wayside flowers and material which formed the centerpieces of the tables. A beautiful backdrop for a wonderful day.

Sweets Café & Crepes catered our brunch, which was a great success. The variety and quality of the prepared foods was well received, leaving the audience well-fed, relaxed and ready to listen to the welcome extended by Sue Lusted and the representatives of both host cities, St. Catharines and Thorold.

Finally, what we were all awaiting, our energetic well-known garden guru Mr. Paul Zammit, the Director of Horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden, took centre stage.

His chosen topic, Creating Biodiversity in the Home Garden, is a favourite subject of his. "It's a matter of making choices. (Today) people are thinking about the usefulness of the garden – making every plant count."

He said some of the old ways of gardening are declining. Instead of cleaning up every fallen leaf, dead stalk and dying annual in the fall, people are now leaving them to nourish the soil and help feed the birds over winter. "It's a change of perception. It supports biodiversity. Clover used to be terrible in the lawn. But bees love it, so leave it in."

He explained how you can plant many vegetables and herbs, with flowers, something not always thought of for small spaces. Plants like rosemary, parsley, basil, chard, eggplant, peppers and violas, look lovely but have another purpose as well.

"We're pushing gardens for wellness," Zammit said. "It brings it full circle – it's good for the garden, good for creatures and good for us. It's an opportunity to do our bit of stewardship. Before it was all about aesthetics. Now gardeners want to know what they can do and change."



Well received, topical and important, his message was delivered to a receptive audience who, I'm certain, took notes and will follow his valuable advice.

The flower show was gorgeous and many amazing entries got the attention of the crowd of more than 75 eager gardeners. Prizes and raffles meant many left with more than they came with.

A fantastic day was had by all.

OHA Nominations

The election of the Ontario Horticultural Association President, as well as the Vice President, is an important part of the Annual Convention. Usually, there is a normal progression into the President's chair. It is essential to have continuity in the flow of these offices. To be eligible for a position, one must be a past or present District Director or a past or present executive member of the Ontario Horticultural Association Board of Directors for a period of not less than two years. This person must be willing to serve and consent must be obtained before the nomination can be considered, and must be sent by Canada Post as there must include an original signature of the nominee.

Nominations for any of the above offices must be received on or before February 28, 2017, and should be sent to:

Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary
448 Paterson Avenue
London, ON N5W 5C7

Six Months Later: Neighbouring Societies Bring Their Thoughts to the Table Or Part Two of "A Recipe for Success"

Sarah Sullivan, Ennismore & District Horticultural Society, President

On one of the warmest days nearing the end of this past summer (which day wasn't the warmest?) District 4 Horticultural Societies from Omemee and Ennismore united once again. This time the meeting was not for the purpose of planning another AGM, no this meeting was about enjoying beautiful gardens and sharing great tips and ideas and catching up with old friends.

As the group of ten women met in the heat of the day, Heather came to the rescue with shade umbrellas for all who forgot theirs. Once adorned, the garden tour began. Through light hearted banter, useful information and ideas were shared and seeds were sown. The Omemee delegation accompanied the Ennismore contingent on a total of five bountiful and blooming garden tours. All gardens are the work of the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society. The ladies enjoyed hamming it up at the Ennismore Dry Stone wall and archway while appreciating its keen workmanship. Making their way to main gateway in Ennismore and the home of three more gardens, the ladies relaxed and enjoyed the lake view while learning of Ennismore's unique way of letting their water deliverers know when the rain barrels were getting empty. It has to do with red ribbon!

The sun was intense that day and after viewing the last of the gardens, the ladies were good and ready to make their way to the local Tap n' Grill. No sooner had the group settled in and ordered lunch, than the heavens opened and the rain let loose in a wet, grey torrent. Tucking into their meals, watching the week's long drought finally come to an end, all agreed that the afternoon could not have been more fulfilling.



Sharing responsibilities and collaborating with nearby Societies is a great way to strengthen ties and build strong gardening communities. Consider reaching out to your neighboring Society when a challenge arises. We can guarantee that it will be a "recipe for success!"

"A Recipe for Success", Part One of this story, appeared in the Summer, 2016 edition of the Trillium



North York - A Busy Summer

The North York Garden Club had a very busy summer and fall. Throughout June we collected nominations for the Great Front Garden Contest, had judges on the streets in July, made our final decisions in August and held an awards night in September. We had over 100 gardens nominated. Each category (Traditional Residential, Environmental Residential, Multi-Residential and Non-Residential) had an overall winner and there were two Gardens of Distinction. The City of Toronto was our partner on this venture and hosted the awards night, providing all the winners with attractive, personalized awards.

In July, the Club held its first annual member's garden tour on Canada Day, featuring six member gardens, and two community gardens. It was very well attended, with a picnic lunch at the mid-point of the tour in the garden of Rosalie and Avram Selick.

In September, we hosted our Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. Despite a very dry summer there were 214 entries throughout 5 different classes and 88 categories.



Lindsay Tree Planting & Dedication

Lena Wilms

In 2014, District 4 held a fundraiser by selling daylilies. So successful was this fundraiser, that each horticultural society in District 4 received funds toward the purchase of a tree to be planted in their community. As the Board of the Lindsay & District Horticultural Society, we decided to put that money toward the purchase of an Ivory Silk Lilac and later have a Dedication Ceremony in honour of our Past Presidents.

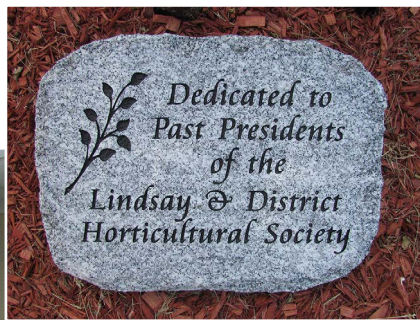
On October 22, 2015, five LDHS members were actively planting an Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac at Victoria Manor Nursing Home. They were: Bryan & Chere Clark, Carl Kimmet, Donna McInnis and Betty Mitchell, along with Victoria Manor Representative, Debbie Keenan, and a Rockwood Nursery employee who brought the tree and had the equipment to lower it down into the hole that had previously been dug.



After the winter, we returned to the site at Victoria Manor on May 11, 2016 to prepare for the dedication ceremony. Betty Mitchell, Lucille Rathwell and Bill & Lena Wilms were there for this. We straightened and braced the tree and also dug up the sod around the tree to place an edging and ground cloth. Mulch was then poured over the ground cloth.

On June 16 with the plaque in place, Betty Mitchell, President, addressed those present with a few words. We were blessed to have eight of our 10 surviving Past Presidents attending: Janet Smith, Larry Lenhardt, Doug MacCormack, Rosella Moore, Carl Kimmet, Evert Cowan, Rodger Smith, Roger Baker. The two Past Presidents who were unable to attend were: Edna Spence and Marjorie Lafreniere. Along with the Past Presidents and their family members, our local Board members were in attendance. As well, four members of our District 4 OHA were able to be present, as well as some Victoria Manor residents.

After the dedication ceremony outside, we headed indoors for a wonderful luncheon prepared by Lamentia Grocers in Lindsay. This was enjoyed by all. Centrepieces for the tables for this event were made by Lucille Rathwell and Lena Wilms.



2017 OHA Awards and Grants

Annual Awards

The Ontario Horticultural Association sponsors a number of awards that are presented annually during the annual convention. Each Society should have an Awards Booklet available to inform the members of the awards available and the procedure to follow to place a nomination. This information is also on the website (www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php) for downloading by societies.

Awards presented at the convention are:

- Silver Medal Award
- Trillium Award
- Silver Fir Award
- Award of Merit
- Community Improvement Award
- Environmental Award
- Youth Leader
- Honour Roll
- Youth Project Award

Nominations, with supporting information, should be sent to:

Grace Esposito, OHA Awards Coordinator
130 Riverview Avenue
Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 2L6

The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 28, 2017. The Awards Coordinator will forward the nominations to the OHA Awards Committee for selection of the winning recipients. The Awards Committee is composed of the President (Chair of the Committee), Vice President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, Awards Coordinator, and the Chair of the Past President's Council. Any decision of the Committee will be considered as a decision of the Board of Directors.

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

Plant a Tree

The OHA is continuing its Tree-Planting Grant, whereby a Society or District may apply for up to \$200 for a special tree-planting. Up to 25 of these grants will be awarded in 2017.

The grant is to be used for the purchase of a tree to be planted in a community or public space. A request outlining the species of tree to be purchased, where the tree will be planted, and whether the planting commemorates a special event for the Society/District/Community should be sent to the OHA Awards Coordinator at the address given above. The Tree-Planting Grants will be awarded on a first-come basis after December 31, 2016, up to a maximum of 25 awards per year. Any Society or District that receives this funding cannot apply again for three years. The awarded Society or District must complete the planting of their tree by the end of that given year. For example, if the grant is awarded in 2017, the tree must be planted by the end of 2017.

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

Begin a Special Project

As part of the ongoing support of member Societies, the OHA annually awards Special Project grants of up to \$500 each for the use of Societies toward the completion of projects that have a long lasting benefit to their Society or community. The grant is to be used for planting materials such as perennials, trees and shrubs, and not for the planting of annuals or for mulch, manure, compost or hard surface materials. When preparing your application, be sure to include information about the location and use of the project, a budget for the project, a planting plan, one or two photographs of the site, a list of plant materials to be used, and the estimated costs. Please keep your applications to a maximum of 6 pages.

Grants will be given for up to ten projects a year, with a limit of one project per Society per year. Any Society that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years.

To be considered for a Special Project grant in 2017, an application form and the accompanying information should be completed and mailed to your District Director no later than February 28, 2017. Application forms are available on the OHA website at www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php or from your District Director.

Community Gardens

The Ontario Horticultural Association encourages its member societies to create or contribute to community gardens whether urban or rural. OHA will award a grant of \$500 each to two societies to assist in the funding of a new community garden or the upgrading of an existing community garden.

A community garden is a plot of land, either publicly or privately owned, that is used to grow food for gardeners and/or the surrounding community. Either the whole space is communal or each member maintains a plot. Members share in the upkeep of the garden (work bees) and are encouraged to participate in the decision-making process and socialize with other gardeners.

Eligible expenses include costs related to site development such as the construction of raised beds, as well as soil, tools, and equipment purchases. Upgrading a garden may take the form of adding a washroom, a compost area, a water harvesting area, fencing or other installations that support the gardening activities of the members.

When completing your application, please include information about permissions to build a garden on your site, insurance waivers for participants, a budget, a plan of your project, and any partners in your project.

To apply, complete the Community Garden application form and mail it to your Director no later than February 28 of the current year. If your community garden project is awarded a grant, payment will follow a completion report including receipts and pictures of the completed project.

There is a time limit on the issuing of the grant. The completion report must be received by the OHA Awards Coordinator before December 31 of the following year. For example, the completion report for a grant awarded in 2017 must be received by December 31, 2018. If a the report, accompanied by receipts, is not received by that time, it will be assumed that the community garden project will not be completed and the grant will be cancelled.

Awards & Grants Booklet

The OHA Awards & Grants booklet contains information about the awards that are presented at the Society, District and provincial levels as well giving details about the grants that are discussed on these pages.

You can get your copy of the booklet as well as application forms for awards and grants by visiting the OHA's website at www.gardenontario.org/act/awa.php.

The OHA Awards Coordinator is Grace Esposito. Grace can be reached by email at awards@gardenontario.org

Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants

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

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

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

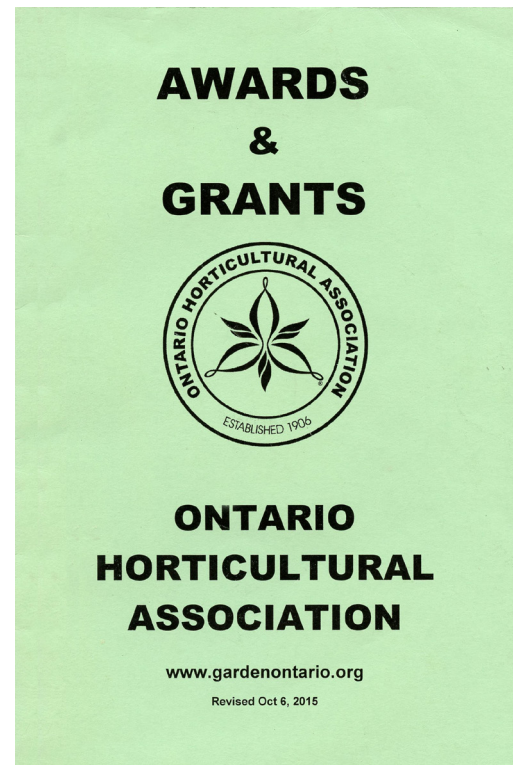
Eligible event expenses include costs related to the rental of venue, tables and chairs, speaker fees, signage, and promotional material.

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

Complete the Seedy Saturday/Sunday application form, found on the gardenontario.org website and mail it to the Awards Coordinator NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15TH of the year preceding the Seedy Saturday/Sunday event.

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

Note that recipients of this award can receive the award only once.



2017 Convention Competitions: Overview and Schedules now posted

Kathryn Lindsay

For the 2017 OHA Convention, the OHA Competitions Committee has continued to revise the rules and regulations to harmonize across the adult and youth schedules as much as possible.

The competition schedules (except Publications) are inspired by the convention theme **"Green from Shore to Shore"** and are linked through the class title **"Perfect Partners"** as a means to explore creative expression and to stimulate viewing interest. Competitions are open to adult and youth members, Societies and Districts in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association. The submission of an entry implies that the exhibitor gives consent to the OHA to make further use of the entry in any way that the OHA designates. Ownership of the content is retained by the exhibitor.

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

Awards vary among competitions but all include OHA placement ribbons and cash prizes and rosettes and a \$20

cash prize donated by the District 5 Executive for Best in Show and Judge's Choice. The \$100 award to the Society with the highest point aggregate in the adult competitions will continue again in 2017 but is based on a revised scoring scheme to encourage entries: 1st (5 points), 2nd (4), 3rd (3), Honourable Mention (2), Entry (1), Best in Show (5) and Judges Choice (5). So we look forward to lots of entries! But please note, given the Society award, an exhibitor is requested to enter with only one Society affiliation across all adult competitions.

No removal of entries is permitted until after the competitions are closed on Saturday. Entries and prizes are to be picked up Sunday morning or, if necessary, by special arrangement with the Competition Coordinator(s). A signature is necessary for receipt of materials. Materials from the photography and creative writing competitions will be sent to the exhibitor by mail only if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is included with the entry.

An overview and full details of the competitions rules & regulations are posted on-line (via a link on the gardenontario home page), along with the schedules for each competition separately in conjunction with this issue of the Trillium.

Clearing up the Confusion

Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian

One of the best means that an organization has for making itself visible and recognizable is its logo. Whether it's the Nike swoosh or the golden arches of McDonald's, the logo instantly identifies the product.

Admittedly, the OHA's logo isn't quite as well-known as those of Nike or McDonald's. But it's familiar to most hort society members, and, we hope, to many of the people that we work with.

The use of the trillium as our logo began over 75 years ago, following the OHA's role in making it the provincial emblem. It was in the early 1980s that we began to use that stylized version that you see on the front of the Trillium. We also trademarked it at that time. But sometime around the year 2000, another version appeared. It's similar, but it's noticeably different. What's also noticeable is that its use has become more widespread over the past few years.

To avoid inconsistency and a confusing mix of the two images, you're asked to use the official version, which can be found on the gardenontario website at the bottom of this page: <http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>. On that page, it's available in black, "OHA green", and white (for use on top of other images). There are two choices of formats, jpeg (the most commonly used) and png. If you need it in another format (eps, wmf, etc.) send me an email (history@gardenontario.org), and I'll make sure that you get it.

And if you're wondering what the difference is between the two here they are, the correct version on the left, and the incorrect one on the right.



The Imposter

It's That Time of Year....

(and no, we're not talking about Christmas)

It's less than two months until the February 1 deadline for horticultural societies to submit their annual returns and grant applications to OMAFRA. All Societies should have received the form in early November. The email, which contains a link to the online return, and is usually sent to a Society's treasurer, can sometimes be overlooked if the recipient has a lot of traffic in her/his inbox. Take a look for an email from ahoa.admin@ontario.ca, and you should find it. If that doesn't help, and you still don't seem to have it, it's recommended that you contact AHOA Administration at ahoa.admin@ontario.ca or by calling 1-877-424-1300.

Full details, as well as a helpful guide, checklist, regional contacts, and some necessary paper forms are found on OMAFRA's website at http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/returns/hortreturn_grant.htm (shown below).

The screenshot shows the OMAFRA website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Ontario logo and the text "MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS". Below this is a search bar and a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT, AGRICULTURE, FOOD, RURAL, RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, NEWS, CONTACTS. The main content area is titled "Horticultural Society Annual Return & Grant Application". It states that the 2016 forms are available and the deadline is February 1, 2017. It mentions that societies will receive an information package via email by mid-November 2016. A section titled "Before you begin the submission process, please print the following documents:" lists a Guide and a Checklist. Another section titled "In addition, please have all of the following documents completed:" lists audited financial statements, a list of officers and directors, and an audit certificate. A final section titled "Other information or forms you may require:" lists the Annual Return and Grant Application form, OMAFRA/MNDM Regional Contacts, Audit Certificate, Financial Statement Templates, and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form. A footer note mentions that required documents can be attached to the on-line submission or emailed to the regional office.

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Horticultural Society Annual Return & Grant Application

The 2016 Horticultural Society Annual Return and Grant Applications are now available. **The deadline to submit an application is February 1, 2017.**

Each society will be sent an information package via email by the middle of November 2016 which will contain a link to their online Annual Return and Grant Application.

Before you begin the submission process, please print the following documents:

- **Guide** for completing 2016 Horticultural Society Annual Return and Grant Application
- **Checklist** for completing and submitting 2016 Horticultural Society Annual Return and Grant Application

In addition, please have all of the following documents completed:

- audited financial statements
- list of officers and directors and their addresses
- audit certificate or financial review by accounting professional

Other information or forms you may require:

- **Annual Return and Grant Application (Word)**
- **OMAFRA/MNDM Regional Contacts** (names and contact information for Regional Staff)
- **Audit Certificate (Word)**
- **Financial Statement Templates (Word)**
- **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) form** - Complete this **form** if you wish to receive your grant funds by direct deposit to your bank account. Societies only need to complete this form once. Societies need to re-submit the EFT forms only if they have changed their banking information.

The required documents (audited financial statements, list and addresses of directors and officers, audit certificate) can be attached to the on-line submission or can be emailed or mailed to your **Regional office**

Insurance Queries?

Contact:

Shawn LaPalm

Non-Profit & Charity Insurance

The Co-operators

1-888-712-2667

shawn_lapalm@cooperators.ca

Additional information regarding the OHA insurance plan
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c/o Marilyn Cox

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R.R. #2, Keswick, ON L4P 3E9

For information, call 905-476-3000 or email: inmemoriam@gardenontario.org

Funds from donations to the OHA Memorial Book Special Fund are available for Memorial Tree Grants.

NOTE: Do you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention?

Circle your preference: Yes No

Convention Acknowledgment

If you wish to have the deceased person's name acknowledged at the convention, no monetary donation is required.

Please notify Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary, by email: secretary@gardenontario.org with the name and the District Number. (if applicable).