

# Trillium

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Ontario Horticultural Association

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# President's Message



It's official. I saw the doctor and after a battery of tests, she informed me that I am suffering from cabin fever. Neither of us was very surprised. I and other gardeners in late winter often feel blah, out of sorts, and restless. The anticipation of spring can make one downright moody! She advised me to trek outside and forage for branches that were suitable for forcing so that I could mimic the arrival of spring in my own home. She reminded me that even though I didn't need to leave the comfort of my own neighbourhood, a short trip out and about the community would leave me in better spirits. I plan to take her advice seriously.

Forcing branches to flower is not rocket science. That's the beauty of it. It doesn't cost a penny and it's easy. The reward of seeing those twigs bloom with colour is pretty amazing and uplifting for the morale. I usually pick forsythia and pussy willow at the end of February or the start of March because they bloom very early in spring. I choose a day when the temperature is above freezing and look for branches that have large, fat buds on them. These are the flower buds. The smaller buds on a branch are usually the leaves.

You are probably not aware of how the pussy willow got its name. According to a Polish legend, an unfeeling farmer threw a burlap sack of newly born kittens into a river. The mother cat's plaintive cries drew the attention of the willows that grew along the river banks. They "held out their branches like mooring lines" and managed to save the kittens from a sure death. To this day, every spring, "the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung." We refer to these silky soft buds as "catkins". As willows are dioecious, they have male and female catkins on separate plants. It is the male pussy willows that one forces because its buds are larger and showier.

Our Executive and Directors are hard at work preparing for our upcoming Spring Board meeting in mid- March. We have many projects on the go and I would like to share some of our progress to date.

- GardenOntario Week will take place from June 10-18, 2017. Be sure to publicize your society and District events on our website [www.gardenontarioweek.org](http://www.gardenontarioweek.org) and don't forget to check out the new promotional resources. Help encourage others to join in and share their knowledge and love of gardening in our communities across Ontario.
- The new OHA Pollinator Initiative is a go!! The OHA and the Ontario government have begun their partnership to create a pollinator garden on government-owned land at Queen's Park in Toronto this spring. I look forward to my short weekly meetings with OMAFRA staff to discuss planning details and other issues.

Our OHA Pollinator Steering Committee met via teleconference in late February and had a lengthy discussion on how the OHA could support Districts and societies to create and promote pollinator friendly gardens and nesting sites in all 19 Districts. We acknowledged that each District should be encouraged to put their own unique stamp on their decided pollinator initiative and to that end, each District will receive some "seed money" in mid-March to apply to expenses and receive signage, hopefully in time for installation during GardenOntario Week. In lieu of receipts, each District will submit a short written report and photographs by late June. We hope to create a pictorial display at this year's Convention in July to celebrate and share our successes.

To assist backyard gardeners, a pollinator brochure is being developed by the OHA Conservation and Environment Committee. When it is complete, it will be posted on our website for easy downloading.



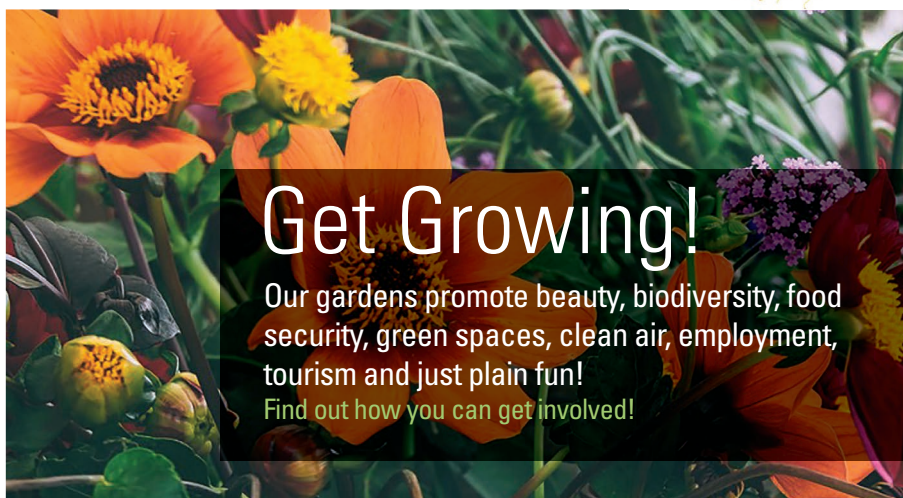
We are coordinating the opening of the new pollinator garden to take place on Thursday, July 20, the night preceding the start of Convention. The celebration will include a garden tour, ribbon cutting ceremony with invited guests, some words of inspiration, refreshments and a pollinator plant to take home. Interested members who plan to attend the 2017 Convention are encouraged to sign up early for the Pollinator Bus Tour on their registration form as seating will be limited. The bus will depart around 5:30-6:00 p.m. to allow for traffic. More details will be made available in the next Trillium and on our OHA website.

- Two new Honorarium positions have been created for 2017. The Board voted to offer a \$1500 honorarium for the position of OHA Web Administrator and a \$1500 Honorarium for an OHA Communications Coordinator. If you are interested in sharing your talents and skills in either of these two positions, please contact the OHA Secretary for the job description and other details.
- Check out the latest information on the website regarding our forthcoming Convention being held July 21-23 in York Region. Cindy Scythes and District 5 have posted the registration form as well as information about guest speakers, competitions and accommodation on the website. I encourage you to add these dates to your calendar and plan to attend.

Well, I think I will postpone my hunt for pussy willows as the wind is cold and blustery and the roads are icy in the Sault. I will keep my secateurs and gathering basket by the back door and wait for the weather to become milder. I think I will curl up on my couch with a blanket and a few colourful seed catalogues.

*Suzanne Hanna*

**Garden**  
**OntarioWeek**  
June 10-18, 2017



Week long events!  
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**[gardenontarioweek.org](http://gardenontarioweek.org)**

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# LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society Vice-President

What a busy season we've had and are going to continue to have in 2017. Our society was graciously granted one of the 150 Celebration Gardens donated across Canada, so this past November saw the planting of 1000 bulbs in the shape of a Canadian flag. The first bulb was planted by our life member, Charlie Bowyer, a master gardener with over 50 years with our Society.



We are so excited for the blooming of this garden and the festivities that go along with it. April will bring our first LaSalle Garden Festival, which is a garden type show with vendors who will show and sell their gardening products. We are hoping to generate interest in the community with this type of festival. Some of our vendors include bulb growers, sellers of ornamental-glass garden-display pieces, and landscape companies. The show takes place at the Vollmer Complex in La Salle from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. Two weeks later, rain or shine, on May 6 (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), we'll be holding our annual plant sale at the River Dance Community Centre.

Photos:

Left: Charlie Bowyer plants the first tulip bulb in the 150 Celebration Garden

Top Right: Paul McAuslan, 150 Celebration Garden designer



The sunny month of June will bring about our fourth garden tour, with ten great homes on the agenda to visit. The self guided tour will cost \$10.00 per person and goes from 10 until 4 p.m. rain or shine. Lastly, our Trillium program continues this year, with winners of beautiful front gardens receiving a metal trillium sign with the year stamped into it as a gift from our society.



Bottom Right: Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Vice-President; Hailey Trealout, Editor of the LaSalle Post; Barrie Hoare, LaSalle President

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*Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul.*

Luther Burbank, American botanist & horticulturalist (1849-1926)

# Cod Liver Oil for the Psyche

*Carol Dunk, OHA President 2011/2012*

What do cod liver oil and taking office in your horticultural society have in common? They're both good for you.

Volunteer for your horticultural society by becoming an officer or a board member this year. No matter what your work-week job is, you can't beat volunteering to complete your life. Being an officer of your local horticultural society will add balance to your life and provide growth opportunities you won't find anywhere else. Offer your skills to your horticultural society; experience the lift and the sense of accomplishment. You won't need shopping trips or TV to entertain you. Taking office for your horticultural society beats reality television hands down.

Take on the position of an officer in your horticultural society NOW. It will build your confidence. Of course, you'll be nervous the first few weeks, but trust me, you will grow into the job. Your self-esteem will soar in just a few months. You'll be proud that you took on the job, proud that you're doing it so well and proud that you can contribute to the overall success of your horticultural society. It's cheaper than psychotherapy.

Be an officer in your horticultural society for a chance to hone old skills or acquire new ones. Each volunteer job gives you a chance to add to your skill repertoire -- be it talking to a group, planning society activities, arranging the program for the year, publishing the newsletter or keeping track of volunteer hours. Your skill-building may come from organizing a plant sale or designing a web page, trying out a new recipe or figuring out how to effectively schedule a group project. Put your hand up at requests for volunteers. Volunteering is your opportunity to grow.

If you look around you at a meeting of your horticultural society, you will see many who are presently volunteering or have done so in the past. Ask them sometime about the friendships, the enjoyment, and the fun they experienced; and the personal growth and the new skills they gained as a result of their volunteer service.

Being an officer of your local horticultural society will benefit you as much as it benefits your society. Stand up and volunteer. It's cod liver oil for the psyche.

## 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:

- 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](mailto: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.



# Ennismore & District Horticultural Society

Gail Murray Smith, Ennismore Vice-President

For our largest fundraiser of the year, the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society gathers together in November to make gorgeous winter greenery baskets.

For two weeks before the assembly date, members are busy gathering greenery, seed pods, dogwood, embellishments, pine cones, ribbons, birch twigs, garden trimmings, sand, sawdust, sumac and berries to incorporate into Christmas planters.

This year we made over 100 baskets, all of them pre-sold. The work is done in one of our member's heated sheds, where we have Christmas music, pizza, lots of snacks, fun and camaraderie, all the while generating next year's revenue.

It really is a sight to behold. Supplies are sorted ahead of time and placed around the shed, tables set up and pots are filled with sand and sawdust beforehand. Members come by at 8:00 a.m. and get right to work. The men do the heavy lifting for us, moving the finished baskets to a hay wagon that can be moved around. This year we had over 30 volunteers snipping and creating.

Five of these baskets were donated to community buildings for folks to enjoy.

It is a lot of work but when we see the proceeds, it all seems worth it.

P.S. We already have a waiting list for next year.



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*I look upon the pleasure we take in a garden as one of the most innocent delights in human life.*

Cicero



# Lincoln Garden Club & Horticultural Society

*Pat Konkle, Lincoln Garden Club & Horticultural Society President*

The Lincoln Garden Club of some 80-odd members enjoys keeping active, especially during the gardening months. If we are not busy designing and planting gardens, we are hosting our Annual May Plant Sale, taking a trip somewhere to relax and enjoy seeing something new. Always a big hit is our Members' garden tour, when we visit gardens and enjoy how well planned and beautiful they are. We always end the tour with lunch in a relaxing, scenic spot.

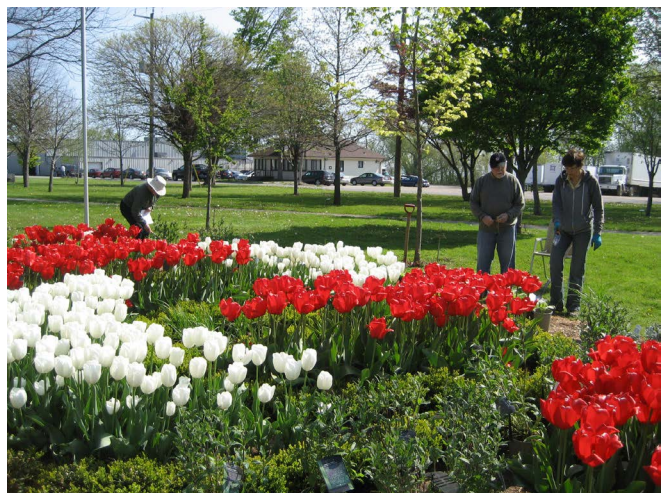
The Fall of 2015 brought us the opportunity to plant a 70th Anniversary Dutch Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden. We were granted 700 Darwin type tulips, half of them pure white and the other half pure red, and had four weeks to prepare, design and plant the bulbs. The site chosen for this special garden was the entrance to the Millennium Forest at Vineland Research and Innovation Centre. We had to remove a large daylily planting and enlarge the area for the new garden. A planting ceremony was held and included Mayor Sandra Easton and other dignitaries, the marching unit of our Canadian Legion Branch 612, and guests from the area. We had speeches from the mayor, the Legion and others, and a prayer from the Legion Padre to commemorate the close relationship between the Netherlands and Canada during

WWII. The Dutch Royal family found safety in Ottawa and their daughter Beatrix was born there. The Canadian Military was instrumental in liberating part of The Netherlands. When the war was over, the Queen sent Canada 100,000 tulip bulbs to commemorate their close ties with Canada.

In Spring 2016 members of our Club planted a Boxwood hedge that edges the petal shaped bed where the tulips were planted. Later we added all the other flowering plants and grasses. The design is to resemble a friendship ring. It is a four-season garden that draws great comments from all the people who walk the trails in the Millennium Forest.

On Saturday, May 14, 2016 we held our Annual Plant Sale in the barn of the South Farm of Vineland Research and Innovation Centre. It was our largest and most successful sale yet, running from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It was a beautiful day and hundreds of plants went out the door with lots and lots of happy people.

It is great to be a member of a garden club. To get to know such wonderful people through working with them and doing fun activities with them. Along the way, we even learn a little more about plants and how to care for them. Life is grand.





***Drum roll please, the OHA Convention  
is only four months away and  
excitement is building.***

**District 5 takes great pleasure in inviting you to  
the 111th OHA Convention.**

**This is the Association's most exciting event of the  
year, and we hope you plan to join us.**

Save these very important dates: *Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23, 2017*. There will also be a very special event in the evening on Thursday, July 20 at Queen's Park, so plan to come early.

District 5 is a little bit city and a little bit country. Our convention centre is outside of the city core, located north of Highway 401, at the Sheraton Parkway North and Best Western, at Hwy 7 and Leslie Street. This is a convention facility that offers free parking, free Wi-Fi, two levels of room rates, a top environmental rating, and a focus on local foods.

Our convention theme is "**Green From Shore to Shore**", and we are working hard to bring you an environmentally friendly convention. Our plans are focused on Gardening, Rejuvenation, Environment, Evergreen and Networking.

In addition, we promise to offer you sparkle, magic, wonder, stories, inspiration, celebrations, excellent speakers, intriguing bus tours and much more.

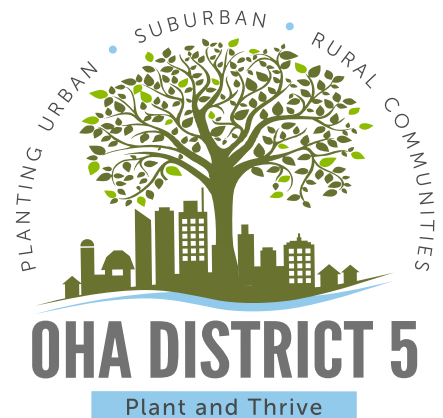
The registration form is posted on the OHA website at [www.gardenontario.org/sho/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php). You can book your accommodation at any time, just mention that you are booking for the OHA Convention to get our special rate. District 5 has posted information about our bus tours, and all of our speakers on the OHA website to help you plan your time at Convention. In addition, information is on the website about what to expect at an OHA convention.



**CANADA 150**

Come to our party! District 5 is planning the party of all parties for the Friday night to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Join us for Canadian delicacies, a very special Story Teller, Patty Warnock, and be amazed by Magician Danny Hamill. Show off your Canadian trivia knowledge, and take part in a Silent Auction of uniquely "must have" items. We ask you to come ready to party, and wearing red and white.

**Please join us and learn more about the OHA, the  
environment, and feel the camaraderie of being  
surrounded by gardeners, novice and experienced,  
from all around the province.**





# Convention 2018 Photo Competition

Get an early start on the 2018 OHA convention photography competition. The theme for the convention, which will be hosted by District 3, is *From "Shore to Shield"*.

District 3 stretches from the shores of Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River north across farm fields, through the woods and lake land into the Canadian Shield – a diverse geography in which to garden.

There are 13 classes in the 2018 competition, 11 of them adult, and two of them youth.

## ADULT:

- Class 1: The Old Apple Tree* - An apple tree
- Class 2: Reach for the Sun* - A sun loving plant
- Class 3: Along the Shore* - Plant material from local river bank or lake shore
- Class 4: Rock and Roots* - A rock garden
- Class 5: Boxed In* - A window box
- Class 6: Dawn* - Garden early in the morning
- Class 7: And No Birds Sang* - A songbird(s) in a garden (*this is in reference to Farley Mowat who served in the Prince Edward County militia*)
- Class 8: Gardening Rocks* - (Black and White Class) Pattern made by rocks and stones
- Class 9: Wayside Wonders* - Plants growing along the roadsides
- Class 10: From Shore to Shield* - Serviceberry
- Class 11: Garden Bones* - A winter photo of the garden

## YOUTH:

- Class 12: Garden Gems* – Your interpretation
    - a) ages 6-11
    - b) ages 12-17
  - Class 13: Curb Appeal* – A front garden
    - a) ages 6-11
    - b) ages 12-17
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# Harriston & District 2016 Bursary

One of the mandates of the Harriston and District Horticultural Society is to "give back to the community". With this objective in mind, a \$500 bursary was initiated in 2008, to be awarded to a graduating student from Norwell District Secondary School, in Palmerston, who is continuing his or her education in a horticulturally related field.

In the photo, Bursary Convener, Linda Campbell presents the 2016 award to Kyle Brooking of Clifford. Kyle is currently studying in the Environmental Technician -Water and Wastewater Systems Operation program at Lambton College.



# Celebrating 150 Years of Gardening in Lindsay

Betty Mitchell, Lindsay Horticultural Society President

The Horticultural Society of Lindsay celebrates 150 years of Horticulture this year. As part of our celebration, we are holding a "Horticultural Celebration" on June 17th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Kent St. in the empty lot behind Value Mart. A Garden Tour is scheduled for June 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. open to the public as well as members at \$15.00 per ticket. In celebration of the 150th anniversary, this year will also see a "Lindsay Garden of the Year" contest. The winning prize is \$300 with two runners-ups of \$50 each.

The history of the Horticultural Society is long, varied and even turbulent at times over the years. Perhaps the first reference to horticulture in Lindsay dates back to the building of St. Mary's Catholic Church in 1841, when Father Fitzpatrick travelled to Sturgeon Point, where he gathered hawthorn trees and planted them around the presbytery property located on the northwest corner of Lindsay and Russell Streets.

Records of the early roots of the first Lindsay Horticultural Society were lost in a fire that destroyed two-thirds of the town on July 5, 1861, but tradition has it that a South Victorian Fair was held in Lindsay in 1854. In October 1861 a full-fledged Victoria County Agricultural Society held a fair at Oakwood. Further documentation acknowledges the existence of the Lindsay Horticultural Society in 1867 in journal transactions of the Board of Agriculture and the agricultural associations. The journal also records that the following year Lindsay reported a floral section.

The birth of the first local Horticulture Society is attributed to John Knowlson who settled in Lindsay in 1855. His residence at 40 Russell St. East was a showcase for fruit trees, shrubbery and grape culture. Thomas Bealle who opened a jewellery business in Lindsay in 1863 was prominent in fruit growing here and was a medal winner for his products.

The judicious planting of hardwood trees in Lindsay and surrounding villages, together with evergreens



*Horticultural Society Founding Fathers*

*150 Years to Celebrate*

*1867 - 2017*

bear testimony of the foresight of our early town folk in marking our streets and parks. The Sycamore trees (reported to be the most northerly planting of the species) greatly enhance Victoria Avenue North. Beautiful laneways, roadside plantings, wind breaks, kitchen gardens and orchards of area farm homes were an attribute.

Over the years there were three different societies in Lindsay each with an outstanding feature. One example had its midsummer show of fruits and flowers with an evening lecture and music held at the town hall. Information concerning the direction of the Horticultural Society is sketchy but we find that William Carlisle and Alfred Johnson deeded land in 1925 for a park that is now called Kawartha Park located on Adelaide St.

The current horticultural society was formed in 1969, and at that time became known as Lindsay & District Horticultural Society. It was at this time that members went to work landscaping Victoria Manor property, now known as Bob Mark Gardens, and spring and fall



flower shows were added to the agenda. In addition, the Society had a major project each year including plantings at the Library; shrubs and a fountain at the Victoria Manor; trees, shrubs, wild flower garden and soil replacement at the county museum site; mountain ash trees at the north side of the Hospital; perennials at the Lindsay fairground entrance; and annual flowers at the north side of the Academy Theatre.

In the year 2000, as a millennium project, a group of Lindsay citizens of the year and spearheaded by Len Shea Past President of Lindsay & District Horticultural Society, planted 600 shrubs and 120 species of Lilacs in Logie St. Park creating what is known today as the Lilac Gardens of Lindsay. In 2006, the Lilac Gardens of Lindsay came under the umbrella of the Horticultural

Society as a stand-alone committee of the Society. The following years saw planting, pruning and maintaining of the lilac trees and gardens, as well as the annual Lindsay Lilac Festival for several years.

Today our Society boasts a membership of 81, which includes two life members, and an active 16-member board. Our flower shows are mini, and held at three general meetings a year. We participate in annual OHA seminars, hold garden tours, plant sales and garage sales, set up a Horticulture display at the fall fair, have eight speakers over the year, participate in the Santa Claus parade with a float, and celebrate Christmas with a potluck supper. The Victoria Manor gardens are planted each year by our members and maintained over the year.

**LINDSAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Lindsay Horticultural Society held their first annual meeting at Lindsay on the 4th of Feb. Mr. Wood, the President, in the chair. The report of the directors showed a satisfactory state of the finances and a prosperous condition of the society. A good exhibition had been held in the month of June ; and another in the fall, in connection with the County Agricultural Society. The number of entries in the first show amounted altogether to one hundred and thirty. In the fall the entries were for roots and vegetables, 120 ; fruit, 46 ; flowers, 22. This second exhibition especially is reported to have been of a very excellent character. An earlier time than the beginning of October was, however, recommended for future horticultural shows. The officers for the current year were elected, and a resolution adopted to endeavour so to alter the new Agricultural Bill that horticultural societies shall be on the same footing as agricultural societies.**

*An account of the first annual meeting of the Lindsay Horticultural Society  
The Canadian Farmer, March 2, 1868*

# Centennial Fountain will be Fabulous at 50

By Jillian Zynomirski, The Haldimand Press, *Reproduced with permission*

The story of Dunnville's Centennial Fountain is coming full circle. Thanks to the grade 3 and 4 class at Dunnville Christian School (DCS), Dunnville Horticultural Society (DHS) recently learned the history of the fountain and learned who sculpted the panels on the fountain's columns.

The fountain was installed in 1967 to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday and its restoration will take place in 2017, 50 years later, to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

"We knew the columns were something special that should be preserved but we didn't know the true significance of the art, the artist or full history of the fountain until this past spring," said DHS President Debbie Thomas. "The children's research was very thoroughly done. History of friezes, the importance to Dunnville's history, the artist Dr. Elizabeth Holbrook, and how it was funded in 1967."

Shortly after learning about the fountain's history, Thomas read an article on the restoration of Holbrook's sculptures in Hamilton. The work was being done by her one and only protégé, Christian Corbet.

"(Holbrook) was Canada's leading woman in portrait sculpture at the time. She was the crème de la crème in portrait sculptors in Canada," Corbet told The Press, adding that she sculpted everyone from Einstein to Churchill to Roosevelt. Holbrook passed away in 2009 at the age of 95. "I'm the only person who she took under her wing," he said.

Corbet has agreed to come to Dunnville for two weeks in mid-May to restore Holbrook's original work on the fountain.

"It was probably the most monumental of them all," said Corbet of Holbrook's sculpture work on the Dunnville fountain.

"He was very excited to hear of (the Centennial Fountain) project and to be a part of it," said Thomas.

Corbet hopes to not only restore Holbrook's work to its original pristine condition, but also hopes to educate and inform the community on Holbrook's legacy and on the discipline of sculpture in Canada.

"We want to be able to reach out to everybody in the community," said Corbet. "We believe a lot of people don't know the history of this memorial from 1967. This year is Canada's 150th so this marks the 50-year anniversary of the sculpture and fountain itself so it will be a good eye-opener."

DHS has been wanting to clean up and restore the fountain for some time, initially only wanting to clean up the flowerbeds. After forming partnerships with DCS and Haldimand County, DHS is now working on their biggest project yet.

Project plans include restoring Holbrook's sculpture work on the side of the fountain, which depict Dunnville's history, and installing a living wall where the water flow once was. Though the fountain could be restored, it would be costly.

DHS also hopes to install lighting, restore the pollinator garden in front of Muddy (located in the same park), install memorial benches and have two storyboards, one telling the story of the fountain's past and one for the dedication.

Red and white tulips have already been planted at the base of the fountain by DCS students.

The project budget is \$29,620 and Haldimand County's Community Partnership Program will contribute 35 per cent, or \$10,367.

Students at DCS have already raised over \$1,000 on their own and DHS is also fundraising.

The project will be complete in 2017 and the rededication is planned for September 23.

Contingent on funding, DHS hopes to continue the project into phase two and make the bridge across Thompson Creek accessible and install a pathway that links Centennial and Lions Park.







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## Web Moments, or *Who You Gonna Call?*

You may wonder who receives the emails addressed to **[webmaster@gardenontario.org](mailto:webmaster@gardenontario.org)**. Well, there are five of us who receive this email. We each have specific tasks. By using the above address, we are better able to route your query or problem. It also avoids confusion. Below is the list of just who answers in Districts 1-19.

We are now ready for you to enter your events planned for GardenOntario Week. To enter your events, please go online at **[www.gardenontarioweek.org](http://www.gardenontarioweek.org)**. When you've entered your information, we will receive notification that there is an event to be listed. At this point, the appropriate person reviews the information submitted and when we're sure that all is correct, it is published.



Districts 1 to 4 - Howard Hunter - Assistant Director, District 3

District 5 - Malcolm Geast - Assistant Director, District 5

Districts 6 to 12 - Susan Lusted, OHA Webmaster

Districts 13 to 19 - Joanne Rachfalowski, District Director, District 16

We look forward to assisting you with your web queries.

*The Web Committee*

## A few upcoming events....

**Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.** - Norfolk Master Gardeners present their Spring Clinic, ***Herb It Up!*** OMAFRA, 1283 Blueline Road., Simcoe - Getting the most out of your culinary herbs. Growing, harvesting and cooking with this versatile group of plants. Admission by donation.

**Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** - Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale at Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena, 51 William Street, Paris. For more information call Nancy 519-752-8702 or email [nanburk@execulink.com](mailto:nanburk@execulink.com)

**Saturday & Sunday, June 3 & 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** - Paris Horticultural Society Annual Garden Tour, Tickets are \$10.00 per person. For more information call Mel at 519-442-3754 or email [serryn@execulink.com](mailto:serryn@execulink.com).

**Sunday, June 4, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** - Greater Toronto Water Garden Society Plant Sale at Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Road, North York

**Sunday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** - Brantford Master Gardeners and Brant Animal Aid Foundation host "Gardens on Parade" in Brantford, Tickets are \$10.00 each. For more information, contact Anne at 519-442-3458 or Dorothy at 519-753-9063. Tickets are available at Antlers, Grandview Flour and Seed, Nicol Florist, Walters Greenhouse & Garden Centre, Green Heron Books; Abigail's Tea House in Brantford. 7 gorgeous gardens are featured from small city gardens to large country gardens plus a Community garden; a Master Gardener will be at each garden to answer questions & explain special features. Several gardens will host vendors offering garden related hand crafted items.

**Sunday, July 16** - Greater Toronto Water Garden Society Garden Tour, Mississauga area [www.onwatergarden.com](http://www.onwatergarden.com)

# Peterborough Garden Show

The annual Peterborough Garden Show is back for its 17th year from April 7th to 9th. With over 130 vendors, we are the largest garden show in Ontario after Canada Blooms.

A great list of Speakers is offered again this year, four per day both Saturday and Sunday, including Darren Heimbecker of *Whistling Gardens* on Saturday, and Paul Zammit on "Planning and Planting for All Seasons of Interest" on Sunday. Topics range from pollinators, invasive species, shade gardening, vegetable gardening and planter transitions. Times and more details can be found on the show's website [www.peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://www.peterboroughgardenshow.com).

New this year is a **Canada 150 Display Garden**, a joint venture between *JM Smith Landscaping* and *Keene on Gardens*. This will be a lockstone and granite setting landscaped with dogwood, birches and masses of red and white tulips.

Our decor theme also reflects this special year for Canada with red and white tulips at the entrance foyer with a centre "island" with canoe.

Also new is a Garden Centre Container Competition with creations by our local greenhouses. Voting will be by people's choice.

Our ever-popular "Little Green Thumbs" Children's Garden will again be buzzing with activity. The Canada theme will be reflected in crafts and learning activities. Children can create a small take-home arrangement, dress up, play in the sand or fairy garden or one of the many play centres. Little painted faces can be spotted everywhere at the Show.

A Master Gardeners table will be set up to offer information, advice and answer any gardening questions.

BE Catering is back, providing delicious local quality lunches at two Show locations to keep the line-ups shorter. Kyoto Coffee, a local favourite, is also on site with their range of fair trade, organic coffees and teas.

Hours are Friday, April 7th 5 – 9 pm, Saturday, April 8th 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, April 9th 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission is \$8 per day or \$12 for a Weekend Pass. Advance tickets are available from several local retailers or eTickets are now available on line. Check our website for details.

The Peterborough Garden Show is a non-profit event organized as a joint venture by both the Peterborough Horticultural Society and the Peterborough Master Gardeners with well over a hundred friendly, enthusiastic volunteers. All our profits go back to the Community. Since the year 2000, the Peterborough Horticultural Society has given over \$180,000 in the form of local Beautification Grants, support for Fleming Park, a downtown park we maintain for the City of Peterborough and post-secondary scholarships for students studying in a horticulture-related field. The Peterborough Master Gardeners use their profits to support the post-secondary horticultural studies for their members in addition to supporting various horticultural organizations in the community.

For a welcome breath of Spring and to kick start your garden season, come check us out!  
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# Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society

*Sharon A. McDonald, Past-President, Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society*

The Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society had been holding onto some funds that were given to them by the disbanded Teeswater Lions Club for the future betterment of Teeswater. The thought was to replace trees that had to be removed for the recent installment of a sewer system in Teeswater. As this was not able to happen, a member of the Horticultural Society and former Lions Club member, Ray Pennington, suggested obtaining an official Lions Club bench and placing it on a vacant street corner near the Lions Park, which was once the project of the Teeswater Lions Club. The Horticultural Society approached the Municipality of South Bruce and along with the County of Bruce, permission was granted. Horticultural member Bob

Townsend drew up some plans, contacted two local concrete companies in Teeswater regarding placing a base and a walkway to the bench. Both companies, Teeswater Concrete (Jamie Armstrong) and Phil Thompson Concrete agreed to help. The Horticultural Society provided planters to be placed on each side of the bench.



In late August 2016, everything was complete and on September 1, the Horticultural Society held an official ceremony, inviting all the former Teeswater Lions Club members to return. Opening comments were made by Mayor Bob Buckle, former Lion Club member Don McKague and Teeswater-Culross Horticultural Society member Bob Townsend. The ribbon was cut to officially "open" the bench. A social time was held afterwards.

The bright blue Lions Club bench stands out at the corner of Hillcrest St. E and Clinton St. N. and adds an attraction to the "bare" street corner. On good weather days, members of the community have been seen enjoying a "rest" on the bench.



# Celebrating a 60th Anniversary in Englehart

*Eileen Fisher, Englehart Horticultural Society*

It was the year when everybody was reading 'Old Yeller', when 'Around the World in 80 Days' and 'Moby Dick' were thrilling people in theatres, when Elvis was telling us "Don't Be Cruel" and Gogi Grant was singing 'The Wayward Wind', that the Englehart and District Horticultural Society was formed. In 1955, after the Englehart Agricultural Society's annual Fall Fair was postponed for a week, local gardeners realised that they would probably not have much in the way of flowers to enter into the competitions due to the strong probability of frosts in September. That year, Sydney and Ruby Bryan (Ruby went on to become the OHA President in 1972-73), avid gardeners and local business people, decided to have a mini-show in their home and invited fellow gardeners and friends to stop by to view the flowers. Seventy-two people visited to see the display and from that first 'show', the Englehart and District Horticultural Society was born. Interested gardeners met to plan and organize the Society and Mr. A. Byam presided over the first meeting. Mr. Arnold Edwards was elected as the first President and the first true flower show was held in August 1956.

Since then, the Englehart and District Horticultural Society has been an integral part of the area, holding informative and educational meetings, spring and summer floral displays and competitions have been held, a large and successful Plant and Bake Sale is held

every May, Horticultural Week has been part of the town's June calendar for many years, with Civic Planting being an important component of the week. Youth Garden Clubs have been enjoyed by many children up until recently, and the Society still hosts Youth Garden Competitions and includes youth classes in the annual August "Festival of Flowers" as the flower show is now known. We produce informative monthly newsletters, have an interesting website to help keep us up-to-date, and this year we began a very active Facebook page.

In 2016, we also hosted the District 12 Annual Meeting in April, featuring the theme 'Celebrating Our Diamond Journey'. A presentation of slides from the past 60 years of Society events was an interesting part of the day. Our flower show was held and many of the classes were based on our anniversary theme. Pictures of past presidents were prominently displayed in the hall, as were posters featuring songs, books, movies, etc. from 1956. Our history books and photo albums were set around the room for people to peruse. A beautiful and delicious 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake was enjoyed by all in attendance at the official opening and we were lucky enough to have five past presidents at the show. Our first 60 years have been filled with service to our community and to our members. The Englehart and District Horticultural Society looks forward to doing the same in the years to come.



Front row: Eileen Fisher, Bonnie Warner, Jean Wallace  
Back row: Carrie Anne Field (past and current president), Rick Heaslip, Bruce Wilson



# Lindsay & District Horticultural Society Tree Planting & Dedication

*Lena Wilms, Lindsay Horticultural Society*

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.

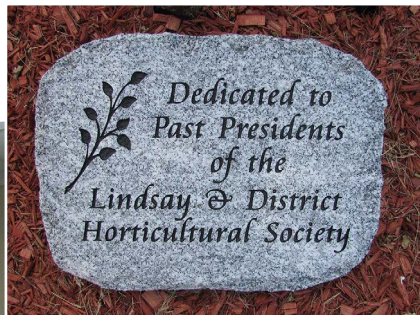
On October 22, 2015, five LDHS members were actively planting an Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac at Victoria Manor Nursing Home. They were: Bryan & Chere Clark, Carl Kimmett, Donna McInnis and Betty Mitchell, along with Victoria Manor Representative, Debbie Keenan, and a Rockwood Nursery employee who brought 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 Kimmett, 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.

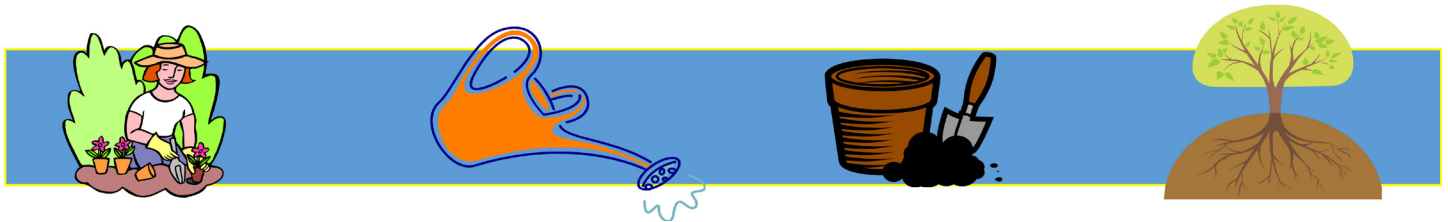


# Building The “Asthma Friendly” Schoolyard Garden

*Peter Prakke, Society for Allergy Friendly Environmental Gardening*

When you have asthma, the typical schoolyard is not a friendly place at all. Most schoolyard gardens have pollen producing male clonal shrubs/trees and many other plants that can provoke asthma attacks. Asthma sufferers will tell you that their asthma can be activated by many allergens, called ‘triggers’. Pollen is the number one trigger for causing an attack.

Outdoor allergies are common, but they need not be. If we make some simple changes in our schoolyards, allergies caused by gardening, can be greatly reduced by building an ‘Asthma-Friendly Schoolyard Garden’.



1. Plant lots of female plants and trees. These will not shed any pollen, but will trap pollen and clean the air. Think about these female plants as nature’s air cleaners.
2. Use the Ogren Plant Allergy Scale (OPALS®). The allergy scale runs 1-10. 1 = allergy-free and asthma-friendly; 10 = highly allergenic (worst).
3. If possible, remove any shrub or tree with a ranking over OPALS® # 4. Shrubs or trees above this number are the asthma triggers.
4. Use only plants that are well-adapted to your own area or zone. If you can find native plants that have low allergy rankings, consider using them.
5. Use a wide variety of plants if possible. Biodiversity always makes sense. The more diverse the schoolyard, the fewer problems you will have with insects and molds.
6. Avoid plants or vines with strong fragrances or odors; they can trigger asthma.
7. When using garden mulch, use sparingly because of toxic mold spores.
8. To eliminate mold spores in the schoolyard, encourage wild birds. Hummingbirds actually eat a large number of insects. Put up hummingbird and suet feeders which attract insect-eating birds.
9. Keep your drought tolerant annuals/ perennials healthy. Water according to the climatic conditions in your area and use organic fertilizer.
10. The Allergy-Friendly Schoolyard should have a nutritious vegetable garden. Children who work in vegetable gardens may learn to love gardening.
11. If a shrub, tree or vine or any other plants looks sickly/dirty or always attract bugs, remove it from the garden. Replace with something easier to grow and more disease resistant.
12. A ‘Pollinator Garden’ in your schoolyard garden with allergy friendly and native plants is of great importance. Read about this subject, and implement.
13. Make your schoolyard garden a fun and stress free, great outdoor experience.

The Society for Allergy Friendly Environmental (SAFE) Gardening, is a California public benefit corporation with an international reach. Its purpose is to offer a healthy alternative to highly allergenic landscapes often found in most cities.

Peter Prakke, a resident of Ancaster, is a member of the organization’s Board of Directors.



# Oshawa Garden Club



The Oshawa Garden Club has a new logo. A contest held by the Club saw Past-President Debi Foster's design receive the most votes. In 2015, the Club's floral emblem was changed from the rose to the peony, and fittingly, the new logo features a peony and celebrates the Club's partnership with the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens. Every June the OVBG is the setting for the award-winning annual Peony Festival. The Gardens feature displays of 300 types of peonies, making it one of Canada's largest contemporary peony collections.

A free event, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Peony Festival will be take place on the weekend of June 10 and 11, 2017. The Canadian Peony Society's Ontario Peony Show will be held at the Children's Arena (155 Arena Street, Oshawa), adjacent to the Gardens.

The Club is also proud to present a scholarship to an outstanding student in the Horticulture Technician Program, offered at the Whitby Campus of Durham College. The scholarship was established in 2011 to provide financial assistance to a student in the Horticulture Technician program.

Marion Neven, secretary to the Board of Directors from 2009 to 2011, and a Durham College employee, requested that her annual honorarium be used to establish a scholarship. The two-year course is part of the College's Field to Fork Vision. (Field to Fork is the term used on campus to mean the production of local food). These students are looking for careers in nurseries, municipal parks, horticulture equipment companies, property and tree management companies, and landscape businesses.



*Oshawa Garden Club President Robin Burns with this year's scholarship recipient, Kathryn Taylor.*

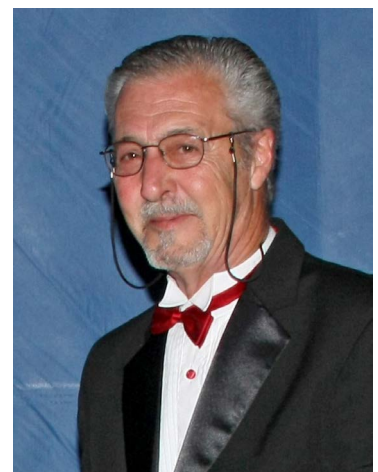
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## Ken Fink, OHA Past President

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of Ken Fink, on January 19. A Past-Director of District 2, and a Past-President of the OHA, Ken was a member of the Beachburg Horticultural Society for four decades. He joined the Society in the late 1970s, and was made a life member in 1999. During this time, he also became a Master Gardener and a horticultural judge.

Ken joined the District 2 Executive in 1989, and served as Director from 2003 to 2006. His contribution to the District was recognized with a District Service Award in 2001. He became OHA President in 2008, and two years later, received the Silver Fir Award.

Outside of the OHA, Ken was a high school teacher and, with his partner, David Miles, was the owner of the Beachburg Inn.



# How old are the Districts?

Malcolm Geast, OHA Historian

Anniversary years - we all like to celebrate them, whether it's Canada's 150th, our hort society's 50th or 100th, or, on a more personal level, a wedding anniversary. We seem to be especially enamoured with those in the 10, 20, 30, etc. series. But what about our OHA Districts? Why don't we celebrate them as well? As it happens, there is very little real awareness of the age of our Districts. Perhaps this year, it's time to change that. And with the afore-mentioned appeal of anniversaries that end with a zero in mind, this year affords us an opportunity to mark two important years in their development.

As most of us are aware, the founding year for the OHA was 1906. Initially, we were one big group of horticultural societies, with no subdivisions. That soon changed, and in 1907, 110 years ago this year, the province was divided into seven Districts. Well, perhaps that's not really correct - at the time, the OHA was strictly a southern Ontario organization, with Orillia, Ottawa, and Owen Sound (all at approximately the same latitude) as its most northerly members. That initial arrangement, which ran from District 1 in the east to District 7 in southwestern Ontario, soon needed some changes.

District No. 1: The counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Prescott, Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas and Leeds. It is a very large territory, the largest district I think in the Province. It contains 6 societies at present, but a new society is being organized in Morrisburg.

District No. 2: Would contain all that territory from the County of Frontenac west, as far as the County of Durham, and north. This district would contain 11 societies.

District No. 3: The counties north of Toronto, including Peel, York, Simcoe, Ontario and Muskoka, with 9 societies.

District No. 4: The counties of Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Halton, Wentworth and Norfolk, with 9 societies.

District No. 5: The Counties of Grey, Huron, and Bruce, with 9 societies.

District No. 6: The counties of Wellington, Waterloo, and Brant, with 9 societies.

District No. 7: The counties of Kent, Essex, Lambton, Elgin, Oxford, Middlesex and Perth, with 9 societies.

*The first OHA Districts, from the 1907 Annual Report of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario.*

Between 1909 and 1914, five new horticultural societies were formed in northern Ontario (Sault Ste. Marie, Haileybury, Sudbury, Fort William, and Dryden). Within that short time, the area covered by the OHA had more than tripled. At first, the solution was simply to add those Societies to another District. But this left the unfortunate Director for District 3 with responsibility for the counties of Dufferin, Peel, York, Simcoe, Ontario, Muskoka, and all of the north. It's understandable then that the Director, J.H. Bennett, who lived in Barrie, reported to the convention in 1912 that "any report I make based on personal observation

would not be very comprehensive." Three of the Lake Ontario Societies (Peel, York, & Ontario) were put in a new District in 1913, but District 3 was still enormous, extending from Barrie in the south, to Haileybury in the north, and Dryden in the west. It wasn't until 1924 that another new District was formed, giving Societies in northwestern Ontario their own District.

## DISTRICTS.

1. Carleton, Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell, Stormont.
2. Durham, Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Northumberland, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Victoria.
3. Algoma, Dufferin, Kenora, Manitoulin, Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Simcoe, Sudbury, Temiskaming.
4. Ontario, Peel, York.
5. Haldimand, Halton, Lincoln, Norfolk, Welland, Wentworth.
6. Bruce, Grey, Huron.
7. Brant, Waterloo, Wellington.
8. Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth.
9. Essex, Kent, Lambton.

*OHA Districts from 1913 to 1923, from the 1919 Annual Report of the Horticultural Societies. Note the rather large area covered by District 3.*

With a flurry of new horticultural societies forming in the mid-twenties, the OHA was growing rapidly. In 1926 alone, 28 Societies were newly chartered. The organization needed a new distribution of Districts, one that was less chaotic, and one with a more evenly matched number of Societies in each of them.

At the 1927 convention, three new Districts and a new arrangement were presented and approved. After a quick reconsideration of the numbering order in the days following the convention, the final version that was adopted for 1927 consisted of 14 Districts, from District 1 in eastern Ontario to District 14 in the northwest:

**District 1** - Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry Russell, Prescott

**District 2** - Carlton, Lanark, Renfrew, Leeds, Grenville

**District 3** - Frontenac, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington

**District 4** - Durham, Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Victoria

**District 5** - Ontario, Peel, Simcoe, York

**District 6** - Dufferin, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth

**District 7** - Wellington, Waterloo, Brant

**District 8** - Bruce, Grey, Huron

**District 9** - Haldimand, Lincoln, Welland

**District 10** - Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth

**District 11** - Essex and Kent

**District 12** - Muskoka, Nipissing, Temiskaming, Cochrane  
**District 13** - Manitoulin Island, Parry Sound, Sudbury, Algoma

**District 14** - Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay



District 1—Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Russell, Prescott.  
 “ 2—Carlton, Lanark, Renfrew, Leeds, Grenville.  
 “ 3—Durham, Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterboro, Victoria.  
 “ 4—Frontenac, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington.  
 “ 5—Ontario, Peel and Simcoe.  
 “ 6—Dufferin, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth.  
 “ 7—Bruce, Grey, Huron.  
 “ 8—Wellington, Waterloo, Brant.  
 “ 9—Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth.  
 “ 10—Essex and Kent.  
 “ 11—Muskoka, Nipissing, Temiskaming.  
 “ 12—Manitoulin Island, Parry Sound, Sudbury and Algoma.  
 “ 13—Haldimand, Lincoln, Welland.  
 “ 14—Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay.

*OHA Districts adopted at the 1927 convention. Almost immediately, the numbering order was changed, but the boundaries remained the same. Taken from the **1926 Annual Report of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario**.*

There have been a few changes since 1927 and five Districts have been added. But for the most part, the configuration has remained as the basis for our District structure for 90 years.

The most notable of these modifications have been through the addition of five new Districts.

During the middle years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a few Districts grew so large that they had to be subdivided. District 5, which included more than 50 Societies by the mid-thirties, was split into 5 and 5 (a) in 1942. It was a unique situation, as the OHA had never before and never again had a sub-District. Despite the designation, it had its own Director, and operated in much the same as a “regular” District.

Eleven years later, another District 5 split produced District 15. At the same time, 5A (still consisting of Muskoka, Parry Sound, and Simcoe) became 16.

District 17 was created from the western part of District 4 and the eastern part of District 5 in 1979. The following year, District 18 came into being, as it was formed from the northernmost eight Societies of District 16. Our newest District, 19, was born in 1984, as 10 societies from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo were split off from District 7.

So, we have two important years to mark in 2017 - the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first OHA Districts, and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the District structure that we have today. And of course, several other anniversaries for the individual Districts in the years to come.

#### ASSOCIATION DISTRICTS

1—Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont.  
 2—Carleton, Grenville, Lanark, Renfrew.  
 3—Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward.  
 4—Durham, Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterboro, Victoria.  
 5—Ontario, York, 5 (a)—Muskoka, Parry Sound, Simcoe.  
 6—Brant, Halton, Wentworth.  
 7—Dufferin, Peel, Waterloo, Wellington.  
 8—Bruce, Grey, Huron.  
 9—Haldimand, Lincoln, Norfolk, Welland.  
 10—Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth.  
 11—Essex, Kent, Lambton.  
 12—Cochrane, Nipissing, Timiskaming.  
 13—Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury.  
 14—Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay.

*The District list from the **1943 Annual Report of the Horticultural Societies of Ontario**, showing District 5(a).*

## Society Anniversaries in 2017

In addition to the various anniversaries associated with the formation of the OHA Districts, 2017 also marks significant anniversaries for several OHA Societies:

### 120 years

Midland  
 Stirling & District

### 100 years

Blenheim-Harwich  
 Ingersoll & District  
 Niagara Falls

### 90 years

Mount Hamilton  
 Ripley & District

### 70 years

Deep River  
 Porcupine

### 50 years

Oro-Medonte  
 Uxbridge

### 25 years

Belle River & District  
 Lennox & Addington  
 Norwood & District

### 10 years

Caledon

As well, for two of our Societies, 2017 will see notable anniversaries of the first horticultural society in their respective communities. The first St. Catharines Horticultural Society was formed 160 years ago in 1857 (June 29, 1857, to be precise). Ten years later, the first horticultural society in Lindsay came into being; the full story of this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary can be found on page 10.

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