

Trillium

Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Ontario Horticultural Association

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President's Message

Who's Been Picking The Trilliums?

Plagued with computer woes these past few days, I have been heartened by the emergence of the native Snowy Trilliums (*Trillium grandiflorum*), sometimes referred to as the large-flowering white trillium, which blooms in late spring. I have some in my woodland garden and they never fail to grab my attention when they flower. They grow about 12"-18" high and are easy to spot with their three white petals and three green sepals that are star-shape in appearance. The flowers turn a soft pink as they age and are quite striking.



My neighbour prefers the name "wake-robin" because she associates the trillium with the return of the robins to our area, whereas some native healers and herbalists that I know are more likely to call this sacred herb, "Birthroot" or "Squawroot" because of its wide use in childbirth and the treatment of female-related health issues. This North American native perennial has served as the floral emblem for the Province of Ontario since 1937, signifying "peace and hope". It is because of the work of the OHA that the trillium is the province's emblem. It was our proposal in 1934 that there should be a floral emblem that started the process, our recommendation the following year that it be the trillium that continued that process, and our efforts during the following two years that made the trillium a part of the Ontario identity.

As a child, I was always told to "look with my eyes" and to never pick the trilliums that grew in the nearby woods. Growing up in British Columbia, I was informed that they were a protected species because their populations were dwindling as a result of construction, excessive deer populations, clear cutting and wild-crafting for medicinal purposes. I have refrained from digging them up in the forest and transplanting them in my garden for these reasons. Instead, I frequent reputable local greenhouses and native mail-order nurseries like Fraser's Thimble Farms to obtain different varieties, which have all been grown from seed. I choose to not deal with unethical nurseries that obtain stock from the wild.

If you mimic their natural habitat, trilliums are quite easy to grow. They love nitrogen-rich, moisture-retentive soils and cooler temperatures which are often found in the shady areas of your garden. They will grow large and lush and form colonies over time. Be sure to provide good drainage and amend the soil with lots of rotted leaves (leaf mould) and they will remain happy. If you feel you must fertilize, apply bone meal in the spring and fall.

To propagate trilliums, gather fresh seed in late June before the plants go dormant in midsummer and plant immediately into pots filled with a mixture of equal parts peat moss, sand and soil taken from the site where you gathered the seed. Keep the soil evenly moist and dig the pots into the ground or a cold frame. They should germinate in one to two years and can remain in the pots for several more before they need to be transplanted directly into the earth. They can take up to 15 years to flower so be patient. In the wild, ants, chipmunks and yellow jacket wasps have been credited with dispersing the trillium seed.

Trilliums look spectacular if they are massed in large clumps or accompanied by other native plants such as Jack-in-the-Pulpits, Bloodroot, Hepaticas, Primroses, Wild Gingers and ferns in shaded woodland gardens. They also look neat when placed beneath rhododendrons and hemlocks or paired with partridge berry. For other planting suggestions, locate a copy of **Trilliums** by Frederick W. Case & Roberta B. Case, "a must-have book for the trillium enthusiast", I've been told.

According to Laura C. Martin's **Wildflower Folklore**, trilliums have some rather interesting stories connected with them. I didn't know that trilliums were used as love potions and that desperate women would boil the roots and add them to the meals of the men they were trying to attract or that you can bring on the rain if you pick them. What I do know is that trilliums are beautiful spring flowering perennials for the woodland border. In any case, don't pick the trilliums, either in the wild or in your garden—we don't need any more rain for a while!

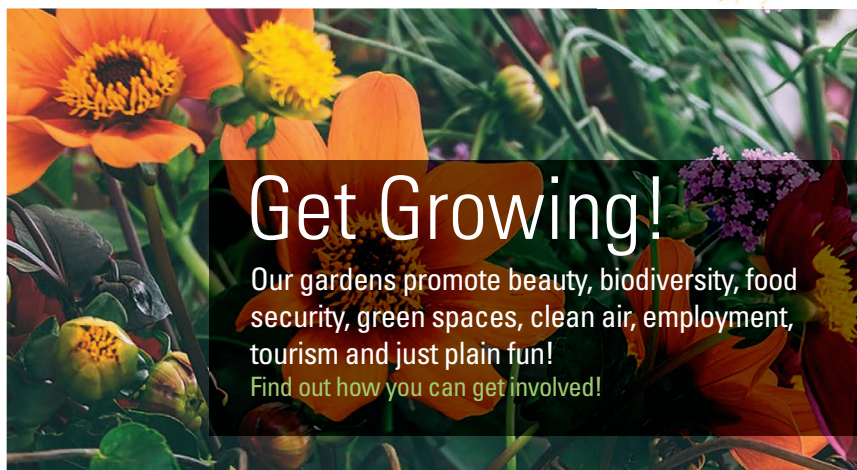
Our Executive and Directors remain industrious and are preparing for our upcoming Convention in July. We still have many projects on the go.

- 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** 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 year. My recent weekly meetings with OMAFRA staff have been to discuss garden design details and plant lists. I am pleased to announce that we are making progress, inch by inch.
- 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. We have received some member interest for both positions and will be scheduling interviews shortly.
- Check out the latest information on the website regarding our forthcoming Convention being held July 21 to 23 in York Region. Cindy Scythes and District 5 have posted the registration form as well as information about guest speakers, bus tours, competitions and accommodations on the front page. I encourage you to add these dates to your calendar and plan to attend.

I hope to see you at Convention this year. Until then, I encourage you all to continue to plant and make Ontario beautiful!

Suzanne Hanna

Garden
OntarioWeek
June 10-18, 2017



Week long events!

For event listings in your area, and gardening ideas, visit

gardenontarioweek.org

Secretary's Report

Happy Spring Everyone! This has been a busy spring for me with the March OHA Board Meeting and then into District AGMs and on to convention preparations.

Convention is fast approaching and in preparation for it, there are some important documents and links I need to share with you:

OHA 2016 Convention Minutes: The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention minutes from Waterloo 2016 are available on the gardenontario website for your review at:

www.gardenontario.org/docs/convention2016/convention2016minutes.pdf

This year's convention is being held at Sheraton Parkway North, located in York Region, at Highway 7 and Leslie Street from July 21-23. This year's theme is "Green From Shore to Shore". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes June 27.

For your society Proxy Authorization Form, an electronic scan of the authorized and signed form may be submitted by e-mail to: **secretary@gardenontario.org**

Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and returned by July 15, so that the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk. Proxy forms can be found on the OHA web site at www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php

Please take some time to review this year's resolutions (pp. 22-29) and have your voice heard. Please cast your vote!

Safe Travels to the 2017 OHA Convention!! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor

OHA Secretary



From the Treasurer's Desk

It has been an exciting and busy first year with the OHA for me. I have met so many new people and truly enjoyed learning the financial aspects of the Association. When I started, in January 2016, I first tackled preparation of the OHA 2015 financials and year end reporting. Before long, I was off to my first OHA Spring Board of Directors Meeting with the Officers and Directors in March. It was at this meeting that the OHA approved the "Highway of Heroes" tree planting initiative. I had no idea this would be as big as it was. We had so many donations coming in from societies and individuals - I was thrilled and very busy!

In July, District 19 hosted our OHA Annual Convention and in October the District Directors and Officers met for our OHA Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Throughout the year, and before I started, closure of the Society Treasurer Bonding Insurance Fund (STBI) was in the works. The closure of the account and distribution of these funds will be brought forward, by way of a resolution, to the membership of the OHA at this year's Annual Convention in July. Presentations and handouts were developed and delivered at each District's AGM this year. If you have any questions about this resolution, please feel free to contact me.

So here we are, just over a year later, and I have now prepared the OHA's 2016 financials and year end reports, which are available on our website, if you would like to review. It is hard to believe another year has passed. I must say, it has been a very rewarding experience to be part of the Ontario Horticultural Association. I am looking forward to another exciting year. See you all at OHA Annual Convention!

Sincerely,

Mary Donnelly, OHA Treasurer



What's YOUR Choice for Canada's National Flower?

Nation-Wide Survey by the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Voting Closes Midnight June 30, 2017

Did you know that there is no official national flower for Canada? And don't you think it's time we had one?

The Master Gardeners of Ontario launched a search for a flower that grows in every province and territory and is not already a provincial or territorial emblem. With help from Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist at Memorial University of Newfoundland, we came up with the three choices you see below.

Help celebrate Canada's 150th birthday by casting your vote today! Voting closes midnight June 30 and we'll announce the winning flower on Canada Day.



Hooded Ladies Tresses
(*Spiranthes romanzoffiana*)

Orchid with unique spiraling flower spike

Found in open wet areas – meadows, bogs, marshes

Fragrant flowers from July to Sept on 10 to 50 cm stems

Food source for native bumblebees all through summer



Twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*)

Delicate but tough!

Borealis: of the north

Found in forests, wetlands

Reproduces mainly by spreading stolons

Fragrant flowers on 15 cm stems for one week in June

Attracts native bees, provides winter forage for caribou



Bunchberry
(*Cornus Canadensis*)

White spring flowers, red summer berries, red-purple fall leaves

Found in forests, wetlands

Creeping form, 10 to 20 cm tall, great as a native groundcover

Attracts native bumblebees and solitary bees

Berries eaten by small and large mammals, migratory birds

Winter forage source for caribou, moose, elk, deer

Vote here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Z9WDW9>

OHA Nominating Committee

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention at Sheraton Parkway North, located in York Region, at Highway 7 and Leslie Street.

Rose Odell has agreed to stand for the position of OHA President.

Katharine Smyth, Immediate Past District 11 Director, has been nominated for the position of Vice President (please see Katharine's bio below) and has agreed to stand for the position.

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

Katharine Smyth for OHA Vice President

I am Katharine Smyth, Immediate Past District Director for District 11. I have been nominated by the Tilbury Horticultural Society for the position of OHA Vice President.

My husband Doug and I have owned and operated a Bed and Breakfast for nineteen years. We have four children and nine grandchildren. I have gardened ever since I can remember, having been raised on a farm in Chatham-Kent with vegetable, fruit and flower gardens covering two acres.

Upon retiring from a career in Medical Laboratory Technology, I became involved in my community by joining the Chamber of Commerce and BIA and was Treasurer for six years. I was Chair of the OMAFRA First Impressions and Treasurer of the Tilbury Revitalization Committee. At the same time, my sister encouraged me to become involved with the local Horticultural Society to which I am a current Member and Past-President.

I am a passionate gardener and enjoy an extensive plant and tree collection. I have taken the Ontario Horticultural Association Floral Judging Course and have judged for Communities in Bloom for the last 2 years. I have also trained as a Culinary Judge and judge at many local fairs.

I pursue a wide range of interests including my bed and breakfast, preserving and canning, gardening, grandchildren, birding, photography, travelling, reading, and baking and decorating wedding and special occasion cakes. In my "spare" time I am an active Volunteer as a Board Member of the Chatham-Kent United Way, and the Chatham-Kent Heritage Committee. I am a member of the Chatham-Kent Tourism Advisory Council and the Canada South Bed and Breakfast Association. I became a member of Beta Sigma Phi in 1965 and have held many executive positions in this cultural, service and social group.

I have worked with my community as a member of the Chatham-Kent Communities in Bloom Committee since 2008 and have first-hand experience earning the coveted 5 Bloom Award as winner in Provincial, National and International categories and as the National Winner in 2010.

Sincerely,

Katharine Smyth

Immediate Past District 11 Director

Ontario Horticultural Association



Rose Odell for OHA President

I am Rose Odell and have been nominated for the position of President for the Ontario Horticultural Association by the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society.

My journey began in horticulture with the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society in September 1999. As of this year's convention in Toronto, I will have served as Vice President of the OHA for two years. It has been an amazing learning opportunity and honour for me to be your Vice President.

I have worked side-by-side with OHA President, Suzanne Hanna, the Officers and Directors on a variety of projects over the last 2 years. During this time I have worked hard to further the mission of the association and feel I come to the position of OHA President with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The OHA Officers have accomplished many tasks this year by conducting telephone conversations (TCONS). In total, there were over twenty TCON meetings this past year. This has saved a lot of time and allows us to be more productive when we meet with the Directors by understanding what needs attention in between our three scheduled board meetings each year.

I have completed the OHA Judging Course held by District 4, along with 13 others, whose names have been added to the OHA Judges' Registry. I continue to learn and grow my skills in floral design and judging and look forward to future judging opportunities.

I am a huge supporter of the OHA Trillium and love to see all the wonderful accomplishments that societies and districts post in the publication. By staying abreast of the events going on in the province, it provides the Officers with a better understanding of how the OHA can support projects and initiatives in the province.

I am incredibly proud for the work done in support of the Highway of Heroes Tribute this past year. With the support of members, societies, districts and others, the OHA was able to provide a donation to the Highway of Heroes for more than \$27,000. This money went directly towards the purchase of the required 117,000 trees along the 170 km stretch of highway to honour each of Canada's war dead.

I am passionate about horticulture and gardening and feel I am well prepared to take on the role of OHA President this coming year. I bring to the role leadership, guidance and experience and will use these skills to manage current and future endeavours of the association.

Sincerely,

Rose Odell

Vice President

Ontario Horticultural Association



OHA 2017 Convention Update



**Friday, July 21
to
Sunday, July 23**

Registration is open and we are pleased to see such enthusiasm already. Take advantage of the early bird registration rate. Note that the deadline to order meals is June 16, 2017. You wouldn't want to miss the fun at our District 5 party on Friday night, or the Banquet, and Paul Zammit, on Saturday night.

Updates are regularly added to the OHA website (gardenontario.org), please check often, there are some surprises yet to come. Click on the convention link or go directly to gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php.

Breaking News - the price of lunch has been dropped to \$37. Please understand that hotel food is very expensive and OHA is not making money on your meal choices. There are few choices available, outside of ordering lunch, that will give you time to make your bus tour on time.

Remember to enter the competitions

June 1st was the last entry deadline for: Art pre-registration: Creative Writing entries, Flower Show pre-registration for Design & Special Exhibit classes, Youth "estimated list of all entries to be provided".

Entry Dates/Times at Convention:

- Art and Youth entries will be accepted Thursday 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. or Friday 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
- Flower Show entries can be placed on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Friday, July 21, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- No late entries will be accepted; no exceptions.
- Entry tags are supplied at the Convention by the OHA.

New workshop

We are excited to offer an additional workshop at this convention. Lee Valley is offering a hands-on demonstration on making bee houses. Lee Valley has offered to provide pre-cut materials and the hammers/screwdrivers needed to put them together. We have slotted in this workshop for 3 p.m. on Friday July 21st, it is available to anyone who registers for the convention and is free.

Friday Night Canada 150 Party

Come to our party wearing your finest red and white to honour Canada! Celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. Join us for Canadian delicacies, a very special Story Teller, Patti Warnock, and be amazed by Comedy Magic by Danny Hamill. Show off your Canadian trivia knowledge, and take part in a Silent Auction of uniquely "must have" items.

Vendors

Confirmed vendors for this convention include:

- The **Urban Nature Store**, offering bird related items. (Saturday only)
- **Deborah Lyall**, offering printed items with original art; tights, skirts, bags, cards, scarves with bees and butterflies on them. (Friday & Saturday)
- **Fernwood Nursery**, is joining us all the way from Nova Scotia and offering the best native and hardy exotic ferns. (Friday & Saturday)
- **Living Assistance Services**, offering services to seniors wishing to stay in their homes. (Friday & Saturday)
- **A Touch of Glass**, offers garden ornaments made from recycled glass dishes. (Friday & Saturday)

Speakers

Titles for all the speaker's sessions are now confirmed and up on the website. When you register, you will be asked which seminars you might want to attend, and to send that information to Nancy Serrick. This will help us plan rooms big enough so that no one is turned away.

Bus tours

Bus tours are filling up fast.

Remember to bring water, a hat, comfortable shoes, and sun screen.

Bus tours on air-conditioned coaches are outlined on the website. Food is allowed on these coaches.

Warning: no food is allowed on bus tours on school buses (Aurora Arboretum, and TBG). This is to keep the buses safe for the school children.

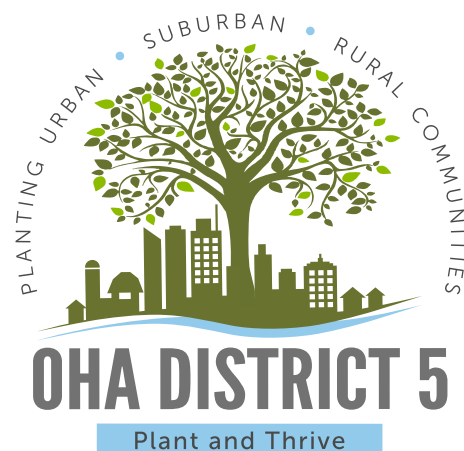
Pollinator Celebration, Queen's Park

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The celebration will include a garden tour, ribbon cutting ceremony with invited guests, some words of inspiration, refreshments and a pollinator plant/seed package to take home. Interested members who plan to attend the 2017 Convention are encouraged to sign up early for the Pollinator Bus Tour as seating will be limited. The bus will depart around 5:30-6:00 p.m. to allow for traffic.



**District 5 is
looking forward to
seeing you in July.**



OHA 2017 Convention Bus Tours



Pollinator Celebration, Queen's Park (Cost \$20) (Thursday, July 20, evening)

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The Greater Toronto Water Garden Society's Private Gardens Tour (Cost \$30) (Friday & Saturday, 1:00 to 4:30)

This air conditioned coach tour covers three fascinating gardens; each garden is individual in design yet unique in the use of water. One garden has been designed with a stream running through the back yard. Shady alcoves invite one to relax in serene surroundings. Another garden features a stone waterfall against a trellis that hides the compost and vegetable garden. The last treasure of a garden is an environmentally conscious garden incorporating large attractive urns to collect rainwater off the roof in order to use gravity to water the garden. The deep pond is meticulously graded into the slope of the property to create a tropical ambience at the water's edge. A gazebo enhances this oasis in the heart of urban sprawl. Enjoy your day, wear comfortable shoes and have your camera in hand. This tour will take place twice, on Friday and Saturday.

Paths to Perennials (Cost \$25) (Friday, 1:00 to 4:30)

When you arrive by air conditioned coach at this unique garden centre located North West of Toronto, you will find many garden rooms to explore. There will be a guided tour that also goes through the private Hidcote Hideaway Wedding Gardens. Topics covered will include design elements, plant choices and growing conditions of various plants. The Chef at the Blossom Café will make fresh signature black Sloane tea (or coffee) for each visitor to enjoy as they peruse the gardens or garden centre. Cream, milk and sugar will be provided. The garden centre will be open for plant purchases.

Aurora Community Arboretum tour and therapeutic garden visit (Cost \$25) (Friday, 1:00 to 4:30)

Small group tours, led by knowledgeable volunteers, will explore the 100 acre Aurora Community Arboretum, which contains a virtual museum of trees in Zone 5. Discussion of growing conditions, care and maintenance of various trees will be covered. Following a tour of the Aurora Arboretum, participants will be bused to CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) for a visit to their therapeutic garden, created for their adult day clients. On the way to CHATS, the bus will pass by Hillary House National Historic Site, and The Koffler Museum of Medicine. Refreshments will be served there in conjunction with the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society.

Evergreen Brick Works Tour (Cost \$25) (Saturday, 1:00 to 4:30)

Travel on an air conditioned coach to a 100-year-old former industrial site that has been transformed into a multitude of venues. In keeping with our convention theme, this is a community environmental centre that inspires and equips visitors to live, work and play more sustainably. There will be a 90-minute guided tour that will include the pavilions where a Saturday morning Farmers Market was held just before your arrival. You will see rental space that is available for community use in the former brickworks kilns area. There will also be a visit to the unique Children's Garden, and a meadow walk that is full of native wild flowers by a small lake. The Brickworks also has a café, gift shop and a garden centre that sells native and heritage plants.

Toronto Botanical Garden and Edwards Gardens Tour (Cost \$25) (Saturday, 1:00 to 4:30)

The 90 minute guided tour, with small groups of 8 to 10 participants, will take in the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG) and Edwards Gardens. The two gardens are found along Wilket Creek, one of the tributaries of the Don River West. You will delight in seasonal flower beds, a ravine, a pond, an arboretum and a teaching garden. The Toronto Botanical Garden, itself has 17 city sized gardens on four acres of land. It was established in 1998 and was originally run by two gardeners and many volunteers. Plans are in place to join the Edwards Gardens and the Toronto Botanical Garden to create a 32 acre garden. Please note the TBG portion of the tour is fully accessible, the Edwards Gardens portion has steps and slopes and bridges to cross. The tour will end at the TBG Garden shop with time to enjoy the facilities including the seasonal café.

Please note that, if you are signing up for a bus tour, a Bus Waiver Form needs to be completed and sent in with your Convention Registration.

OHA 2017 Convention Speakers



Friday Morning Plenary Speaker

Paul LaPorte: *Biodiversity with Native Plants* - owner of Ephemeral Ark Nursery (specializing in native woodland species) and consultant on ecological gardening and design. Paul maintains a strong knowledge of Ontario native plant species and their communities and fosters them in his own gardens. He is the Past President of the North American Native Plant Society.

Friday Seminars 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

James Murray: *Meet the Queen - Bee, that is*

Margaret Taylor: *Design Demo, Modern Mass Design*

Paloma Plant: *Your Pane is their Pain* - Windows are everywhere: in our homes, offices, stores, restaurants, vehicles, bus shelters...everywhere. Many ornithologists claim that collisions with human-built structures are the leading cause of migratory bird mortality in North America. Paloma Plant is the Program Coordinator at FLAP Canada (Fatal Light Awareness Program)

Anna Leggatt: *Habitats, Green Links and Environmental Gardening*

Friday Seminars 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Susan Lusted & Linda Forster: *Using Social Media to promote your club*

Nikola Warnock: *Troughs...Gardens for Small Spaces*

Malcolm Geast: *Scary Bugs???*

Russ Talbot: *Judging Photographs - A Behind the Scenes Look*

Lee Valley: *Lee Valley workshop on making wooden bee houses* – free, all supplies and tools provided by Lee Valley

Friday Evening

On Friday evening, District 5 will celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary with a birthday party atmosphere. Our entertainment will include a Magician and a Story Teller, and much more. To have everyone get into the celebratory mood on Friday night, we are asking that you wear red and white on Friday night to celebrate Canada.

Saturday Morning Plenary Speaker

Scott MacIvor PhD: *Green Roof Wildlife & Design* - Scott is an Urban Ecologist and an OHA Golden Jubilee award winner. He is currently a Post-Doctoral Researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

Saturday Seminars 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Becky Fox: *Garden Smarter - 10 ways to be a responsible partner with Mother Nature*

Cathy Kavassalis: *Permissible Pesticides - What products can I use for pests and problems in Ontario?*

Connie Hunter: *The Winning Entry*

Clement Kent: *Caring for the Earth - How Gardeners Can Help* - This seminar spans two time slots and includes a workshop.

Saturday Seminars 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Christine Moore: *Easy Roses - a Look at the Latest in Roses*

Penny Stewart: *Judges on Judging*

Michael Erdman: *Alliums: Elegant & Edible*

Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker

Paul Zammit: The Toronto Botanical Garden's Nancy Eaton Director of Horticulture, energizing speaker, photographer, stylist, garden writer, and winner of many awards. An environmental gardener, his home garden has been featured in garden magazines. Paul is planning a special presentation for our convention.

Sunday Morning Plenary Speaker

Carson Arthur: *Impact of outdoor spaces on the environment* - An outdoor lifestyle and design expert, with a focus on environmentally friendly design. He is also host of TV programs that showcase garden makeover projects, teaching homeowners how to raise the value of their homes through outdoor renovations.

Ennismore & District Horticultural Society

Gail Murray Smith, Ennismore Vice-President

Ennismore and District Horticultural Society is very fortunate to have Norm Kyle as a member. Norm entered the Compost Canada Giant Pumpkin Growing Competition in 2016 and won over all others from across Canada. Pumpkins entered in the contest had to be grown in compost from seeds provided by Compost Canada and had to be officially weighed. The pumpkin that Norm and his wife entered weighed in at 930 pounds (422 kilograms) and was the top beauty from all of Canada.



With a congratulatory party this spring, on Sunday, April 30, Compost Canada came to Ennismore to present the \$500 prize money to Norm. Norm only held the cheque for a minute or two before turning his winnings over to Helen Young, the President of the Ennismore club. The money will be used for their summer project, building an all-stone Christmas tree at the Rec complex in June.

Thanks to Norm and Judy for their tireless efforts and for supporting the Horticultural Society. Here the Horticultural Society had the Giant on display for hallowe'en 2016 and this is Norm accepting his prize.

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:

- 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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LaSalle Horticultural Society

Jan Dugdale, LaSalle Horticultural Society Vice-President

In May we marked year seven of LaSalle Horticultural Society's tulip rescue program. We receive thousands of fresh bulbs from area donors each spring, and we recycle them amongst area churches, schools and business to beautify our town. Also in May, we have our very large plant sale, in which the community arrives early to see what we're offering for their gardens. Thank you to them, our volunteers and donors, for without them, we are unable to support our town with new area benches and other projects which require funds.



Having been a successful winner of one of the 150th celebration gardens, our Society was also busy with the blooming ceremony of the Canadian Flag garden. Thanks again, go out to Vesey Bulbs, the Canadian Garden Council and other sponsors for this prestigious garden.

June 24th is our rain or shine date for our fourth self-guided Garden Tour. Great support is shown to our society, as we get large numbers of participants to come out and see ten beautiful gardens in LaSalle.

In garden arrangement, one has not only to acquire a knowledge of what to do, but also to gain some wisdom in perceiving what is well to let alone.

Gertrude Jekyll

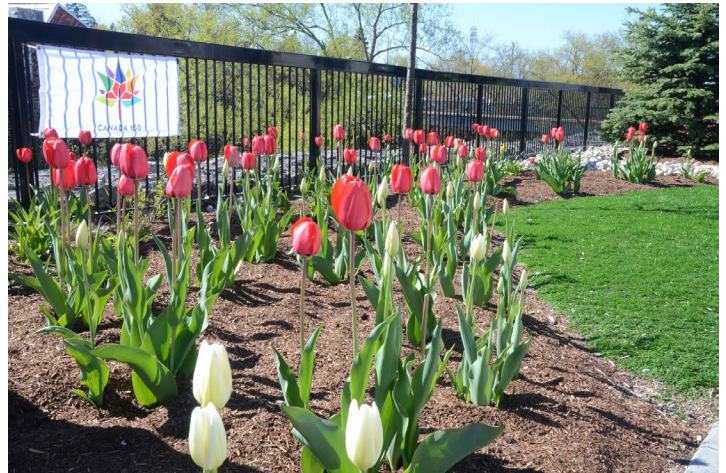
Fergus 150 Celebration Garden Blooming Ceremony

Kathy Bouma, Fergus & District Horticultural Society President

The Tulip Blooming Ceremony for one of the 150 Celebration Gardens across Canada was held on May 9th at 10:00 in Fergus. The sky was blue and the sun was shining. Many of the 1,000 tulips were blooming and the crowd was gathered by the Riverwalk Gardens on the banks of the Heritage Grand River. The Grade 2/3 class from James McQueen School returned to the site where almost seven months earlier they had assisted in planting the red tulip and white tulip bulbs with Society members.

President Kathy Bouma welcomed everyone, including the students, the BIA, store owners, general public and members. She commented on the difficulty of choosing the right day. Claire Boeckner of the Township of Centre Wellington gave greetings. Mayor Kelly Linton thanked everyone for their hard work and for making our community a beautiful place to live. The students each gave a historic fact of the Town of Fergus from 150 years ago. The students proudly waved their Canada 150 flags given to them by the Polar Bear that was in the crowd.

It was a grand success and ended with the singing of "O Canada."



An Award and a Visit from the Bee Man

On April 29, at the District 5 AGM, Norma Heaver, of the Agincourt Garden Club received a District Service Award for her many years of service to horticulture in the Toronto community of Scarborough.

Norma has been a member of Agincourt Garden Club since 1966 and is currently in her 40th year on the Club's Board of Directors, having joined it on October 31, 1967. She has served in various capacities – these include President in 1974 and again in 1980-81, many years as Show Committee chairman, Historian, and has worked on the Ways and Means table.

In 1984, she received a citation from the City of Scarborough Parks and Recreation Department for her community work. Part of this included helping to start up the Trillium Award Committee in 1978. The Trillium Awards are a

means of recognizing front gardens that contribute to the beautification of the community. She has remained on the committee ever since.

In 2016, Norma received the Judging and Exhibiting Service Certificate.

Norma recently celebrated her 90th birthday and is still very active in the club and maintains her own garden. She is also a very talented artist.

Thoroughly surprised at receiving the award, Norma expressed her thanks to everyone who contributed to her receiving it.



The meeting, which took place at the Toronto Botanical Garden, was attended by 210 District 5 members, with representation from all of the District's 18 Societies. Hosted by the Leaside Garden Society, the theme for the day was "The Birds and the Bees... and all that jazz". Fittingly, the meeting received a visit from the Bee Man, aka District 19 Director Gary Brenner.



Ripley and District Horticultural Society Celebrates Its 90th Anniversary

Christine Roberts (RDHS Secretary), Dianne Simpson (RDHS Board Member), Sheila MacDonald (RDHS Life Member)

Members, friends and guests of the Ripley and District Horticultural Society (RDHS) gathered on May 16 to celebrate the group's 90th anniversary.

Resplendent in their garden hats, members shared memories of fellowship, flowers and fun. An entertaining program included a stroll down the garden path of society history through the minutes of past meetings, a sing along, door prizes, a skit and visit from the Youth Group. It was capped by the cutting of an anniversary cake by life members.

The Huron Horticultural Society was organized March 8, 1927 at the close of the United Farm Women's meeting held at the home of Mrs. Donald (Frances) Gillies. Membership dues were 50 cents. Mrs. Robert McCosh was the first president and Mrs. Dan (Catherine) MacKay was the first Secretary-Treasurer with the main objective of home beautification. Back in the days of push mowers, it was no small feat to keep a lawn, particularly in rural settings.

By 1932, the Society had grown to include members in Ripley. One of the first projects was planting flower beds in Gore Park, now Lewis Park. In 1933, Huron Township Cemetery became the principal beautification project, at which time \$400 was raised and spent on bulbs, shrubs and various plantings.

Over time, the name has changed from Huron Horticultural Society to Ripley Huron, and finally to Ripley and District Horticultural Society.

The first flower show was held in the Purple Grove Methodist Church basement in 1935. Mrs. Welsh judged the many displays of sweet peas and hollyhocks. Prize amounts were 20 and 25 cents. Admission was 10 cents.

In the early years, meetings were held in the homes of members, with up to 26 members, 1 or 2 visitors, possibly a guest speaker and a few children in attendance. Meetings would have a reading on the flower of the month and many contests and singalongs were enjoyed.

Summer flower shows have been held since 1939, with the exception of the years 1943 to 1945. In 1965 the first spring show was held and this continues to be an annual event with special awards given to the exhibitor with the highest point total. T Eaton and Simpsons were the original donors. The Royal Bank in Ripley now gives the award.

Classes from the Ripley Public School, 4-H Garden Clubs and more recently, the Horticultural Society's Youth Group have all been keen exhibitors.

During WWII the society made a cash donation of \$5 to the Red Cross to send \$5 worth of seeds to Britain. At that time, membership was very low, and, with only four or five members attending meetings, it was feared the group would disband. However, members encouraged others to join and they were able to carry on.

To celebrate Canada's centennial in 1967, each member was encouraged to plant a bed of red and white flowers. Suggested plantings were Star Fire Salvia and White Candytuft or Red Satin Petunias and White Alyssum.

Over the years, the RDHS initiated many beautification projects throughout the village of Ripley. Some flower beds continue to be planted and maintained in these same locations. Trees have been planted at the former Huron Villa and Ripley Cemetery dedicated to the memory of deceased members and for present members in recognition of outstanding service.

The RDHS members are also great travelers enjoying bus trips all over Grey and Bruce counties; venturing farther afield to Toronto for Canada Blooms, to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton and the Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge.

In more recent times the RDHS membership hovers firmly around the 50 member mark which includes six life members and a 20-member board. It also has a youth group with about 12 members. The annual program includes a flower show and tea room in June, garden tour in July, plant sales, 6 or 7 speakers during the year, participation in the fall fair parade with a float and a Christmas greenery auction during the November potluck lunch. Several gardens and containers throughout the village of Ripley are planted and maintained by members including the 4 planters at the entrances to town. The society also supports local community organizations and beautification projects with financial assistance.

As you can see, the Ripley and District Horticultural Society is a busy one. Changes have been made over the course of 90 years but we continue to keep the pledge to beautify our village, cemetery, homes and gardens.



Ripley & District Horticultural Society members and guests gather to celebrate the Society's 90th anniversary in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 17, at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The 90th Anniversary banner was created by the members of the Youth Group, using cut-outs from seed catalogues. (photo: Liz Dadson, Kincardine Record)

Mapleton Buds & Blooms

Jerry Ottens, Mapleton Buds & Blooms

Our gardens are well-watered and soaking up the sun. Our members have been itching to get the garden season going and now we can feel that the temperature is rising.

So far this season we have enjoyed two meetings. For our first meeting, on March 28, we decided to do something different. We had Donna Hirtle, artist and owner of Studio Factor in Drayton, lead the meeting. She brought in her stamping and card-making equipment and we each made several cards with a horticultural theme. We had a lot of fun and it was not easy to get us to stop and finish our cards so that Jo Houston, our chair, could lead the business part of the meeting. The picture at right shows Donna helping a few members.

For our meeting in April, we travelled to the Listowel Green Houses. We looked around the green houses at



all the beautiful plants grown by Frank Slys and his team. Frank then showed us several ways to use plants to make attractive planters. He used a lot of succulents since they have become very popular. He shared some of his rules with us but he admitted he loved to break the rules because, "Anything goes!" We learned to use colour, texture, and different sizes and shapes of plants. The picture shows Jo Houston and Frank answering some questions.

The weather has not been conducive to work in our community gardens but soon we will be able to. We planted hundreds of tulips to commemorate Canada's 150th last fall and can't wait to see them blooming in the gardens. We were given a garden in a Drayton park which needs an overhaul and are inspired to making it striking.



Vankleek Hill Celebrates 110 Years of Gardening



At the first meeting of 2017, members of the Vankleek Hill and District Horticultural Society marked the 110th anniversary of the first horticultural society in the community. The 110th anniversary cake was a well-deserved and hard-earned treat after the speaker on "Fitness" put all attendees through a series of warm-up exercises designed to be used before all gardening activities.

Ed Endersby, OHA Past President

We are saddened to inform you that Ed Endersby, OHA President 1980/81, passed away on January 7 at the age of 90. Ed was a life member of the Scarborough Garden and Horticultural Society, having played numerous significant roles in the Society that he and his wife Barbara joined in the early 1960s. Together, the two of them played a prominent part in most of the Society's committees from the early 1960s to the mid 1980s. During most of that time, they were also Board members. Their garden in the Scarborough community of West Hill has been described as "spectacular", and the location for an annual plant sale.

Ed served as the Scarborough Horticultural Society's President in 1966 and 1967, and Barbara held the same position in 1978 and 1979. From 1969 to 1972, Ed was an Assistant District 5 Director, moving up to the role of District Director from 1973 to 1975. In 1978, he accepted the nomination as 2nd Vice President of the OHA, becoming President at the 1980 convention in Thunder Bay. He was also a frequent speaker at horticultural society meetings, and was active in the Geranium & Pelargonium Society of Ontario.

The Endersby Plaque continues to be awarded at the Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society's annual flower show. It was created by Ed in memory of his wife, who died in 1995, and his mother.



Ed Endersby and District 14 Director Dorothy Dove at a commemorative tree planting at the 1980 OHA convention at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Thanks go to Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society members Aruna Panday, Susan Norton, Sandy Imada, and Lee MacLeod for providing information about Ed's background with the Society.

Building a Mason Bee Hotel

Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director

In June, 2016, at District 14's AGM, a project was undertaken to construct a mason bee hotel.

Marj Larsen of the Dryden and District Horticultural Society, who is always creative when it comes to workshops, designed and constructed the main structure of the hotel. She had the frame constructed and waiting for delegates at the AGM as a group workshop. Marj told me she built it using some old lumber and a wooden pallet. Starting out with a base board and the pallet, she removed the boards off one side of the pallet and put them on the back side to close it up.

She then built some 2x4 boxes in different shapes and sizes that each fit between the pallet stringers. After adding boards up the side to support a roof system, she cut some wider boards for the roof. This unit was constructed in three sections so that it could be set up inside the building, worked on by the delegates, and then taken apart to be moved back outdoors. The 3x4 area of the pallet is one piece attached to the pallet section, then the top ceiling section and the left hand section was added on. Delegates then worked in teams to find tree branches, sticks and other materials in the woods nearby that they could drill holes into. Drilling many different diameters of holes created homes for a variety of different types of mason bees. This material was then stuffed into the boxes.

When building a pollinator hotel, a variety of items can be used for the fillers. These items could include bricks with slots in them, bamboo poles piled together in a box, straw and/or hay, old dead wood, and even rolled up pieces of corrugated cardboard that are then placed in a waterproof container. When using a box close to the bottom, dried leaves and mud can be used to hold them together. A box can also be filled with pine cones, as it will also provide a home for pollinators. It is a good idea to use screening or small holed wire to secure and protect your habitat from other wildlife. Place your hotel in an area that has semi-shade, but remember that the bees like the sun, so try and have their habitat area on the sunny side. Planting wildflowers around the hotel will enable you to attract a large variety of pollinators.



The hotel at day's start

This model of hotel was built with mason bees in mind, and once it was completed, it was relocated outdoors at the Dryden Agricultural Centre as a thank you for the use of their facilities during the year for Dryden and District Horticultural Society meetings.

Dryden and District Horticultural Society is one of the two societies in District 14 that is receiving the Pollinator Funding offered by the OHA to expand their pollinator garden. If you're attending convention in July, look for the report on this garden in the Pollinator Funding Displays.



The hotel ready for occupancy

Pine Ridge Garden Club 40th Anniversary

Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director

At its meeting on April 4th, Pine Ridge Garden Club celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding with many original and past members attending. Congratulatory certificates were received from MPP Granville Anderson, MP Erin O'Toole, and Tom Rowett, Mayor for the Township of Scugog. Founding member Mrs. Francis Newton, 103 years old and now living in England, also sent a card of congratulations. OHA Vice President Rose Odell was also in attendance.

The speakers for the evening were Gary and Dianne Westlake. On this cool, wet night, their topic "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" brought a little bit of spring into the hall. After their talk, coffee was served with an assortment of fruits and a large beautifully decorated anniversary cake decorated with the Club's logo was enjoyed by all who attended.



Behind table (left to right): David Petrie, Shirley Oldfield, Doreen English, Kris Wilson, Gordon Wicks, Marilyn Trunks (President) and Pat Kingstone. Front: Grace Bajema

Grace Bajema, David Petrie, and Pat Kingston have been members since the Club was founded. Shirley Oldfield, Doreen English, Kris Wilson, and Gordon Wicks were at the inaugural meeting and back as invited guests.

District 4 AGM - Growing Community in Fenelon Falls

Sylvia Keesmaat, Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society

What happens when you put more than 100 gardeners into a room for a day of socializing, meeting, singing and learning? On Saturday April 1, members of the Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society, dressed to the nines in the fashions of 1867, hosted gardeners from the far flung corners of our District. The high point of the day was a fascinating and engaging talk by Garry Edwards, who walked us through the planting and growing year of a Victorian Kitchen Garden that he is constructing on his property, Meadow View Gardens. From tips on how to sow hard-to-germinate seeds,

to growing healthy seedlings, to rotating crops and companion planting, Garry opened our imaginations to all that is possible in a kitchen garden.

Preparing the soil for this talk, so to speak, was a sing-a-long celebrating both the land of Canada, and the gardens that we grow, including a couple of humorous songs with new lyrics that warned against gardening jealousies and veggie munching critters, as well as a tribute to our society's president, Kathy Armstrong.

Surrounding all of this was a magnificent raffle with birdhouses, artwork, gift baskets, and other garden-themed items. All of this contrived to create a wonderful context for the nuts and bolts of the district meeting itself.

The day ran flawlessly, thanks to the many volunteers from the Fenelon Horticultural Society who had decorated the hall, donated raffle items, provided practical loot bags (with a plant for everyone!), served the appetizers and the lunch, and kept the whole day running without a hitch.

So what happens when more than a hundred gardeners get together for a day? Friendships are built, gardening is celebrated, laughter is found, and growth is plotted. And, most importantly, community grows in Fenelon Falls.



Photo: Robbie Preston, Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society



**Words of wisdom
from Keppel Croft Gardens,
Grey County**

Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2017 OHA Convention

RESOLUTION 17-1: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association express appreciation to the Province of Ontario for the assistance provided to Horticultural Societies and to this Association by means of grants and by the continued review and implementation of policies aimed towards the promotion of interest and participation in horticulture.

RESOLUTION 17-2: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association convey to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, his Deputies and Staff, our thanks for the support, assistance and co-operation accorded this Association by Ministry Personnel.

RESOLUTION 17-3: Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 5 who worked to plan and conduct the 2017 Convention, and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

RESOLUTION 17-4: Be it resolved that: By-Law 1, 9. be amended as follows:

Current wording:

"Member" shall be any organization that has paid their current membership fee as set from time to time by the membership at an annual meeting.

Amended wording:

"Member" shall be any organization that has paid their current membership fees as set from time to time by the membership at an Annual General Meeting and has fulfilled the duties which may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Association.

Rationale:

1. This section refers to organizations which includes Societies.
2. This allows for the Board to ensure Societies follow the In Good Standing Policy and Procedure which was established by the Board.
3. By only referring to the payment of a "fee", there is no ability for the Board to enforce the In Good Standing policy in its Policy and Procedure.
4. This wording mirrors the intent of By-Law 4, 4.2

RESOLUTION 17-5: Be it resolved that: By-Law 5, 5.6 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

5.6 Elected by the Districts, Directors become members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their Districts. Directors are elected annually and may be re-elected for a maximum of five years. An additional one year of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Associations Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Amended wording:

5.6 Elected by the Districts, or appointed by the Officers under By-Law 5, 5.3, Directors become members of the Association's Board of Directors. District Directors take office in the Association as of the date of election by their District or appointment by the Officers. Directors who are elected annually may be re-elected for a maximum of five years however, an additional one year of service is acceptable under extreme circumstances. District Directors are formally introduced as members of the Association's Board of Directors at the Association's Annual General Meeting.

Rationale:

1. Allows an appointed person under By-Law 5, 5.3 to be a member of the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION 17-6: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.3 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

6.3 A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process.

Amended wording:

6.3 A Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9, shall be appointed by the Board to ensure that candidates are available for each Office. All nominations must be forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall forward them to the Committee Chair. A Report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to member societies 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall call for any further nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, and complete the nomination process.

Rationale:

1. Allows for the person identified under By-Law 6, 6.9 to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee

RESOLUTION 17-7: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.7 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

6.7 A serving Director who is elected to provincial office shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a District General Meeting called for that purpose. (10/1)

Amended wording:

6.7 A serving Director, other than the two Directors identified in By-Law 5, 5.2, who is elected to provincial office of the OHA shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a District General Meeting called for that purpose. (10/1)

Rationale:

1. The Directors elected to provincial office as representing regions of the province cannot hold the elected position under the current wording as there is currently a requirement for those persons to resign as Directors. They cannot follow both current guidelines (By-Law 6, 6.7 and By-Law 5, 5.2). By amending this wording, the Directors identified are able to perform their duties without violating the Constitution and By-Laws.

RESOLUTION 17-8: Be it resolved that: By-Law 6, 6.9 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

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

Amended wording:

6.9 If the Immediate Past President is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibility of the office, the Board will approach the Chair of the Past Presidents' Council for guidance to fill the position for the remainder of the term. The Board must review and by vote approve any person identified by the Past Presidents' Council to fill the position under this process.

Rationale:

1. The Board which is the identified body of authority within the OHA, as per current legislation, must approve all appointments to any non-elected positions.

RESOLUTION 17-9: Be it resolved that:

the Secretary and Treasurer Bonding and Insurance Fund ("STBI Fund") held in trust with the Association from 1992 to 2013 be closed and the monies remaining in the STBI Fund, minus all legal costs incurred by the Association in relation to closure and distribution of the monies in the STBI Fund, will be returned to any parties that contributed to the STBI Fund and are either a registered Society with OMAFRA or a District with the Association as of July 31, 2017 ("Active Society" or "District", as applicable), provided that any monies contributed to the STBI Fund by a Society which is now closed and/or dissolved or will be during the period from July 23, 2017 to December 31, 2017 ("Closed Society") shall be directed to a District located in the same geographical area as the Closed Society be determined at the sole discretion of the OHA Board of Directors. Distribution of funds to each Active Society and District will be in direct proportion to the premiums they have paid based on data on record with the Association for the period from 1992 to 2013. All refunds from the STBI Fund will be returned directly to eligible Active Societies and Districts by cheque from the Association at their 2018 District Annual General Meetings.

Rationale:

1. A few years ago the Ontario Horticultural Association obtained bonding insurance through an outside provider. Since that time we have not collected premiums for our Secretary-Treasurer Bonding Insurance fund which was self insured by the OHA. As a result, this fund is no longer required by the association. The OHA Board of Directors have decided to close this fund and distribution of these funds will be brought forward, by way of a resolution, to the membership of the OHA at this year's OHA Annual Convention in July.

RESOLUTION 17-10: Be it resolved that: By-Law 10, 10.3 be amended as follows:**Current wording:**

10.3 At the Annual General Meeting or any special general meeting of the Association, 100 delegates representing at least 50 member societies shall constitute a quorum.

Amended wording:

10.3 At the Annual General Meeting or any special general meeting of the Association, 100 voting delegates representing at least 50 member societies In Good Standing shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the implementation of the Policy and Procedure identifying In Good Standing for a Society.
2. Reflects that there must be 100 people present with the authority to conduct the business of the OHA

RESOLUTION 17-11: Be it resolved that: New By-Law 13.3.2 be created as follows:

13.3.2 In the event that no person is elected as a Director, the Officers of the Association shall rely upon By-Law 5, 5.3 and appoint a person or persons to fill the position until such time as a person can be elected by the membership of the District.

Rationale:

1. This allows the District to have representation on the Board.
2. After an appointment is made by the Officers, should someone come forward to fill the position, the Officers would still have the authority under By-Law 5, 5.3 to appoint this new person and this person would fill the position until the next District Annual General Meeting.
3. This does not offend By-Law 5, 5.6 with regards to length of term of office as the election of a District Director for an extra year would not trigger the use of this By-Law.

RESOLUTION 17-12: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.3 be amended as follows:

Renumbered to read 13.3.1.

Rationale:

1. The creation of By-Law 13, 13.3.2 necessitates the renumbering of this section.

RESOLUTION 17-13: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.4 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.4 Each District at its Annual General Meeting shall create a District Executive consisting of the Director, Assistant Director(s) and shall elect or appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, and two financial reviewers or an auditor. This may be expanded to include other executive members.

Amended wording:

13.4 Each District at its Annual General Meeting shall create a District Executive consisting of the Director, Assistant Director(s) and shall elect or appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, and two financial reviewers or an auditor. This may be expanded to include other executive members. In the event that no District Director is elected, the District Executive, without a Director shall be created until the provisions of By-Law 13, 13.3.2 can be acted upon.

Rationale:

1. This allows for a smooth transition of District Executives even if a Director is not elected.
2. This now allows the appointed Director to be a part of the District Executive.

RESOLUTION 17-14: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.6 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.6 The Director and District Secretary shall prepare an agenda and order of business for all district meetings. A copy of the agenda shall be distributed to all district societies prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of such meetings, and the other written records of the district. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be made available to all members within two months of the meeting.

Amended wording:

13.6 The Director or the person appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 and District Secretary shall prepare an agenda and order of business for all district meetings. A copy of the agenda shall be distributed to all district societies prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall maintain the minutes of such meetings, and the other written records of the district. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be made available to all members within two months of the meeting.

Rationale:

1. This allows the appointed person to participate if there was no Director elected at the AGM.

RESOLUTION 17-15: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.8 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.8 The District Director may, if invited, facilitate the resolution of disputes within a society's leadership.

Amended wording:

13.8 The District Director or the person appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 may, if invited, facilitate the resolution of disputes within a society's leadership.

Rationale:

1. This allows for the appointed person under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 to participate in this process.

RESOLUTION 17-16: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.10 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.10 Each Society shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a district meeting. Any society having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon reports filed for the previous year with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Amended wording:

13.10 Each Society In Good Standing shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to a district meeting. Any society In Good Standing having membership exceeding 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each 50 members In Good Standing or fraction thereof up to a maximum of 20 voting delegates. Society membership count shall be based upon reports filed for the previous year with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Rationale:

1. Reflects the Policy and Procedure related to Members and Societies being In Good Standing in order to participate in the running of the business of the OHA.

RESOLUTION 17-17: Be it resolved that: By-Law 14, the preamble be amended as follows:

Current wording:

Every Director and Officer of the Association and his or her heirs, executors and administrators respectively shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association only from and against:

Amended wording:

Every Director or the person/persons appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 and Officer of the Association and his or her heirs, executors and administrators respectively shall from time to time, and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association only from and against:

Rationale:

1. This now means that a person appointed as a Director under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 also has Indemnification protection.

RESOLUTION 17-18: Be it resolved that: By-Law 14, a) be amended as follows:

Current wording:

a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever such Director or Officer sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding that is brought, commences or prosecuted against him or her for or in respect of any deed, act, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or committed by him or her, in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office;

Amended wording:

a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever such Director or person appointed under By-Law 13, 13.3.2 or Officer sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding that is brought, commences or prosecuted against him or her for or in respect of any deed, act, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or committed by him or her, in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office;

Rationale:

1. This continues the intent to offer Indemnification to a person appointed as a Director under By-Law 13, 13.3.2.

RESOLUTION 17-19: Be it resolved that: By-Law 7.5, be amended as follows:

Current wording:

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

Amended wording:

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

Rationale:

1. This wording mirrors the intent of By-Law 4, 4.2.
2. This wording allows only the Secretary to approve expenses. Thus the Secretary and Treasurer could approve payments.
3. We should include another member of the Executive to ensure accountability to the board. This also is in line with how contracts are approved and signed as covered by By-Law 12 EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.

RESOLUTION 17-20: Be it resolved that: By-Law 11, 11.4 be renumbered to read By-Law 11, 11.4.1:

Rationale:

1. If the amendments regarding By-Law 11, 11.4.2 and 11, 11.4.3 are passed then this section requires renumbering to keep the sections in numerical order.

RESOLUTION 17-21: Be it resolved that: A new By-Law be created as follows:

By-Law 11, 11.4.2 In the event that any Director, the Immediate Past President, any person holding a position under By-Law 6, 6.9, any person holding a position under By-Law 13, 13.5.2 or any Officer is unable to cast a vote, the proxy voting rights of such person(s) shall only be assigned to the Association Secretary.

Rationale:

1. Currently there is no provision for a Director, Immediate Past President or Officer to assign a proxy vote.
2. This mirrors the voting process for other members of the Societies (By-Law 11, 11.3) but does identify specifically who shall be assigned voting rights from a member of the Board.
3. This would create a template for District and or Society voting processes should Executive members not be able to vote.

RESOLUTION 17-22: Be it resolved that: A new By-Law be created as follows:

By-Law 11, 11.4.3 In the event that any Past President not holding a position under By-Law 6, 6.9 is unable to cast a vote, the proxy voting rights of such person(s) shall be assigned to a member of the Past Presidents' Council.

Rationale:

1. Currently there is no provision for a Past President to assign a proxy vote.
2. This mirrors the voting process for other members of the Societies (By-Law 11, 11.3) but does identify specifically who shall be assigned voting rights from a member of the Past Presidents' Council.
3. This would create a template for District and or Society voting processes should Executive members not be able to vote.

RESOLUTION 17-23: Be it resolved that: By-Law 15 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

By-Law 15 RULES OF ORDER: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings at all meetings of the Association. If the rules of order are in conflict with the By-Laws, the latter shall prevail.

Amended wording:

By-Law 15 RULES OF ORDER: The 11th Edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings at all meetings of the Association. If the rules of order are in conflict with the By-Laws, the latter shall prevail.

Rationale:

1. This identifies which rule set is to be used. There have been eleven revisions of the 1915 rule set.
2. This means that any and all persons applying Robert's Rules of Order are using the same and the latest edition.

RESOLUTION 17-24: Be it resolved that: By-Law 13, 13.1 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.1 The Province shall be divided into Districts as follows:

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- 2 - Lanark, Renfrew and the portion of the city of Ottawa excluding the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland. (14/5)
- 3 - Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds, Lennox & Addington, Prince Edward
- 4 - Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes (13/3)
- 5 - Toronto East, York Region East
- 6 - Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Norfolk
- 7 - Dufferin, Wellington Counties
- 8 - Bruce, Grey, Huron Counties
- 9 - Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South
- 10 - Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth
- 11 - Essex, Kent, Lambton Counties
- 12 - Cochrane, Timiskaming, North Nipissing
- 13 - Algoma, Manitoulin, Sudbury
- 14 - Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay
- 15 - Peel, York Region West, Toronto West
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Rationale:

1. More accurately reflects the geographic areas of Ontario Horticultural Societies.
2. As the listing for District 6 stands now as "Brant, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth, Hamilton" it does not include Haldimand West which is in fact not in any of the currently listed geographic areas.
3. Haldimand Horticultural Society is currently listed on the OHA web-site in the Alphabetic listing of Societies as being in District 6 yet its location is not listed in By-Law 13, 13.1
4. This geographically better describes the catchment areas of Haldimand Horticultural Society.
5. It is the opinion of the Society that the omission of Haldimand Horticultural Society's geographic identity is a clerical error and would not affect either District 6 or District 9 as the Society is already affiliated with District 6.

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