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Ontario Horticultural Association

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President's Message

I send greetings to members all over Ontario.

What a great group of like-minded people to be connected with. It is my pleasure to be your President for the coming year and to add my leadership to those I follow.

What a great location for our AGM in Toronto. Thank you to Cindy Scythes and her incredible team in District 5 for making us all comfortable and for all the plans that went into making the weekend a huge success. The registration was more than what we hoped for and thanks go to the members who attended. The location was easy to get to, the rooms comfortable and the food very good. The speakers, seminars and bus trips left us with thoughts of what we could or will do when we return to our communities.

A total of 24 Resolutions were passed at the convention this year. Thanks go to Charles Freeman, Director of District 1, for all the work he and his team do behind the scenes to prepare these documents for us to make the needed corrections or additions to our Constitution.

It is also the responsibility of each and every Society to send a delegate to the convention, if possible, and if not to at least send your votes by proxy so they can be counted. Only a portion of these votes are being used each year. This is your society's chance to have your voice heard through use of the proxy votes.

We also welcome 7 new Directors to the OHA Board and thank those leaving after their term of office for all they have contributed to help us grow. Each time you move up the ladder you join a new group and experience and participate in new ideas. I am amazed by all that I have learned from others over the 18 years I have been a member.

Our convention speakers presented us with so many ideas and most with a connection to our youth component which has fallen under the radar. Your society doesn't require a Youth Group to have an event with the youth of your community. There are so many ways to get them involved. Plant seeds with them or invite a group to have a table at your Seedy Saturdays or one of your meetings. Teach them how to care for

a garden – what to plant, where and how. Show them how to take care of the garden when it grows. Create some charts to show how to recognize good and bad insects. I welcome your ideas of how to involve them and would be happy to share

with all the other members. Youth are smart and so willing to learn. Let's take an opportunity to share our knowledge with the leaders of tomorrow.

I feel the need to also remind everyone that there are Awards for Society Members and OHA Awards that have been created to recognize the talents of those in your Societies and those who have taken the challenge to go further with their work throughout their communities. Please review the Awards Booklet and nominate someone who has made a difference to how your community looks and operates with others. The forms are online and easier than ever to complete.

There are also Grants – for 25 trees, Special Projects, Community Gardens, and Seedy Saturdays. We would love to receive your applications in time for next year's Awards Committee where they will be reviewed and considered. Please have your applications in by the deadlines noted.

Watch for news on the website (www.gardenontario.org) for information on the upcoming convention in 2018 that will be at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston, July 27-29.

The OHA Convention in 2019 will be held at the Best Western Riverfront in Windsor which is connected to the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. The 2019 Convention will be held from July 19-21, 2019.

Stay tuned for 2020...



GardenOntario Week was another success for 2017 with many posting their events on the web page and hosting an event to bring awareness of their Society in the community. There are many ideas available on the website with posters and labels available to use to promote your event or to attach to the OHA postcards. Please take a moment to check them out. The GardenOntario Week events don't need to be just a society event. If there is a business or group in your community that would like to showcase something horticultural-related please let them know that they can post their event on the GardenOntario Week website. This may also be an opportunity to develop a relationship with a local business or supporters in your community. The dates for GardenOntario Week 2018 are June 9-17.

We had a grand celebration at Queen's Park in Toronto for the OHA Pollinator Initiative to recognize the teams that have come together and will create a Pollinator Garden/Habitat for the Province of Ontario. In the fall of this year it is hoped to have the official ceremony to unveil this garden. Stay tuned for further details.....

The initiative also challenged the OHA Board to assist each District with a cheque for \$200.00 which was used to help with creating a Pollinator Garden/Habitat. With this initiative, the OHA provided a sign stating what the garden or habitat was created for. Initially the plan

was to order 19 signs, one for each District, however when the word got out, there were many other gardens already created throughout Ontario that this sign was requested for. There are now 90 locations where these signs have been placed. The OHA also created a new Pollinator Brochure which was shared at the convention and has been sent to each Director to share with the Societies in a pdf format. Please feel free to print them off and help bring more awareness of what everyone can do to help.

I continue to enjoy what becoming a Judge has brought to my life. I am meeting energetic people and seeing and sharing a whole new world of competition and design. Try bringing a monthly mini show to your meetings to see how many more members you may attract. We love to compete and show off our entries.....

I hope to meet many more of you this fall and winter at your Society and District meetings. It is now time to start putting this year's beds to sleep (but leave the seed heads) and start looking at the seed catalogues for the next gardening season.

Happy Gardening,

Rose Odell

Accolades for an OHA Member

Within the OHA's 280 horticultural societies, we have many members with outstanding writing talent. One of these is Anna Leggatt. A member of several Societies and a regular contributor to the Toronto Botanical Garden's Trellis magazine, Anna has been announced as the winner of the 2017 Media Awards Silver Medal of Achievement for an article in a Newsletter, Bulletin or Brochure presented by GWA: The Association for Garden Communicators (formerly the Garden Writers Association)

This award recognizes individuals and companies who achieve the highest levels of talent and professionalism in garden communications. The 2017 competition had more than 200 entries in 61 categories. Recipients of the Silver Medal represent the top winners in each competition category and will now compete for best-of-group in the areas of writing, photography, digital media, broadcast media, publishing and trade.



Anna received the Silver Medal of Achievement for her article entitled *Anna's Plant Pick Taraxacum officinale Dandelion - is it a weed?* which was published In the Summer 2016 issue of the Trellis.

Vickie Wiemer, OHA President 2010/11

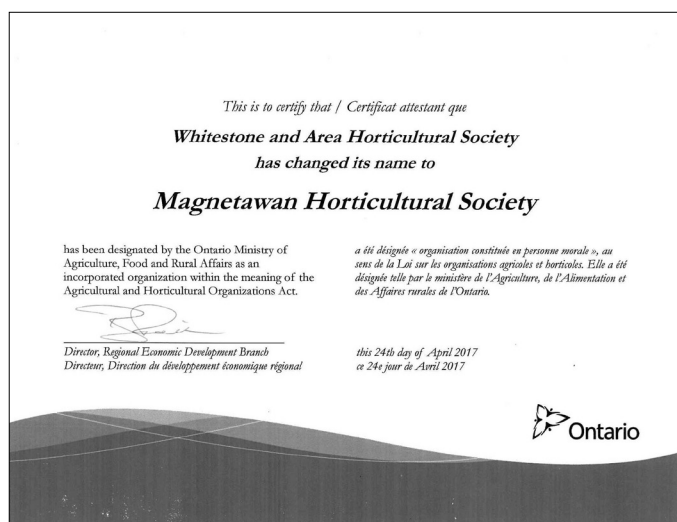
We are very saddened to report that Vickie Wiemer, OHA President 2010/11, has passed away. Vickie died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones on September 7 at the age of 78. For 56 years she has been the beloved wife to Rupert and proud and loving mother of Anita Romanoff (Leigh Ridenour), Rose Brown (Scott), and Doug Wiemer (Sandy), Grandmother to Alec and Zach Brown, and Sarah and Jessica Wiemer, great grandmother to Sonja and Hunter, and sister to Stanley Wilson (Lorraine). Vickie will be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews and her many friends.



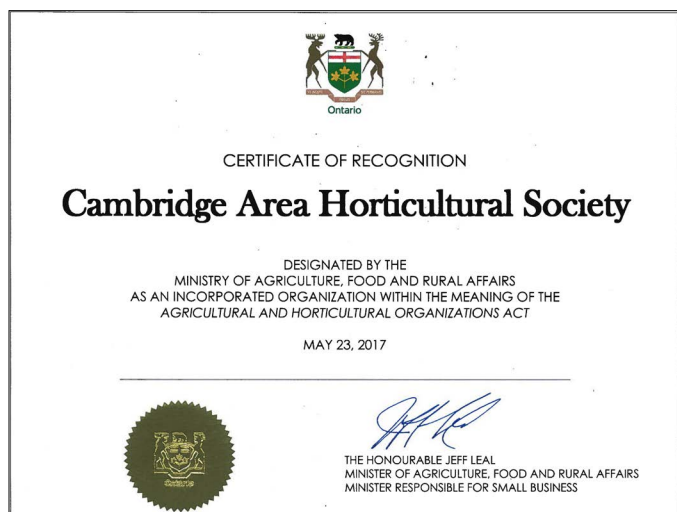
During Vickie's lifetime she had been President of the North Bay Horticultural Society, District 18 Director, OHA President, a certified OHA Horticulture and Floral Design Judge, and a Master Gardener. She was also heavily involved in the North Bay YMCA and synchronized swimming. Vickie dedicated her life to caring for her family and friends and tending her garden. She will be missed beyond measure.



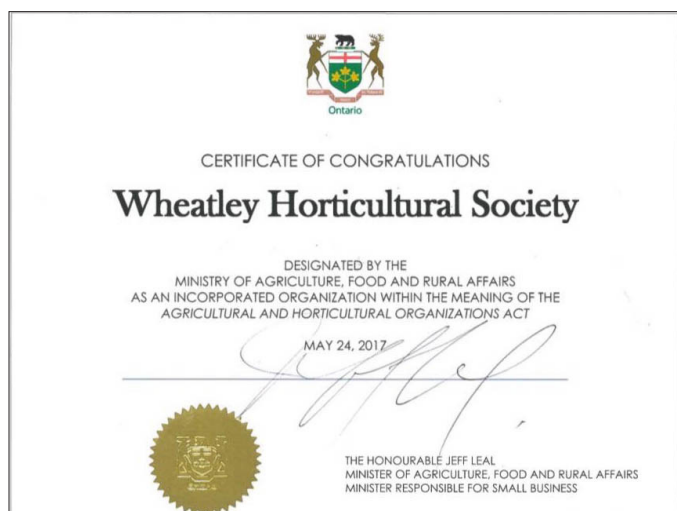
Society Changes and Additions in 2017



In the late winter, a notice went out for a meeting to discuss the formation of a horticultural society in Magnetawan, a township of 1,400 located in the middle of District 18. Largely due to the efforts of several dedicated members of the community, the meeting in March resulted in more than 50 people signing up. On April 24, due to its close proximity, OMAFRA granted approval for the Whitestone Horticultural Society, which had not been functioning for quite some time, to be renamed as the Magnetawan Horticultural Society.



On May 23, District 19 increased its membership to 10 Societies, with the addition of the Cambridge Area Horticultural Society. The group's more public, "softer" name will be Cambridge Rivers' Edge Gardeners, which fits with the city's vision of enhancing Cambridge's waterfront areas with its "Back to the Rivers" plan.



District 11 had a new addition this past spring. After holding an organizational meeting on February 7, the Wheatley Horticultural Society was formed, receiving its charter on May 24. The members are making their presence felt as the Society holds meetings, fundraises, and looks after gardens in the town. This new organization carries on a gardening tradition in the community that extends back almost a century to the founding of the first Wheatley Horticultural Society in 1918. As the result of its extensive tree-planting efforts, in 1933, that Society received one of the first Awards of Merit presented by the OHA.

Bunchberry Voted Canada's National Flower in Ontario Master Gardener Contest

The votes are in. Canadians have spoken. Bunchberry (*Cornus Canadensis*) is the country's new national flower.

A nation-wide contest to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary, sponsored by Master Gardeners of Ontario, has embraced the bunchberry, known as quatre-temps in French and kawiscowimin in Cree, as the winner.

Since the beginning of the National Flower Contest, the little white flower has held the lead with an average of 80 per cent of the on-line vote, says Maureen Hulbert, Executive Director, Toronto Master Gardeners, who spearheaded the contest. Since it was announced in March, almost 10,000 Canadians took up the challenge to help select our national flower.

Bunchberry, along with Hooded Ladies Tresses (*Spiranthes romanzoffiana*) and Twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*), were identified as finalists with the help of Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist with Memorial University of Newfoundland because they are found all across the nation, growing wild in most areas, and are not already designated as provincial or territorial emblems.

Bunchberry changes with the seasons with white flowers in late spring, summer red berries and great fall colour. One of the smallest members of the dogwood (*Cornus*) family, bunchberry forms a low, carpet-like mat of leaves, up to four inches tall, usually in the understory of moist and shady woods. In late spring, it produces showy flowers which appear a few inches above the mat of leaves. These white "flowers" are actually modified leaves called bracts, which attract pollinators to the tiny actual flowers in the centre. It is largely self-sterile, which means it is dependent on pollinators for sexual reproduction – bumblebees, solitary bees, bee flies and syrphid flies.

Once pollinated, it produces edible fruit, a food source for black bears, martens, snowshoe hares and other small mammals, as well as many migratory birds. Bunchberry is also a winter forage plant for caribou, elk, deer and moose.

Hulbert said she likes bunchberry's very Canadian botanical name: *Cornus canadensis*. "It has Canada right in its name. It's a great selling feature," she said.



The Master Gardeners will submit an online petition to Parliament to have the winner declared Canada's official National Flower, says Hulbert. "We all love to celebrate the wildness of Canada and its varied areas and having something that can actually grow in every part of the country pulls us together," she said.

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Island tours, and more.

OHA 112th CONVENTION



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"Telling the Bees"

Suzanne Hanna

Prior to the commencement of the OHA's 111th Convention held in Richmond Hill July 21-23, 2017, two bus loads of Convention attendees descended on Queen's Park Thursday evening. Queen's Park as we all know is a park located in downtown Toronto that serves as the location for Ontario's Legislative Building. It was named in honour of Queen Victoria and is sometimes referred to as the People's Park.

It is interesting to note that this urban park was dedicated in 1850 by the Prince of Wales, some 157 years ago. This site was chosen for the OHA Pollinator Celebration because we all have one thing in common; our passion for pollinators! We share the same vision of having Ontario committed to working together and collaborating on a province-wide strategy to restore natural habitats.

Drawing inspiration from the province's first Pollinator Health Action Plan that was released in December 2016, the OHA decided to commit time, energy and resources to improving pollinator health. Our 19 districts and 280 societies that represent close to 28,000 members have undertaken the incredible task of establishing pollinator friendly gardens and nesting sites across our province this year to provide food and habitat. Thanks to the sponsorship of Lee Valley, the OHA was able to provide \$200 grants and pollinator signs to each District and host a Bee House Workshop at Convention. I am pleased to announce that, to date, close to 90 projects have been initiated and completed with more to be finalized in the coming months.



Our organization has been actively involved in regular planning meetings with OMAFRA staff to bring about the establishment of a pollinator garden on government-owned land around Queen's Park, hopefully later in 2017, as a symbol of our collective intent to "ensure a sustainable local food supply, resilient environment and a strong economy" for all Ontarians. We agree with the government's plan that action is important. The time for talk has passed. Our willingness to collaborate and share resources speaks volumes to the work that we can accomplish together.

Invited guests included Arthur Potts (MPP Beaches-East York), Kelly Snow (Toronto Pollinator Working Group), Shelly Candel (Bee City Canada), Gillian Leitch (Alter Eden), Shawn La Palm (The Co-operators), and OMAFRA staff Johanna Wilkes, Bradley Shaw and Lorne Widmer. Refreshments, provided by NishDish, were generously sponsored by Shawn La Palm, and Shelly Candel distributed bee pins to those who attended as a reminder to "bee active". They all shared their successes to date with regards to the various initiatives that have been implemented by their respective organizations to improve the health of pollinators in Ontario. All have creatively embraced change and met with success. Thursday night's gathering celebrated our collective intent to go forward and as they say, "to tell the bees" that we have listened to reports of their poor plight and here we are!

GardenOntario Web Site Update

April Davies, OHA Webmaster

Hi! As the new webmaster, I thought I would take this opportunity to say hello and provide an update.

My mandate is to make sure that the website environment runs smoothly and is updated as needed, which also includes access and support

for anyone posting information on our sites. But, I am not alone, and have a lot of help from a talented group of people. Together, we form the Web Committee, and provide support across all 19 Districts with a single email address: webmaster@gardenontario.org.

You have already seen GardenOntario Week, the first few pages of our new look. GardenOntario Week for 2018 will be June 9 -17, and you can register your event(s) any time after October 1st.

Today, we had our first glimpse of the new website, which is now in full production, and I am very excited to be able to give you an update.

The whole website will have the same sunny and easy-going disposition as GardenOntario Week. Looking beyond the colourful graphics, which we all love, will be an easy-to-access system of public and member pages for visitors, Districts and Societies alike. All information presented will be modern, focused and consistent.

The greatest change will be how information is added and uploaded by districts and societies. This is the very exciting bit. All the content for these pages will be contained in an easy to fill in one-page form, making it less time consuming and cumbersome to maintain. A District or Society will be able to edit and upload content, documents, pictures, and add links easily.

As you can imagine, this is a huge project that has a lot of moving parts! We expect the new website should arrive sometime in Spring 2018. Stay tuned for more updates in the months ahead.

Cheers,

April



OHA Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grant

The Ontario Horticultural Association is providing two (2) grants of \$250 annually to its member societies to organize a first-time Seedy Saturday/Sunday event in their community. It is hoped that such support will promote seed saving and the exchange of regionally adapted, bio-diverse seed in Ontario for the purposes of promoting seed saving and seed exchange in Ontario.

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Seedy Saturdays/Sundays bring together gardeners, farmers, seed savers and citizens passionate about gardening, food security and the environment. These one day non-profit public events often feature speakers and workshops, vendors, youth activities and seed exchanges and sales.

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

When completing your application, please provide a detailed budget breakdown of how the funds will be used. The application form is found on the *Forms* page of the OHA website (www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php).

To apply, complete the Seedy Saturday/Sunday application form and mail it to the Awards Coordinator no later than November 15th of the current year. If your Seedy Saturday/Sunday event is awarded a grant, payment will be made in January of the year of the event.

Ennismore & District Horticultural Society

Gail Murray Smith, Ennismore Vice-President

The Ennismore and District Horticultural Society was busy June 11th and 12th with its 2017 project.

Here it is – A Dry Stone Wall Fir Tree.

Members of the Society and Community all pitched in to build in just two days this stone tree at the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex in Ennismore.

With John Shaw-Remington as our instructor, rock donated by Don Young and Jeff Parnell, under a blazing hot sun our group worked tirelessly all weekend to complete this project that we are just so proud of.

It is located at the Robert E. Young Recreation Complex, 549 Ennis Road in Ennismore for all to admire. There is not a drop of cement holding it all together, just the weight of the rock.

Not only was it a great time for camaraderie, food and refreshments, laughs and hard work it was a sense of community spirit, accomplishment and pride that cannot be equalled.



OHA Society Treasurer Bonding Insurance (STBI) Resolution Result

At the 2017 OHA Convention, members of the association approved Resolution 17-9 to distribute funds from the Ontario Horticultural Association STBI Fund. As a reminder the details of the resolution can be found on page 24 in the OHA Trillium at www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2017-02_summer.pdf.

Eligible Societies and Districts will receive funds in the form of a cheque at their 2018 District AGM. Should you require more information, please contact your District Director or the Association's Treasurer, Mary Donnelly at treasurer@gardenontario.org.

Bath Gardening Club

Wendy O'Neill, Bath Gardening Club President

The Bath Gardening Club won first prize in the "Canada 150" category with the float it entered in the annual Bath Canada Day Parade.

The float, done entirely in red and white was an 8-foot high, three-tier giant birthday cake, complete with a birthday candle, in honour of Canada's 150th Birthday. Mounted on the tongue of the trailer was a veggie garden with herbs, tomatoes staked and starting to grow, and squash in bloom. Mounted on the wheel covers of the trailer were white window boxes containing red and white flowers and Canadian flags. Around the perimeter of the trailer flew the flags representing all 10 provinces and three territories. Large pots of flowers mounted on pedestals surrounded the cake, adding more vegetation and colour. Bath Gardening Club's new banner was carried in front of the float.

A huge thank-you to June Potter of Potter's Nursery in Bath, for donating the plants and to Brian Burt of Burt's Nurseries in Odessa for donating all the plant pots.

The first-place trophy will be presented to the Club at its September members' meeting.



Trillium Deadline Dates

In 2017, the deadlines for Trillium submissions were changed slightly from the 21st of the month to the final Monday of the month for the Spring, Fall, and Winter editions. The Summer edition was an exception. In order to have Convention resolutions published on time, the deadline was set as the third Monday in May. In 2018, there may be a few more changes, in order to better align the issues with the seasons and with significant OHA events. Details will be included in the next issue. But, with that in mind, don't forget that the deadline for the winter issue is still **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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Lakefield Horticultural Society's Annual Garden Visit

Marjut Mickels, President, Lakefield and District Horticultural Society

During Garden Ontario Week in June, Lakefield Horticultural Society visited Blossom Hill Nursery as their annual Garden Visit destination. A local nursery, Blossom Hill is known for prize winning delphiniums and peonies. Lakefield also invited Ennismore, Omemee, and Peterborough horticultural societies to join.

Soon after arrival, everyone had an opportunity to go for a "treasurer hunt" in the gardens and 20 fabulous prizes were given out.

During the visit, Brenda Ibey from Lakefield Horticultural Society received the prestigious District 4 Hazel Wilson Award for meritorious service. Brenda well deserves the award, as she has been an active member of our society since 1975, president twice and has served on the board of directors for many years.

Coffee and fabulous cake were provided by our hosts and later we had an opportunity to go for a guided tour by Joe and Hazel Cook.

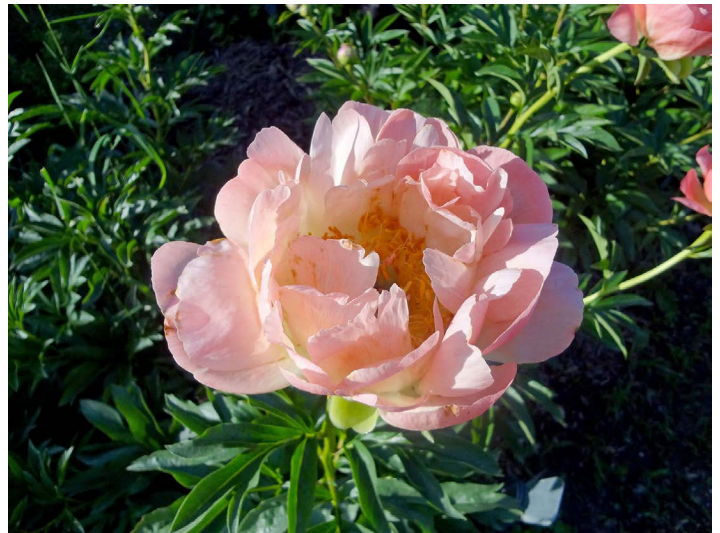
It was a lovely outing and well attended by members and friends.



Joe Cook welcoming visitors to Blossom Hill.



Marjut Mickels, Dianne Westlake, Brenda Ibey with Hazel Wilson Award, and Anne Stone.



One of the many beautiful peonies at Blossom Hill.

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus

Canada 150 Tree Dedication in St. Thomas

Richard W. Cartwright, Secretary, St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society

On June 28th, 2017, the Board Of Directors of the St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society gathered at the historic Pinafore Park in St. Thomas for a tree dedication as part the Canada 150 celebrations for the City of St. Thomas and the Society. Not only is 2017 the Sesquicentennial of the founding of Canada but it also marks 90 years since the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation was celebrated in the community.

During June of 1927, 59 maple trees were planted along the new driveway in the park, one for every year since Confederation. These were to be called 'The Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Grove'.

One of the Honorary Presidents of the Society at the time, Mayor John Handford, planted the 60th tree on July 1st, 1927. Immediately following the ceremony, a special cairn was unveiled. It was made of rough field stone from the bed of Kettle Creek. There were four large stones underneath as a base and four boulders which formed the cairn. A bronze tablet had been donated by a local business, Canada Iron Foundries (Canron). The rough texture of the stone symbolized "the pioneer spirit of the men who hewed the forest

and cleared the land and of the women who carded and spun the wool and rocked (their children) in home-made cradles in their log cabin homes."

Horticultural Society Secretary Richard Cartwright thanked Catharine Spratley, Supervisor of St. Thomas Parks and Forestry, for the generous donation of the maple tree by the City.

It was appropriate that a sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) was chosen, because of its importance to the pioneers who helped to found our country and as the symbol on our Canadian flag which is recognized around the world. Its bright colour in the Fall would bring an end to the year's growing season.

We look forward to its growth in the future and appreciation by coming generations.

Mayor Handford's words during planting of that final maple tree nine decades ago are still appropriate: "I pray that all the trees in the forests of Canada may not equal in number to the years of prosperity that are before this fair Dominion."



Left to right: Richard Cartwright (Secretary), Audre Smith (daughter-in-law of late President Leta Smith), Joan Jackaman (board member), Frances Iscove (former board member), Sally Martin (board member), Randy Lidkea (board member), Sharon Shortt (Past President), Sherry Burgess (former Co-President), and Shelley MacKenzie (Ontario Horticultural Association District 10 Director and former Co-President). Photo: Jane Hughes and Richard Cartwright.

Oro-Medonte Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society Board member

This year, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary. There were celebrations and yes, there was cake, but first a bit of history.

The municipality of Oro-Medonte is in Simcoe County and lies between Barrie and Orillia, with Lake Simcoe to the south and Georgian Bay to the north. There was an original Oro Horticultural Society that was formed in 1924. During World War II, the society was suspended; after the war, it struggled until finally closing in February 1956, due to lack of members.

In December of 1967, a new Oro Horticultural Society was reorganized at a public meeting and was established in 1968. In 2002, the townships of Oro and Medonte were amalgamated and, to reflect this, the name of the society was changed to Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society.

A treasured reminder of the original society is the Silver Vase Award, given to the first-time exhibitor who, in one year, accumulates the most points at the flower shows. This vase was awarded to the Oro Horticultural Society in 1929 from the T.E. Eaton Company. Its history was lost when the original society was disbanded. Unlike the peripatetic gnome, we will never know what adventures it experienced before showing up at a garage sale in Owen Sound, where it was rescued and brought back to the township and home to the society.



Joanne Rachafalowski, Janis Hamilton, Dianne Westlake, etc.

The committee for the 50th anniversary met in late 2016, a marigold (the society flower) logo was chosen for use on everything from the yearbook and invitations to the membership cards, and speakers were booked. 500 packets of marigold seeds were prepared to be handed out at the meetings. Special anniversary bookmarks were also created. Further meetings finalized all the events, all with the theme "50 Years of Growing Together".

The April meeting kicked off with an early spring flower show entitled 'Celebration' and a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the society's history ran prior to the meeting and during the break of both the May and June meetings.

The May meeting was the main celebration. The Youth Flower Show greeted members, guests and dignitaries in the front entrance. Balloons and floral arrangements decorated the lobby and led upstairs where everyone was greeted and the marigold seed packets were handed out. Before the main speaker, the dignitaries were introduced. Dianne Westlake brought congratulations from the OHA. Other dignitaries in attendance were Diane's husband Gary Westlake; Carol and Mike Dunk, OHA Past President and her husband; Russ Talbot and Maureen Anderson, Past District 16 Director and his wife; Joanne Rachfalowski, District 16 Director; Mayor Harry Hughes, Shawn Binns and Sandie Leonard, all of Oro-Medonte Township.

A presentation was made to the Past Presidents in attendance, Reta Caldwell, Marjorie Bell, Edna Caldwell, Jane Blackstock, Judy Smith, Ron Nelsons, and Joan



The Silver Vase Award, donated by the T.E. Eaton Company and first presented in 1929



Past Presidents Jane Blackstock (seated), Marjorie Bell, Judy Smith, Ron Nelsons, Joan Ellis, Edna Caldwell, Reta Caldwell. (Photo by Janet Houston)

Ellis. Three Past Presidents, Berit McArthur, Judy Kurtz and Kathy England were unable to attend. These 10 Past Presidents represent 240 years of service to our Society. Two Past Presidents, Marjorie Bell and Edna Caldwell, have been on our executive since its inception and are still very active and offer much leadership.

The theme, "Hats Off to the OMHS" encouraged members to wear a special hat. The dignitaries were enlisted to judge the hats and everyone had a hilarious time. Decorations and floral arrangements were all created by Velta Bush, the committee chair and an international professional floral design judge. The evening finished with tea and coffee and two delicious cakes.

The June meeting carried the celebration forward with a high energy talk by Paul Zammit and of course, more cake!

Other activities that the society took on for this year is the presentation of the children's book, 'Do Fish Fart?' to the 10 schools that the children of the township attend. A cheque for \$100 was given to each of the schools if they wished to do

a project with an environmental theme. Some projects chosen were raised gardens, pollinator gardens, and raising praying mantis. A native tree will be planted at the Bayview Memorial Park to commemorate both our 50th Anniversary and the 150th birthday of Canada. Thanks to the OHA for the generous tree grant to help with this project.

The OMHS is a vibrant society with over 230 Members, excited to embrace the next 50 years of gardening fun, both in our own gardens and the community.



Assiginack Horticultural Society Celebrates Its Tulip Garden

Alison Geenhill, Assiginack Horticultural Society

As reported in the winter issue of the Trillium, Assiginack Horticultural Society was the lucky recipient of 500 red and white tulip bulbs through the Garden Ontario competition to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial.

The bulbs were planted in the design of Canada's flag in a raised bed in front of the Assiginack Library and survived well through the winter in spite of concerns about insufficient depth of soil. The red tulips appeared in early March and managed to survive several cold weeks; the white bulbs appeared a good two to three weeks later and were also later to bloom. A very successful blooming ceremony was held in May with the help of the school children who had also helped with the planting. They celebrated by singing "Tiptoe through the Tulips"!

Many people enjoyed the spectacle of the beautiful big tulips in the shape of the Canadian flag and many photos were taken.



It has been decided to replant red tulip bulbs in the central maple leaf of the original design and the rest of the large bulbs have now been dug up prior to being replanted in the community gardens at the museum and War Memorial that the Society cares for.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this interesting and memorable project. It was a great success and enjoyed by many!



2017 Convention Review

D5 Sparkled, Celebrated, and Inspired with a Little Magic

So many of you came to our convention in District 5, you surprised us! District 5 heard that you did not like to drive into the city, and we had planned for 250 attendees. We ended up with 308 smiling faces in the room (and more with volunteers). So we apologize for the crowding, but we thought we would have plenty of room.

Thank you for coming and enjoying, and learning and having fun. Many volunteers worked tirelessly to make sure that you heard excellent speakers, went on intriguing bus trips, found your way easily in the facility, had fun celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary, and participated in the business meeting for OHA.

Something you were not able to see was that on July 19, a serviceberry was planted at the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG) to commemorate the 111th convention. President Suzanne Hanna dedicated the tree with Paul Zammit, horticulture director of the TBG, and Cindy Scythes, District 5 Director, this year's convention host. OHA thanks Landscape Ontario, and Denis Flanagan for sponsoring this commemorative tree.

Our pre-convention event included a bus trip to Queen's Park to celebrate the OHA Pollinator Initiative. Those who joined this trip heard from our many partners, were visited by pollinators, and enjoyed bannock and strawberry juice from a new storefront marketer called NishDish, offering traditional Anishnawbe (Nish) food. On their return, attendees received a pollinator plant and seeds to carry on the pollinator initiative in their home area.

by Helen Scutt, Co-operators Insurance by Shawn LaPalm, Lake Simcoe South Shore Master Gardeners by Kathleen Gorsline, and Landscape Ontario by Denis Flanagan. Written greetings were received from Minister Jeff Leal of OMAFRA, and Wendy Downing, President of the Garden Clubs of Ontario.

Our opening plenary speaker was Paul LaPorte, encouraging us to think native plants. He really got attendees excited and wanting more information on native plants for our pollinators.



Then, off people went to seminars and bus tours. The first two bus tours went to see private water gardens organized by the Greater Toronto Water Garden and Horticultural Society, or to Pathways to Perennials, a lovely garden centre in Pottageville.

For those who stayed on site, it was hard to pick just one seminar, and many of us wished we could see them all. Topics covered the first day included, protecting birds, bees, modern mass design, environmental gardening, social media, gardening in small spaces, scary bugs? and judging photography.



We opened the convention to the Flight of the Bumblebee, and received greetings from OMAFRA

2017 Convention Review (continued)

An added bonus on the first day was that Lee Valley came to our convention and sold their [Canada 150 – National Botanical Garden Book Collection](#), then provided a bee house making workshop for 16 lucky attendees. Having Lee Valley representatives on site allowed OHA to thank Lee Valley for their sponsorship of our Pollinator Initiative.

District 5 hosted a Canada 150 celebration the first night of the convention. The evening included a buffet dinner offering Canadian dishes, a Canadian trivia activity, loot bags, storyteller Patti Warnock reminding us of what life was like in the early years of Confederation, and then, Comedy Magic by Danny Hamill to lighten things up. Plus, there was a very special silent auction. Everyone who came participated by donning their most creative red and white ensemble; more magic.

The competitions hall was jam-packed with art, publications, creative writing, photography, youth exhibits, and floral and horticultural exhibits making a spectacular show. Competitions results are published on pages 28 to 40.

Attendees got into the social media aspect of this convention and posted amazing pictures on the GardenOntario Facebook page or their own Society's Facebook page. Everyone definitely looked like they were having fun.

On Saturday, after the business of OHA, Scott McIvor astounded us with his enthusiasm and knowledge of green roof wildlife. Many left that morning session with great hope for the future with scientists like Scott who involve citizens in his exciting science.



District 5 was thrilled to be able to offer two very powerful speakers in Paul LaPorte and Scott McIvor thanks to sponsorship from Living Assistance Services.

Bus tours left the site for the afternoon on Saturday. They enjoyed private water gardens, the Toronto Botanical Garden, and our President Suzanne Hanna's favourite tour, to Evergreen Brick Works.

Air conditioned buses were much appreciated by our attendees and we could only offer those because two District 5 societies, Scarborough and Stouffville, plus District 5 Assistant Director June Morton, covered the cost of the buses.

That afternoon, we met the learning-needs of our attendees by offering speakers on topics such as gardening smarter, permissible pesticides, winning entries, healthy roses, OHA judging, caring for the earth, and Alliums.

The evening banquet included honouring our very deserving award winners, and in case we were not energized enough, Paul Zammit sharing his personal perspective on the power of horticulture. Richmond Hill's Gladys McLatchy Memorial Fund allowed us to provide the much-sought-after Paul, and we are very grateful for their sponsorship.



We ended the convention with a special appearance by Mark Cullen bringing us news from the Highway of Heroes project, the winner of the District Pollinator patch friendly competition, and Carson Arthur enlightening us about the environmental impact of low maintenance gardening choices.



Another District 5 Society, Leaside, sponsored Carson for this convention. Support for our speakers and having great speakers made a big impact on this convention. So District 5 is particularly thankful for the support we received.

Thank you to so many of you (53%) who filled in evaluation forms. You told us you loved our speakers, as well as the food.

In addition to all of this, we had a Bee Condo display and friendly competition by District 5, vendors, exhibitors, the District Pollinator project display and competition (won by District 15) supported by Lee Valley, lovely green centrepieces, and stunning floor floral designs to represent our theme.

Before and after all the frivolity, and learning, the Board held Board meetings, so it was a jam-packed five days.

The convention ended on a solemn note as a convoy headed out to the Arboretum at the University of Guelph, to dedicate trees for Past Presidents Ken Fink and Ed Endersby who had passed in the last year.

Respectfully submitted by District 5's Convention Committee

Cindy Scythes
Gloria Broks
Barbara Fairbanks
Ellen Power
Nancy Serrick



The District 5 Bee Condo Competition (above), & East York's winning entry (right)



Mark Cullen brings news about the Highway of Heroes project



Marilyn Cox at the Memorial Book table



Don & Joanne Matthews, always available with OHA supplies for convention-goers



On Friday evening, District 5 hosted a Canada 150 celebration.



Emcees Barb Fairbanks and her husband, Gord Piercey



Kelly Taylor and Rose Odell enjoying the evening



Comedy magic by Danny Hamill

Storyteller Patti Warnock brings to life stories about the early years of Confederation





Cindy Scythes, District 5 Director, officially opens the 111th OHA convention



Helen Scutt brings greetings from OMAFRA



Suzanne Hanna conducting business



Charles Freeman leads the sessions on resolutions on Saturday morning (above)

...and now it's time to vote (below)



Outgoing President hands over the chain of office to Rose Odell

In what has now become a tradition, Suzanne also presents Rose with a new pair of presidential boots for the upcoming year





*Outgoing Past Presidents
Council Representative
Wilma Wood receives
a token of appreciation
from Suzanne Hanna*



*The 111th OHA
convention ends with
Cindy Scythes passing
on the OHA convention
flag to Penny Stewart,
Director of District
3, host of the 2018
convention in Kingston*



Award for Overall Winner of Adult Competitions at the Convention

Each year, the Society that accumulates the highest number of points in all of the adult convention competitions is awarded \$100 in recognition of its achievement. Here, we see Competitions Chair Jane McDonald (right) presenting the cheque to Barbara Fairbanks, President of the East York Garden Club, this year's winner. East York placed first in the flower show, first in art, second in photography, third in creative writing, and seventh in publications.

2017 Convention - Awards Presentations

Silver Fir Award

Each year, two awards may be given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period. The Trillium Award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium. First presented in 1951, it was initially donated by Thelma Boucher, who served as the OHA President in 1941. The Silver Fir is a silver pin that was initiated by Alastair Crawford, the 1975 OHA President, and was first awarded in 1987.

This year, the Silver Fir award recipient was presented to **Charlie Bowyer** of the Lasalle Ambassador Horticultural Society, in District 11. A member of multiple horticultural societies in Essex County for over half a century, Charlie was President of the Fort Malden Horticultural Society for 16 years, Assistant Director in District 11 from 1973 to 1980, and District Director until 1986. He continues to be an active member of the Ambassador Horticultural Society in LaSalle. Over the years, other societies benefitted as a result of his enthusiasm and expertise, including Greater Windsor, and the Essex-Windsor Orchid Society. Charlie is a life member of the Canada Rose Society and has been a Master Gardener with the Essex-Windsor Master Gardeners for more than 30 years, including a five-year stint as the group's Co-ordinator.

Throughout the years, he has been recognized for his efforts including: District Service Award, Ontario Volunteer Award for 30 years of service, and recognition from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in 1983.



Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society.

The 2017 recipient is **Celia Roberts**, a 20-year member of the Oakville Horticultural Society, in District 6. An important part of the Society's Board for a dozen years, Celia has been vice-president, president and past-president, as well as serving four years as the chair of the programme committee, four years as a member of the Monthly Show Committee and ten years as organizer of the plant sale. She is now serving in an advisory capacity to the present OHS executive.

Celia has been a Garden Clubs of Ontario/Royal Botanical Gardens certified design judge for ten years, a certified judge of Horticulture for four years and also holds a diploma in Landscape Design from Sheridan College. She has judged design and horticulture at a number of Ontario and international flower shows. A co-principal of the Garden Clubs of Ontario 7th School for Judges, Educators and Demonstrators, she is now teaching design with the Garden Clubs of Ontario at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. In addition, she has taught design and horticulture classes for the OHA Judges' update programme and has served as OHA Flower Show Chair at four conventions. She has also been an organizer and volunteer for several landscaping and garden projects.

At the District level, Celia has served as an Assistant Director and Director for District 6 as well as acting as interim Director for District 15. She continues to work tirelessly to improve volunteerism, encourage youth membership and promote horticulture and education at her Horticultural Society, within Districts 6 and 15 and beyond.



2017 Convention - Awards Presentations (continued)

Honour Roll

The Honour Roll certificate recognizes the outstanding service provided by members who have made a contribution of horticultural service to the community, District or Association or in the development of horticultural practices.

This year's recipient is **Peggy Tolhurst**, a member of the St. George Garden Club, in District 6. A member of the Club for more than 60 years, Peggy has served on the Board for more than 45 years, as Director, Vice-President, and President. In addition, she has chaired a number of committees including the Annual Flower Show, Plant Sales and Social Committee. She has been an inspiration and an example for the other members of the Club with her leadership and organizational skills. Her positive attitude has made her a great asset to the St. George Garden Club.

As Peggy was unable to attend the convention, it was presented to her at her home by District 6 Director Catherine McGill.



Environmental Award

The Environmental Award is presented to an individual, organization, municipality, company, school or other educational establishment that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has made a significant contribution to environmental preservation including habitat, restoration, and/or improvement.

The 2017 recipient, **Margaret Jeffery**, of the Oakville Horticultural Society, in District 6, is responsible for the success of two significant projects.

Each spring since 2014, the residents of Oakville have enjoyed naturalized fields of daffodils that were planted on two sites with very different growing conditions. The varieties of daffodil were carefully selected with the conditions in mind as well as using EcoLawn to provide low maintenance grassy areas throughout the year.

The second project, "Garden for Life", involved working with many community partners to replace an existing parkette with a new biodiverse, pollinator garden. Since the inception, Margaret and the Oakville Horticultural Society have been involved with fundraising, designing, and plant selection, installation, and regular maintenance. This garden has provided beauty and an environmentally appropriate site bordering Sixteen Mile Creek. Filled with more than 40 North American native plant species, the garden is designed to thrive without the addition of water or fertilizers.

In 2016, the garden was replanted, as Margaret organized a full scale plant removal and later, the return of the plantings to the park that allowed the Town of Oakville to carry out a major sewage and water upgrade in the area.



2017 Convention - Awards Presentations (continued)

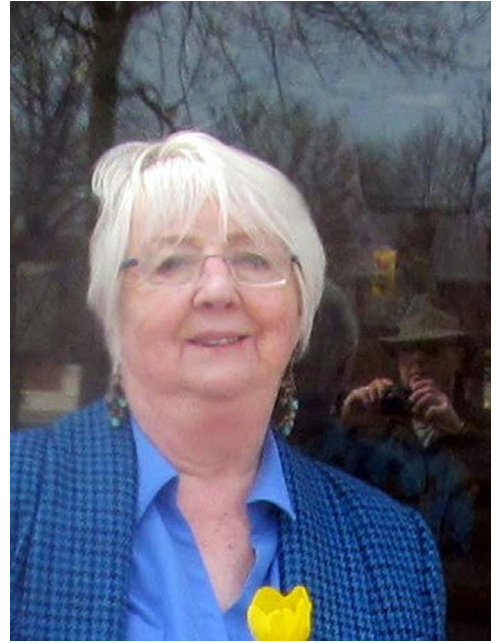
Community Improvement Award

The Community Improvement Award is given to an individual, organization or company that has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

This year's recipient is **Sandra Gordon**, of the Belleville Garden Club, in District 3, and awarded for tireless efforts that begin a decade ago. In 2007, Sandra approached the VIA Rail management to propose that the Belleville Garden Club take over the annual planting and maintenance of the two, rather neglected gardens at the train station. As a result, both gardens were completely transformed. When a new station was erected in 2013, the project was expanded to include two additional gardens. Each year, Sandra purchases the plant material and other supplies and coordinates the volunteers who plant and maintain the gardens throughout the year.

In addition, she plants attractive container gardens on each floor of the Sills Wing of the Belleville General Hospital to bring a bit of sunshine to the patients on the mental health; rehab and long term care floors. She has also worked with the City and the Belleville Garden Club to redesign the Memorial Garden to be a tribute to veterans and as a space for reflection and relaxation for all members of the community.

As Sandra was unable to attend the convention she will be presented with the award at a later date.



Fine's Flowers District Membership Growth Trophy

This trophy is presented to the District with the largest growth in membership during the previous year. This year's winner was **District 9**, with a membership growth of 6.1%. District 9 is the first repeat winner of the trophy having also won it in 2012, the year that it was first presented. Accepting the award is Sue Lusted, Past Director of District 9.



2017 Convention - Tree Dedications

The traditional tree dedication to commemorate the OHA convention took place on July 19 at the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG). Pictured with a newly planted serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) are OHA President Suzanne Hanna, District 5 Director Cindy Scythes, and TBG Director of Horticulture Paul Zammit.



Following the convention, during the afternoon of July 23, a tree dedication ceremony took place at the past presidents Oak Grove at the Guelph Arboretum. Two Bur Oaks (*Quercus macrocarpa*) that had been planted earlier in the month were dedicated to mark the passing this year of Ed Endersby (President 1980) and Ken Fink (2008).

In attendance were four members of Ken's family (front row), Vicky Culbert (Goderich Horticultural Society & District 8 Director), Doug Culbert (Goderich Horticultural Society), Suzanne Hanna (Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society & OHA Immediate Past President), Jean Gordon (Guelph Horticultural Society), Rose Odell (Cramahe Horticultural Society & OHA President), Brian McEachern (Port Burwell Horticultural Society), Jim Mabee (Tillsonburg Horticultural Society & OHA President 2007/08), Wilma Wood (OHA President, 2003/04), Dave Money (Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society & 1992/93 OHA President), Bev Money (Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society), Mike Hanna (Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society).

2017 Convention - Photography Awards

Class 1: Perfect Partners

- 1st – Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 2nd – Mary Rose, Oakville, D 6
- 3rd – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5

Class 2: Green, Yellow & Blue

- 1st – Martha Branigan, Brampton, D 15
- 2nd – Roselyn Grigartis, Russell and District, D 1
- 3rd – Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13

Class 3: Where's The Dirt?

- 1st – Christa Marton, Omemee Blooms, D 4
- 2nd – Cecile McCaig, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13

Class 4: Growing Small

- 1st – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D 19
- 2nd – Christa Marton, Omemee Blooms, D 4
- 3rd – Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- HM – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D 6

Class 5: The Gardener

- 1st – Daisy Fai Auer, East York, D 5
- 2nd – Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 3rd – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D 6
- 3rd – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D 19

Class 6: My Town

- 1st – Debi Foster, Oshawa., D 17
- 2nd – Jane Moody, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 3rd – Wade Pitman, Oakville, D 6



Judge's Choice
Class 9: At Home
Michael D. Woods - East York Garden Club



Best in Show
Class 10: It's in the Details
Uldis Broks - North York Garden Club

Class 7: Call Me Herb

- 1st – J.J. Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 2nd – Carol Henshall, Woodstock D 10
- 3rd – Michael D. Woods, East York. D 5

Class 8: A Rolling Stone Gathers No ...

- 1st – Elaine Reffle, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13
- 2nd – Wendy Plume, East York., D 5
- 3rd – J.J. Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, D 13

Class 9: At Home

- 1st – Michael D. Woods, East York, D 5 (*Judge's Choice*)
- 2nd – Ana Shantz, Waterloo, D 19
- 3rd – Wendy Plume, East York., D 5
- HM – Debi Foster, Oshawa., D 17
- HM – Mary Rose, Oakville, D 6

Class 10: It's In the Details

- 1st – Uldis Broks, North York, D 5 (*Best in Show*)
- 2nd – Suzanne Isaacs, East York, D 5
- 3rd – Diane Naiker, Mount Hamilton, D 6
- HM – Brenda Doherty, Guelph, D 7
- HM – Debi Foster, Oshawa., D 17
- HM – Bryan Williams, Kingston, D 3

Class 11: Let it Rain

- 1st – Roselyn Grigartis, Russell and District, D 1
- 2nd – Bryan Williams, Kingston, D 3
- 3rd – Christa Marton, Omemee Blooms, D 4

Number of Entries: 148

Number of Entrants: 26

Number of Societies: 13

Number of Districts: 10

Show Chair: Dianne Westlake, District 4 Director

2017 Convention - Flower Show Results

DESIGN DIVISION

Class 1 – Perfect Partners: Urban Elegance – one side of a Duo Design

- 1st – Lynda Summerville, Beach, D 5
- 2nd – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6
- 3rd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- HM – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3
- HM – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

Class 2 – Perfect Partners: Country Charm – one side of a Duo Design

- 1st – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 2nd – Lynda Summerville, Beach, D 5
- 3rd – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6
- HM – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3
- HM – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

Class 3 – Hillary House – A hand tied bouquet of herbs and other flowers in a clear glass container.

- 1st – Rosemary Passafiume-McLean, Scarborough, D 5
- 2nd – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5
- 3rd – Marg Betts, Beach, D 5
- HM – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5
- HM – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5

Class 4 – Sugar Beach Sunset – A design

- 1st – Lil Taggart, Georgetown, D 6
- 2nd – Rosemary Passafiume-McLean, Scarborough, D 5
- 3rd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- HM – Marg Betts, Beach, D 5
- HM – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 5 – Green From Shore To Shore – A foliage design

- 1st – Lil Taggart, Georgetown, D 6 (*Best in Show*)
- 2nd – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5 (*Best Use of Green Mechanics*)
- 3rd – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D 6
- HM – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5
- HM – Sandy Imada, Scarborough, D 5

Class 6 – Highrise – a design

- 1st – Shirley Binns, Aurora, D 5
- 2nd – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5
- 3rd – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5
- HM – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D 6
- HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

Class 7 – A Gardener's Garden – A parallel design

- 1st – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 2nd – Lynda Summerville, Beach, D 5
- 3rd – Heather Gray, Leaside GS, D 5
- HM – Tracy Bosley, Alliston, D 16
- HM – Joanne Rachfalowski, Painswick, D 16

Class 8 – Sushi – A miniature design made with predominantly fresh plant material.

- 1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
- 2nd – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5
- 3rd – Bev Silk, Grafton, D 4
- HM – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5
- HM – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

Class 9 – Chow Mein – A miniature design made with predominantly dried and/or preserved plant material.

- 1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
- 2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston, D 16
- 3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
- HM – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5
- HM – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D 6



*Best in Show - Design
Green From Shore to Shore
Lil Taggart, Georgetown Horticultural Society*

2017 Convention - Flower Show Results (continued)

Class 10 – Happy 150th Canada! – A design to resemble a cake.

- 1st – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5
- 2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
- 3rd – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, D 6
- HM – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5
- HM – Joanne Rachfalowski, Painswick, D 16

Class 11 – Farm Fresh – A design to incorporate fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s).

- 1st – Lil Taggart, Georgetown, D 6
- 2nd – Maureen Mewett, Aurora, D 5
- 3rd – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6
- HM – Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5 (*Most Creative Design*)
- HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

Class 12 – Summer Splendour – A planter containing a minimum of 5 different cultivars, intended for an outdoor location.

- 1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5 (*Best in Show*)
- 2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5
- 3rd – Janet Nixon, Scarborough, D 5

Class 13 – Hats Off To Canada! – In celebration of Canada's 150th, a pot-et-fleur display of rooted plants and cut flowers, incorporating a hat.

- 1st – Bonnie-Lynn Murphy, Aurora, D 5
- 2nd – Tracy Bosley, Alliston, D 16
- 3rd – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3

Class 14 – Nature's Bounty – A display of cut flowers/ foliage/herbs, fruits, vegetables and rooted plants exhibited in a basket for artistic effect and cultural perfection.

- 1st – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5
- 2nd – Branislava Milosevic, Richmond Hill, D 15 (*Judges' Choice*)
- 3rd – Patty Carlson, Aurora, D 5

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

SECTION A – ANNUALS or BIENNIALS

Class 15 – Aster, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms
no entries

Class 16 – Cleome, 3 stems
no entries



*Best in Show - Special Exhibits
Summer Splendour*

Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb & Horticultural Society

Class 17 – Cosmos, 1 cultivar, 3 sprays
no entries

Class 18 – Nasturtium, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms with own foliage
no entries

Class 19 – Marigold, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms with own foliage
1st – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3
2nd – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Class 20 – Petunia, single, 1 cultivar, 3 sprays
1st – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Class 21 – Petunia, semi-double or double, 1 cultivar, 3 sprays
no entries

Class 22 – Salvia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
2nd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

Class 23 – Snapdragon, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
no entries

Class 24 – Sunflower, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Wilfred Haufe, East York, D 5

2017 Convention - Flower Show Results *(continued)*

Class 25 – Sweet Peas, mixed colours, 3 sprays
no entries

Class 26 – Sweet William, 3 stems
no entries

Class 27 – Zinnia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16
2nd – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3

Class 28 – Any other annual or biennial not listed above – 3
blooms, stems, spikes or sprays
1st – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16
2nd – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2
3rd – Not awarded
HM – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2

SECTION B – PERENNIALS

Class 29 – Astilbe, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2
2nd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16
3rd – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3

Class 30 – Coreopsis, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5
2nd – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

Class 31 – Echinacea (Coneflower), 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
2nd – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5
3rd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
HM – Eva Norman-Vestergaard, London, D 10

Class 32 – Heliopsis, 1 cultivar, 3 stems
1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
2nd – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5

Class 33 – Hosta, over 20 cm (8") in length (not including
stem), 3 leaves
1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
2nd – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6
3rd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
HM – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5
HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
HM – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 34 A – Hosta, 10 cm to 20 cm (4" to 8") in length (not
including stem), 3 leaves
1st – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
3rd – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5
HM – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 34 B – Hosta, 10 cm to 20 cm (4" to 8") in length (not
including stem), 3 leaves
1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
2nd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5
3rd – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5
HM – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6

Class 35 A – Hosta, under 10 cm (4") in length (not including
stem), 3 leaves
1st – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
2nd – not awarded
3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
HM – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5
HM – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5



2017 Convention - Flower Show Results *(continued)*

Class 35 B – Hosta, under 10 cm (4") in length (not including stem), 3 leaves

- 1st – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5
- 2nd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
- 3rd – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6
- HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Class 35 C – Hosta, under 10 cm (4") in length (not including stem), 3 leaves

- 1st – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5
- 2nd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5
- 3rd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5
- HM – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2
- HM – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

Class 36 A – Heuchera/Heucherella, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves

- 1st – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5
- 2nd – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5
- 3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6
- HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
- HM – Elizabeth Matheson, Mt. Hamilton, D 6

Class 36 B – Heuchera/Heucherella, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves

- 1st – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5
- 2nd – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 3rd – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5
- HM – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

Class 36 C- Heuchera/Heucherella, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves

- 1st – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2
- 2nd – Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5
- 3rd – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

Class 37 – Monarda, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

- 1st – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3
- 2nd – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 3rd – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

Class 38 – Phlox, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

- 1st – Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5
- 2nd – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5
- 3rd – (tie) Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3
- 3rd – (tie) Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5

Class 39 – Rudbeckia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems

- 1st – Eva Norman-Vestergaard, London, D 10
- 2nd – not awarded
- 3rd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
- HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5
- HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Class 40 A – Any other perennial not listed above, 3 stems, spikes or sprays

- 1st – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5
- 2nd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5
- 3rd – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2

Class 40 B – Any other perennial not listed above, 3 stems, spikes or sprays

- 1st – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 2nd – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2
- 3rd – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2

Class 40 C – Any other perennial not listed above, 3 stems, spikes or sprays

- 1st – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5
- 2nd – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River, D 2
- 3rd – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River, D 2
- HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5
- HM – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
- HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

Class 40 D – Any other perennial not listed above, 3 stems, spikes or sprays

- 1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5
- 2nd – not awarded
- 3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

SECTION C – FLOWERING BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

Class 41 – Tuberous Begonia, double-flowered type, one male bloom, one leaf unattached, displayed in low glass dish furnished by exhibitor

- 1st – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River, D 2

Class 42 – Dahlia, small flowered, under 15cm (6"), 3 stems

- 1st – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5
- 2nd – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Class 43 – Dahlia, large flowered, 15 cm (6") and over, 1 stem

- 1st – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

Class 44 – Gladiolus, 1 spike no entries

Class 45 – Lily (Lilium), 1 stem (cut no more than 1/3 of stem to ensure future growth of the plant)

- 1st – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5
- 2nd – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2
- 3rd – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5
- HM – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

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Class 46 A – Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome, or tuber not listed above, 1 stem or spike

1st – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5 (Best Cut Specimen)

2nd – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5

3rd – Michelle Lynch, Oro-Medonte, D 16

HM – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

Class 46 B – Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome, or tuber not listed above, 1 stem or spike

1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – Eva Norman-Vestergaard, London, D 10

3rd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Class 46 C – Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome, or tuber not listed above, 1 stem or spike

1st – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5

2nd – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

3rd – Eva Norman-Vestergaard, London, D 10

Class 46 D – Any other flowering bulb, corm, rhizome, or tuber not listed above, 1 stem or spike

1st – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2

2nd – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

3rd – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5

HM – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River, D 2

SECTION D – ROSES

Class 47 – Hybrid Tea, 1 specimen bloom

1st – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5

2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

3rd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 48 – Floribunda, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

2nd – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5

3rd – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5

Class 49 – David Austin, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

3rd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

Class 50 – Hardy Canadian Rose (Explorer, Morden/Parkland, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

3rd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 51 A – Any other Shrub Rose (Rugosa, Kordes, etc), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2

2nd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Class 51 B – Any other Shrub Rose (Rugosa, Kordes, etc), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

3rd – Gloria Broks, North York, D 5

Class 52 – Miniature/Patio, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or spray

1st – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

2nd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

3rd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

HM – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

HM – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5

Class 53 – Rose, floating in a clear bowl, without foliage, 1 fully open bloom

1st – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

2nd – Sharlene Desjardins, Deep River, D 2

3rd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

HM – Marion Thompson, Deep River, D 2

SECTION E – POTTED PLANTS

Class 54 – African Violet, single crown, in bloom

1st – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

2nd – Bonnie-Lynn Murphy, Aurora, D 5

Class 55 – Cactus (not grafted)

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

2nd – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

3rd – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 56 A – Any other Succulent

1st – Helene Selemidis-Hill, Aurora, D 5

2nd – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

3rd – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 56 B – Any other Succulent

1st – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

2nd – Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5

3rd – Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5

HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

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Class 57 – Fern

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5 (*Best Potted Plant*)

2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 58 – Pelargonium (Geranium), in bloom

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 59 A – Orchid, in bloom

1st – Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5

2nd – Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

3rd – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

Class 59 B – Orchid, in bloom

1st – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

2nd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

3rd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Class 60 – Any other plant grown principally for decorative foliage

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

2nd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

3rd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 61 – Any other plant grown principally for bloom, in bloom

1st – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5 (*Judge's Choice*)

3rd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Patty Carlson, Aurora, D 5

HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

SECTION F – FLOWERING/FRUITING BRANCHES AND VINES

NOTE: Does not include Roses

Class 62 – Branch, any flowering or fruiting, cut length not to exceed 76 cm (30") from the top of the container – 1 branch

1st – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5

2nd – Michael Woods, East York, D 5

3rd – (tie) Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5

3rd – (tie) Honor Tyler, Newmarket, D 5

Class 63 – Clematis, large flowered, – 1 bloom

1st – Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5

2nd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

3rd – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

HM – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Class 64 – Clematis, small flowered, (i.e., species, non-climbing) – 3 stems of same cultivar

1st – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

2nd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

3rd – Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

HM – Moyra Pyne, Markham, D 5

HM – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5

HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

Class 65 – Any other flowering or fruiting vine, cut length not to exceed 76 cm (30") from the top of the container – 1 stem

no entries

SECTION G – FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Class 66 – Raspberries, 5 berries

no entries

Class 67 – Strawberries, 5 berries

no entries

Class 68 – Any other fruit, 5 specimens of same cultivar

1st – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

2nd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16

3rd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

HM – Mary-Ann Vercammen, Newmarket, D 5

Class 69 – Vegetable, any small (e.g. peas, beans, radish, green onions, etc.) 5 specimens of same cultivar

1st – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

2nd – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

3rd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 70 – Vegetable, leafy – 1 head or 5 leaves, displayed in water in clear container

1st – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

2nd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

3rd – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Class 71 – Any other vegetable, 3-5 specimens of same cultivar depending on type

1st – Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

2nd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

3rd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

2017 Convention - Flower Show Results *(continued)*

SECTION H – COLLECTIONS

Class 72 – Roses, min. of 5 different kinds/cultivars,
1 specimen bloom or 1 spray of each
no entries

Class 73 – Dahlias, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars,
one specimen of each
no entries

Class 74 – Mixed cut garden flowers excluding branches
or vines – minimum of 5 different cultivars/varieties,
1 stem of each

1st – Doris Fischer Jenssen, Markham, D 5

2nd – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

3rd – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River, D 2

Class 75 – Hosta, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars,
one leaf each, named

1st – Daisy Auer, East York, D 5

2nd – Ursula Eley, Beach, D 5

3rd – Cristina Brown, East York, D 5

HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Class 76 – Cut herbs, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars,
one specimen of each, named

1st – Pamela Wright, Markham, D 5

2nd – Barbara Twiner, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

3rd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

HM – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, D 6

Class 77 – Cut garden foliage excluding branches – minimum
of 5 different cultivars/varieties, 1 stem of each

1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington, D 6

2nd – Honor Tyler, Newmarket, D 5

3rd – Lynne Melnyk, Oro-Medonte, D 16

HM – Marie Decker, Oakville, District

Class 78 – Vegetables, a minimum of 5 different varieties
displayed on/in a tray or basket

1st – Vera Stoyanoff, East York, D 5

Design Division

Best in Show

Lil Taggart, Georgetown, D 6

Best Use of Green Mechanics

Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

Most Creative Design

Linda Lynott, Aurora, D 5

Judges' Choice

Rosemary Passafiume-McLean, Scarborough, D 5

Special Exhibits Division

Best in Show

Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Judges' Choice

Branislava Milosevic, Richmond Hill, D 15

Horticulture Division

Best Cut Specimen

Silvana Croce, Aurora, D 5

Best in Show

Michael Erdman, Greater Toronto Bulb, D 5

Best Potted Plant

Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Judges' Choice

Julie Forbes, Scarborough, D 5

Number of entries: 364

Number of entrants: 44

Number of Societies participating: 21

Number of Districts participating: 7

Show Co-chairs: Ursula Eley and Michael Erdman

2017 Convention - Youth Competition Results

SECTION A: WRITING

Class 1 – Perfect Partners: Insect pollinators can include a variety of organisms such as bees, flies, butterflies and moths, wasps, and beetles. Pollinators and flowering plants need each other. Choose a pollinator and a flower, shrub or tree and show why they are “Perfect Partners.”

6-8 years

1st – Josie Middlekamp, Ripley & District, D 8

9-11 years

1st – Kali Broome, Deep River & Area, D 2

2nd – Carley Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

12-14 years

1st – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

15-18 years

1st – Alexander Wagler, Wilmot, D 19

2nd – Cathy Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

Class 2 – Think Green: A poem at least 8 lines to be presented on a 22 cm x 28 cm (8.5” x 11”) piece of paper or card stock and enhanced with drawings (hand or pre-drawn), photos, and/or magazine/website pictures.

6-8 years

1st – Josie Middlekamp, Ripley & District, D 8

2nd – Simon Livingston, Wilmot, D 19

9-11 years

1st – Madilynn Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

2nd – Alayna Middlekamp, Ripley & District, D 8

3rd – Carley Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

HM – Elsa Livingston, Wilmot, D 19

HM – Flora Livingston, Wilmot, D 19

12-14 years

no entries

15-18 years

no entries

SECTION B: ARTISTIC CREATIVITY

Class 3 – Happy Sesquicentennial Canada! Create a birthday card using dried pressed plant material to celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday. Dyed plant material is not allowed.

6-8 years

1st – Dalla Murray, Deep River & District, D 2

2nd – Macy Meilleur, Deep River & District, D 2

3rd – Logan Hallet, Deep River & District, D 2

HM – Hopkins, Deep River & District, D 2

HM – Samuel Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19



9-11 years

1st – Sydney Galt, Grafton, D 4 (*Judges Choice*)

2nd – Ainsley Brange, Deep River & District, D 2

3rd – Hayden, Deep River & District, D 2

HM – Jinane Osman, Deep River & District, D 2

HM – Carley Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

12-14 years

1st – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

2nd – Hannah Burgess, Grafton, D 4

3rd – Christina Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

HM – Ryan Broome, Deep River & District, D 2

15-18 years

1st – Cathy Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

Class 4 – Drought Tolerant: Create a flyer on 22cm x 28cm (8.5” x 11”) paper or card stock advertising at least 4 drought tolerant plants, shrubs or trees suitable for planting in District 5. Include name of plant and basic growing conditions (i.e. sun/shade, soil conditions etc.).

6-8 years

1st – Josie Middlekamp, Ripley & District, D 8

2nd – Maci Heath, Grafton, D 2

3rd – Nolan Galt, Grafton, D 2

HM – Katelyn Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

HM – Samuel Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

9-11 years

1st – Alissa Callahan, Grafton, D 2

2nd – Branden Bowman, Grafton, D 2

3rd – Tori Heath, Grafton, D 2

HM – Carley Cressman, Wilmot, D 19

2017 Convention - Youth Competition Results (continued)

12-14 years

- 1st – Hannah Burgess, Grafton, D 2
- 2nd – Adam Kovacs, Grafton, D 2
- 3rd – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

15-18 years

- 1st – Cathy Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

SECTION C: FLORAL DESIGN

Class 5 – Reduce: A miniature design, not to exceed 12.7 cm (5 inches) in any direction. Please use plant material that will last over the time of the Convention.

6-8 years

- 1st – Heidi Charbonneau, Deep River & District, D 2
- 2nd – Emily Sequin, Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Katelyn Cressman, Wilmot, D 19
- HM – Samuel Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

9-11 years

- 1st – Ainsley Brange, Deep River & District, D 2
- 2nd – Zoe Brange, Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Kali Broome, Deep River & District, D 2

12-14 years

no entries

15-18 years

- 1st – Alexander Wagler, Wilmot, D 19
- 2nd – Cathy Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

Class 6 – Re-use: A small design in a re-purposed container, using dried plant material, A small design can be 13.9 cm - 25.4 cm (5½ - 10 inches) but must not exceed 24.4 cm (10") in any direction.

6-8 years

- 1st – Katelyn Cressman, Wilmot, D 19
- 2nd – Nolan Galt, Grafton, D 4
- 3rd – Haley Charbonneau, Deep River & District, D 2
- HM – Maci Heath, Grafton, D 4

9-11 years

- 1st – Tori Heath, Grafton, D 4 (*Best In Show*)
- 2nd (tie) – Alissa Callahan, Grafton, D 4
- 2nd (tie) – Sydney Galt, Grafton, D 4
- 3rd – Zoe Brange, Deep River & District, D 2
- HM – Sandra Kovacs, Grafton, D 4

12-14 years

- 1st – Hannah Burgess, Grafton, D 4
- 2nd – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19
- HM – Daniel Fyn, Wilmot, D 19

15-18 years

- 1st – Cathy Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

Class 7 – Recycle: A parallel design, not to exceed 30 cm (12") in any direction.

6-8 years

- 1st – Heidi Charbonneau, River & District, D 2
- 2nd – Haley Charbonneau, Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Emily Seguin, Deep River & District, D 2

9-11 years

- 1st – Ainsley Brange, Deep River & District, D 2
- 2nd – Brianna Paquette, Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Kali Broome, Deep River & District, D 2

12-14 years

no entries

15-18 years

no entries

SECTION D: PLANTS

Class 8 – Herb Garden: Create an herb garden in a suitable container not larger than 50 cm (20") in any direction.

- 1st – Grafton, D 4
- 2nd – Deep River & District, D 2

Class 9 – My Favourite Herb: A drawing/photo of your favourite herb with a recipe that includes that herb in the ingredients

- 1st – Anita Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19
- 2nd – Carley Cressman, Wilmot, D 19
- 3rd – Josie Middlekamp, Ripley & District, D 8
- HM – Christena Kuepfer, Wilmot, D 19

SECTION E: FINE ARTS

Class 10 – Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award – "Xeriscaping"

- 1st – Kali Broome, Deep River & District, D 2
- 2nd – Ainsley Brange, Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Zoe Brange, Deep River & District, D 2

Class 11 – Maisie Bray Award – "Milkweed": Create a poster to include the entire plant, and root, plus the printed name, including common and botanical name and some facts about this plant

- 1st – Ripley & District, D 8
- 2nd – Deep River & District, D 2
- 3rd – Wilmot, D 19

2017 Convention - Youth Competition Results *(continued)*

Section F: Special Awards & Competitions For Youth Club Leaders

Class 12 – Ruby Bryan Award – In a scrapbook provide a descriptive account of the Youth Club activities for the 2016 Calendar Year or School Year.

1st – Deep River & District, D 2

2nd – Grafton, D 4

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

1st – Ripley & District, D 8

2nd – Grafton, D 3

3rd – Deep River & District, D 2

Class 14 – Ruby Lobban High Points Award – This award is based on the highest point aggregate for a Youth Club from awards in the Youth Competition.

1st – Wilmot, D 19,

2nd (tie) – Deep River, D 2

2nd (tie) – Grafton, D 4

Best in Show

Tori Heath, Grafton, D 4

Judge's Choice

Sydney Galt, Grafton, D 4

Number of Entries: 137

Number of Entrants: 45

Number of Societies: 4

Number of Districts: 4

Show Chair: Jane McDonald, District 7 Director

2017 Convention - Creative Writing Awards

Class 1 – Song – Name the tune and create lyrics related to the convention theme “Green from Shore to Shore”

1st – Linda Boyko, East York, D 5

2nd – Bill Thiffault, Kapaskasing, D 12

3rd – Rose Odell, Cramahe, D 4

Class 2 – Free Verse Poem - About your favourite time in the garden. Should be at least 8 lines long.

1st – Sylvia Grant, Guelph Township, D 7

2nd – Eileen Fisher, Englehart, D 12

3rd – Rose Grigaitis, Russell & District, D 1

HM – Linda Boyko, East York, D 5

Class 3 – Narrative -Write about “Perfect Partners” in your garden. 500-600 words, double spaced.

1st – Ruth Robinson, Guelph Township, D 7 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – Sylvia Grant, Guelph Township, D 7

3rd – Eileen Fisher, Englehart & District, D 12

HM – Kathy Andrachuk, Parkdale & Toronto, D 15
(*Judge's Choice*)

Best in Show

Ruth Robinson, Guelph Township, D 7

Judge's Choice

Kathy Andrachuk, Parkdale & Toronto, D 15

Number of Entries: 25

Number of Entrants: 15

Number of Societies: 11

Number of Districts: 8

Show Chair: Sandra Mazur, District 14 Director

2017 Convention - Art Competition Awards

Class 1: A Native Ontario Wildflower – A pencil drawing using coloured or graphite or a combination - Maximum size: 65 cm (20")

1st – Laurel Angeloff, East York, D 5 (*Best in Show*)

2nd – Branislava Milosevic, Aurora, D 5

Class 2: Reflections on a Lake – A framed watercolour painting. - Maximum size: 46 cm. (18")

1st – Diane Ronan, East York, D 5 (*Judge's Choice*)

2nd – Gail Gregory, East York, D 5

3rd – Dorelene Anderson, Harriston & District, D 7

Class 3: City Scape or Country Scape – Any hand stitchery

1st – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River & Area, D 2

2nd – Lucia Rostirolla, Richmond Hill, D 15

Class 4: Canadian Wildlife – A carving using soapstone or wood; mounted or freestanding

1st – Joe Amodeo, East York, D 5

Class 5: Group of Seven – Fabric art inspired by the Group of Seven. Maximum size: 61 cm. (24")

1st – not awarded

2nd – Lucia Rostirolla, Richmond Hill, D 15

3rd – Penny Stewart, Gananoque, D 3

Class 6: Our Native Heritage –Handcrafted basket or container using birch bark, willow, etc.

1st – Diane Ronan, East York, D 5

Class 7: Early Harvest – A traditional corn husk doll

1st – Lucia Rostirolla, Richmond Hill, D 15

2nd – Diane Ronan, East York, D 5

Class 8: Perfect Partners – Sculpture- Garden art from recycled material. Max size: 46 cm. (18")

1st – Patti Stack-Szostak, Deep River & Area, D 2

2nd – Branislava Milosevic, Aurora, D 5

Class 9: Rouge River – A mosaic, incorporating seeds, in a frame. Maximum size: 22cm x 28cm (8.5'x11")

1st – Lucia Rostirolla, Richmond Hill, D 15

Class 10: A Symphony of Green – Stained glass. Max size: 36 cm (14")

No entries

Class 11: My Favourite Garden – A painting. Maximum Size: 46 cm (18")

1st – Gail Gregory, East York, D 5

Number of Entries: 19

Number of Entrants: 10

Number of Societies: 6

Number of Districts: 6

Show Co-chairs: Sharon Nivens, Past District 8 Director & Gary Brenner, District 19 Director



Best in Show
Class 1: A Native Ontario Wildflower
Laurel Angeloff - East York Garden Club



Judge's Choice
Class 2: Reflections on a Lake
Diane Ronan - East York Garden Club

2017 Convention - 2017 Publications Competitions Results

Class 1 – Yearbook Cover: Primarily hand-drawn
no entries

Class 2 – Yearbook Cover: Primarily computer-generated
graphics

- 1st – Richmond Hill, D 15
- 2nd – Harriston & District, D 7
- 3rd – Pine Ridge, D 17

Class 3 – Yearbook Cover: Cover illustrations primarily
photographic

- 1st – Martintown & District, D 1 (*Best in Show*)
- 2nd – East York, D 5
- 3rd – Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 4 – Yearbook: Full letter size 8.5" x 11"

- 1st – Gloucester, D 1
- 2nd – Brockville & District, D 3
- 3rd – Uxbridge, D 17

Class 5 – Yearbook: Letter size folded into booklet style
8.5"x 5.5"

- 1st – Richmond Hill, D 15
- 2nd (tie) – East York, D 5
- 2nd (tie) – Leaside, D 5
- 3rd – Lake Simcoe South Shore, D 5

Class 6 – Yearbook: Legal size folded into booklet style
8.5"x 7"

- 1st – Newmarket, D 5
- 2nd – Huntsville, D 18
- 3rd – East Gwillimbury, D 5

Class 7 – Yearbook: Youth

- 1st – East Gwillimbury, D 5

Class 8 – Special Event Poster

- 1st – Georgetown, D 6
- 2nd – Vankleek Hill & District, D 1
- 3rd – Oro-Medonte, D 16

Class 9 – Special Event Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer

- 1st – Brampton, D 15
- 2nd – Wilmot & District, D 19
- 3rd – Harriston & District, D 7

Class 10 – Other Brochure, Pamphlet, Flyer

- 1st – Wilmot & District, D 19
- 2nd – East Gwillimbury, D 5
- 3rd – Harriston & District, D 7

Class 11 – Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily
hand-drawn
no entries

Class 12 – Newsletter: Cover illustrations primarily
photographic in origin

- 1st – Parkdale & Toronto, D 15
- 2nd – East Gwillimbury, D 5
- 3rd – East York, D 5

Class 13 – Newsletter: Cover graphics primarily
computer-generated

- 1st – Richmond Hill, D 15
- 2nd – St. Catharines, D 9
- 3rd – Lake Simcoe South Shore, D 5

Class 14 – Youth Journal/Scrapbook/other

- 1st – Grafton, D 4

Class 15 – Bookmark

- 1st – Oro-Medonte, D 16
- 2nd – Uxbridge, D 17
- 3rd – East Gwillimbury, D 5
- 3rd – Pine Ridge, D 17

Class 16 – Promotional Partnership

- 1st – Brampton, D 15

Class 17 – Show Schedule from the current year

- 1st – Brampton, D 15
- 2nd – Richmond Hill, D 15
- 3rd – Alliston & District, D 16
- 3rd – Huntsville, D 18

Number of entries: 104

Number of societies: 29

Number of districts: 13

Show Chair: Steven Douglas, Past District 10 Director



Best in Show

*Class 3 – Yearbook Cover: Illustrations primarily photographic
Martintown & District Horticultural Society*

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