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From the 2024
OHA Convention
Flower Show
Competitions

*Best
in
Show*

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Society
District 6
Class 41:
Gardens Grow

Photo by Ursula Eley





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Editor's Message



What kind of fertilizer is being used on the Trillium? It seems to be growing steadily. Or could it be all the rain? This is the biggest issue ever and not everything submitted could be included. It's a privilege to be able to put it together for you.

The Garden Clubs/Horticultural Societies in Ontario have been very busy this summer and Ontario is indeed beautiful. Those who attended the OHA Conference in Guelph had a wonderful time enjoying the excursions, guest speakers, competitions and other like-minded attendees.

If you get a chance to attend your District Fall Forum, it's worth the effort. You find out what's going on in your area as well as the OHA. There are wonderful speakers and a great Flower Show – you can see what others are growing and it's also fun to enter. Challenge the judges – they are up for it.

Thank you for all of the submissions for this issue.

Laura Masterson
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Lovely chrysanthemums, won as a door prize at the District 9 Fall Forum, now gracing my garden.

The *Trillium* is the quarterly newsletter of the OHA

This newsletter is for all members of all Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario in every district. Here is where you'll find the latest gardening news. If your club/society has a special project and you would like to share the news, please send in a story and photographs.

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December 1 – Winter issue

The deadline for the next issue of the Trillium is **December 1**, but submissions can be sent anytime.

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editor@gardenontario.org
Laura Masterson, OHA Trillium Editor

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OHA 50/50 DRAW

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer



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OHA President's Report

August 22, 2024

As summer draws to a close and gardens start to be put to bed, it is a good time to pause and reflect on the last few months within the Association. Summer is the busiest time of the year for the OHA and for Districts and Societies, with special events, community plantings and many hours of volunteerism. It is a pleasure each issue to read about all the wonderful goings-on across Ontario.

Many hours of planning took place in the months leading up to the convention in Guelph on July 12-14, 2024, but it was all worth it. We had an amazing weekend with fantastic speakers and seminars, wonderful bus trips, a great assortment of vendors and I am very sure that many of you went home with some "Under the Kilt" nuts. We had excellent entertainment on Friday night with Steve the Magician and the wonderful and thoroughly entertaining DJ who made everyone smile with his costumes. On Saturday night, we had the awards banquet where we recognized outstanding individuals from across the province for their dedication, achievements, time and effort. I would like to acknowledge all the individuals who were nominated. Everyone who volunteers is a winner! The rooms were well-appointed and the food was fantastic. Thank you to the Delta for making our stay one to remember. I hope everyone had a chance to visit the Dubois Agrinovation booth to get a better idea of what they have to offer. If your Society/Club has not registered yet to get money back for your Society, please do so. If you forget how, please speak to your Society President or your District Director.

I appreciate all the suggestions that people submitted over the convention and AGM weekend. I am working through them and will bring them forward to the appropriate committees or the officers once they are compiled. For those who attended the convention, please also ensure that you have completed the convention survey. Your feedback is important in the planning of future conventions.

Now that the convention is over, the Officers are right back into planning for the October Board meeting. An update will follow in the next Trillium with all the information from this important meeting. As you all know, due to the existing financial situation within the Association, October, 2024, will be the last in-person OHA Board Meeting until October, 2025. At that time, I will no longer be President, however, I hope that my efforts now will make a large impact moving forward.

Please note that the deadline to apply for a Seedy Saturday/Sunday grant is November 15, 2024, for an event to take place in the Spring of 2025. Applications can be submitted anytime but must be received no later than the 15th of November. Please also note that applications for Horticultural Service certificates and Judging/Exhibiting certificates as well as Youth Grants can be submitted at any time.

I look forward to this next year as your President and wish everyone good gardening. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at anytime via email or phone with your comments, concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Sharlene Desjardins
OHA President



Sharlene Desjardins



Barrie Garden Club Celebrated its 150th Anniversary

Submitted by Kathy Dermott

Photos by Kathy Dermott



The Barrie Garden Club (BGC) celebrated its 150th anniversary on Sunday, June 23, at the Dorian Parker Centre in Sunnidale Park, Barrie to a full house of friends and dignitaries. The festivities included guest speakers, presentations, vendors and a commemorative bench dedication to members past, present and future.

Initially established as the Barrie Horticultural Society, the first mention of the Club was in the August 20, 1874 issue of the Northern Advance newspaper when the writer reported on the horticultural show held in the original Barrie Town Hall. The writer imagined "we were transported to those fairy lands, of which we had read in the "Arabian Nights". The inaugural membership was 101 and the slogan for the society was "Keep Barrie Beautiful".

The beautification of the community is a continuing objective of the BGC. That legacy is most obvious at the arboretum in Sunnidale Park which was created by the club in 1974. A tour of the arboretum by city staff concluded the celebrations.

More information about the BGC can be found at www.barriegardenclub.ca. Membership to the club includes expert speakers, flower shows, a photography contest and the opportunity to volunteer at BGC activities, including a community garden at Shear Park, the Pioneer Garden at Fort Willow, the Barrie Library Rooftop Garden and more. The Barrie Garden Club is also available on Facebook and Instagram.





Congratulations Barrie Garden Club on its 150th Anniversary!



Port Colborne Garden Club 95th Year

Submitted by Maggie Corner, Photos courtesy of Angie D'Uva and Nicole Ebert

The Port Colborne Garden Club recently celebrated June, 2024, their 95th Anniversary with cake, refreshments, a visit from the Mayor and a Flower Show.

The City of Port Colborne Mayor Bill Steele, joined the members at their meeting and brought greetings from the City. He presented the Club with a plaque honouring the occasion noting that there have been 95 years of good works for the beautification of the City and for the edification of novice and Master Gardeners. He added that the attention and commitment to horticulture is inspiring.

The Club also held its Flower and Display Show on the same evening with our Judge Wendy Somers. The show was very successful with over 60 entries. Judge Wendy Somers then spoke to our membership on what judges are looking for when they judge a show.



Club President, Maggie Corner accepting the plaque from Mayor Bill Steele



*Congratulations Port Colborne Garden Club
on its 95th Anniversary!*

Cobourg Garden Club 165 and Still Growing!

*Submitted and written by Bonnie Young, President Cobourg Garden Club
Photos by Bonnie Young, President Cobourg Garden Club*

2024 is a very special year for the Cobourg Garden Club.

It was 165 years ago that Major H. J. Snelgrove founded The Cobourg Horticultural Society (February 1859). Major H. J. Snelgrove was also the First Vice-President of the OHA and subsequently served as OHA President from 1908-1909.

In 2020, we changed our name to the Cobourg Garden Club (CGC) and although our name has changed, we continue to hold competitions that exhibit the vegetables, fruits, plants and flowers that our members cultivate three times a year. Our over 150 members also enjoy our annual plant sale, speakers at monthly meetings, garden tours, workshops and a funding bursary for local high school graduates.

This year, to commemorate the Club's 165th Anniversary, a committee of dedicated and exceptional women got together to create a series of events for not only Cobourg Garden Club members, but for all residents and visitors to Cobourg. On behalf of the entire Club, we want to formally acknowledge Dianne Taylor (Chair), Barb Robbins, Bonnie Young, Glenis Burnie, Grace Osmond, Isabell Goodman, Theresa Herron and Yvonne Michalski who, through grit, determination and dedication, created a series of events that marked our milestone 165th anniversary.

On June 5th, a Bitternut Hickory Tree was planted at Tracey Park in Cobourg. The Bitternut Hickory has a 200-year life span – so it is our hope that as our Club celebrates it's 265th Anniversary in 2124, the tree we planted here this year, will stand as a reminder of the strength and resilience of our beloved Club.



Tree Planting

*From Left to Right:
Bonnie Young (President),
Katherine O'Reilly, (Membership Chair),
and Dianne Taylor (Past President)*



The team also coordinated with the wonderful Town of Cobourg staff who so generously planted the floral clock in Victoria Park to honour our Club. The floral clock is in the centre of the beautiful Victoria Park in Cobourg-close to our fantastic beach so has been seen by thousands of locals and visitors alike.

*Congratulations
Cobourg Garden Club
on its 165th
Anniversary!*

Most recently, a garden party was held for our members at a lakeside garden with musical entertainment provided by the Corktown Fiddlers. Our guests enjoyed light refreshments while they ambled around a stunning garden with views toward Lake Ontario. Speeches included kind words delivered by Cobourg Mayor Cleveland who warmly congratulated our members on their history of community engagement in beautifying Cobourg for 165 years.



Mayor Cleveland engaging with members of our Club.



From Left to Right: Garden Club Members Carlos Piedrasanta, Bonnie Young, (President), and Daryn Collis



President Bonnie Young serving cake to our wonderful guests!



Acknowledging our Lifetime Members

From left to right: Malcolm McDonald, Ann Hancock, Bonnie Young (President), Sarah Holland and Audrey Wilson (not shown)



OHA District 14 Award

Submitted by Phyllis Garton, District 14 Director, Photo by Elizabeth Schleicher



Phyllis Garton (left) was presented the 'District Membership Increase' certificate and trophy by OHA President Sharlene Desjardins (right)

All I can say is wow! As District Director of District 14, I was surprised and delighted to receive the District Membership Increase Certificate and trophy for being the district with the highest percentage membership increase overall for the year 2023. I received this award at the Saturday night awards banquet, as part of the OHA convention this past July.

Let me tell you a little about District 14. It is the largest district within the OHA but has the smallest number of societies. The six societies within my District are Fort Frances, Dryden and District, Thunder Bay, Nipigon, Longlac and Geraldton.

My District ranges from Fort Frances in the west to Longlac in the east. I live right in the middle. It is 332 km from my house to travel to Fort Frances, a drive of over 4 hours on a good day. To travel to Longlac to the east it is 316 km and a 3½-hour drive. Between me and Fort Frances is Dryden and District Horticultural Society, a 4-hour drive. Then there is Thunder Bay to the east of me, a 45-minute drive. When I drive to Nipigon, it is a 158-km trip and a drive of one and a half hours. A trip to Geraldton is the same as Longlac but shorter, only a 3-hour drive. When driving to Longlac, I travel to Nipigon on Hwy 11/17 and then turn north onto Hwy 11 to continue the drive to Longlac. So, you can understand why we hold only one Annual District Meeting a year. It is held over 3 days so the delegates from the outlying societies can travel the distance. If Fort Frances holds the AGM, then delegates from Geraldton and Longlac have a day's drive to attend and vice versa. Although my District is small in number, I am proud to say that we are strong in the North and we are expanding in membership.

Gardening in the North certainly has its challenges. But when you see how productive our gardeners are, you would be surprised. There are some varieties of plants that cannot survive our long and sometimes bitterly cold winters but overall, these gardeners know how to make the best of our growing seasons. Whether it's flowers or vegetables, the Society flower/vegetable shows are truly amazing.

I congratulate all my Societies within District 14 for receiving this award, as it is their enthusiasm and encouragement in gardening that has won them this award. My gardening hat's off to each and every one of you who helped win this great achievement. Happy Gardening everyone.

Haldimand Horticultural Society Fall Review

Submitted by Barbara Wilson Photos Courtesy of Barbara Wilson

“Autumn is a second Spring, When every leaf is a flower.” Albert Camus



The July bus trip group enjoyed a wonderful day visiting places in the Niagara Area

Our 40th Anniversary year has been a busy one for Society members. The 6 community gardens and large pots situated in Caledonia, Hagersville and Cayuga look beautiful and have been maintained all summer by our dedicated volunteers. Residents and visitors to our communities enjoy the colorful displays created.

June, July and August have been busy months.

- To celebrate our 40th Anniversary, 2 Native Tulip Trees have been planted – one at the Caledonia Fair Grounds and one at the Caledonia Old Mill. The “Green Guardians” Youth Group participated with the planting also.
- Our annual Garden Tour in June featured 9 amazing homes and gardens in the Selkirk and Lake Erie area.
- “Garden of the Month” – May to August. Homes were nominated and the winner of each month received a plaque to display in their gardens.
- In July, we also brought back our Bus Trip. Organizers planned a wonderful day visiting places in the Niagara Area.
- The Annual Barbeque in July, under sunny skies, was enjoyed by many members.
- This year, we introduced “Maintenance Mondays”. Volunteers met each Monday morning from 10 until noon of the summer months to weed and trim some of the community gardens.
- In partnership with the Caledonia Special Projects Group, we helped revamp the Veteran’s Monument in the Caledonia Cemetery.

Upcoming events: the Youth Group the “Green Guardians” will once again enter the Group Display section at the Caledonia fair. Last year, they received a first! Volunteers have continued to knit and crochet poppies. A Poppy display will be created at the Cayuga Cenotaph in November. We thank all our members for their continued support. Our membership has grown to 134 members including 6 life members.

Happy Fall everyone!



The planting of the Native Tulip Tree at the Caledonia Fair Grounds

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**KIM
HEWITT**

Total Winnings of \$3925

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Thank you to everyone who purchased 50/50 Raffle tickets. Imagine our surprise and delight when the winner of the raffle happened to be in the audience at our Ontario Horticultural Association Convention in Guelph. Congratulations go to Kim Hewitt who won \$3,925 on July 14, 2024. Enjoy spending it Kim and thank you for your support!



**OHA 50-50 Winner
July 14, 2024**

September 28, 2024

The September 28th winner is Norma Grant – she is a member of the Nepean Horticultural Society. Winning ticket number B-18504 and amount won is \$2287.50.

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OHA 50/50 Draw

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer



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Schomberg Horticultural Society

Submitted and written by Susan Zweep

Schomberg Properties Sparkle After The Rain



Garden Owner Collage

Photos by Eleanora Schmied

Despite the unpredictable weather forecast, the Schomberg Horticultural Society reported record attendance at this year's garden tour. Over 200 people attended the tour and took in the warm hospitality, beautiful vistas, stunning countryside and, of course, the outstanding properties and gardens in and around Schomberg. After the rain during the week, often heavy downpours, the gardens were brimming with colour.

The garden tour directors Barb Niemeyer and Eleanora Schmied are extremely grateful to the garden owners, the Schomberg Community Farm, the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection and the Schomberg Post Office for opening their 'Garden Gates' to welcome visitors.

The garden tour included not only the three additions to the tour mentioned above but also large estates, both in Fairfield and Carrying Place, a wildlife habitat accredited property on the Lloydtown – Aurora Road and two more impeccably-maintained gardens along the same road. A large vegetable garden in Pottageville, where the homeowner brings in seeds from Italy, was another attraction.

The organizers also expressed their gratitude for the partnership with Art Society King, whose members added an extra artistic element to the gardens.

Garden tour visitors not only came from King Township but beyond its borders, as far away as Toronto, Etobicoke, Burlington and neighboring Horticultural Societies.

None of this could have been possible without the exceptional volunteers, members of the society and the community, who came out to attend to each garden and helped in so many ways. At the appreciation BBQ after the tour, hosted by

Peter and Eleonora Schmied, the Honorable Mayor Steve Pellegrini applauded the volunteerism and the community building from such an event.

Sincere thanks also go to the sponsors and supporters of the tour including King Township, Hermann's Limited, Foodland, Schomberg Village Pharmacy, Schomberg Tim Hortons, Leonardo's Pizzeria & Smokehouse, Green Tractor of Nobleton, PDR Investments Ltd., Heirloom Photography (Shirley Miller) the Sentinel (Mark Pavilon) and Arts Society King (Michelle McNally).

Paul Zammit delighted us with his talk "The Power of Horticulture – a Personal and Professional Perspective." Paul's passion for perennials, garden design, large and small, and his education in the field has given him a vast array of knowledge which he enthusiastically shared at our June meeting. Our flower show featured an incredible variety of Irises, Roses and Peonies.

Jack Campbell will join us in September to share "Growing Up With Trees". Jack will speak about a lifetime of practical, hands-on experience in growing, planting, maintaining and even designing tree landscapes. The presentation will give an overview of working in both forest and urban landscape settings. His beautiful garden was on our garden tour in 2023. Our September Flower Show will showcase Roses, Dahlias and the pride of our vegetable harvest including arrangements with themes such as "Walking down a Country Lane", "Whispering Winds", and "Country Harvest".

Beth and Lex Antonic, Providence Hill Farm, will be teaching some of their newer methods "Tried & True Tips & Techniques – From the Farm to the Garden" at our October meeting. Providence Hill Farm is a family-run regenerative farm nestled in the Heart of King Township between Nobleton and Schomberg. Its unique regenerative approach focuses on improving soil health by increasing organic matter using cultivation methods that do not disturb the soil structure whenever possible. The Antonics will share how they use some of the new small-farming methods and how they may also be adapted to home gardens.

Our October Flower Show is entitled "Our Grand Finale" beginning with a design in a recyclable container. "Pumpkin Head", "Kitchen Herb Bouquet", and the "Last Hurrah" promise to make good use of the products of our fall harvest.

At our Banquet and Annual General Meeting, new Officers will be elected after we enjoy a glass of punch, a terrific dinner and indulge in a serving or two of the great-tasting desserts. We're excited to applaud our members who won awards and prizes for their excellent showings. Winners of our Annual Photo Contest will be announced with photos on display.

It's been a whirlwind of a year, one to be celebrated by the Schomberg Horticultural Society.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society offered private Garden Tour to Pickering Horticultural Society.

The gardens were ready – trimmed, edged, mulched and in bloom – now they just needed an appreciative audience. They were rewarded with a great group of enthusiastic, curious, lively people from Pickering touring around in a luxury bus visiting gardens from Mount Forest to... with a stop at... before arriving in beautiful King Township. Their already lovely day ended in a garden with many special features ranging from a Korean Fir that produces blue cones, a "pom-pom" yew, walls of deep purple clematis, honeysuckle, and climbing hydrangeas, a cow painted on the whole side the shed, and – who does this? – a garden of sumacs made from plants dug from the ditch. Angela Rose pointed out the cobblestones she and her friend Oleh were offered free of charge; unfortunately, the previous owner had failed to mention they were still a sidewalk when they went to pick them up! Upon leaving, all the visitors were given cuttings from sedums that will produce fuchsia-coloured flowers and will proliferate beautifully without becoming invasive.

We expect Pickering to become an explosion of fuchsia in no time. With refreshments and treats offered, the group labelled this visit at the end of their day as "the icing on the cake".



Garden owner: Angela Rose

Ancaster Horticultural Society

Keeping Ancaster Beautiful for 63 years

Submitted by Rhu Sherrard Publicity Director 2024-2025

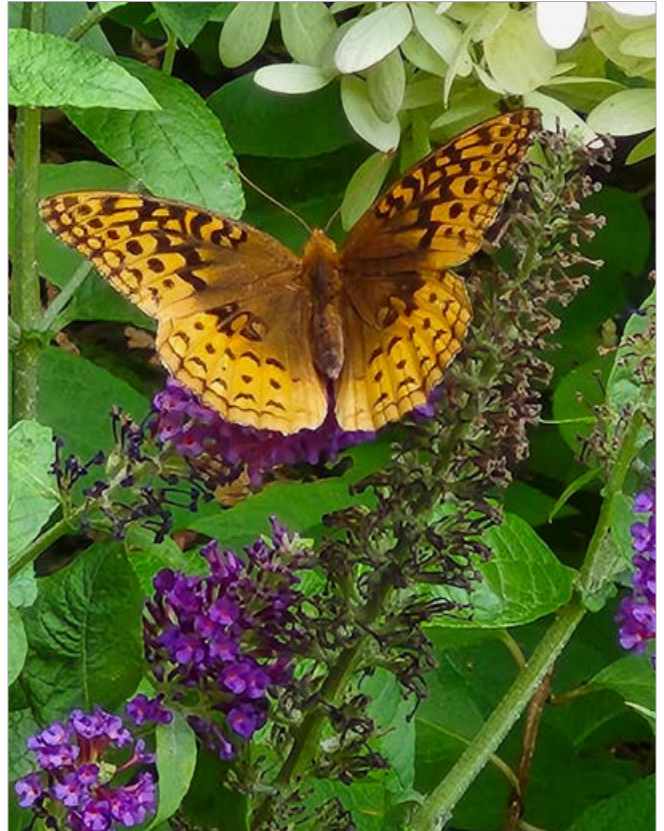
Summer sun and summer rains. We truly have seen a significant amount of both this year.

Therefore, many gardens bloomed earlier and hopefully will still be in bloom well into the cooler months of September and October.

On June 18, 2024, our host Paul O'Hara, a Field Botanist, hosted a walk at Spring Valley Trail in Ancaster, ON. The walk was attended by over 20 persons who enjoyed the enthusiasm and information about trail health, etiquette and invasive species easily identified and shared by Paul O'Hara, Blue Oak Native Landscapes.

The Ancaster Trillium Awards judging was completed between July 9th to July 14th, 2024. We received many nominations. The winners were announced on August 20, 2024, at Fieldcote Park. The 36 volunteer judges viewed 236 front gardens. Among the 125 winners, Mario Ingrassio who was the Diamond winner, (15th Trillium), 10 Ruby winners (10th Trillium), and 13 Gold winners (5th Trillium). This was my first year judging and I was paired with a seasoned judge, Sharon Ciraolo. It was a pleasure sharing her experience and visiting the beautiful gardens in Ancaster.

Congratulations to all the winners! The Trillium Award committee includes Carolyn Bondarenko, Marilyn Burjan, Carol Howe, Sharon Ciraolo and Kelly Gowland.



Three photos by Rhu Sherrard

Ancaster Horticultural Society Calender of Upcoming Events:

- September 17, 2024, Jen Howe: Onsite tour of Summit Station Dairy
- October 15, 2024, Mike Parrish, President of the HDCDS
“Demonstration and Learning about Dahlias” Hamilton & District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

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Above photos by David Puskas

*The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature.
To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. – Alfred Austin*



OHA District 5

Submitted by Ursula Eley, OHA District 5 Director, Photos by Ursula Eley

A Brief Report on District 5 at the 2024 OHA Convention

July 16, 2024

The Convention was held in Guelph from July 12 to 14, 2024. This time it was hosted by Districts 7 and 8. The Directors of these Districts, Karen Redmond and Kathy Bouma, together with a large team of volunteers, provided attendees with a full program of gardening delights.

Every speaker that I listened to was informative and entertaining. Watching the fun demonstration on creating a terrarium has inspired me to try it myself. To finish off a great weekend, the final speaker was a young female arbourist, Serena Soucy, on 'Lessons from the Canopy'. We were all enthralled from beginning to end. I have a much greater understanding of what an arbourist is and of what they can do for my garden, my community and beyond. There was even a video to give us the

exhilarating (scary?) feeling of descending down out of a very tall tree. I would certainly recommend Serena as a speaker for any of your societies. Rob Johnson spoke about the Green Legacy Programme, the largest Municipal tree planting program in North America. He left us with a feeling of hope for the future. I also heard Aruna Panday, a member of our Scarborough Garden & Horticultural Society, speak about Horticultural Archives. Aruna shared wonderful information for all of us on the importance of those documents and photos we are all storing. Did you know that Scarborough's archive is now in the Archives of Ontario? I know Aruna and the Scarborough board would be happy to talk to any of our societies and clubs about the process.



Some of the District 5 members attending

Left side of Banner:

Front row: Karen and Marilyn (who also maintains the OHA and the District 5 In Memoriam Books), Water Garden Society, Back row : Cliff and Ralph, Water Garden Society; Kim, East York Garden Club

Right side of Banner: Beth and Heather, East York Garden Club; Ursula, Greater Toronto Bulb Society, District 5 Director; Mary Ann Vercammen, Newmarket Garden Club



Bonnie-Lynn (*left*) is our District 5 Treasurer and a member of Garden Aurora. Barbara (*right*) is a member of GTA Bulb Society and won the prestigious Silver Trillium Award for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or to the OHA for an extended period.



I very proudly accepted an award on behalf of Ellen Power of East Gwillimbury Gardeners and was able to present it to her that evening. Ellen is on my left, Brenda Near, the President of East Gwillimbury Gardeners, is on my right. Ellen won the Technical Advancement Award for her work in assisting her society and others with online forms for OHA and OMAFRA (now OMAFA) and much more.

Many of the District 5 members attending went on bus tours. Every tour was sampled and the reports I heard were enthusiastic and positive. The trial gardens at Guelph Arboretum and Robert Pavlis' garden provided lots of opportunities to enjoy plant collections and walking trails. Rumor has it that Robert also had some gorgeous Streptocarpus for sale. The Green Legacy Programme nursery and the tour of a historical 19th century garden as well as other sites were also highlights.

If you know me, you know that I am a huge proponent of flower shows. This one did not disappoint. There were wonderful horticultural specimens on view – despite storms that were flattening our gardens – as well as creative designs and special exhibits. There were also photography, youth, arts, publications and creative writing competitions. Newmarket Garden Club won several ribbons for their publications. Gloria and Uldis Brok won first and second

place ribbons for stunning photographs. Gloria also won 5 ribbons for her flower show entries. Her roses all placed first of course.

It was a very enjoyable weekend of meeting old and new “flower friends”. Those who attended our AGM this year will remember the lovely Sandra Mazur who came to conduct our elections. She travels all the way from Dryden. There was an election for 2nd Vice President of the OHA and Sandra was re-elected. In her candidate’s speech, she mentioned how much she had enjoyed our District 5 AGM and meeting us in person and how astonished she had been by the wonderful flower show.

My apologies in advance to those members of District 5 that were at the Convention and that I did not capture in my photos or to anyone whose name or information should be corrected. I am still learning.

Of course, there was also a board meeting on Wednesday, before the Convention. I will send out a separate message to all our society representatives with key information I noted during that meeting. I must say that I am really enjoying meeting and working with the other District Directors from across our beautiful province. Almost as much as working with all of you!

Next year, there will not be an in-person AGM and Convention. All members of OHA Societies/Clubs are invited to attend a virtual AGM next year. More details will come out closer to the date. In 2026, Districts 4 and 17 will co-host the Convention. Those Districts lie to the east and north of us. Bonus – we won’t have to drive across Toronto to get there.

On a very rainy day, I hope you are all enjoying your summer gardens, be they outdoors, on balconies, indoors or in your dreams.

Warmly,

Ursula Eley
OHA District 5 Director
eley@rogers.com



Gloria and Uldis of North York Garden Club, photographers extraordinaire. Gloria’s roses entered in the flower show all won first place ribbons.



2024 Awards and Grants

By Sharlene Desjardins, President

Each year, the Ontario Horticultural Association recognizes deserving individuals or groups across the province who have made significant contributions to their society/club and/or their community. We currently have over 26,000 volunteers and every single one of them is appreciated and valued. This year, special recognition has been awarded to several of these very deserving individuals/groups.

The Community Improvement Award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project.

The recipient of the 2024 Community Improvement Award is the Mount Forest Community.

What began as a vision of just a few and launched at a community meeting in November of 2022, quickly became the mission and mandate of many to make that vision a reality. Early in 2023, community volunteers launched the Mount Forest Community Garden with four committees to steer and carry out the project: leadership, financial matters, property build/maintain and community engagement.

A local, community-minded landowner donated a free lease on a piece of land, a blank canvas if you will, and with the help of many volunteers over countless hours, the Community Garden began to take shape. Ground preparation was started in April of 2023 and through work bees, in-ground, raised and elevated beds were built to ensure accessibility for all. Community meetings were held to help the public learn how they could become involved and by June of 2023, both experienced and novice gardeners alike were able to begin their garden planting.

With the community fully behind the project, donations of tools, seeds and bedding plants were received. Volunteers assisted the new gardeners and shared their knowledge and love of gardening.

Over the summer months, the garden grew not only for individual gardeners but also for the community growing spaces. Food for the local foodbanks and the Raw-Carrot was grown and harvested by many dedicated volunteers.

Additions to the garden space have been ongoing. The garden now boasts on-site composters, stone dust pathways, a French drain, picnic and garden benches, a grab-and-go snack garden, a sharing shelf and pavilion shelters for shade and activity spaces. Many special elements have also been added such as a mailbox for special messages to children in the children and family gardening area, an obelisk in this same area as well as numerous birdhouses throughout the entire garden.

The Mount Forest is not just a space for registered gardeners. Community members are always welcome to enjoy the space for walks and quiet times. It is a space of positive energy, beauty and growth, enjoyed by all who visit.

A pollinator garden was added in 2023 and spring workshops planned for 2024 for gardeners to participate in as they plan their gardens. Also in the works for 2024 are a garden tool shed and a roof top beehive. In this very active community, they have also added a "Grow-A-Row" program which encourages private gardeners to grow extra produce for the local food banks along with the MFCG contributions.

When a community comes together, it is amazing to see what can be accomplished in just a year. They are very deserving of the Community Improvement Award. Congratulations!

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

The 2024 recipient of the Environmental Award is the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners undertook an exciting new initiative called "Stepping into Nature" to bring attention to the biodiversity in the Highlands. The tour tells the story of why the restoration of an urban section of the river is important to the town, to the quality of the water and to the animal, bird and insect species that have returned to nest, to feed and to pollinate the trees and flowers that humans depend on.

The Minden River Walk is a two-kilometre walking path along the Gull River that flows through the town. A project was undertaken to plant various native plants, trees and gardens to promote the restoration of an urban section of the river's shoreline. This was done over several years by the Master Gardeners along with other volunteers. The shoreline now forms an ecosystem. It serves as a natural garden, creates a beautiful site for people walking along the path and provides food, shelter and nesting grounds for many insects, animals and birds.

The "Stepping into Nature" initiative was to assess and catalogue the presence of insects and flora and to look at the types of pollinators in the area that were aiding in pollination as well as insect and plant interactions that were occurring.

The result of this information would be a self-guided online audio tour placed around the River Walk for the public to learn about ecology and the benefit of restoring the shoreline. The sharing of this information is an important educational tool. People from anywhere can experience it in person or go online to travel this path of hope.

The self-guided tour has stops along both sides of the river and was created to inspire residents and tourists to:

- Plant more native plants to support beneficial insects and birds.
- Learn how to deter geese in favour of native species.
- Protect the quality of the Drag River watershed and others by preventing erosion and increasing water absorption through the use of native plants and natural material.
- Value native trees and shrubs.
- Learn about the eco services provided by the Minden wetland.
- Experience the health and wellness benefits of spending time in nature.

Please visit the Haliburton Master Gardeners website if you would like more information on this self-guided tour.

A very deserving award. Congratulations!

The Technical Award, which is new in 2024, is a plaque which may be presented to a person who has been an asset as a technical advisor/coordinator/webmaster for a Society and/or a District and who has assisted with virtual meetings, coordinating virtual flower shows, assisting with TPON, etc.

The 2024 recipient of the Technical Award is Ellen Power from the East Gwillimbury (EG) Gardeners Horticultural Society.

The society describes Ellen as a whiz, even though she describes herself as a hater of technology. If she doesn't understand how to do something, she never throws up her hands nor does she give up. She asks for help and figures out how to do it.

Ellen is extremely busy within the society. She handles all the submissions of photos for the photo contest and the EG in Bloom contest, filing them into categories on the google drive so they can be shared with the judge. She then puts together power points of the photo and EG in Bloom contests as well as the flower shows to post to the Society YouTube channel.

She fills out and submits both the OHA and OMAFRA reports, manages the Society email account, manages the membership on an excel document and implemented the option of e-transfer for membership payments.

Ellen's contributions don't stop there as she also creates the Society yearbook and handbook using Publisher, manages the Facebook page, loads archival information onto the Google drive and created an excel spreadsheet to track volunteer hours for the Society.

During Covid, she handled the registrations and online flower show when East Gwillimbury hosted the first ever online District 5 AGM in 2021. In 2022, she assisted the Stouffville Horticultural Society with the exact same thing when they hosted in 2022. She also ran two online plant sales during Covid.

Ellen is a force to be reckoned with and very deserving of the first Technical Award. Congratulations!

The Award of Merit is a framed certificate and is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association, District or Society/Club. This year there were two recipients.

This first recipient of the 2024 Award of Merit is Catherine McGill from the Haldimand Horticultural Society in District 6.

Catherine has 20 years of exemplary service and is a member in good standing of the society. She has held several positions on the Society Board including President and Past President. Cat instructs and organizes workshops as well as presentations at both the society and community level. She runs Cat's kitchen at the Seedy Saturday event, organized the 1st Annual Garden Tour and judges the society Garden of the Month competition.

Within the community, she assists or has assisted with food drives, fundraisers, community garden planning, development and maintenance, pollinator gardens and earth day projects just to name a few. She has set up her front yard garden so passers-by can stop and linger in the garden, play her tic-tac-toe game or just sit and enjoy her native garden.

Cat was the District 6 Director for many years including a term as the South-West representative as an Officer of the Association. During her time as Director, she brought advanced technology to the District including FaceTime, Twitter and Zoom meetings. She became the local Zoom host for many societies. Under her guidance, the District created new and upgraded event guidelines, updated the Constitution and By-laws and assisted the 21 District 6 societies in meeting planning, membership drives and society presidential guides. She also acted as a mentor to societies undergoing difficulties.

Education became an item under her tutelage. She became the Youth Committee chairperson for the OHA and worked diligently in this area to bring new and updated information to societies across the province. She ran the Youth competition at the annual convention and AGM, developed youth resources which were made available to societies and presented educational programs for both youth and youth leaders. She always encouraged societies to get youth involved and was available to assist in youth group start-ups. Catherine has been an asset to the OHA during her tenure and is very deserving of this award. Congratulations!

The second recipient of the Award of Merit is Harry Wyma from the Ridgetown & District Horticultural Society.

Harry has been a member of the society for 50 years, when he moved to Ridgetown to take a horticulturist position at the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology, now the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph. In this position, he was in charge of maintaining campus grounds, growing plants for gardens and managing the greenhouse complex.

Harry served as President of the society for many years and continues to mentor and guide new leaders in that role. He served as the District 11 Director from 1983 to 1988 and, in 1990, served as the President of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Harry was heavily involved in the youth programs of the OHA and created and served as editor of the Horticultural Youth Newsletter for many years, which was published four times a year.

In the fall of 1980, Harry obtained his diploma in Landscape Design through the University of Guelph. His thesis was Effective Landscaping-Applying Nature, the Perfect Guide. Nature, landscaping and gardening have been constants in his life and he loves to share this passion through speaking engagements and demonstrations for horticultural societies, service organizations, public library programs and more.

Harry has contributed to the beautification of Ridgetown through the establishment and maintenance of community gardens across town, his involvement in the design of the J.J. Neilson Arboretum at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph and his involvement in the design of the T.R.E.E.S Memorial Forest. Thousands of native trees have been planted in this Carolinian forest.

For many years, he invited over 100 Grade 4 students to start petunia seeds in the greenhouses on campus which they later enjoyed planting in the gardens and parks along Main Street. The children would proudly take their families to show off the plot of petunias they planted and then cared for. He also enjoyed teaching students at Naahil Ridge Public School how to make holiday arrangements with evergreen cuttings and other natural materials. His dedication to teaching the next generation about the difference between dirt and soil, the "miracle of nature", and the art and beauty of the landscape came through in both the OHA Youth Newsletter and the creation of the Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award and prizes which he donated to support creativity.

He is a Master Gardener and, as such, his skills were put to good use leading OHA judging courses for horticulture and floral design. He has been invited to speak, deliver courses and judge flower shows and agricultural fairs all across Ontario.

Harry enjoys sharing his knowledge of plants with anyone who asks and can often be found digging up a little bit of this and that from his own gardens to share with budding gardeners of all ages. He can also be found on YouTube sharing his gardening tips. His years of dedication to horticulture and service to the gardening community throughout Ontario make him a deserving recipient of the Award of Merit. Congratulations!

The Honour Roll is presented to an individual who has made a contribution of horticultural service, given outstanding service, or assisted in the development of horticultural practices at the Society/Club, District and/or Association level. Each recipient is given a pin and certificate to commemorate the occasion. This year there are two recipients.

The first recipient of the 2024 OHA Honour Roll is Trudy Bliedung from the Flamborough Horticultural Society in District 6.

Trudy has been a member of the society for over 25 years and during that time has served several times as both President and Treasurer. She stepped up when times were tough and she supported the relocation of the meeting place to a more urban location in an effort to attract more members from the increasing population in the town.

She is a very dedicated member of the society and is very generous with her time and talents. She is always available to offer advice or answer questions about gardening, loves to learn and is always open to new ideas.

On an annual basis, Trudy helps with civic improvement, provides many plants for the public gardens the society maintains and contributes to our local "Scarecrow Walk" celebrating agriculture and the harvest each October. She has led several workshops including concrete stepping stones and assisted in workshops to make floral table centrepieces in active living centres for seniors.

Trudy has property that runs about 295 feet deep with massive perennial gardens that support our plant sale fundraiser annually. She is the biggest contributor to the plant sale and, as a seed collector, is always willing to share. She also sells perennials annually out of her driveway to the community usually as a fundraiser for the local hospital or a favourite charity. Many people drop by her place to receive gardening tips and to thank her for her sage advice.

She is always looking for ways to promote the society and the OHA. She has a friendly smile and promotes the society, District and OHA when she hosts garden tours. She is a regular greeter at all society meetings, contributes to auctions, door prizes, potluck events and is a regular contributor to the flower show entries.

Trudy was a financial reviewer for the District for several years, regularly attends society and District meetings and events and attends the OHA annual Convention and AGM when she is able to. She has been on the planning committee when the society played host to District meetings and is a past recipient of the District 6 Service Award. She is a deserving recipient. Congratulations!

The second recipient of the OHA Honour Roll Award is Audrey Lee from the Acton Horticultural Society in District 6.

Audrey has been an active executive board member of the society for over 25 years and has held the position of President for 16 years. She is a driven, passionate and dedicated individual who spends countless hours to better the society and community she lives in.

In 2019, with less than 6 months to prepare, the society was asked to host the District 6 Fall Dinner. Audrey was motivated and organized and the dinner was a huge success. She goes the extra mile to ensure events are fabulous and unforgettable.

She is highly involved in the society plant sale each year and manages the silent auction which has become a lucrative part of the sale. Many hours are spent actively seeking the procurement of shrubs, trees, annuals and perennials from local nurseries and various companies for the silent auction. She encourages all members to participate and work together as a team to help with all aspects of the sale from beginning to end.

Audrey loves new experiences, challenges and most importantly, change. Technology, including the internet has created a brand new world for gardeners and their societies/clubs. Audrey and fellow member Jennifer discovered that people were advertising free "dig outs" of their gardens. Many long and gruelling hours were spent at various homes near and far for the benefit of the society. Many plants from these digs were divided and replanted and provided the society with plants for future sales. During Covid and the lockdown, they became more creative and along with two fellow members, set up tables in their backyards and potted roughly 250 plants for "porch pick-up". This creative initiative turned out to be lucrative for the society during the pandemic.

The maintenance of the grass gardens at the Acton public library are near and dear to Audrey's heart as she knows their importance and their positive impact on the environment. She also spearheaded the mass plantings of naturalized daffodils by the hundreds on the grounds of the library, providing years of spectacular spring colour for the community to enjoy.

Audrey's mentor, former president Max MacSween, was an inspiration and guiding force in her decision years ago to become president. She has taken many opportunities to further her knowledge base and share it with the society. She always offers to take board and society members with her to District and OHA meetings, with fun and laughter being had by all. In her free time, she crochets blankets, makes toys and other accessories for a local cat rescue. She gives back to her community in a big way. She is a very deserving recipient of the OHA Honour Roll. Congratulations!

The Trillium/Silver Fir Award may be given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies/Clubs and/or to the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period. The Trillium award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium. The Silver Fir award is a silver lapel pin. This year there are two recipients of the Trillium Award.

The first recipient of the Trillium Award is Barbara Twiner from the Pickering Horticultural Society in District 17.

Barbara is an active Director of the society with more than 20 years of service. She has held the presidency twice, for 2 years each time. She is a life member due to her outstanding participation in the entire fabric of the society. She demonstrates the best of what being a Pickering Horticultural Society member is all about by her generosity with her time, knowledge and plants. A visit to her home will usually result in the visitor returning home with seeds, plants or both. She will always try to respond to questions about anything related to flower shows or gardening in general. Her winning flower show entries provide other members with a tangible view of design techniques and unique specimens.

Barbara has been the sole individual who has secured all the society speakers for more than 10 years, focusing on topics as they become relevant. She is a keen listener and coordinates workshops for society members to improve the society's knowledge of "how to's" for the various flower shows. She also organizes the annual bus trips complete with sourcing the locations/gardens to visit as well as the meal planning for the entire day of activities. The bus is always full, exposing members and guests to outstanding gardens in the surrounding cities and towns. She has also been a floral and produce judge at other garden clubs including the CNE.

During Covid, she hosted visits to her vast gardens and opened her home to those individuals who could not access Zoom so they could join the meetings. She provides members with guidance on how and when to divide plants for the plant sale and procures additional plants from her various contacts at discounted prices. Everything she does is for the greater good of the society, wanting nothing in return.

She has begun an initiative to have a city of Pickering garden named after a member who has contributed greatly to the society. She has been working tirelessly with the Pickering City Council to ensure it comes to fruition. She also assists in the support of the city gardens by weeding, planting and maintaining during the growing season. She ensures visibility of the society by posting to the Facebook page and is excellent in recruiting new individuals to join the board. She is readily available for anything and never makes an individual feel intimidated but welcomes them with a smile. She is definitely deserving of the OHA Honour Roll Award. Congratulations!

The second recipient of the Trillium Award is Katharine Smyth from the Tilbury and District Horticultural Society in District 11.

Kathy has been an inspiration in all things horticultural and her knowledge, passion and commitment can be seen in everything she does. Although an avid gardener from a young age, she did not join a horticultural society until 2000 when she became a member of Tilbury. From there, it was a whirlwind. She became a Board member, then President of the Society. Assistant District Director and District Director soon followed. Not long after that, Kathy became an Officer, becoming the OHA President in July of 2018 to July of 2021. Kathy has the distinction of being the longest serving president in the Association's history.

Kathy has served on many committees during her time with the OHA including but not limited to finance, awards, strategic planning, code of conduct and fundraising. Now that she is no longer on the OHA executive, she is still a member-at-large on the Code of Conduct committee and the Garden Journal Development Committee. Kathy is a dedicated volunteer to her society, district and the community. As the current District secretary, she brings a lot of knowledge to the role, keeps accurate minutes and ensures all societies receive relevant correspondence. She is on the Tilbury Beautification committee and helps to plan the floral displays and gardens. She helps with planting, maintenance and cleanup of the Tilbury pots, beds and gardens each year and helps to supervise the horticulture student hired by the municipality.

Kathy was the convention host for the very enjoyable and successful 2019 Windsor OHA Convention and AGM and was the lead in the beautiful calendar fundraiser for the OHA. She is an OHA floral and design judge and has set schedules and judged shows throughout the District. She has been a guest speaker at many society meetings and her home garden has been featured on the society garden tour several times. Kathy has helped plan, enter exhibits and assist at flower shows in Tilbury that are open to the public. She has been on the judging panel for the Tilbury Lions Club Festival of Lights to judge the trees entered in the competition and is also a registered judge for Communities in Bloom on a Provincial level since 2018.

One of Kathy's mandates while OHA President was to bring attention, funding and changes to the youth program. In her home society and District, using her knowledge and experience from her roles as Society President, District Director and OHA President, Kathy has attended meetings to help solve staffing issues in struggling societies and make creative suggestions to the satisfaction of all parties. She recently participated in a CTV online news interview about climate change and gardening. She has participated on a committee to develop a "Colour of the Year" strategy so nurseries could plan their seed planting in advance, ensuring an adequate supply of a certain colour each year.

Kathy is a wonderful example of a volunteer who gives back many times over and is very deserving of the Trillium Award. Congratulations!

The Membership Trophy and Certificate are presented annually to the District that has the highest percent increase in membership over the previous year. This year, the award was presented to District 14. Accepting on behalf of the District was the District 14 Director, Phyllis Garton. District 14 consists of the following societies: Dryden, Fort Frances, Geraldton, Longlac, Nipigon/Red Rock and Thunder Bay. Congratulations!

OHA Grants are awarded each year to societies looking to beautify their communities by the planting of a tree or a pollinator garden. Perhaps they would like to plant a community garden for the benefit of all or delve into a special project to help the environment. Youth grants and projects are available as well as technical grants to assist societies in hosting Zoom meetings or speakers. The OHA is thrilled to be able to assist societies in completing these worthwhile endeavours. Listed are our grant recipients for 2024.

Grants awarded for 2024

Tree Grants

Kemptville H S –	D 1	Williamstown H S –	D 1
Almonte & District H S –	D 2	Pembroke H S –	D 2
Kingston H S –	D 3	Flamborough H S –	D 6
Haldimand H S –	D 6	Paris H S –	D 6
Clifford & District H S –	D 7	Chesley H S –	D 8
Tara H S –	D 8	Niagara-on-the-Lake H S –	D 9
Lincoln G C & H S –	D 9	Pelham G C –	D 9
Fort Erie H S –	D 9	Kapuskasing H S –	D 12
Thessalon H S –	D 13	Wilmot H S –	D 19

Community Garden Grants

Cramahe H S –	D 4	Mount Forest H S –	D 7
Thessalon H S –	D 13		

Pollinator Garden Grants

Martintown & District H S –	D 1	Tweed & District H S –	D 3
Lasalle Ambassador H S –	D 11		

Youth Help Grants

Pembroke H S –	D 2	Eganville & Area H S –	D 2
Minden & District H S –	D 4	Leaside G S –	D 5
Lake Simcoe South Shore H S –	D 5	Oakville H S –	D 6
Haldimand H S –	D 6	Clifford & District H S –	D 7
Ripley & District H S –	D 8	Kingsville H S –	D 11
Ridgetown & District H S –	D 11	Pickering G C & H S –	D 17
Wilmot H S –	D 19		

Seedy Saturday/Sunday Grants

Williamstown H S –	D 1	Thorold H S –	D 9
Beeton H S –	D 16	Cannington H S –	D 17
Magnetawan H S –	D 18		

Technical Advancement Grants

Williamstown H S –	D 1	Lake Simcoe South Shore H S –	D 5
London Fanshawe H S –	D 10	Dryden & District H S –	D 14
Richmond Hill H S –	D 15	Cannington H S –	D 17

Youth Project Grants

Tweed & District H S –	D 3	Minden & District H S –	D 4
Leaside G S –	D 5	Fort Erie H S –	D 9
Kingsville H S –	D 11		

The OHA thanks all our award winners, those nominated, all our grant recipients and every individual that volunteers their time, skills and knowledge to make Ontario a place we are all proud to call home. You make the world a better place.

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Clifford and District Horticultural Society

Jumping Worms and Plant Sales

Vic Palmer, President

In the spring of 2024, the Clifford and District Horticultural Society cancelled their Annual Spring Plant Sale. One of the main contributors of donated plant materials was the Society President, yours truly Vic Palmer.

Since the summer of 2023, I noticed worms jumping in a compost area on my property. I assumed that they were jumping worms because of articles I had read in papers and in the Trillium magazine. I tried to get confirmation from various sources by sending short videos of the worms and could not do so. Internet articles and videos showed worms jumping like mine. There was no interest from the educational facilities or various government authorities. I received no confirmation from the specialists on invasive species or those interested in forest health, but their contact's email said that the rapid twitching seen in the first video that I sent to them was unfortunately very characteristic/diagnostic of jumping worms.

To prevent the spread of worms through soil in pots, etc. from my property, I self-quarantined and no soil entered or left for the rest of 2023 and until mid-July of 2024. The farmer to whom I rented some land was agreeable to me washing his equipment in a effort to prevent the spread. I also got approval from the Minto Fire Department to burn a large pile of compost that I believed was infected.

In March of 2024, I attended an excellent seminar given by Dr. John Reynolds at the Landscape Ontario site in Milton. The samples I gave him at the time were inconclusive because they were not fully developed at that time of year. Dr. Reynolds did agree to visit my property after the worms were more mature and visited on July 2nd. He was interested in finding the range of different species and perhaps discovering new species. Dr. Reynold's credentials can be reviewed online but include over 500 articles and publications over the course of his career as an expert in Oligochaetology. He took samples for dissection and sent an email on July 5, 2024, that I quote here:

"I have completed my examination of the worms from your property. Unfortunately, there were no jumping worms in the collection. Sometimes lumbricids can thrash about somewhat. All the species collected were Lumbricidae."

He has since published his findings in GSC Advanced Research and Reviews:

<https://doi.org/10.30574/gscarr.2024.20.2.0293>

He found three species on my property not previously found in Wellington County.

I was obviously overjoyed that my property value would not be decreased by the presence of jumping worms and that I could continue to donate to plant sales as I have done for many years.

In conclusion, I recommend that we should not panic when we see worms jumping until such time as they are examined by a professional such as Dr. Reynolds. Garden Centres, Gardening Specialists and other 'experts' in Horticulture ought not to be alarming the public unnecessarily.

***"When gardening, I have one gift you won't find in any manuals –
I know it's strange, but I can change perennials to annuals."***

– Dick Emmons (poem)

Gardening is cheaper than therapy – and you get tomatoes.

– unknown

There are always flowers for those who want to see them.

– Henri Matisse

Bath Gardening Club

What's Happening in Bath

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Welcome to our Fall Newsletter! We have enjoyed an amazing summer, watching our gardens thrive and enjoying the beginning of the harvest. Fall is upon us! Soon we will be dismantling our gardens, preparing for cooler days, all the while enjoying the magnificence of autumn colours.

We welcome one and all, new members and those renewing their memberships, to join us for the 2024-25 season. We are a group of dedicated volunteers, interested in learning, working as a team, meeting new people and having fun!

Membership Update from Diane Nolting, Membership Secretary

One of the pluses of joining the Bath Gardening Club is the opportunity to share your gardening successes, and not so great experiences, with others. September marks the beginning of our 2024-2025 membership year and the chance to share our summer stories at the first meeting in September. Our annual membership rates are \$15.00 for an individual and \$20.00 for a family residing in one household. Dues can be paid by Interac e-Transfer, (please indicate that the transfer is for membership dues in the message box) by cheque or cash.

New members are welcome to join any time during the year but the membership still needs to be renewed in September. A membership is completed only when both the Membership Form and payment are received. The easiest way to join or renew is to click on this link <https://bathgardeningclub.ca/join-now/> and follow the instructions. If you run into a problem. Please contact me at pdnolting@gmail.com.

Great Volunteer Opportunities: The Gardening Club is in need of you! There are five volunteer positions open and in need of being filled as soon as possible:

**Vice President, Co-Treasurer, Recording Secretary,
Hospitality Lead and Market Manager**

For more information on any of the positions, please contact Sylvia Whalen at president@bathgardeningclub.ca.

Market Update from Linda Cohen, our Market Lead

It has been an exciting and fun season at the Market with plenty of new vendors bringing us everything from microgreens and sourdough breads to hand-crafted bee products. New musicians have entertained us as well as our old favourites on a bi-monthly basis, as much as possible, with more to come before the season closes. The Market wouldn't be the same without them.

Erin McClure, a vendor herself and our market manager this past season, has brought fresh and fun ideas for kids to partake in, i.e. Scavenger Hunt. But sadly, she has decided to step down. We will miss her energy and

enthusiasm. This means we will be searching for a new Market Manager for the 2025 season.



Bath Market

Photo by Don Taylor

This year brought a new project for us, collaborating with Loyalist Township to bring Culture Days to the park and market. "Ontario Culture Days" is an annual Festival to celebrate the arts, culture and heritage in our communities. The Township is presenting a wide range of events from 10 am to 3 pm on Sunday the 22nd of September. There will be Dreamcatcher workshops, musical performances and Live Theatre presentations and more throughout the day.

So, bring a chair and enjoy some good food from our vendors and good music too. Check out Sunday Market in Bath, our Facebook page for updates on upcoming events. See you at the market!

News from District 3:

For news from all Clubs across the province, back issues of the Trillium, the OHA 50/50 draw, gardening handbooks and resources galore, check out the following link: <https://gardenontario.org/news/>

Great Local Gardens Visited, Great Ideas Taken Home

July's meeting was a special outing this year, a walk through four amazing gardens in our community and lunch with a swim at Sylvia and Mike Whelan's home. This was a perfect day.

Kim Bonner and her husband have lived in our community for 2 years. In addition to creating a beautiful backyard patio, Kim has dug, tilled and planted her property. Currently she has over 30 different species of plants, shrubs and trees that she is coaxing along into maturity. She definitely envisions the day when her backyard will be lush, providing a safe and magical area for birds, insects and people. Kim, thank you for your plant inventory. This information is helpful to all of us as we select plants that will be compatible with existing growing conditions here in Bath.



Photo by Pat Chown



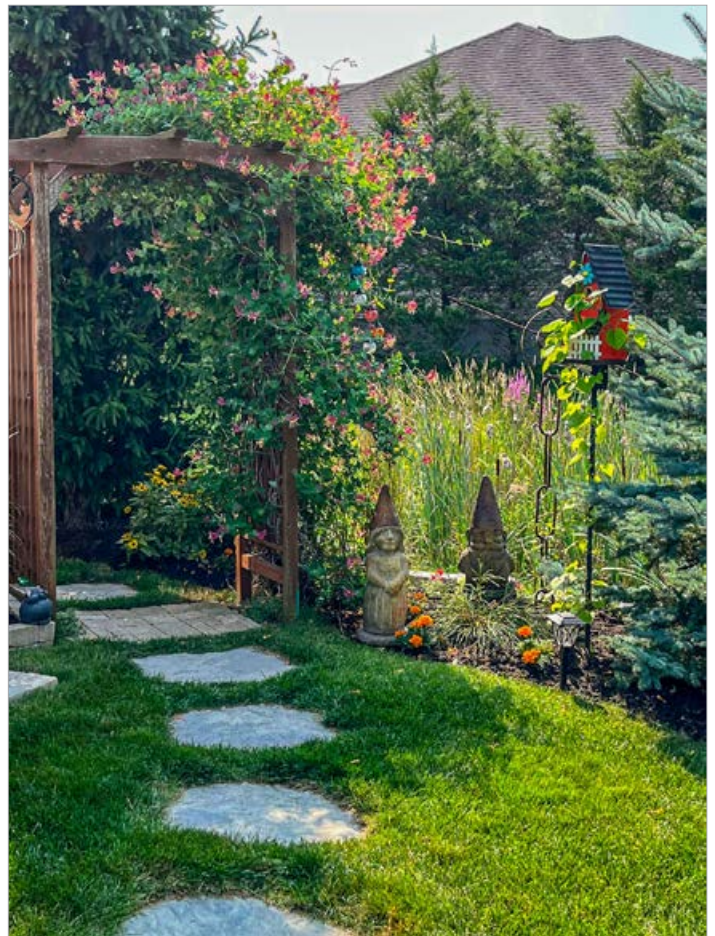
*Above: **The Gardens of Kim Bonner***

Photo by Jeri Love

John Whitaker and Bernie Leroux moved to Bath just over three years ago from Ottawa. This is their fourth growing season. It didn't take them long to learn about local growing conditions and to embellish their property with species that attract both birds and pollinators. A favourite past-time for John and Bernie is to watch the birds: Blue Jays, Cardinals, Mourning Doves, Blackbirds

and Hummingbirds. They have two bird feeders, a bird bath and a dish of water under the bird bath designated for baby Mallards. The Mallards have also found seed sprinkled on the ground by both John and Bernie and sunflower and raw peanut droppings left from other birds. Baby Mallards have become very comfortable in this habitat. They often come for seed and water when John and Bernie are working outside. And, of course, squirrels and chipmunks are cozy on their property as well!

John and Bernie have created many gardens on their property that meander from one area to another by way of stepping stones. In addition to introducing a variety of plant species, they also have many garden-art pieces and a magnificent arbour that is a home for their Honeysuckle Vine. Early in the growing season, the Honeysuckle Vine becomes infested with aphids.



*Above: **The Gardens of John Whitaker and Bernie Leroux***

Photo by Sue Nilsson

Bernie sprays the vine daily with soap and water until the aphids are gone. This procedure is labour intensive but, if not for his work, the vine would not survive and flourish.

Fifteen hosta plants are also thriving along the shady side of their home. The hostas are framed on either end of the garden by Ligularia plants. Bernie and John took

pictures of their property when they first moved and have kept a running log of pictures as new work and new planting has taken place.



Above: **The Gardens of John Whitaker and Bernie Leroux**
Photo by Jeri Love

Carolyn Shea and Ron Robertson have lived in our community for 27 years arriving from Toronto in 1997. Prior to coming to Bath, Carolyn and Ron lived in a 1917 home in mid-Toronto about a two-minute walk from Yonge Street and a few minutes walk from the old Maple Leaf Gardens, a one-minute walk south of Allen Gardens, a "true jewel" that they visited often. Their four-storey home was totally gutted before moving in and what resulted was an open concept home with open ceilings, balconies and sun roofs throughout. The third floor had two sun roofs from which the night sky could be seen from the lower levels. The garden area in Toronto was small but every available inch became home to a variety of plants. Ron

shared wonderful memories of their 127-year-old Dutch Elm tree and a particular tall lily that had an enormous bloom and whose fragrance could be detected while walking down the street in front of their house.

Now in Bath, Ron and Carolyn have created extensive, mature gardens and beautiful grounds that give them great joy. They both spend summers outside tending to their plants, watching the birds and pollinators come and go. They created a beautiful patio which houses a unique, one of a kind wrought iron structure that was made specifically for them by John MacDonald of Kingston. Ron and Carolyn asked John to prepare this piece of ironwork and he gave them drawings of his proposals. The beautiful structure in the backyard was constructed from the drawings that John MacDonald created. John also prepared the arbour for a climbing rose and clematis plants at the entrance to the backyard. John MacDonald was well known for his exceptional work. He took various pieces of his ironworks to the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) for display and purchase.



Robertson Garden *Photo by Pat Chown*

At the end of our visit, Carolyn and Ron generously donated 4 sedum plants to whoever could use them. The South Bridge area is now the home of three of the sedum plants. The South Bridge area is a place where Club gardeners plant "donations" that can be transplanted when needed to one of the other gardens in the village.

Sue and Brian Nilsson moved to Bath in 2017. Just prior to their move, they had bought a puppy in Napanee. On the way home to Orillia, they happened by Bath. That was it! They purchased their home within days, put their Orillia home up for sale and moved. All within one month! Their Bath home had been rented for three years and the gardens were overgrown with many weeds, bushes and shrubs. In the clean-up, they even found a set of stairs that they did not know were in place.

Retirement provided them the opportunity to fix, redo, modify and add. Sue describes their garden as a work in progress. Happily, there is always an opportunity for both



Robertson Garden *Photo by Pat Chown*

Our Pollinator Garden has never looked better!



Sue and Brian Nilsson's Garden Photo by Pat Chown



Photo by Don Taylor

Brian's and Sue's creativity to shine. Sue's gardens are plentiful and include a variety of plant species. She has created an Oval garden, Fairy Gardens, Mom's Garden, Bird Seed Alley, a Patio Garden, Red Bud Garden, Pollinator Garden, Rose of Sharon Garden, Sunroom Garden, Bicycle Garden and Ladder Garden. Within many of the gardens, are spectacular wooden planters, birdhouses and elf homes made by Brian and their son. During the visit, we were graciously provided with an inventory of plants and delicious cucumber water served by the Nilsson grand kids.

The Gardening Club thanks Kim, John and Bernie, Carolyn and Ron, Sue, Brian and their grandkids for sharing their gardens and knowledge with us. We also thank Sylvia and Mike Whelan for their hospitality. Sylvia took us on tour of her massive vegetable gardens and many of us renewed our friendship with her chickens before jumping into their pool. Thank you, Mike for making a delicious BBQ lunch. This was an end to a wonderful day.

Thank you to Kim Bonner and Carol Cartier, our Pollinator Garden and Bugtel Coordinators. The entire Pollinator Garden has been refurbished this year and in addition to the tireless work of our coordinators, we give a huge thanks to our volunteers for all of their efforts: Kim Bonner, Marjorie Brunsdon, Marc and Joanne Pierce, Wendy O'Neill, Sandra Lowman, Janice Firth, Laurie Pickles-Minorgan, Avery Harvey, Margaret Wheatley, Carol Cartier, Marnie Brough, Rosemary Bradley. And, kudos to Dave and Adam Bryant who kept the water flowing in the pollinator garden area.

A bit of fun! Mary Willing has reported a new plant in her front garden. Looks like corn? Walks like corn? Tastes like corn? (Not yet!)



Whelan Garden Photo by Pat Chown



Photo by Mary Willing

For more information on the Gardening Club, visit:
Our Facebook Group: Bath Gardening Club and Horticultural Society
Our Website: bathgardeningclub.ca
Come and help us create a more beautiful Bath.

We hope that you will join us!



Brantford Garden Club

Submitted and written by Pat Veale, Publicity Director

Photos by Robin Brennan, Vice President

As Maxine promised in our last article written in the summer edition, you are seeing more of us in the Trillium. Membership continues to grow and summer of 2024 was a very busy one. Once our very huge and successful plant sale was over, plans moved forward to fill the tour bus with some 48 members for our annual bus trip. On June 18th, a very hot day, we made our way to Guelph. We toured 4 terrific gardens and splurged at the local nursery. Many thanks to Robin Brennan and Maxine Byerlay for doing all of the trip planning, complete with bus-time bingo. Also many thanks to the garden owners who made us all feel very welcome.



After many years, our Board members brought back local "open gardens". A call went out to the membership canvassing for them to display their creativity and hard work. Sherry Mercer and Anne Marie Brown put together a list of approximately 25 gardens that would be available for two weekends; the first in June and the second in August. These time slots enabled members with early summer and later summer blooms to participate accordingly. Since our Club had great involvement, we've added this event to the 2025 calendar.





Our next Club event saw us hosting our 169th flower and garden show. With the assistance of our OHA judges Elizabeth and Mary, they critiqued 512 entries and awarded ribbons and comments for over 2½ hours. Our fearless leader, President Carol Sterkenburg, spent many hours dotting “i’s” and crossing “t’s” to make it the great event that it was. 3 cheers to all of the rest of the committee who worked right along with Carol. We opened our doors at 2 pm to the public and greeted 104 visitors to view the entries presented by 33 participants and 5 youth. Plans are well underway for our 2025 show.



We would also like to thank Anne Marie Brown and Robin Brennan for representing us all at the 2024 OHA Convention held in Guelph during a weekend in July. They enjoyed the speakers and getting to meet other Ontario-wide gardeners.



Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society

Submitted by Laurene Via

Photo credits: Patricia Comeau, Dolores Koslowski, Janet Lala

Lions and Turtles and Care(takers), OH MY!

In 2019, then president of the Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society, Janet Lala, introduced an initiative to create a native plant garden to complement our other community gardens. Several members from the executive and other native plant enthusiasts from the general membership gathered in support. The resulting committee used the next few years to identify a theme and decide upon a suitable location.

Eventually a unanimous decision settled upon a general theme of remembrance and reflection. The next step was fine-tuning that concept into a tangible and living floral memorial. Ultimately, a garden was designed that combined the healing aspects of native plants with a subtle acknowledgement to the First Nations People who protected the land and its native plants over time – a meditative garden – a place to contemplate, admire, relax and even learn. The garden was designed in the shape of a turtle to emphasize the connection to the native peoples' story of Turtle Island, the land upon which this garden would grow. In fact, representatives of the indigenous community expressed approval when they heard about our plans to create a native plant healing garden featuring the concept of Turtle Island.

Next, a location that would support the growth of native plants (quite different from our conventional gardens) needed to be found. We are very appreciative of the Port Dover Lions Club that offered a few sites at its

Silver Lake Park, but the one selected was special because it offered enough space to grow and expand, bordered by four native trees and, what we recently discovered, is a native painted turtle (*Chrysemys Picta*) nesting site. We believe we've come full circle!

The development of our Turtle Island Native Plant Healing Garden is an anticipated four-year work in progress. In Year 1 (2022-23), a core team of volunteers from our membership spray-painted the outline of the turtle and launched our garden by tilling over the existing lawn. At the same time, soil specialist students from nearby McMaster University tested the soil on site and pronounced it ideal as it was lying fallow and void of chemical enhancement. Having prepared the site, donations of native plants from our membership were planted in an extra load of soil donated from our local community. Of course, there's always something unexpected to be learned. Our lesson came from a donation of horse manure. While horse manure is plentiful and natural, it does come with a multitude of seeds – most not from native plants – some from invasive plants. This resulted in a summer of intensive weeding. Plus, we realized that being native, these plants do not need much help from us in the way of fertilization. Once they are established, with some extra initial watering to give them a kick-start, their natural surroundings provide everything they need to survive as confirmed by the soil analysis.



The garden was designed in the shape of a turtle to emphasize the connection to the native peoples' story of Turtle Island and the outline was spray-painted by volunteers.





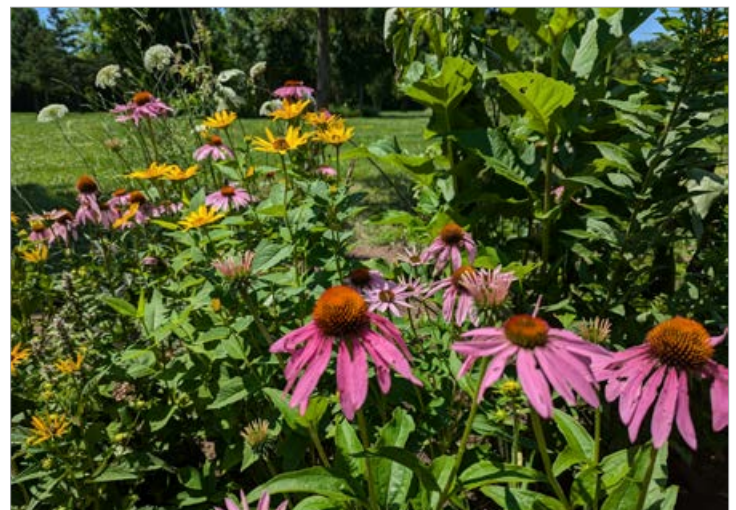
Year 2 started with a round of smothering cardboard/used lawn bags to create the middle layer of the turtle shell. Tilling, we discovered, is unnecessary and even harmful. On the other hand, smothering with clean cardboard is a more effective and less labour-intensive way to remove unwanted plants. This time, in addition to planting member-donated native plants, we purchased a variety of noted healing plants, native to our Carolinian Forests, from nearby dedicated native plant nurseries. We are very thankful to the indigenous community for their mentorship assisting us in selecting the right plants for our very sunny site. At the same time, we started rearranging the plants so that the very tall ones will be in the centre of the turtle with height decreasing as we complete the shell and ending eventually with native ground cover. To keep the non-native plants from invading our garden, we use leaf mold, which is in Port Dover, readily and freely available, as well as donated natural wood mulch. We look forward to adding a diverse selection of lesser-known native healing plants as we grow our garden over the coming seasons.



We are now entering Year 3 in which the final rim of the turtle's shell will be added and then, in Year 4, completion of the appendages and head. So many members have been involved in the creation and execution of this beautiful garden and we are truly appreciative. We've noticed visitors passing by and stopping to admire our year-round colourful garden of interest as we do not "tidy" it up for the winter and rather leave the dried stalks and leaf litter as a safe place for our native insects to "hibernate." Some visitors chat with us and express amazement at the number of butterflies our garden attracts. We hope this inspires them to try creating a native garden of their own. Finally, with the evidence of turtles using our garden as their nursery, we've concluded that "if you build it, they will come!"



For more information in creating your own native plant healing garden, contact Janet Lala, past president Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society and Assistant Director District 6, lalaandgal@gmail.com.





OHA Tea Fundraiser

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer

We are thrilled to announce a new fundraiser for the OHA!

Sit back, relax and sip some delicious tea this winter while browsing through those seed catalogues and dreaming about your gardens.

The OHA has teamed up with Sipology – an amazing tea company located right here in Ontario. Experience a range of vibrant and flavourful loose leaf tea blends, leaving behind the limitations of conventional tea bags for an exciting new tea journey. The products are Organic Certified with no added sugar unless stated on the ingredient list, no artificial flavours or colours and no MSG.

A few of the benefits of drinking tea are antioxidants in black teas; the tannins in tea are an aid to digestion; zinc and other minerals in the rooibos teas to help prevent acne and promotes good sleep quality. Plus, a cup of natural organic tea counts towards your daily water requirements.

A very delicious hot chocolate mix is also available and a few tea accessories.



1 Cup of Steeped
Tea Spoon –
Stainless steel
\$15.00



Berry Mania,
Fruit Tea
\$15.00



Bubbly Cherry
Bomb,
Bubbly Tea
\$15.00



Cinnamon Bun,
Rooibos Tea
\$15.00



Earl Grey de la
Crème,
Black Tea
\$15.00



Naturally Sweet
Peach,
Black Tea
\$15.00



Perfect Cup
Infuser
\$15.00



Raspberry Cream
Soda, Fruit Tea
\$15.00



Real Deal
Hot Chocolate
\$15.00



Steeping Sacks
(100)
\$15.00



Stroons
\$15.00



Unicorn Kisses,
Magical Fruit Tea
\$15.00

Check out the offerings on our dedicated website – each item has a full description:
<https://fundraise-ca.sipology.com/collections/ontario-horticultural-association-fall-2024>
Shipping is only \$3 per order, so get together with friends and put your order in soon.

Fundraiser runs from October 7 to November 30, 2024 – just in time to get those Christmas gifts!



OHA Arts Competition Results

Submitted by Vicky Culbert, OHA Vice President

Class 1 Blooming Along the Waters – Painting

First –	Deena Errampalli –	Grimsby Horticulture Society –	District 9
Second –	Rosemary Brown –	Flamborough Horticultural Society –	District 6
Third –	Debi Foster –	Oshawa Horticulture Society –	District 17

Class 2 Heartland Full of Flowers – Fabric Art

First –	Joan MacKinnon –	Gananoque Horticulture Society –	District 3
First –	Martha Novoselac –	Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society –	District 6

Class 3 No Entries

Class 4 No Entries

Class 5 Bridge Over Water – Pencil or Charcoal

First –	Deena Errampalli –	Grimsby Horticulture Society –	District 9
Second –	Debbie Williams –	Guelph Horticulture Society –	District 7

Best In Show – Joan MacKinnon – Gananoque Horticultural Society – District 3

Judge's Choice – Martha Novoselac – Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society – District 6

OHA Flower Show Competition Results

*Submitted By Jane McDonald and Sharon Nivins, Show Chairs and Ursula Eley, OHA Board Liaison
Photos by Ursula Eley*

SECTION A – ANNUALS and BIENNIALS

Class

1. Cleome, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – no entries
2. Cosmos, 1 cultivar 3 stems – no entries
3. Marigold, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms with own foliage – 2 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
4. Petunia, single, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 1 entry
1st – Heather Robinson, Guelph
5. Petunia, semi-double/double, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – no entries
6. Salvia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 2 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
2nd – Janet Scott, Woodstock
7. Snapdragon, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – no entries
8. Zinnia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – no entries
9. Any other annual or biennial not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 blooms, stems, spikes or sprays – 5 entries
1st – Janet Scott, Woodstock
2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
3rd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District

SECTION B – PERENNIALS, BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES and TUBERS

Class

10. Astilbe, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 2 entries
1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
2nd – Jean Gordon, Guelph Township
11. Begonia, tuberous, male bloom, one leaf unattached, displayed in low glass dish provided by exhibitor – 2 entries
1st – Louise Milton, Guelph
2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
12. Dahlia, under 10 cm (4”), 1 cultivar, 3 stems – no entries
13. Dahlia, 10 cm (4”) and over, 1 stem, disbudded – no entries
14. Echinacea, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 4 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
15. Gaillardia, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 1 entry
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
16. Heuchera/Heucherella, 1 cultivar, 3 leaves – 7 entries
1st – Louise Milton, Guelph
2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
3rd – Janet Scott, Woodstock
HM – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
17. Hosta, 193 sq. cm. to less than 413 sq. cm. (30 sq. in. to less than 64 sq. in.), 1 cultivar, 3 leaves – 5 entries
1st – Janet Scott, Woodstock
2nd – Janet Scott, Woodstock
3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
18. Hosta, 39 sq. cm. to less than 193 sq. cm. (6 sq. in. to less than 30 sq. in.), 1 cultivar, 3 leaves – 6 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
2nd – Gloria Broks, North York
3rd – Gloria Broks, North York
19. Lilium, 1 stem (no more than 1/3 of stem to ensure future growth of the plant) – 2 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
2nd – Heather Robinson, Guelph
20. Monarda, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 3 entries
1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
2nd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
3rd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
21. Phlox, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 5 entries
1st – Heather Robinson, Guelph
2nd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
3rd – Jean Gordon, Guelph Township
22. Rudbeckia, 1 spray – 3 entries
1st – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
2nd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
- 23 A. Sedum, low growing, foliage, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 5 entries
1st – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
2nd – Debi Foster, Oshawa Garden Club
3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
- 23 B. Sedum, low growing, foliage, 1 cultivar, 3 stems – 4 entries
1st – Janet Scott, Woodstock
2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
24. Sedum, upright, 1 stem – 6 entries
1st – Janet Scott, Woodstock
2nd – Jean Gordon, Guelph Township
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
- 25 A. Any other perennial, bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 stems, spikes, or sprays – 5 entries
1st – Janet Scott, Woodstock
2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
3rd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
- 25 B. Any other perennial, bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 stems, spikes, or sprays – 5 entries
1st – Cathy Ralston, Guelph
2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
3rd – Judy Li, Guelph
HM - Cathy Ralston, Guelph
- 25 C. Any other perennial, bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed above, 1 cultivar, 3 stems, spikes, or sprays – 5 entries
1st – Heather Robinson, Guelph
2nd – Janet Scott, Woodstock
3rd – Louise Milton, Guelph
HM – Catherine McGill, Haldimand

SECTION C – ROSES

Class

26. Hybrid Tea, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) – no entries
27. English Rose (David Austin, Beales, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray – no entries
28. Hardy Canadian Rose (Explorer, Artist, 49th Parallel, Morden, Parkland, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray – 3 entries
1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington
2nd – Heather Robinson, Guelph
3rd – Jean Gordon, Guelph Township

29. Any other Rose (Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, etc.), 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray – 4 entries
 1st – Gloria Broks, North York
 2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
 3rd – Gloria Broks, North York

30. Miniature/Patio, 1 specimen bloom (disbudded) or 1 spray – 4 entries
 1st – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington
 2nd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
 3rd – Elizabeth Schleicher, Burlington

SECTION D – POTTED PLANTS

Note: Maximum pot size 20 cm (8”) in diameter

Class

31. African Violet, single crown, in bloom – 1 entry
 1st – Heather Robinson, Guelph
32. Cactus, any cultivar, not grafted – 3 entries
 1st – Louise Milton, Guelph
 2nd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
33. Pelargonium, in bloom – 1 entry
 1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus and District
- 34 A. Any other plant grown principally for decorative foliage – 5 entries
 1st – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 2nd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
 3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
- 34 B. Any other plant grown principally for decorative foliage – 5 entries
 1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
 2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
 3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 HM – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
35. Any other plant grown principally for bloom, in bloom – 4 entries
 1st – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 2nd – Louise Milton, Guelph
 3rd – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 HM – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton



*Judge's Choice – Catherine McGill, Haldimand
 Class 32, potted plants, a cactus*

SECTION E – COLLECTIONS

Note: See OJES 2019 (pp. 38-39). A collection is a specified number of stems of different kinds (cultivars): exhibited for cultural perfection, named on a separate card with common names and botanical names, if possible, and for this Show, specimens are to be exhibited in individual containers on a tray or mat (fabric or paper) supplied by the exhibitor. Tray/mat not to exceed 30 cm. x 46 cm. (12" x 18").

Class

36. Roses, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, 1 specimen bloom or 1 spray of each, named – no entries
37. Mixed cut garden flowers excluding branches or vines, minimum of 5 different cultivars/varieties, 2 stems of each, named – 3 entries
 1st – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
38. Cut herbs, minimum of 5 different kinds/cultivars, 1 specimen of each, named – 4 entries
 1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
 2nd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo
 3rd – Jean Gordon, Guelph Township
39. Cut garden foliage excluding branches, minimum of 3 different cultivars/varieties, 1 stem of each, named – 4 entries
 1st – Louise Milton, Guelph
 2nd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton

DESIGN DIVISION

Convenor: Sharon Nivins

Note: Pre-registration per class was required. Only five entries could be accommodated per Class 40-46. Allocated space, unless otherwise stated, was 61 cm (24") wide x 76 cm (30") deep on white tablecloth in a white niche 61 cm (24") wide x 76 cm (30") high.

Class

40. Rivers Flowing: a water-viewing design – 4 entries
1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
2nd – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
3rd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo
41. Gardens Grow: a design – 4 entries
1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
2nd – Lil Taggart, Georgetown
3rd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo
HM – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
42. Summer's Glory: a satellite design – 5 entries
1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
2nd – Lil Taggart, Georgetown
3rd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
HM – Rose Odell, Waterloo
43. Healing Garden: a parallel design – 5 entries
1st – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
2nd – Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley
3rd – Lil Taggart, Georgetown
44. Mellow Yellow: a small design staged in a white, "L" shaped niche, 29 cm (11½") wide x 25.4 cm (10") deep x 30.5 cm (12") high, viewed at eye level, – 5 entries
1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
2nd – Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley
3rd – Lil Taggart, Georgetown
45. New Beginning: a miniature design with fresh plant material staged in a white "L" shaped niche, 14.6 cm (5¾") wide x 15.2 cm (6") high x 12.7 cm (5") deep, viewed at eye level – 4 entries
1st – Jeanne Anne Goldrick, Garden Club of London
2nd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
3rd – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
46. Happy Ending: a miniature design with dried plant material staged in an "L" shaped niche, 14.6 cm (5¾") wide x 15.2 cm (6") high x 12.7 cm (5") deep, viewed at eye level – 5 entries
1st – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown
2nd – Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
HM – Lil Taggart, Georgetown



Best in Show – Horticulture – Louise Milton



Judge's Choice – Design – Gay MacQuarrie

SPECIAL EXHIBITS DIVISION

Convenor: Sharon Nivins

Note: Pre-registration per class was required. Only five entries could be accommodated per class.
The allocated space was 61 cm (24") wide X 76 cm (30") deep, no height restriction, on a white tablecloth.

Class

47. Enchanted: a fairy garden – 4 entries
1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford
2nd – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
48. Rivers Flowing: a bottle garden – 3 entries
1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford
2nd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton
3rd – Myra Takasaki, Waterloo
49. No Rivers Flowing: a dish garden – 3 entries
1st – Bernice Barratt, Stratford
2nd – Heinke Thiessen, Credit Valley
3rd – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton

Awards

Horticulture:

Best in Show – Louise Milton, Guelph, Class 39, a collection of garden foliage
Judge's Choice – Catherine McGill, Haldimand, Class 32, potted plants, a cactus

Design:

Best in Show – Sandra Williamson, Georgetown, Class 41, Gardens Grow, a design, *(pictured on front cover)*
Judge's Choice – Gay MacQuarrie, West Carleton, Class 41, Gardens Grow, a design

Special Exhibits:

Best in Show – Bernice Barratt, Stratford, Class 49,
No Rivers Flowing, a dish garden
Judges' Choice – Michelle Goff, Fergus & District, Class 47,
Enchanted, a fairy garden

Statistics

Number of Exhibitors: 22
Number of Entries: 163
Number of Societies: 15
Number of Districts: 9



Judge's Choice – Special Exhibit – Michelle Goff



Best in Show – Special Exhibit – Bernice Barratt

OHA Publications Competition Results

Submitted by Debi Foster, District 17 Director

Yearbook

Class 1 Yearbook Cover – 14 entries

- 1st Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society
- 2nd Russell and District Horticultural Society
- 3rd Georgetown Horticultural Society
- HM Brockville and District Horticultural Society

Class 2 Yearbook – 21 entries

- 1st Ottawa Horticultural Society
- 2nd Gananoque Horticultural Society
- 3rd Minden and District Horticultural Society
- HM The Newmarket Garden Club

Other Publications

Class 3 Special Event Poster – 17 entries

- 1st Cannington Horticultural Society
- 2nd Chinguacousy Garden Club and Horticultural Society
- 3rd Richmond Hill Garden Club & Hort. Society
- HM Welland Horticultural Society

Class 5 Newsletter – 12 entries

- 1st Chinguacousy Garden Club and Horticultural Society
- 2nd Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society
- 3rd Kingston Horticultural Society
- HM Pelham Garden Club

Class 4 Society Brochure or Pamphlet – 13 entries

- 1st Beaverton Horticultural Society
- 2nd The Newmarket Garden Club
- 3rd Pelham Garden Club
- HM Nobleton and King City Garden Club

Class 6 Bookmark – 14 entries

- 1st Cannington Horticultural Society
- 2nd Beaverton Horticultural Society
- 3rd Brooklin Horticultural Society
- HM Penetanguishene Garden Club



Special Event Poster



Society Brochure or Pamphlet

Show Schedule

Class 7 Show Schedule from the current year – 14 entries

- 1st Richmond Hill Garden Club & Hort. Society
- 2nd Chinguacousy Garden Club and Horticultural Society
- 3rd Gananoque Horticultural Society
- HM Parry Sound and District Horticultural Society

Best In Show – Ottawa Horticultural Society (yearbook)

Judge's Choice – Ottawa Horticultural Society (newsletter)

Total Entries – 105



Bookmark

OHA Youth Competition Results

Submitted by Christine Webb, District 19 Director

At the OHA Convention in Guelph this year, the theme was “The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing”. The Youth Competition showcased this theme with numerous entries from two organizations, Ripley For Our Youth and Wilmot Horticultural Society.

Age groupings for Youth Competition Classes were as follows:

A: 6 – 8 years B: 9 – 11 years C: 12 – 14 years D: 15 – 18 years

The following are results from the competition:

Section A – ARTISTIC CREATIVITY

Class 1 “Blooming Along the Waters”

- 1st Brianna Kropf (Ripley)
- 2nd Gabby Miltenburg (Ripley)
- 3rd Tayson Oasschier (Ripley)
- Honourable Mentions: Kaylee King (Ripley), Charles Passchier (Ripley), Ava Miltenburg (Ripley)

Class 2 “Heartland Full of Crops”

- 1st Chloe Thompson (Wilmot)
- 2nd Hailey Thompson (Wilmot)
- 3rd Tyler Thompson (Wilmot)
- Honourable Mentions: Samuel Kuepfer (Wilmot), Katelynn Cressman (Wilmot), Laura Kuepfer (Wilmot)

Best In Show Rosette went to Brianna Kropf (Ripley)

Section B – NATURE DRAWING

Class 3 “River’s Edge”

- 1st Chloe Thompson (Wilmot)
- 2nd Laura Kuepfer (Wilmot)
- 3rd Samuel Kuepfer (Wilmot)
- Honourable Mention: Matthew Kuepfer (Wilmot)



Best in Show – “Blooming Along the Waters”

Section C - PHOTOGRAPHY

Class 4 "Bridge Over Water"

- 1st Hailey Thompson (Wilmot)
 - 2nd Chloe Thompson (Wilmot)
 - 3rd Katelynn Cressman (Wilmot)
- Honourable Mention: Matthew Kuepfer (Wilmot)

Class 5 "I Grew That!"

- 1st Katelynn Cressman (Wilmot)
 - 2nd Tyler Thompson (Wilmot)
 - 3rd Chloe Thompson (Wilmot)
- Honourable Mention: Hailey Thompson (Wilmot)

William D. Clingersmith Youth Photography Award

recipient was Katelynn Cressman (Wilmot), who was recognized with a Best In Show Rosette, and prize money for Class 4 & 5. (in memory of William Clingersmith, father of OHA Secretary Kelly Clingersmith-Taylor)



Bridge Over Water



I Grew That!

Section D – FINE ARTS

Class 6 "Nature Is Amazing" Harry Wyma Fine Arts Award

- 1st Katelynn Cressman (Wilmot)
 - 2nd Chloe Thompson (Wilmot)
 - 3rd Eliza Baer (Wilmot)
- Honourable Mentions: Hailey Thompson (Wilmot), Ezekiel Baer (Wilmot)
(Donated by Harry Wyma, Ridgeway, District 11 Director 1983-1988, OHA President 1990)

Class 7 "Ruby Lobban High Points Awards"

- 1st Ripley For Our Youth Club
- (in memory of Ruby Lobban, a member of Owen Sound Horticultural Society and District 9 Director, 1970-83)

Class 8 Maisie Bray Awards - Golden Rod

– no entries (in memory of Maisie Bray, Lion's Head, District 8 Director 1978-83)



Heartland Full of Crops

Section E - CLUB AWARDS - CLUB SCRAPBOOK

Class 9 Ruby Bryan Award

(one entry per club)

- 1st Ripley For Our Youth Club

Congratulations to all participants at this year's Youth Competition! We realize that many societies throughout Ontario have programs for their youth and we continue to encourage participation at the convention level.

OHA Youth Competitions Committee:

Karen Redmond – Youth Competitions Chair
Lianne Krane – Youth Competitions Committee
Christine Webb – Youth Competitions Committee



Best in Show – Scrapbook



River's Edge

Garden Wilmot Youth Win Prizes at OHA Convention

Submitted by Janice Wagler

Photo by Janice Wagler

"The Heartland of Gardens Growing and Rivers Flowing" was the theme of the 116th OHA Convention held in Guelph from July 12-14, 2024.

Ten youth from Garden Wilmot/Wilmot Horticultural Society placed winning entries in the OHA Youth Competition.

Katelynn Cressman received first prize and Best in Show Rosette for her photo of "I Grew That".

Katelynn Cressman placed first in the Fine Arts Section "Nature is Amazing", Chloe Thompson second place and Eliza Baer third place with honourable mention going to Hailey Thompson and Ezekiel Baer.



Pictured from left to right are Garden Wilmot youth proudly displaying some of their prize winning entries: Tyler Thompson, Chloe Thompson, Hailey Thompson and Katelynn Cressman. Photo was taken in front of the OHA Pollinator Haven by the Gazebo in New Hamburg.

OHA Photo Competition Results

Brad King, Photography Competition Chair



Best In Show – Marie Decker
Class 3 – Shapes In Nature



Judges' Choice – Sandra Yemm
Class 3 – Shapes In Nature

For more fabulous photos from the OHA Photography Competitions:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Photo-Competitions-2024.pdf>

OHA Creative Writing Competition Results

Submitted by Sandra Mazur, Chair of Creative Writing



Tracy Bosley with her Best in Show Award

CLASS ONE – SONG

1 st Place Winner:	Tracy Bosley	Parry Sound H.S.	District 18
2 nd Place Winner:	Bill Thiffault	Kapuskasing H.S.	District 12
3 rd Place Winner:	Debi Foster	Oshawa G.C.	District 17
Honourable Mention:	Laura Masterson	Pelham G.C.	District 9

CLASS TWO – FREE VERSE POEM

1 st Place Winner:	Debi Foster	Parry Sound H.S.	District 18
2 nd Place Winner:	Tracy Bosley	Parry Sound H.S.	District 18
3 rd Place Winner:	Deena Errampali	Grimby G.C.	District 9
Honourable Mention:	Jean Barna	Kingston G.C.	District 3

CLASS THREE – NARRATIVE

1 st Place Winner:	Barbara Fleming	Hanover & Dist. H.S.	District 8
2 nd Place Winner:	Debi Foster	Oshawa G.C.	District 17
3 rd Place Winner:	Sylvia Grant	Guelph H.S.	District 7
Honourable Mention:	Tracy Bosley	Parry Sound H.S.	District 18

From all entries submitted:

Best In Show:	Tracy Bosley	Parry Sound H.S.	District 18
Judge's Choice:	Jean Barna	Kingston G.C.	District 3

Submissions Overall:

4 entries in Song
 11 entries in Poem
 11 entries in Narrative
 Totalling 26 entries
 10 Societies had entries submitted

1st Place entry in Class One Song, also Best in Show Winning Entry

Written by Tracy Bosley, Parry Sound H.S. District 18

“The Heartland”

Sung to the tune: “Jack and Diane” by John Mellencamp

We grew up, living on the land.
 Golden fields, and rocky shores, all close at hand.
 If you want to fish, you don't have to go far.
 So much for everyone, you can get there by car.
 Lots of pretty sights, like the Elora Gorge,
 Farmlands to Lighthouses,
 And the beaches are large.
 Stay right here.
 Farmers' Markets, industry, there's lots you could do.
 Get a job and put down roots,
 You'll learn you like it, too.
 Say, hey you!
 Life is good. Come on over and check out our 'Hood.

Say, hey you!
 Life is good. Come on over, and check out our 'Hood.
 In the Heartland.
 Try the trails, walk the Bruce, see where you've been.
 You can camp or kayak and see what we mean.
 Check the wildlife, birds, we have that in plenty.
 Our land is clean, skies are clear, consequently.
 Rays of sun!
 Say, hey you!
 Life is good. Come on over and check out our 'Hood.
 Say, hey you!
 Life is good. Come on over and check out our 'Hood.
 In the Heartland.

Submitted with permission by: Sandra Mazur, Chair of Creative Writing

Thanks to all of you who submitted entries. Your support for Creative Writing is appreciated.
 Just a reminder that there will be no convention next year and no Creative Writing contest either.
 Watch for the schedule for the following year's entries on the website.

Tilbury and District Horticultural Society

Submitted and Written by Amelia Dupuis

Photos by Joy Pearson Davis



Horticultural members weeded and spruced up gardens at the Northside Park to welcome guests from Sydenham Field Naturalists.



The Tilbury and District Horticultural Society is thrilled to have the local high school, Tilbury and District High School, as a great community partnership. The metal shop students, under the guidance of teacher Mr Bolohan, designed and constructed eight metal butterflies which were installed on stones in our many gardens in Northside Park.

Vegetable Garden Journal

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Experienced gardening enthusiasts from all around Ontario got together to plan and create this OHA Garden Journal just for you!

Are you new to gardening? Are you experienced? Do you have bugs, critters, questions? How do you know what seeds to plant? How do you serve or preserve the bounty of your garden?

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Planting a Tiny Forest the Miyawaki Way

By Cynthia B. Lauer

Turning away from conventional wisdom, this innovative approach to afforestation calls for density and biodiversity on a small scale.

Imagine standing on a dirt path inside a woodland full of trees and shrubs. At eye level are dozens of shrubs: viburnums, dogwoods, spicebush and red elderberry. A little higher up, you identify small understory trees: serviceberry, redbud, blue beech and alder. Growing above them, you recognize ironwood, buckeye and hackberry. Higher still, the canopy foliage is a mix of tulip tree, sycamore, black cherry, white oak and shagbark hickory. You're pleased to see that all of the species are native to Ontario. They haven't achieved the height and spread of mature trees you've seen elsewhere but they look healthy. In fact, the whole woodland thrums with insects and birds. When you reach the end of the path, you're shocked to read the sign: the woodland is just seven years old and was started with 500 small saplings. Now imagine this lush greenery occupying just 2000 square feet, about the size of a single tennis court. While the woodland itself is so dense that it's impossible to enter, you made use of the curved narrow footpath that extends from one end of the woodland to the other. No human footstep has ever compacted the thickly-mulched soil. Hard to imagine? Not if you have a mini-forest designed with the Miyawaki method.

What is the Miyawaki Method?

Akira Miyawaki (1928–2021) was a Japanese botanist and plant ecologist who specialized in seeding natural forests. Honouring the cultural tradition of leaving the natural forests around temples and cemeteries undisturbed, Miyawaki's renowned work involved the restoration of native forests for environmental preservation, water conservation and protection against natural hazards. Since his earliest project in 1970 planting a forest for the Nippon Steel Corporation in Oita, Miyawaki and his partners have successfully covered hundreds of sites with multilayered forests composed entirely of native species. Today, over 1,400 miniature forests are in Japan and over 1,700 can be found around the world. In 2006, Miyawaki won the Blue Planet Prize, the environmental equivalent of a Nobel award.

Miyawaki forests are small scale and very densely-planted urban forests. A minimum of 30-50 species of trees and shrubs and herbaceous perennials are selected as very young seedlings and planted at a density of 2-5 per square meter. Occupying a small space, these tree communities are forced to share resources and to grow upward. Consisting of dozens of late succession species planted randomly into richly prepared soils, these forests consist of locally native species divided into four structural layers – canopy trees, sub-canopy trees, arborescent trees (small understory trees) and shrubs.

Benefits of the Miyawaki Method

With climate change, rising temperatures and the loss of biodiversity, afforestation is critical to the continuation of life on the planet. By removing vast amounts of carbon from the air and storing it in leaves, branches, trunks, roots and soil, trees perform carbon sequestering, an extremely effective strategy against the rise of greenhouse gas emissions. Due to their rapid rate of growth, Miyawaki

When properly applied, the method quickly produces a multi-layered forest in soil whose microbial composition quickly approaches that of a typical primary forest.

The Miyawaki method replicates the regeneration process that occurs in a natural forest after a tree falls and opens a clearing in the canopy. In a Miyawaki forest, faster-growing pioneer species that often require more light will take the lead, while the slower successional species tolerant of a little more shade will follow. Some thinning inevitably occurs and tree height is less impressive than more generously spaced trees can achieve. However, these drawbacks are offset by a faster growth rate. In as little as 20-30 years, a Miyawaki forest looks like it has been growing for 150 years. The canopy shades out weeds and introduced invasives and the increased leaf litter builds up fertility in the soil. If one species of tree succumbs to disease, others are sufficient in number to replace it.

Due to their small size, Miyawaki forests are installed quickly. While the research and preparation stages can take significant time and resources, the actual planting is often completed in one day by a team of volunteers. Optimal locations are dense urban spaces, monoculture lawns or disturbed lands that attract the attention of restoration specialists. Miyawaki forests may also function as arboretums, healing forests and food forests.

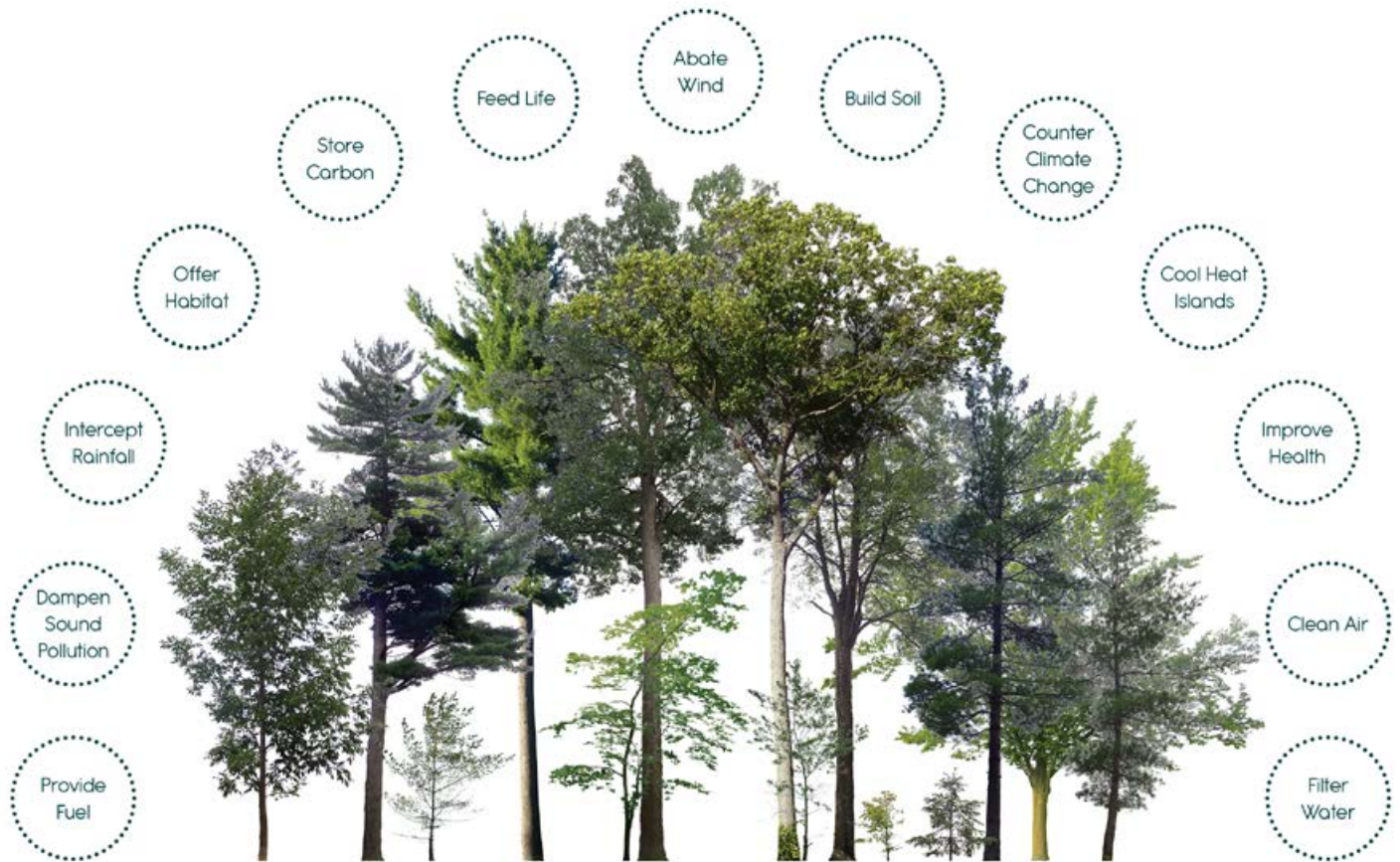
forests are able to absorb 30 times more carbon than those in standard afforestation projects.

Planting small but very dense forests boosts the biodiversity of the area, nurtures pollinators and provides refuge for birds creating wildlife corridors between non-contiguous green areas. They support and restore ecosystems, improve air quality and soil quality, enrich

mycorrhizal networks, improve water absorption to buffer against flooding and erosion, and cool the surrounding area to mitigate the urban heat island effect. Studies in specific locations have shown that Miyawaki tiny forests provide protection against tsunamis and stabilize slopes produced by mines.

In addition to their environmental assets, Miyawaki forests offer less tangible benefits. Emily Amon, Director

of Green Infrastructure for Green Communities Canada, explains that “planting mini forests can have significant social impacts. They can help increase community engagement and pride, provide opportunities for outdoor education and recreation, improve opportunities for spiritual and cultural connections to nature, reduce stress and help build social connections between community members.”



The Multiple Benefits of the Miyawaki Forest

Photo Credit: Dougan & Associates Ecological Consulting and Design

Research on the Miyawaki Method

Miyawaki published dozens of books, reports and articles on his research. His followers continue to expand this body of work documenting their successes with impressive before-and-after photographs. Here is a summary of some key findings.

- It takes 150-200 years for a young native forest to restore itself on bare soil in Japan and 300-500 years or more in Southeast Asia. The Miyawaki method accelerates the process and projects the same rate of growth in 20-30 years.
- The Miyawaki method has succeeded in arid Mediterranean regions where traditional reforestation techniques have failed. In arid and semi-arid environments, cooperative processes such as mutual shading facilitated by the Miyawaki method are of greater benefit than the traditional low plant density.

- A two-year study comparing tree circumference of ten species in Miyawaki and traditional forest plantings showed an increase of 14% to 186% in seven of ten species.
- An Auckland study shows 18 times more biodiversity in two Miyawaki forests compared to a conventional one. Urban Forests found that Miyawaki forests in the Netherlands are richer in biodiversity by a factor of 18 on average. Increased numbers of fungi, bacteria, pollinators, and amphibians were found at two Miyawaki sites.
- The biomass and soil of a Miyawaki forest of 100 m² represents the equivalent of two-thirds of the annual carbon emissions of a European person. In other words, that individual can, in the long term, hope to offset one year of carbon emissions per 100 m² of Miyawaki forest.

Implementing the Miyawaki Method

Miyawaki forests can be planted in sites as small as 3 m². Even at this size, they provide indispensable habitat for countless species. Perfect for urban areas, tiny forests have been installed in school playgrounds, city parks and urban shorelines around the world. When spaces transform from non-productive wastelands of concrete to lush green biomass, human and other residents may enjoy the multiple ecosystem services that miniature forests afford.

The process begins with a detailed survey including municipal underground infrastructure, vegetation within a 2 km radius and the depth of the water table. The next step is a local species list and selection. The soil is thoroughly tested and prepared. If food is to be harvested from edible plants, toxic substances are removed. Amendments and mulches are procured. A working plan emerges involving the production or acquisition of young plants often from seeds from local native species.

A minimum of 30-50 species of trees and shrubs and herbaceous perennials are selected and planted at a

density of 2-5 per square meter or more. A tiny forest measuring 200-300 square meters may be home to around 600 individual plants. Instead of rows, plant distribution is more random, similar to what is found in a clearing or at the edge of the natural forest. The method follows the order of the forest's four layers: (1) tall canopy trees like shagbark hickory, sugar maple, basswood; (2) understory or sub-canopy trees such as hawthorn, ironwood, buckeye; (3) arborescent trees like mountain ash, pawpaw, striped maple, pagoda dogwood; (4) shrubs such as witch hazel, chokeberry, hazelnut, spicebush.

Natural mulch such as leaf or straw compost is added to a depth of 15 cm and maintained until sunlight no longer penetrates the canopy. Weeding is necessary for the first two years. Supplementary watering may be necessary for the first one or two years but should not be done excessively in order to encourage deep root growth. Once stabilized, the forest is left to flourish on its own without further interference.



A Miyawaki Planting Project at Abbey Lane

Photo credit: Network of Nature

Miyawaki Forests in Canada

There is a growing number of Miyawaki forests in Ontario. Little Forests Kingston have started projects in sites belonging to community organizations and health care centres. The Hamilton organization, Green Venture, also supports an active mini-forest program. On October 14, 2022,

I participated in a tree-planting event to establish a tiny forest at the entrance of the Toronto Zoo. Coordinated by Network of Nature, Dougan & Associates with the involvement of Canadian Geographic, volunteers planted 900 native trees and shrubs on a plot measuring about 350 square meters.

Heather Schibli is a landscape architect at Dougan & Associates. Her property in Guelph has 230 woody plants packed into 72 square metres (along with a deck and a shed). The large tree species include white oak, black cherry, and shagbark hickory, while ironwood, pawpaw, Eastern flowering dogwood, witch hazel and bush honeysuckle are some of the smaller trees and shrubs. "It is amazing how quickly other species find and utilize biologically enriched spaces. I have noticed many more insects and birds in my backyard since planting the mini forest," Schibli says. "My hope for this space was to become a haven for reflection and solitude. I had envisioned it taking on these characteristics once the trees were tall enough to shade out the sun but it has already become this space for me, as now I venture

through the trees and explore the various forms of life that are now calling my backyard home."

Green Communities Canada posts a calendar of events for mini-forest planting projects; most are in Ontario. Miyawaki forests now exist in Chatham, London, Guelph, Warton, Dundas, Hamilton, Oakville, Georgetown, Peterborough, Lakefield, Kingston, Cornwall, and Ottawa among other locations. While examples are sparser elsewhere in Canada, Moncton, Montreal, Calgary, and Enderby, Langley, and Richmond in BC all have new Miyawaki forests. Whether they are called Miyawaki forests, mini-forests or tiny forests and, whether they conform to the strict implementation of the Miyawaki method, is not as important as their contribution to the intensive greening of local spaces.



A Miyawaki Forest in Trivandrum, Kerala, India, December 18, 2021

Photo Credit: AjayTvm, Shutterstock Stock Photo ID: 2098971595

The Miyawaki method is an exciting innovation in reforestation. Since 2019, SUGi, an international organization dedicated to the Miyawaki method, has planted 142 "pocket forests" in fifteen countries including Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, France, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Lebanon, Romania, Scotland, South African,

Thailand and the US. Although the Miyawaki method is not well known in Canada, communities both small and large are taking initiatives with it. In response to this enthusiasm, Network of Nature is piloting a study on Miyawaki forests in Canada. With its tested and wide-ranging benefits, the Miyawaki forest is an idea whose time has come.

(This article was first published in *The Gardener* magazine.)

Bio

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Paris Horticultural Society Summer Events

Submitted by Margaret Collins

JULY EXCURSION – CREEK VIEW ACRES 2024

A very well-attended excursion to Cedar View Acres on Johnson Rd. outside of Brantford took place for our Horticultural Society on Wednesday July 3rd. Several cars made their way to arrive at 6:30. Parking was excellent beside a beautiful old barn nicely painted in classic red. There are large old evergreen trees which provided plenty of shade to view several tables of perennials, shrubs and trees for sale. The gardens continued around the back of the house toward a greenhouse and pond.

Each garden had labelled plants so that you could see the specific growth habits of the plants. A wagon ride through the extensive orchards of apples, pears, peaches and cherries was offered to those who wanted to take part.

They have a mature Cucumber tree on the property and Dave Collins took a photo of the tree and the fruit. The photos definitely show why it is called a "Cucumber" Tree.

We are always grateful to Edith Stone who finds these interesting places for us to visit in the summer. Edith along with Nancy Burkholder supplied the snacks and the lemonade.



Photos of Cedar View Acres by David Collins



"Autumn, the year's last loveliest smile."

– William Cullen

AUGUST MYSTERY TOUR 2024



Photo by Margaret Collins

Twenty-seven members met at the fairgrounds and then followed Edith Stone to our mystery destination. We were warned it was not going to be a flower garden. It was a hazel nut farm! The setting was beautiful with a fresh breeze to blow away the remains of the heat from the day. The Sharp family, Bill and (Martha), Stephanie, James and (Adam) (not present) were generous with their time and their information. They explained the challenges of growing hazel nuts. Bill Sharp has been farming on the family farm across the road for 6 generations. Now the children are taking on the new challenge of growing hazelnuts in Ontario.

They began their adventure in 2016. Fields had to be prepared, irrigation installed, with lots of reading and trips to Turkey and Oregon, they started planting in 2018. It takes about 4 years for a tree to produce nuts. The trees require good soil, the right climate, wind, the right amount of fertilizer and two different species in order to self-pollinate. This is where the wind is needed. The mature nuts are ready for harvest September to October. They fall to the ground when ripe and are then vacuumed up and sorted for size. The family work together to sort, roast and flavour the nuts. Last year's harvest was 20,000 lbs. with most of it going to Quebec. Locally, you can find their products at Elberta's and they are continuing to market their product. Marketing is a new adventure and learning curve for this farming family.

At the end of our visit, they offered bags of flavoured nuts at a discount for us. A very interesting visit with lots of questions answered.

Thank you to Dave and Jeff Collings, who supplied the snacks, and to Edith for the drinks and for finding this interesting farm to visit.



Hazelnut

Photo by Pat Moore



Photo by Margaret Collins



New Tool In The War Against Phragmites

OHA Conservation & Environment Committee

Ontario has a new tool in its arsenal against the highly invasive European common reed, *Phragmites australis*. It's from an unexpected source, in the form of two small brown moths.

In 2019, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) approved *Lenisa geminipuncta* and *Archanara neurica* for biological control testing against phragmites in Canada. This was not done lightly, but was backed by 25 years of international research showing promising potential and could help turn the tide against the highly invasive Phragmites.

Thanks to the collaboration of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and others, who have designed and implemented pilot-scale biological control programs to control invasive phragmites in over 30 selected sites across Ontario. The impact of this moth and their larvae are being monitored to ensure they target only the phragmites, that they do not harm native species, and that they can survive in Canada's weather. The good news? They are seeing very promising results, the caterpillars are feasting only on phragmites plants causing them to wilt and die, allowing native plants and wildlife to recover and restore the balance in wetland ecosystems. These test sites could become nursery sites to be able to share the moths and larvae with other areas with of phragmites concern.

Read More:

- [Moths are the new tool to protect Canada's wetlands | Waterloo News | University of Waterloo \(uwaterloo.ca\)](#)
- [Two moth species now in the fight against invasive Phragmites — Ducks Unlimited Canada](#)
- [A quarter century of research into natural enemies to fight invasive phragmites shows early promise - CABl.org](#)
- [Phragmites fact sheet | ontario.ca](#)
- [OIPC_BMP_Phragmites_Feb212024_D13_WEB.pdf \(ontarioinvasiveplants.ca\)](#) (Phragmites BioControl Pg 60)

Many Thanks!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve a second term as your 2nd Vice-President. Many of you approached me over the convention weekend and shared some of your wisdom with me and I appreciate the encouragement and ideas shared. I am grateful for your vote of confidence and will do my best to live up to the challenges ahead of me. I have some excellent mentors in this organization who inspire me to be the best that I can be. Thank you all for your vote and please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sandra Mazur, 2nd Vice-President oha2vp@gmail.com



OHA Scholarship Program

Submitted by Sandra Mazur



Member or Family Member Scholarship Program



Invest in Your Future With Our Program

We are thrilled to announce our Scholarship Program, designed to empower ambitious individuals like you to achieve your academic goals in a horticultural related field. Let's create a better tomorrow through education!

Details of the Scholarship:

- Member, Child, Stepchild, Grandchild or Step-Grandchild ✓
- Up to \$1000 Scholarship Awarded Yearly ✓
- For attendance at Post Secondary Education Institute in Ontario ✓
- Minimum of 2 Year Program ✓

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Check out the application for all the
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Deadline to apply is June 30th

<https://gardenontario.org>



The New OHA Family Scholarship

Submitted by Sandra Mazur, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, OHA 2nd Vice-President

It is with pleasure that we present the NEW OHA Member/ Family Member Scholarship. If you were not at convention, here is all the information you need to know about our scholarship.

As an organization, we are committed to providing educational opportunities for our members and youth. Therefore, we thought that having our own scholarship would be a great opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to education to our members, our youth membership and our members' dependants who may require financial support to further their education.

The involvement of young people is crucial to furthering horticulture in Ontario. Just as we nurture our gardens and protect our natural areas, so too must we encourage the involvement of today's youth in all areas of horticulture.

Shortly, Ontario will be theirs to care for. Our responsibility as an organization is to demonstrate to youth the value of horticulture to the province, the community and the individual. Tending our responsibilities supports health and growth at all levels: the self, the garden and the society.

It has been a long process to get our scholarship ready for presentation to our members and I would like to thank the Board of Directors for all their feedback helping us in finalizing our documents. Many thanks to Charles Freeman, Dennis Miluck, Barb Collinson and the late Debra Bellevue who worked with me on the committee to finalize our rules and regulations.

We also had to look at funding and I am pleased to say that we currently have the next two years funded but we are actively seeking funding for the scholarship fund so that we can continue to fund one scholarship per year until we get to a point where we have enough funds built up to increase the number of scholarships we are able to offer per year. Many thanks to Kelly Taylor for her support, encouragement and assistance in making this become a reality and helping to get the funding documents in place for convention.

Please consider making memorial donations to the scholarship fund. We would also welcome all personal donations along with any Planned Giving (Legacy Giving.) Planned giving is a wonderful way to make a larger lasting contribution to a cause you care about. All donations will be issued a tax receipt by our treasurer.

This QR Code will bring you directly to the web page to donate. Thank you in advance for considering to make a donation to this worthy project.



OHA MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT: The Ontario Horticultural Association is a volunteer charitable organization that provides leadership, education and promotes interest in gardening and related environmental issues with affiliated Horticultural Societies/Garden Clubs and like-minded organizations.

Purpose: To assist our members, youth members and our members' children and grandchildren in their pursuit of their post-secondary education in a horticultural-related field.

One – \$1000.00 Scholarship to be awarded annually to a member or a member's child or grandchild.

Criteria:

- Applicant must be a member or a child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild of a Horticultural Society member in good standing within the OHA.
- Applicant must be attending a post secondary educational institution in Ontario.
- Applicant may be any age and be accepted into a post secondary educational institute in Ontario.

- The program must be a minimum of 2 years but the applicant is eligible in either year one or year two of the program.
- Applicant must provide the following with their application:
 1. A transcript of their marks unless returning as a mature student.
 2. A letter to the Scholarship committee detailing their role in horticulture and community involvement and outlining why they deserve this scholarship.
 3. A letter from an organization or company outlining their volunteer contribution to the organization or the company with which they have volunteered.
 4. A copy of their acceptance letter into their program.
- Applicant must be willing to attend a Society/Club meeting or a District or OHA meeting within 1 year of receiving the award to speak about the award or another topic of interest within their horticultural learning.
- Applicant must be willing to have their photo taken and allow it to be published along with their 'Thank You' letter in the Trillium magazine and in any other Garden Ontario publication as well as being posted on the Garden Ontario website and/or Facebook Page. They will need to sign a waiver regarding this publication at the time of the award being issued.
- The home society will be made aware of the scholarship winner so they can arrange for the speaking engagement to follow.
- Applications will be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by the deadline of June 30th each year.

Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator,
Email: awards@gardenontario.org



Please Print

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of College/University (you will be or are attending):

Name of program accepted into: _____

Are you currently a member of a Horticultural Society/Club affiliated with the OHA? YES ____ NO ____

Affiliated Society/Club Name:

If no, who in your family is a current member and which OHA affiliated Society/Club are they a member?

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON June 30th each year.

Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator,
Email: awards@gardenontario.org

The Leaside Garden Society

Submitted by Nora Campbell



*Scholarship Recipient Bridget Leonard
Photo by Joanna Blanchard*

Scholarship Announcement

By Carolyn Beange, Scholarship Chair

The Leaside Garden Society (LGS) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2024 Leaside Garden Society Founders' Scholarship.

Leaside resident Bridget Leonard excels academically, her references were stellar, and her application essay demonstrated a passion for the environment, for community involvement and for education. The Scholarship committee unanimously agreed that she was the best candidate from a large pool of excellent applicants for this year's award.

As an Environmental Science student at the University of Guelph, Bridget's program has involved courses ranging across a range of subjects such as Soil Science, Honeybee Biology/Apiculture and Ecology. This has given her the ability to understand complex ecological issues and to apply her knowledge to ecological and horticulture-based initiatives. For example, during a co-op term as an outdoor educator at the Island Natural Science School, Bridget created a plant biodiversity program as well as managing their hydroponic systems.

Outside of her academic life, Bridget has a wide range of volunteer experience. She currently serves as the President of her school's Environment Science Student Executive, having had roles in the organization since her first year at Guelph. She is also a Peer Mentor with

the School of Environmental Science. Bridget indicated to us that she believes in the importance of building strong communities and connecting people together, and her volunteer work attests to this.

Bridget's commitment to community service, her leadership, her academic achievement and her interest and involvement with horticulture and ecological activities is directly aligned with the LGS mission. She eloquently summed this up in her essay: *"As an active member of my community and someone who is enthusiastic about the environment, I feel strongly aligned with the values of the LGS mission. I appreciate the Society's ability to connect like-minded people to educate, celebrate and share the love of gardening. As Leaside grows to include housing with less private green space, I believe the LGS's work will become even more important with time to sustain the legacy of horticulture in the community."*

Clearly, Bridget is a well-deserving choice. This scholarship will help her continue her studies and further invest in volunteering within her communities.

Planting with our Gardeners of the Future

Submitted by Nora Campbell

Have you noticed the public gardens around Leaside this summer? They're all quite spectacular! They were all planted in June by students from our four local schools, St. Anselm's, Bessborough, Rolph Road and Northlea. This is a cooperative program with the City of Toronto, the teachers and our own volunteers. It's been happening annually for many years, but Covid put a temporary stop to it until this past spring.

It's a terrific outreach program which is not only a great teaching opportunity for the kids on how to plant right-side up, but a fun event for everyone involved. An added benefit is that the students take great pride in their labours and, hopefully, are instilled with a sense of respect for plants. Many thanks to our members who came to help supervise the students over the three days of beautifying our local public gardens!

But of course, as we all know, the gardens don't look after themselves! The library gardens are especially beautiful and it's thanks to our members Barry Schneider and Patricia Stowe who have weeded and watered throughout the entire season.



Students from four local schools planting public gardens around Leaside in June

Photo by Nora Campbell



Thunder Bay Horticultural Society

Photographs and article by Vickie Bureau, President



Plant Sale



Bake table – attended by Irma and Veikko Huotari



DeBruin Green House Tour

Where has the summer gone? The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society has been busy over the past 3 months with a variety of activities: plant sale, greenhouse tour, last meeting before the summer break, 101st flower show, public plantings and outreach events, to name a few.

The month of June started off with our Annual Plant Sale which was a great success. Patrons were lining up outside the door, 1 hour before and within the first hour, 50% of the plants had been sold. New this year was a bake table which was well-attended and will be done again next year. Thank you to all those who brought in plants, baking and gently-used items for this very successful society fundraiser. The Lakehead Student Community Garden was once again the recipient of flower and vegetable plants from the plant sale and we are waiting to see how their bounty has fared.

The following week found members gathering for a tour of DeBruin's Hydroponic Greenhouse and was well-attended with participants gaining excellent information provided by our hosts on the finer points of this method of growing.

Our monthly presenters were Jay Alexander on GMO's and horticulture and Erika North with a refresher course for exhibiting in our Summer Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show. Our monthly volunteer hours recipients of an outdoor planter were Veikko and Irma Huotari.

The D14 AGM, held in Thunder Bay, was hosted cooperatively by the 4 societies in attendance, Dryden, Fort Frances, Longlac and Thunder Bay, with all proceeds from the event going to D14.

July found society members, Shirley and Ian Robson and Wilma Wood, attending the OHA Convention in Guelph on behalf of our society. Our 101st Summer Fruit, Flower and Vegetable show on July 27th filled the centre with beauty and fragrance with 7 members producing 74 entries. Pictures and Summer Flower Show winners will be available in the winter edition as awards are being presented at our September General meeting.

During the month of August, society members volunteered at our information booth for the 134th Annual Canadian Lakehead Exhibition (CLE) Fair from the 7th-11th, continued to maintain the society community gardens and on August 24th, volunteers gathered at Wesway respite home, the latest addition to our community gardens, to clean and administer some TLC.

Many thanks go out to our dedicated volunteers for their continued maintenance of our Community Gardens,



Summer Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show



CLE Information Booth



Pollinator Garden



Community Auditorium



Dedication Garden

now 6 in total for the society. The gardens have fared well this year, despite the heat and lack of rain.

The Pollinator Garden at the Centennial Botanical Conservatory has benefited from the extensive weeding, laying of garden cloth and wood chips in previous years.

The Community Auditorium Garden, maintained mainly by Ian Robson, is looking beautiful as ever.

Our Dedication Garden located at the Oliver Road Community Centre is benefiting from the in-ground watering system installed previously by Thunder Bay Sprinklers Limited through society funds and maintained on a yearly basis.

Magnus Theatre grounds have been a success story, even with the ongoing building renovations. The application of mulch this year, provided by the City of Thunder Bay and Magnus Theatre, has aided in the suppression of weeds and retention of water.

We are pleased to report that a 2nd bench has been purchased and installed on the North side of Magnus Theatre in commemoration of our 100th Anniversary in 2023 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to take place on September 10th, while our first bench is awaiting its forever home, at the Pollinator Garden upon completion of the extensive renovations at the Centennial Botanical Conservatory.

Our 5th garden addition, located at Cambrian Players, was a total overhaul of the two small gardens located on either side of the main entrance. We are pleased to report that the only funds required were for the manure and wood chips, which were paid for by the Theatre group. While cleaning out the overrun garden, many perennials were uncovered and replanted in the garden. Other additional perennials were provided by society members from their own personal gardens and tulips and daffodils will be planted this fall for spring colour and beauty.

The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society is beautifying our city one garden at a time, for which we received compliments from the Mayor of Thunder Bay, Ken Boshcoff.

Commemorative Bench



Shirley Robson and Vickie Bureau pointing to the Society Plaque on the 2nd Commemorative Bench of our 100th Anniversary in 2023



Magnus Theatre – North side

A **BIG** thank you to all our society members for volunteering their time (approximately 1,700 hours from June-August), their knowledge and especially their camaraderie at the numerous society outreach events, public plantings and meetings. Without you, we would not be able to partake in the many venues, society activities and continue to grow together as a society.



Ian, Irma and Cheryl cleaning and sorting



Cambrian Players – After



Cambrian Players – Before



Cambrian Players – After



Wesway – Before



Wesway – After

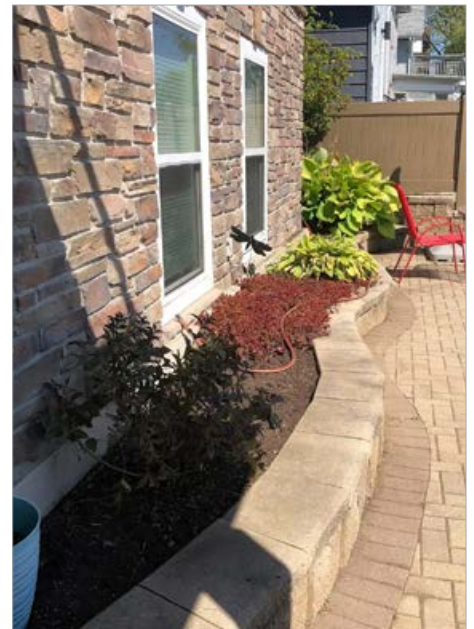
Thunder Bay Horticultural Society

The 6th and latest addition to our community garden group is Wesway, a respite home. The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society was approached to weed (clean) the gardens as they have been overrun and were in dire need of a little TLC. A group of society members gathered on August 24th and in 3½ hours, the gardens were weeded, trimmed back and are looking refreshed.

Shirley Robson graciously offered two orange daylilies from her own garden, to be planted in the enclosed area where empty spots have been uncovered while weeding.



Wesway – Before



Wesway – After



Wesway – During



Wesway – After

Dunnville Horticultural Society Spectacular Summer Garden Tour

By Melanie Ruigrok Vice President

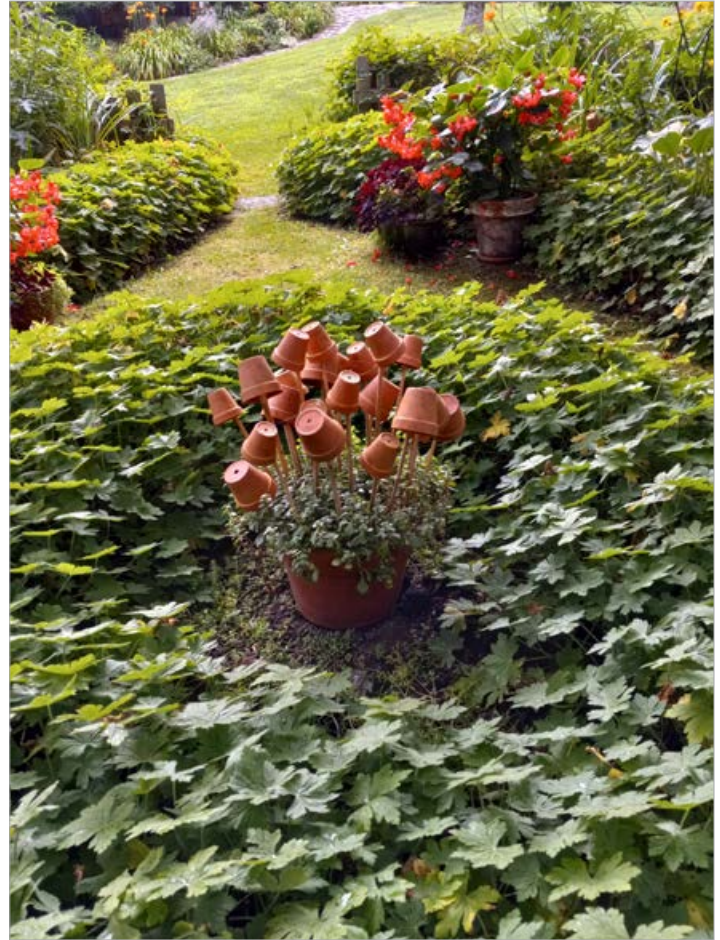
Dunnville Horticultural Society hosted a garden tour featuring members' gardens in July.

The first property belonging to Pat Henderson was an immaculate, urban garden with a number of beds where something is always in bloom. An extensive collection of beautiful rocks accentuated the various perennials.

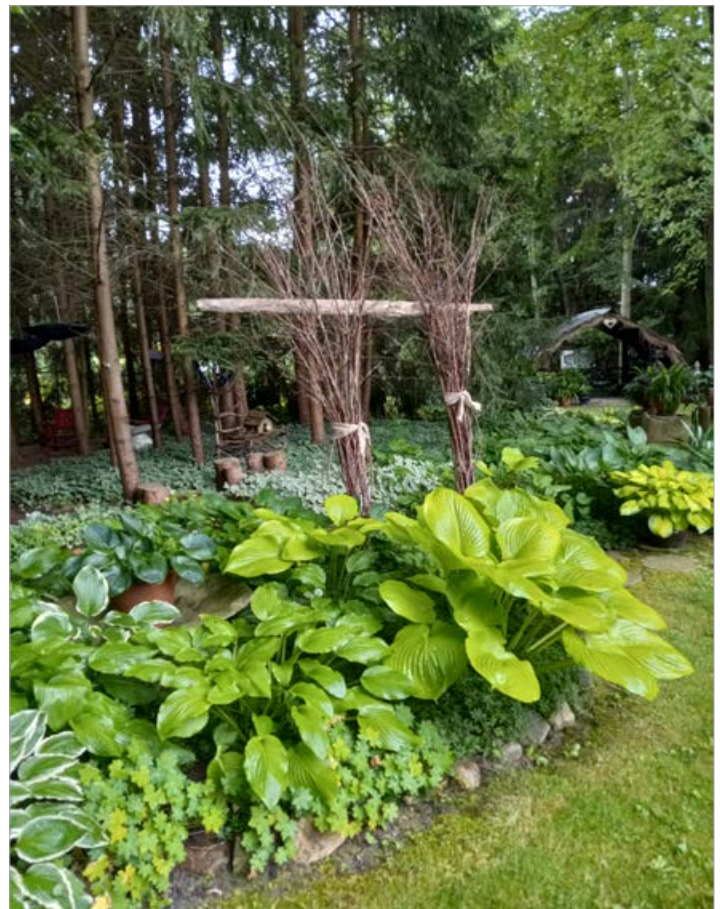
Continuing on, one arrived at the rural property belonging to Becky Pauls which featured raised vegetable beds planted with companion plants to aid with pest control. This stop wouldn't have been complete without checking out all of the flowers and admiring what a family of gardeners can accomplish!

Once a hayfield, the next rural property has taken over 32 years to be transformed into a magical garden oasis. Property owners Beth Powell and Ken Sherwood have planted over 150,000 trees, dug 5 ponds, built a large vegetable garden and added countless flower beds sprinkled throughout the lawns. Numerous varieties of hostas thrive in beds and containers under the stately pine trees. One couldn't help but be filled with delight after viewing





*All of the photos were taken by
Dunnville Horticultural Society and are of
Beth Powell's one-of-a-kind gardens
in Canfield, Ontario.*



the gorgeous groupings of perennials and the whimsical garden features. This is truly a one-of-a-kind property.

Up next was the 10-acre rural dazzler owned by Mary Galli that surely pleased amateurs and experts alike. One must be sure to linger in the rock gardens before moving onto the sunken garden which contains various bold daylilies. Visitors were amazed at the height and the deep crimson hue of the hollyhocks.

Purple Haven Lavender Farm was in its full glory and a delight for the senses on the day of the tour. This location is a sustainable farm operated by Kim Drew and her family. Wandering back through the rolling acres of purple blooms, one found a large pumpkin patch, other flowers and vegetables growing as well as a stream cutting through the landscape.

The last stop was a 22-acre property, located on Windecker Road in Cayuga, that has been lovingly transformed into the Windecker Woods Flower Farm. Members were able to view the personal flower and vegetable gardens maintained by Petra Kruis and Tony Daly before heading to the gardens dedicated to cut

flowers. Some created personal bouquets from the varieties of annuals and perennials. Everyone was encouraged to wander along a forest path to the rustic barn for refreshments.

Dunnville Horticultural Society would like to thank the generous gardeners who shared their beautiful properties showcased on this tour. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Dunnville Optimist Hall at 101 Main Street E. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. On September 19th, **Kyle McLaughlin** will be speaking about **'Mushrooms and Fungi'**. The following morning on September 20th, Kyle will lead a **'Mushroom Walk' at Ruthven National Historic Site** in Cayuga. Admission is free for members. For more information, please send an email to dunnvillehortsociety@gmail.com.



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