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Photo by Sandra Cruz, Pelham Garden Club



Celebrate Peony Season

One of more than 600 different varieties of peonies on display at Whistling Gardens seen on a recent bus trip organized by Pelham Garden Club



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Editor's Message



This is a lovely time of year for gardeners. Everything is growing beautifully. Winter seems far away. A lot of the preliminary gardening is done so now we can enjoy the display. Those who live in apartments can visit their friends' places, Garden Centres, Botanical Gardens and go on a Garden Club/Horticultural Society-sponsored Garden Walk. One of my favourite things is losing the winter coat, boots, hat, gloves and avoiding slippery footing. I certainly understand why many folks spend a few months in the south!

One evening in early May, I was fortunate to be able to visit one of the tulip farms nearby, organized by Pelham Garden Club. It was truly amazing and everyone stayed as long as they could, also being perfect weather. We also were invited to pick 10 (yes 10) tulips to take home. How to choose? I had invited my sister to come along, tulips being her favourite flower, and she chose and picked them for me. See the photo below for one of the views.

What great articles and photographs were sent for this edition of the Trillium! Thank you to all who wrote them, sent them and took the pictures.

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The *Trillium* is the quarterly newsletter of the OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association).

This is *your* newsletter. It is for all members of all Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario in every district. If you want to know what is going on in gardening, it is in this newsletter. If your club/society has a special project and you would like to share the news, please send in a story and photographs.

What you need to know to send articles and photographs:

Submission dates for 2023:

September 1 – Autumn issue

December 1 – Winter issue

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

Articles should be emailed in Word format, LibreOffice or plain text. Photos and other graphics should be sent as separate files (i.e., not as part of a Word file), with a resolution of at least 1000 by 800 pixels whenever possible. Full-sized original files will be happily accepted. These requests make it easier to work with photos submitted.

Articles can be emailed to:

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Laura Masterson, OHA Trillium Editor

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<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Release-Photo-Video-Testimonial-Form-March-2022.pdf>

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OHA 50/50 DRAW

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer



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OHA President's Report

Greetings to All of the Membership,

As I write this message, I am reminded that the "Ontario Horticultural Association Convention and Annual General Meeting" is less than two months away. Yes, due to Covid-19 and all of the rules that were brought into play to protect us all, we held a virtual Convention and two virtual AGMs but to hold the events in person again is just so special. It has been four years since we last had the opportunity to meet in person and hopefully many of you can find your calendar clear to attend.

It sounds repetitious but since the publication of the last Trillium, the OHA Board and the OHA Officers have been addressing many different matters and concerns which affect not only the OHA as an organization but also impacts the memberships of all of the Societies/Clubs in the province.

As a part of the on-going SWOT (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats) analysis, a survey was disseminated to the Societies/Clubs and the District Directors which sought input regarding the OHA Convention and AGM and its current processes. Almost seven hundred (700) people replied with some extremely interesting and informed input. The Board has looked at the survey results and will evaluate the OHA Convention and AGM in the near future.

As I write this message, there is only one (1) District AGM left to hold. For all of the others, I am sure that the day was of interest to all who attended. As a result of these AGMs, you have some new District Directors or are, in some cases, actively seeking to identify someone to fill the roll in your District. I welcome all of the new faces and look forward to working with all of you as we move forward in the best interests of the OHA. Please remember, the District Director is the direct line of communication from the general membership of the Societies/Clubs to the OHA Officers and the OHA Board. Do not lose the opportunity to engage and bring forward those constructive and thought-provoking ideas.

There are a number of Societies/Clubs across the province which will, this year, celebrate those "milestone" anniversaries of their founding. I have been lucky enough to find the time in my calendar to attend a few of these recognitions over the years and the trip and the time to attend was always well worth it. Yes, every anniversary year is important and should be noted and to those celebrating that "milestone" anniversary, my congratulations. Well done and thank you for serving your community.

By the time you receive your Trillium and this message, your gardens should all be planted and up and growing. You will most likely, if you are like me, be sitting there saying "Oh that hurts!" and then thinking "Oh that was worth it!". So please, sit back, appreciate looking at the fruits of your labours and enjoy reading another great edition of the Trillium.



Charles Freeman

Take care

Stay safe

Charles Freeman

President, Ontario Horticultural Association



OHA Secretary's Report

Happy Spring Everyone!

This has been a very dry spring for us in the London area with much watering required on our new veggies in the community garden plot and our tender annuals. This time of year is always quite busy for the Officers with the March OHA Board Meeting and then into District AGMs and on to convention preparations.

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

OHA 2022 Convention Minutes: The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention Minutes from 2022 are available on the GardenOntario website for your review at:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-2022-AGM-Minutes-July-16-2022.pdf>

This year's convention is being held at the Brookstreet Hotel in Kanata from July 21-23, 2023. This year's theme is "Rock Your Garden World". Please take advantage of the convention early registration rate as early registration closes June 15, 2023. Check out all the details of this year's convention at <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

OHA Nominations Report: Please note that the Nominations Report and biographies of the candidates for this year's convention are posted on the gardenontario.org website at:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Nomination-Report-2023.pdf>

OHA Resolutions: Please note that the Resolutions and Society Proxy Authorization Forms for this year's convention were sent out via email to all societies and were posted on the gardenontario.org website at: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Resolutions-To-Be-Voted-Upon-At-The-2023-OHA-Annual-General-Meeting.pdf>

Please take some time to review the resolutions this year and have your voice heard. Please cast your vote!

Proxy Authorization Forms: Please have your society Proxy Authorization Form completed and *returned by July 5, 2023* so the society proxy voting cards can be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

Proxy Forms link: <https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Proxy-Form-2023-1.pdf>

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



Kelly Taylor

Safe Travels to the 2023 OHA Convention! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Kelly Taylor,
Secretary, Ontario Horticultural Association

Thunder Bay Horticultural Society

Written by Vickie Bureau, President

Photos by Vickie Bureau

The Thunder Bay Horticultural Society has been very busy growing our society through the various outreach events and General Meeting presentations. We are pleased to report that we have increased our membership by 97% so far this year. Our slogan for the year has been perfect, "100 Years and Growing."

The month of March started off with the Seedy Saturday at Gillies, ON and was very well attended with a lot of seeds and horticultural information swapped. Our General Meeting presentation for the month was "Show and Tell" by the 10-Minute Gardener – Linda Parker and "Winter Sowing" – Lois Kennelly-Donaldson and Phyllis Garton.



Linda Parker – Show and Tell



Spring Home and Garden Show – Luba Steblinski and Shirley Robson – April

April was a busy month with the 3-day Spring Home and Garden Show at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition, the Society's booth at The Thunder Bay Country Market, 12 consecutive weeks with plans in the works for next year. These were both excellent venues for the society. A joint venture with the Regional Food Distribution Association, Home Hardware, Master Gardeners of Thunder Bay, 91.5 CKPR Radio & Television and our Society were able to fill the shelves and the lucky winner took home great prizes, along with a consultation with the Master Gardeners. The General Meeting presentations for April were "How to Exhibit in the Flower Show" – Linda Parker – 10 Minute Gardener and "Lawn Care and Grubs" – Melanie Mathieson – aka – The Gardening Guru.

May has been filled with the final planning for the District 14 Annual General Meeting being hosted by our Society on June 2-4, 2023. Our General Meeting presenters this month were a "Floral Demo" – Hedy Koski and "Propagating Plants and Trees" – Ben Isreal. A clean-up crew was on hand for our Dedication Garden located at the Oliver Road Community Centre and our 100th Anniversary tree, purchased at Pine View Nurseries, was planted by Rutter Urban Forestry as a donation to our society.

Plans are already underway for a variety of outreach events this summer which are: Fort William Historic Park, 50th Anniversary, Grand Marais, USA, - Flower Show, the CLE, Murillo and Hymers Fairs with information/membership booths and horticultural sharing, along with our own Garden Tours.

One cannot forget our own gardens, which are part of our family. With PURPLE being the chosen colour for the year, we are anticipating a lot of entries for the Purple flower contest, along with the Garden Beautification Awards and our 100th Anniversary flower Show.

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted us with these outreach events, presentations, Dedication Garden clean-up and *Happy Gardening* to everyone.



RFDA Food Drive Collaboration – April



Hedy Koski-Floral Demo – May Presentation



Linda Parker – How to Exhibit in the Flower Show – April



ORCC Dedication Garden Clean-up Crew – April: Shirley Robson, Susan Prince, Ian Robson, Irma & Veikko Huotari, missing Vickie Bureau

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer

Every \$1* donated to your favourite Canadian charity this month automatically enters them for a chance to WIN \$20,000!

The Great Canadian Giving Challenge is back to help you make a bigger impact for the charities you love with every donation! The more you give, the greater the chances your charity has to WIN the grand prize. *

With 1 in 4 Canadians expecting to turn to charities to meet their basic needs in the next six months, due to the rising costs of living, and charities struggling to keep up with the increased demand on their services, \$20,000 can go a long way to:

- Help a community rebuild after a disaster
- Help a food bank provide groceries for 400 families in need
- Provide over 700 hours of counselling for youth in crisis
- Plant 800 trees to fight climate change

Are you up for the challenge?

Tip: increase the odds of winning for your favourite charity by getting your friends and family involved in the challenge



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Stayner Horticultural Society

By Edina Van Staveren, Director, Photos by Edina Van Staveren

May 2023

In the fall of 1922, citizens of Stayner decided they wanted to make Stayner a more beautiful town. They formed a Horticultural Society to encourage the growing of flowers and shrubs in the private gardens of members and to take the responsibility for the planting and care of several flower beds in various areas of town. Sixty-six charter members met to elect the first officers and the first meeting of the Stayner Horticultural Society was held April 27, 1923.

One flower show was held each year in the early days, usually late August or early September. The first one was held in the Town Hall in September of 1923. Each member of the society was encouraged to enter as many classes as possible and, in the 1925 show, there were 36 classes to enter including Asters, Dahlias, Pansies, Petunias, Zinnias, Snapdragons, Gladioli, along with collections of flowers, table bouquets, floral designs, hanging baskets, etc. As the Horticultural society grew, more flower shows were added with a Spring Flower Show in May, an Iris, Rose and Summer Flower Show in June and the annual Fall Show in August or September. Presently, there are two shows held for the club with the Spring Flower Show in May and the Summer Flower Show in June. Garden Club members are encouraged to enter their fall flowers and arrangements at the Great Northern Exhibition held in September each year.

Starting in 1952, Garden Tours were arranged with club members inviting other members to view their gardens. This tradition has continued throughout the years. It gives others a chance to view different ideas in gardening and gain an appreciation for different plants and garden designs.

In 1963, residents of Stayner were urged to plant a flowering crab tree the "Almey Flowering Crab". It was chosen as it had a beautiful shape and fiery red flowers that would bloom towards the end of May. The society suggested that if each resident planted one or two of these trees that year, Stayner would be looking beautiful in time for Canada's Centennial in 1967.

In 1965, the Horticultural Society started a planned program of tree planting and replacement. In 1972, over 100 trees were planted throughout the town with a joint committee established between the Horticultural Society and the Town of Stayner. Over the years, many trees have been planted, including maple, birch, royalty crab (Canada's Centennial tree), spruce, etc.

In 1968, the Stayner Horticultural Society planted rose gardens, one at Centennial Park and the other at Station Park. In 1970, the Ontario Horticultural Association urged each horticultural Society in Ontario to plant a "peace" rose bed



Daffodils welcome everyone to Stayner.



The fountain now has a tulip at the top.

Tulip Celebration 2023

to remind us of all the terrible suffering that is taking place because of the many wars being waged in many parts of the world. A "Peace" rose bed was planted at the corner of Cherry Street and Main Street. Another "Peace" rose bed was planted in front of the Medical Centre to honour Raymond E. Ives for his many years of service to the Horticultural Society. When the addition was built onto the Medical Centre years later, a few of the roses were moved and are now located at Fountain Park. The rose was adopted by the Stayner Horticultural Society as their official flower.

Dr. Raymond Ellesworth Ives was a long-standing member of the Stayner Horticultural Society, serving in a variety of roles on the executive dating back to 1924 when he had moved to town as a young doctor. The growing of gladioli, irises and roses won him honours at many flower shows, both locally and provincially. He served on the District 16 Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association and as President of the Provincial Association a few times. In 1967, he had the honour, as President of the OHA, to plant a new variety of flowering crab tree named "Royalty" in Kew Garden, Britain's Royal Botanical Garden, in England to mark Canada's Centennial year. His love of horticulture and promotion of improvements to yards and businesses led him to encourage others to make Stayner a neat, clean and eye-catching town to visit. He was the driving force behind the province of Ontario to claim the Trillium as Ontario's Official Flower. On May 30, 1981, Dr. Ives passed away at the age of 92. The Dr. Raymond E. Ives Bursary was established in 1976 by the Ontario Horticultural Association District 16 Board to provide grants to Simcoe County students entering or continuing in post-secondary school studies in Horticulture, Environmental studies, Forestry and Arboriculture and related disciplines.

In the late 1960's, the Stayner Horticultural Society started to sponsor bus trips to allow senior members the chance to take trips that otherwise would not have been possible. One of the first trips was to Montreal, to the site of Expo '67. Later trips were made to Ottawa for Tulip time, to the Rose and Lily Shows in Hamilton, to Rochester and Niagara Falls in Lilac time and to Toronto to see the Spring Flower Show and Canada Blooms. Car tours and bus trips have continued throughout the years with a bus trip being planned this year to Whistling Gardens south of Brantford, Ontario as part of the club's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

In 1972, in commemoration of the incorporation of the Village of Stayner, a fountain constructed of stone was erected at the corner of Main and Oak Streets with a plaque outlining the founding of the town. In 2000, the Heritage Society, with the help of the Stayner and District Kinsmen, had the fountain refurbished and a new statue placed on top depicting a boy and girl under an umbrella. The original plaque installed in 1972 had gone missing and a new



Left to Right: Anne Ripley, Representative of MP Terry Dowdall, Owen Leyshon, Kinsmen Bill Roscar, Kinsmen Theo Schaap, Councilor Robert Walker, Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Councilor Phyllis Dineen, Councilor John Broderick



Members of the local Legion, Representatives from CFB Borden, Club President Anne Ripley, Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

plaque was erected outlining the founding of the town. This year, to mark its 100th Anniversary, the Horticultural Society has invested in another fixture for the fountain as the previous statue had become worn out with the weather. The fountain now has a tulip at the top with water cascading over the petals of the tulip to the four layers below. The hope is that this fountain will be a focal point in town for years to come and tie in well with the “Tulips In Bloom” celebration held each year in May.

In the 1980’s and 1990’s, the Horticultural Society continued to look after and maintain the various flower beds around town as well as decorating the Main Street with containers of flowering plants on the sidewalks of the downtown area. A plant sale was introduced and members of the club would donate plants and shrubs from their own gardens to sell to the local community in the late spring. The plant sale is now a major fundraiser for the organization. The planters on the main street have since become the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 2010, discussion was held around the changing of the name from the Stayner Horticultural Society to the Stayner Garden Club and in 2011, the name change came into effect. In 2014, the popular Music in the Park Program expanded and a Farmer’s Market was added. The Garden Club maintains a booth to encourage young children to take an interest in gardening. Each week, a new plant or craft idea is presented to the children. The first week, the children receive a pot, soil and seed and are encouraged to return with their plant at the end of the summer.

In 2015, the Friendship Tulip Garden was planted in Fountain Park. 350 white and 350 red tulips were planted and a celebration was planned for May of 2016 as a “Blooming Ceremony” with the Township of Clearview. To mark Canada’s 125th birthday, special red and white tulips were planted in 2017. A barbeque and music were added to the celebration. This event continues to be held in May each year to commemorate the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian soldiers during World War II and each fall, additional bulbs are planted to help make the celebration a stunning display of tulips.

In 2021, Landscape Ontario encouraged everyone to plant yellow. The Stayner Garden Club approached the businesses that are located at the entrances to town i.e., Creemore Springs Distribution, Lafreniere Auto Sales, Stayner Rental Limited, to see about planting yellow daffodils in front of their businesses. 100 daffodils were planted at each business and an additional 100 daffodils were planted at the entrance to the cemetery.

In 2022, an additional 100 daffodils were planted at the Stayner Well on Airport Road, the Ministerial Sign on the east end of town, the Welcome to Stayner sign on the west edge of town and the north entrance to the cemetery so that a show of yellow welcomes visitors to town.

Now in its 100th year, the Stayner Horticultural Society (Stayner Garden Club) still strives to make the town of Stayner a beautiful place to visit and tries to educate and encourage its citizens to make their yards and gardens something pleasing to view to visitors and fellow residents.



Stayner Garden Club Life Members

Left to Right: Life Members Della Giffen, Toos Melenhorst, Alice Redpath, Garden Club President Anne Ripley. (Missing from photo Life Member Pam Townsend)

Photo by Lesley Martel

SOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE

IN MY GRANDFATHER’S GARDEN...REMEMBERING DR. R.E. IVES COMPILED BY JUDITH IVES, MARCH 31, 2015

“PALACES AND PEOPLE” A HISTORY OF STAYNER PUBLISHED BY THE BICENTENNIAL BOOK COMMITTEE STAYNER – 1984 “STAYNER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY” – JEANETTE DUGGAN

SIMCOE COUNTY ARCHIVES

STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY

STAYNER SUN 1925-2000

THE IVES FAMILY

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Submitted by Barbara Wilson and D9 Director Lianne Krane

2 Photos by Barbara Wilson

“The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.” *Gertrude Jekyll*

Haldimand Horticultural Society members certainly showed their love of all things gardening this past Spring and all are looking forward to events planned for the summer ahead.

April and May were busy months: Members Rabiya and Sharon participated in the Knights of Columbus annual Chili Cook Off and were busy serving up their delicious chili which was a hit with the crowd.

Earth Day saw volunteers cleaning up in Hagersville. Haldimand County supplied us with gloves, bags and pickup claws.

In partnership with the Dunnville Horticultural Society, a successful Seedy Saturday was held on April 29th at the Cayuga Memorial Arena. Numerous garden speakers, artisans and gardening vendors were featured.

Our annual fundraiser, the Plant and Bake Sale in May, offered many perennials, annuals, tools and baked goods for sale.

HHS's "Green Gardian" Youth Group has been busy also building bird houses, attending a bird program at Ruthven Historic National Park, and creating a new community garden at the Caledonia Mill. Many thanks to the youth leaders for mentoring these youth members each week with interesting educational projects and excursions.

April, May General Meeting guest speakers were as follows: Ruthven Historic National Park and Gregor Beck from Birds Canada. Brenda Snyder from local Snyder's Corn will be our guest speaker for the June meeting.

May's General Meeting also featured our Spring Mini Show.

Our ongoing Poppy project will collect poppies from volunteers once again to decorate the Hagersville cenotaph in November of 2023. We were contacted by the Garden Club of New Milford, Connecticut, USA who found out about our project and they asked for a few of our poppies to display for their Garden of Poppies they are creating for their Memorial Day in May. We sent some and they will be displayed within their "Field of Poppies."

Upcoming summer events will be "Garden of the Month" – outstanding properties in Haldimand County can be nominated all summer long and each month's nominees will be awarded with a sign displayed on their property.

Our annual "Blooming on the Grand" Garden Tour will be held July 15th and 16th showcasing 7 gardens in the Caledonia area this year.

Thank you to our many volunteers who care for the 9 community gardens and community planters we maintain plus one pollinator garden completed in Caledonia at Burke Estates Park.

We thank all our members for their support of the society. Our membership has risen to 125.

Enjoy the summer ahead!



Members Flora, Barb and Elsie adding soil to the Centennial Hall in York.



Members Coby and Janet selling spring blooms for the Society at our annual Seedy Saturday.



Photo by Kathi Barringer from the New Milford, Connecticut, USA Garden Club. They were so thrilled that we participated in their "International" poppy display.

Stoney Creek Garden Club

Submitted by Marian Heil

The Stoney Creek Garden Club has been very active over the past few months and will continue being busy as the summer goes on.

Last year, the club was able to build a pollinator garden at the Erland Lee Museum grounds. A couple of members went to see how it survived the winter and were happy to report that it is flourishing. Two other gardens at Erland Lee that were created two years previously were also doing well.

During the months of March, April and May, the club has welcomed about 60 new members. It is so exciting to see over 100 people at the membership meetings to hear the speakers and take part in fellowship with other members. Our next meeting will be a Strawberry Social.

A new project this summer is the creation and maintenance of 6 raised beds in the Memory Garden of the Seasons Retirement Home in Stoney Creek. This project involves adding soil to the beds, purchasing and planting and mulching as well as keeping the beds watered. Club members and residents at the Home are looking forward to watching these beds develop over the summer. Residents requested tomatoes be grown in the beds – so, some Tom Thumb tomato plants will be part of the planting.

Worm castings were purchased in bulk and a bagging party was held to make 5 pound bags that were sold at the Plant Sale for \$5 a bag. A very successful plant sale was held during the long weekend in May. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable plants, some shrubs, hanging baskets and patio pots were all available – and the worm castings.

A new chair of publicity was named and she is maintaining the club's Facebook page as well as starting an instagram account.

Another new project this summer is that the club will have a booth at the Stoney Creek Farmers Market each week. The club plans to have memberships available as well as some plants for sale and generally promote gardening.

All volunteers are very much appreciated for helping with all of the club's endeavours. The Club executive look forward to working with all the new and old members!



*Pollinator Garden at Erland Lee Museum Grounds
Photo by Gwen Allan*



*Kenny, Richard, Bob and Marian putting soil and Canna Lily bulbs in the planters at Seasons Retirement home.
Photo by Kenny Wade*



*Worm Castings being bagged
Photo by Kenny Wade*



*Plant Sale
Photo by Marian Heil*

Ancaster Horticultural Society

Rhu Sherrard, AHS Publicity Director

Summer is a great time to enjoy the fruits of our labour, regardless of whether you have a garden filled with perennials, annuals or a combination of both. The colour, fragrance and sights of a garden truly heighten our senses.

On April 29th, the AHS volunteers and the local Ancaster Scouts participated in the annual Fieldcote clean-up. The goal was to prep the area for the upcoming weekly gardening and weeding by a dedicated crew of AHS volunteers. AHS will incorporate the colour purple this year as per the Canadian Garden Council. National Garden Day this year is June 17, 2023, so celebrate your garden and local community gardens.

The AHS "Heirloom Tomatoes" was provided by Linda Crago, our speaker on March 21, 2023. Heirlooms provide a variety of shapes, colours and tastes and sustain biodiversity and assist in maintaining genetic diversity in our food crops. We also had a chance to showcase them at our AHS Plant Sale.

Ancaster Horticultural Society Plant Sale

It was a little rainy and cool.

The AHS Plant sale was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023. It was a little rainy and cool. May is unpredictable in southern Ontario and the afternoon was sunny and bright for those who made their purchases. Avid gardeners were not deterred. There was a great selection of native plants including those donated by our members. The event was a great success. We would like to thank our dedicated volunteers and the ongoing support of our local community. The event is a success because of all the tireless volunteers who draft the plant names/signs, the potters and contributors who work effortlessly behind the scenes.

We continue with our in-person meetings at the Ancaster Town Hall. April 18, 2023, featured Debi Goodwin who is a former CBC television documentary producer. Her presentation on Victory Gardens and her personal experiences using gardening as a source of solace during challenging times is inspiring. It's wonderful to see how gardening can provide not only physical but also emotional benefits.



Above: Plant Sale Photos by Rhu Sherrard



Plant Sale Photos by David Puskas

On May 6, 2023, a few Ancaster Horticultural Society members attended the OHA District 6 AGM, hosted by Oakville Horticultural Society. It featured Kathy Kavassalis who provided an extremely informative and concerning report on invasive plants in Canada. There was a lovely flower show and an exciting raffle with prizes donated by District 6 Societies in attendance.

On May 16th, Nancy Lee-Colibaba presented her work and the outcome of Horticultural Therapy and its rewards for the general and mental health benefits of gardening. Gardening Therapy is effective for those young, old and in between.



We have experienced success at our meetings with floral competitions and will continue with them in June and hopefully, this will be a regular "event" at our in-person meetings. We continue to attract new members and hope to move forward with increased membership showcasing our beautiful gardens and commitment to the community and maintaining gardens which are a focal point during the summer season.

The highlight of the summer will be our annual Trillium Awards with nominations starting May 27 to June 10 and Judging from July 1 to July 16, 2023. The Trillium Awards art is the "talk of the town" for gardeners big or small, new and experienced.



Floral Competition Photos by Rhu Sherrard



We are looking forward to the speakers lined up for the remainder of 2023 thanks to Betty Howitt.

June 20, 2023 "Harrogate Show – England and a demonstration of how flowers are grown in England" with Roland Craig

September 20, 2023 "Jumping Worms – Community Outreach and Monitoring" with Michael McTavish, Post Doctoral Research Fellow

October 17, 2023 – Chantel Theijn, founder of Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge will be talking about Hobbitstee, their mission and teaching us how to co-exist with wildlife.

Please follow us on Facebook <https://ancasterhort.org/> and Instagram at [ancaster_gardeners](#) for updates.



Nomination Report for 2023 OHA AGM

It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in District 2.

Sharlene Desjardins has been nominated to stand for the position of President by the Deep River Horticultural Society. Sharlene has agreed to allow her name to stand for President.

Vicky Culbert has been nominated by the Goderich and District Horticultural Society to stand for the position of 1st Vice President. Vicky has agreed to allow her name to stand for 1st Vice President.

Sandra Mazur has been nominated by the Dryden and District Horticultural Society to stand for the position of 2nd Vice President. Sandra has agreed to allow her name to stand for 2nd Vice President.

Charles Freeman has agreed to stand for the position as Past President.

A call for further nominations, for each position, will be held during the AGM. If there are any others that wish to have their name put forward please contact Kelly Taylor at secretary@gardenontario.org or myself at pres4oha@gmail.com

Please note that the nominating report and biographies will be posted on the <https://gardenontario.org> website.

Katharine Smyth,
Past President, Ontario Horticultural Association



Sharlene Desjardins for OHA President

Greetings!

I have been nominated and have accepted the nomination put forward by the Deep River Horticultural Society for the position of President for the Ontario Horticultural Association. I have been within the umbrella of the OHA since I joined the Deep River Society in 2012.

Within the Society, I held the position of President for two years and Past President for 8 years. I was also the membership chair for one year, yearbook designer and editor for one year, photo competition chair for two years and Spring Flower Show Chair for several years.

I joined the Pembroke Horticultural Society as well in 2017 and have been active at the meetings as well as helping with the plant sale and flower shows.

I took over the position as interim Assistant District Director for the Upper Ottawa Basin of District 2 in the Fall of 2015 and was elected to the position in the Spring of 2016. I held that position until the Spring of 2017 when I was elected to the position of District 2 Director.

In April of 2019, I resigned from the position of District Director to pursue the OHA 2nd Vice President position which I was filling on an interim basis. I was elected to that position at the 2019 OHA Convention in July. I spent two years as the 2nd Vice President before being elected to the position of 1st Vice President in July of 2021 at the OHA virtual convention. Sitting in these positions and participating as an Officer over the last 3 years has provided me an opportunity to learn and become prepared to take over the president's position. We have a strong and cohesive Officers' team and Board of Directors and I know we will be able to achieve great things over the next year.

I also hold the position of OHA Awards Coordinator which I find very rewarding. I appreciate all the work and research the societies and individuals include when applying for grants and awards. The time and effort that individuals and societies across the province put into beautifying their communities and educating their members and residents is amazing and makes for some very interesting reading and potential vacation destinations.

I completed the OHA Judging School in November of 2020 and I am now a certified judge. I also completed the Master Gardener course at Dalhousie University to further my gardening knowledge.

I am married and have three children, two boys and a girl. During their formative years, we travelled extensively for hockey and figure skating. During this time, I sat on the Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Board of Directors as the Regional Representative for Region 6 and was also the test chair and secretary of two different skating clubs.

Prior to having my children, I was the secretary of both the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 436 Executive and the Ladies' Auxiliary. I worked at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (now Canadian Nuclear Laboratories) for 26 years and I am currently retired and loving it.

I began gardening late in life and have since fallen in love with it. I continue to expand my garden beds and love experimenting with plants that push the boundary for my area. I am in zone 3B. I grow vegetables, flowers and herbs, have several shrubs and 4 cherry trees, 1 apple tree and 1 pear tree. I have installed a pergola and have four raised garden beds. Last year, we installed a small pond. With over 1100 square feet of total gardening space, there is always more that can be squeezed in.

I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the OHA, the Districts, the Societies and all the wonderful people that make up this remarkable organization.



Sharlene Desjardins

Sharlene Desjardins
1st Vice President, Ontario Horticultural Association



Vicky Culbert for OHA 1st Vice President

I live in Goderich with my husband Doug and three small dogs, Boots, Charley and Dickens. We have six children, four sons and two daughters and are blessed with fifteen beautiful grandchildren between the ages of nineteen and three. I began gardening as a child at my mother's and grandmother's side and continue to love it. I continue to expand my garden beds and plant at least five new trees a year. My garden has beds of vegetables, flowers, herbs, grapevines and many cherished trees.

I was nominated and have accepted the nomination put forward by the Goderich and District Horticultural Society for the position of 1st Vice President for the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). I have been involved with the OHA since I joined the Goderich and District Horticultural Society in 2007. Within that Society, I have held the position of President for five years and have returned as the President for the past two years and currently, volunteer as the Secretary. I have volunteered on all committees of the society including; administration, activities and events. I enjoy the planting and maintenance of community gardens, garden tours, plant sales, regular meetings and flower shows.

I was elected to the position of Assistant District Director for the County of Huron of District 8 in the spring of 2015. I held that position until the spring of 2017 when I was elected as the District 8 Director. As the Director for eighteen Societies in District 8, I have learned and experienced the many rewards and challenges faced in the societies. One of the most exciting challenges is District 8 working in partnership with District 7 to offer the 2024 Convention and Annual General Meeting in Guelph.

As the chairperson of the Competitions for the Ontario Horticultural Association Annual Convention and the Chairperson of the Donations, Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee, I have experienced many activities of the Association. I have been the South West Representative for the OHA. I am also a new Judge for the OHA.

The three loves of my life are family, horticulture and Ontario history. I am a member of the Garden Club of Kitchener Waterloo and a Horticulture Judge for the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and am the Past President for "Discover the Gardens of Huron Perth". I also have my garden open to the public during the summer months. I am the current Chair of the Goderich Municipal Heritage and Marine Committee, a member of the Business Improvement Area Board, and the President of the local Senior's Centre. I am an active member of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors Archival and Historical Committee.

My wide range of experiences and organizational skills provide me with strong leadership capabilities that would be an asset to the Ontario Horticultural Association. I look forward to having the opportunity to continue to work with the Association and all the wonderful people that make up the organization.



Vicky Culbert

Vicky Culbert
2nd Vice President, Ontario Horticultural Association
2024 Co-Convention Host



Sandra Mazur, Nominated for 2nd Vice President

I have been nominated by the Dryden Horticultural Society and accepted the nomination for the position of 2nd Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

I joined the Thunder Bay Horticultural Society in 2004 after attending as a guest hearing speakers and attending plant auctions. I began volunteering as a cashier at the plant auctions and my volunteering increased from then on. I have held a position on the Executive of the Thunder Bay Board for many years helping to organize and plan events. I sat as the Outreach Chair and loved attending events in the public to promote the society. For the past 6 years, I have held the District 14 Director's position. Like everything else in the world, it was a difficult path to navigate through the Covid pandemic but we made it through and I have spent the past two years assisting my societies in recovering from the shutdown. As with many societies and aging members, the difficult task has been to get the younger generation interested in joining. That is one thing that Covid gave us a boost with, as so many of the younger generation began to garden due to food shortages, empty shelves and price increases. We are now working on targeting those new gardeners to join our organization.

Two years ago, I moved from Kakabeka Falls to Dryden, ON, where I joined their society. I have enjoyed my time visiting new gardens and listening to new speakers.

As a District Director, I have held a variety of committee positions on the Provincial Board. For 6 years, I sat on the Competitions Committee and held the Chair of Creative Writing. I also sit on the Code of Conduct Committee and, until last October, I chaired the Conservation and Environment Committee. Additionally, I sit as the North East Representative as an Officer of the association and participate in Officer and Finance Committee meetings. This has allowed me an insight into exactly what kind of time commitment the position of 2nd VP will require and has duly prepared me for the role.

I have been married for 45 years to my husband Fred and we have 1 daughter and 2 sons. We have 3 biological grandchildren but our grandchildren number "is many" as we gained quite a few in over 18 years of fostering children. I advocated for every child in my care to receive proper medical attention and treatment and assisted many of their families in transitioning their children home successfully. We still have some wonderful relationships with many of the children and their families today. During the years our children were growing up, I supported and advocated for them and their interests as well. I sat on Parent-Teacher Committees at the school along with the Parent Fundraising Committee for school play structures, class trips and other ventures. I also assisted with many Hockey Tournament Committees along with other various groups throughout the years. Additionally, I spent 23 years with Girl Guides of Canada as a leader in Sparks, Brownies, Guides and travelling and partnering with our Path Finder Unit. I also held positions at all levels and finished a term as the Guides Canada Public Relations Chairwoman for Ontario. I met many girls and leaders across Canada who I have remained friends with over the many years. My volunteering also extended to the Hymers Agricultural Society where I held many positions but was so proud to accomplish the "restructuring" of a Volunteer Lounge for our workers to relax in and take their breaks out of the hot sunshine. I became the President for 3 years chairing the board and organizing their fall fair until a health issue forced me to give it up. During all those years, I handled the PR with the media and attended many schools to promote the fair with our seed handouts encouraging children to enter the contests at the fair. I currently sit as a Director on a Seniors Apartment Complex in Kakabeka Falls, assisting in running a smooth operation as well as ensuring that someone hears their voice and brings it to the Board of Directors.

Since I was just a child, I have had a passion for gardening but only recently have I found more time to really be out in my garden as long as I desire. In addition to my many flower beds, I grow and preserve our vegetables and berries and



Sandra Mazur

soon, I hope to have fruit on my newly planted fruit trees. I have a small pond but seldom find time to sit to enjoy all of my surroundings as summer goes by so quickly. I have shared my love of camping, fishing and being out in nature with my own children and those I cared for over the years.

I look forward to assisting the OHA into rebranding as GardenOntario and moving our organization into the future with a stronger, more youthful membership. It's going to take a lot of work and assistance from all of our members but I know we CAN DO IT!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Mazur
OHA District 14 Director and NE Rep

Pelham Garden Club

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations Maxine Reynolds

By Barbara Botden

Photo by Lisa DeYoung



L to R: Co-President Lois LaCroix, 50-Year Member Maxine Reynolds and Co-President Barbara Botden

At the AGM in November 2022, Pelham Garden Club honoured Maxine Reynolds for surpassing a great milestone in the club, 50 years of service. She received flowers, a 50-year pin and the honour of crafting the wording for a special one-time scholarship. This is one of two \$500 scholarships the Pelham Garden Club is donating to graduating E.L. Crossley Secondary School students in June of 2023.



Resolutions To Be Voted Upon At The 2023 OHA Annual General Meeting

RESOLUTION 23-1: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 1, 4. be repealed.

Current wording:

4. "Annual General Meeting" (AGM) also means Annual Meeting as is found in the Corporation Act RSO 1990 c.C.38 and the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act RSO 1990 c.A.9. (21-7).

Rationale:

1. The Corporations Act RSO 1990 c.C.38 is no longer in force having been replaced by the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010, S.O. 2010, c.15.
2. The Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act is referenced in By-Law 1, 2.

RESOLUTION 23-2: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 5, 5.5 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve from one Annual General Meeting of the Association until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. They may continue to serve if re-elected. The Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

Proposed amendment:

All Officers except the Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve from one Annual General Meeting of the Association until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association. **The two Regional Representatives shall follow By-Law 6, 6.1.** They may continue to serve if re-elected. The Immediate Past President or the person identified in By-Law 6, 6.9 shall remain so long as a new President is not elected.

Rationale:

1. Regional Representatives are also Officers and were not referenced in the current wording.

RESOLUTION 23-3: Be it resolved that:

A) By-Law 6, 6.1 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

6.1 The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall appoint from within itself two regional representatives from different identified regions of the province to serve as Officers. The President, Vice President and 2nd Vice President are elected annually by the voting delegates. The two Regional representatives shall be elected during the Post-AGM Board Meeting. The term of the regional representatives shall start at the time of election and terminate at the subsequent Post-AGM Board Meeting.

Proposed amendment:

6.1 The Board shall hire the Secretary and the Treasurer. The Board shall **elect** from within itself two Regional Representatives, **one from each of the two identified regions of the province**; to serve as Officers. The President, Vice President and 2nd Vice President are elected annually by the voting delegates **at the AGM**. The two Regional Representatives shall be elected during the Pre-AGM Board Meeting. The term of the regional representatives shall start **the day following the OHA AGM**. The regional representatives term ends the day following the **subsequent OHA AGM**.

AND

B) This amendment, if passed by the Voting Delegates, shall come into effect the Monday following the 2023 OHA AGM.

Rationale:

1. The changing of the word “appoint” to “elect” reflects the actual practice of what occurs with respect to how the Two Representatives are identified.
2. The terminology “one from each of the two identified regions of the province” better identifies that one Regional Representative only comes from each region.
3. The terminology “at the AGM.” better identifies when these positions are filled by election.
4. By changing to the Pre-AGM Meeting, this eliminates the need for the Post-AGM Meeting which addresses the concerns with respect to actions that will reduce some of the operating costs of the OHA. It should be noted that other agenda items usually dealt with at the Post-AGM Meeting have already been moved to the October Meeting. There are now no agenda items usually dealt with at the Post-AGM Meeting remaining to be dealt with at this time.
5. By having an effective date after the currently scheduled Pre-AGM Board Meeting, the OHA Convention and the OHA AGM allows for business currently scheduled under the previous guidelines to be properly addressed.

RESOLUTION 23-4: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 7, 7.6 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

District Directors. District Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees, and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards’ meetings. District Directors have a voice and vote. If a District Director is unable to attend an Association Board meeting or other Boards' meetings, they are expected to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible. At Association Board meetings, this individual has a voice and no vote.

Proposed amendment:

District Directors. District Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings, serve on committees, and may be appointed to represent the Association on other Boards’ meetings. District Directors have a voice and vote. If a District Director is unable to attend an Association Board meeting or other Boards' meetings, they are expected to send a competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible. At Association Board meetings, this individual **has both a voice and a vote.**

Rationale:

1. Clause 7.6 of the Bylaws permits a District Director who is unable to attend an Association Board meeting or other Board’s meetings to send a “competent individual from their District Executive to the meeting, when possible”. The intent with this clause appears to recognize that at times, matters may arise which would prevent a District Director from attending OHA Board meetings. The Clause currently indicates the appointed representative may take part in discussions but not VOTE on matters.
2. District 16 feels that the clause as currently written, frustrates the intent of having a competent duly installed member of the District Board, attend these meetings in place of the Director and thereby prevents Districts from being fairly represented in the decision-making process, except through persuasion during pre-vote discussions.
3. Our understanding is that the inclusion of the phrase “competent individual from the District Executive Board” was a 2019 amendment to the clause possibly intended to ensure that substitute delegates have knowledge of the role and manner of operation of the OHA and the representative is also accountable to the District Board for their actions at OHA Board meetings. The inclusion of the term “competent” could also be seen as applying an increased level of rigour for delegates (substitute or not) to OHA Board meetings.
4. We note that there is no definition of “competent” within the Bylaws. From a practical standpoint, the District considers that any individual who chooses to join the District Board (Executive), is considered to be “competent” and able to represent the District Director.
5. It is therefore District 16’s position that a member of the District Board, attending at the Director’s, or in the

absence of a Director, the District Board's behest, should be granted all the privileges of the District Director at the meeting. To do otherwise is unfair to the District and to the individual and disincentivizes both the District and the individual representing the District from OHA meetings.

6. The proposed amendment to Clause 7.6 permits the District delegate to have both a voice and a vote on matters.

RESOLUTION 23-5: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 7, 7.8 be created as follows:

Upon being elected to office or being appointed to office or being hired to an office position or signing a contract, each member of the OHA Board and all persons hired or under contract must sign the Code of Conduct and the Oath of Office and Confidentiality Agreement.

Rationale:

1. From Carter's Professional Corporation Charity and Not For Profit Law Seminar... "Are membership qualifications accurately described in the Organization's By-Laws?" By-Laws should stipulate that members must agree in writing to the purposes and governing documents of the Organization.
2. Currently, Board and Contract and hired persons are asked to sign these documents however not all do. This has created accountability issues in the past.

RESOLUTION 23-6: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 13, 13.3.1 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

13.3.1 Each District shall elect a Director of the Association, and at least one Assistant Director, at a duly called Annual General Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the District's Affiliated Societies/Clubs at least thirty days in advance.

Proposed amendment:

13.3.1 Each District shall elect a Director of the Association, and at least one Assistant Director, at a duly called Annual General Meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be given to the District's Affiliated Societies/Clubs at least **sixty** days in advance.

Rationale:

1. By lengthening the period of time it gives Societies/Clubs and their memberships more time to plan to attend.
2. By lengthening the period of time this gives Societies/Clubs and their memberships more time to plan for and properly prepare any relevant input which may be deemed to be appropriate.

RESOLUTION 23-7: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 17 be amended as follows:

Current wording:

It is understood that where the masculine gender is used in the Constitution and By-Laws, that the feminine gender shall equally apply.

Proposed amendment:

It is understood that where the masculine gender is used in the Constitution and By-Laws, that the feminine gender and **non-binary gender** shall equally apply.

Rationale:

1. The current wording does not address those who identify as other than male or female and is therefore more inclusive.

RESOLUTION 23-8: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 13 be amended by adding the following sections:

13.12. Every District shall adopt a set of rules and policies or by-laws to govern the proceedings of the District; such rules, policies or by-laws shall not be in conflict with the rules, policies or by-laws of the OHA. The by-laws and any subsequent amendments shall be approved by the General Membership.

13.13. Every District shall hold an annual meeting of its membership to conduct District business including passing by-laws, consider and approve Financial Reports and hold election of officers for the District.

13.14. Each District is hereby authorized and shall open one or more savings or chequing accounts in a recognized Canadian licensed financial institution (bank, credit union, trust company) for the purpose of depositing all revenues and grants received by the District and to pay reasonable District expenses therefrom.

13.15. Each District shall adopt a set of financial policies to govern the District's finances which may differ from those policies of the OHA but within generally accepted accounting principles and practices for Not-for-Profit entities.

13.16. There shall be at least two, preferably three signing officers, for such accounts and at least two shall sign all cheques or transfers from District accounts.

13.17. All funds, be they cash, cheque, E-transfer or otherwise, collected through Societies' dues, fundraising, grants, donations, subsidies or sponsorships shall be deposited into the District's accounts.

13.18. All Financial records shall be surrendered to District appointed Financial Examiners as soon as possible after the Dec. 31 year end but no later than March 1 of the next fiscal year for examination following guidelines as recommended by the Treasurer of the OHA, and for the required report of the District Treasurer as prescribed in section 13.7 hereof.

13.19. For the purpose of subsection "13.19.1" and "13.19.2" hereof, "net funds" shall mean the residual value of all funds after the payment of all expenses the day prior to an alteration of District boundaries, and "per capita" shall mean the net funds divided by the total prior year's reported membership of all the Societies within the District.

13.19.1. On the termination or dissolution of any District, all funds held by the District are considered to be the property of the Societies within the District and any such net funds shall be distributed to the Societies on a per capita basis.

13.19.2. Should any District boundary be changed that removes or adds a Society in whole or in part from one District to another, the per capita value of the net funds shall be paid to the receiving District equivalent to the number of members migrating out of the original District.

Rationale:

1. Each District shall create a set of rules, policies and/or by-laws to govern the proceedings of the District which cannot conflict with the rules and policies of the OHA.
2. Each District shall hold an annual general meeting, currently not prescribed but presumed.
3. Districts are creatures of the OHA. All rights, permissions, obligations and functions must be specified by the OHA. Districts have no constitution except that which is expressly stated by the parent corporation. Districts do not have the legal authority to undertake any action unless specified by the OHA as they are not corporations.
4. The authority to collect and deposit or maintain possession of any and all funds should technically and legally be the responsibility of the parent corporation without expressly stated authority otherwise; therefore, given the wording of the current OHA by-laws, the assets and liabilities of all Districts should be combined with and be included within the financial assets and liabilities of the OHA and all OHA finance policies should apply. Districts currently have no authority to open or maintain any bank account.
5. The collection of and disbursement of funds is not specifically authorized or provided for within the by-laws of the OHA at the present time and these amendments would regularize the current practice.

RESOLUTION 23-9: Be it resolved that:

Article II of the OHA Constitution be amended as follows:

Current wording:

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.

Proposed amendment:

1. To provide broad support and guidance, training and administrative leadership, and to advocate on behalf of affiliated Horticultural Societies/Clubs.
2. To develop and support programs for all ages and skill levels encouraging gardening, community beautification, environmental stewardship, and conservation.

Rationale:

1. As a result of the ongoing SWOT analysis, this amendment was worded to better reflect the Mission of the OHA as an Association.

RESOLUTION 23-10: Be it resolved that:

By-Law 13, 13.1, 13.1 1. be amended as follows:

Current wording:

Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland and the municipality of North Grenville.

Proposed amendment:

Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont, the eastern portion of the city of Ottawa composed of the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland, the municipality of North Grenville, **the Township of Edwardsburg Cardinal and the Town of Prescott.**

AND

By-Law 13, 13.1, 13.1 3. be amended as follows:

Current wording:

Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds and Grenville except the municipality of North Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward.

Proposed amendment:

Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds and Grenville except the municipality of North Grenville, **the Township of Edwardsburg Cardinal and the Town of Prescott,** Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward.

Rationale:

1. The OHA has been approached by an organization which is in the process of forming. Once formed and incorporated by OMAFRA, the new Society/Club intends to affiliate with the OHA and be a part of District 1.
2. As per By-Law 13, 13.2, District 3 has been consulted and there are no objections to this occurring. There are no affected Societies/Clubs as this process deals with the creation of a new Society/Club and no currently affiliated Society/Club will be moved to a new District.
3. In order for this Society/Club to affiliate with the OHA, it must be placed within a currently established District and this amendment will allow this to occur with the changing of the boundaries of Districts 1 and 3.
4. Due to workload in both Districts and considering geographic implications, it is more advantageous to both Districts and the new Society/Club that it be a part of District 1.

Stratford and District Horticultural Society OHA Special Project Grant

Submitted by Marlene Pomeroy

The Stratford Public Library Garden Refurbishment Opening on May 29th was a huge success! The weather was amazing and the garden was blooming with native plants and pollinators. Many thanks to the Ontario Horticultural Association for an OHA Special Project Grant which brought the vision into bloom.

Over 55 participants celebrated in the new community garden space during the Whale of a Tail children's program. The wee munchkins were in love with the Library Lady. Whirligigs, colourful scarves, puppets, songs and reading about gardens had the place dancing into the evening. All the hard work has created an incredible space for people to gather and relax. 3 years in the making, the dream came true for the Stratford and District Horticultural Society and their many volunteers.

Stratford Public Library's Garden Renewal

Submitted by Maureen Cocksedge and Doug Reberg

It must have been an exciting day when American steel magnate Andrew Carnegie offered a \$15,000 donation to help Stratford build a public library. Libraries were a major initiative of the Carnegie Foundation, which eventually helped pay for nearly 1,700, 125 of them in Canada. Not all Stratford residents wanted to accept the gift, because Andrew Carnegie had a reputation for dealing harshly with workers who held strikes for higher wages, but the money was eventually accepted and the library was built in its present location on St. Andrews Street, with the proviso that it not be identified as a "Carnegie" Library.

The Library Garden area has actually been the site of two schools, which the city marked many years ago by installing a large granite boulder with commemorative plaques. The library was built in the shadow of Central School, which was eventually demolished. Most demolition debris was taken away, but some artifacts, mainly bricks, were simply plowed under. Some time in the 1960's, the first Library Garden was created, and Horticultural Society members who worked on those early gardens remember it wasn't unusual to find bricks and other school remnants when cultivating and planting.

Garden visions and ambitions change with passing years, and about three years ago, a working group of Garden Stratford members and Library staff began meeting to share concepts and drawings of a renewed garden. Early in the creative process, the working group began to see the new garden as a place to be enjoyed by walkers and sitters as well as garden enthusiasts. The garden is furnished with benches for relaxation and conversation, and all areas are wheelchair accessible. One of the new garden's prominent features is a "stone circle" of large square landscaping stones that provide seating for quite large gatherings, and it already seems destined to be a meeting place for library patrons, reading groups and garden education events. Most Library Garden plants are native and/or pollinator-attracting species, so it will be a good place to learn about environmentally friendly horticulture. The renewed Library Garden is already very impressive, even in its first year. Please visit stratfordgardens.com to see how well everyone's hard work has been rewarded.

The renewed garden would not have been possible without generous funding from Stratford Perth Community Foundation, Ontario Horticultural Association, Stratford Public Library Foundation, Stratford and District Horticultural Association, and the dedicated involvement of Library staff and Garden Stratford members who will continue weeding, watering, planting and re-planting the garden. You may very well meet some of those dedicated people when you visit Stratford's gardens, so please take a moment to thank them for their efforts. Expressions of appreciation are like oil for gardeners' engines.

Thanks to Lorrie McFadden for her fine photo of the Library Garden in early spring and Jennie Warus for historical information and the wonderful Cicero quote. Watch for news of the Horticultural Society's Garden Tour, coming July 2.



Stratford Public Library Garden

Early Spring

Photo by Lorrie McFadden

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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything."

-Cicero

*Written by Garden Columnist Doug Reberg of Garden Stratford
Previously published in **Stratford Beacon Herald** (May 26, p. 2)*

Brampton Horticultural Society

Submitted and Written by Lynn Viau-Morin, Photographed by Lynn Viau-Morin, Brian Hill and the City of Brampton

It's been a long time since we last shared with you.

While we are fortunate and thankful to be able to count on our members to help at major fundraising and community events, we are challenged to find members willing to be an executive or board member. Add to that the challenges of Covid-19 and some activities, like contributing to the Trillium, didn't happen. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed your stories, and thank you for sharing them. They have inspired me.

There is renewed enthusiasm this year. Our membership has and continues to grow. And many new members are under 40. We have been trying to expand our reach on social media. Perhaps this is helping. We have had a few public events this year and the public is coming out in droves.

In 2021, our society marked its 125th anniversary. Much had been planned to celebrate this milestone but this wasn't a year for gatherings. So, in the fall of 2020, volunteers delivered species tulips to our members to recognize the event with spring blooms. Members were so happy to chat again, even from a distance.



Brampton Earth Day 2023

It was a cold and rainy day, but 340 people came out to learn about environmental sustainability. Some of the great BHS volunteers that manned our booth.

Annual Plant Sale



Ever popular hostas



A great selection of member-grown and locally-grown vegetable plants



Doors open to what was close to 900 visitors.

Seedy Saturday



The Seed Swap and Seed Sale was a great success.



BHS Table

Citizen Award



Left to right: Councillor Rowena Santos, Mayor Patrick Brown, Carole Spraggett, Councillor Dennis Keenan.

A notable event took place in May. The City of Brampton presented Carole Spraggett, our Past President, with the 2022 Long Term Service Award. Carole has served the community for 35+ years. She works tirelessly to support horticultural, social, heritage and environmental projects.

She has been a Board member for 18 non-sequential years, having served as VP and President. She also served as District Director for 7 years and Assistant Director before that. She is a recipient of the 2016 District Service Plaque and the 2019 OHA Trillium Award.

We are stronger thanks to her leadership and proud that she received this honour.

Twenty Great Native Groundcovers – Part II

By Cynthia B. Lauer, PhD (Sociology); member, Simcoe County Master Gardeners

While it may be premature to announce the end of the lawn, gardeners have valid and growing doubts about the value of perfectly manicured turf. Part I (spring issue) reviewed the challenges of maintaining a lawn and the consequences of intensive water, gas and fertilizer use on the environment. One such finding comes from the National Resources Defense Council in the US. It affirms that lawns consume nearly three trillion gallons of water a year in irrigation, 200 million gallons of gas in mowers, leaf blowers and other powered equipment and 70 million pounds of pesticides.

In Part II, we focus on another cost of keeping a lawn. Simply put, lawns are unnatural. Denuded of native plants of all kinds that would take over (along with many invasive non-native plants) if given the opportunity, the lawn is a surface raked of the rich humus in decaying matter. They are a sterile monoculture. They occupy vast expanses of land that offer not a scrap of habitat to pollinators and wildlife.

Lawns contribute nothing to the ecosystem. As introduced species, turfgrass provides neither food nor nesting sites for insects. This has a negative impact on birds and mammals that depend on insects and native plants to survive and reproduce. According to the celebrated environmentalist, Doug Tallamy, it is plants found in private gardens that “make or break bird reproduction”. In his book, *Nature’s Best Hope*, he points out that a full 96% of North America’s terrestrial bird species rear their young on insects, not seeds and berries. Birds survive on insects that survive best on native plants. Lawns’ failure to support insect life has a direct and significant impact on bird life. Lawns exist to satisfy people. They do nothing for other species.

The land dedicated to a beloved expanse of non-native grass is maintained at the expense of countless native plants whose environmental value is indispensable. With our bee and bird populations dwindling as they are, the trade-off cannot be justified. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations reports that 16.5% of vertebrate pollinator species are threatened with global extinction due to habitat loss and fragmentation, pesticides and climate change. A study published in Cornell University’s *Science News* confirms a known or suspected decline of 48% of existing bird species worldwide. These elements are intimately connected. The environmental dynamics that affect one necessarily affects another.

In the concluding chapter to his book, Tallamy advises individual gardeners on what they can do to make a positive difference to the environment. “Shrink the Lawn” is the first item on the list.

Many gardeners are replacing lawn with non-native clover, thyme and chamomile. Notoriously invasive groundcovers such as English ivy, periwinkle and lily-of-the-valley continue to be widely sold. There is no excuse for these practices when the options in native groundcovers are so numerous, so beneficial and so available. From the dozens of possibilities, there are sure to be some that satisfy every gardener’s desire.

In the spring 2023 issue, ten recommendations were given for grassy plants and plants needing sun or part-sun. In Part II, we look at another ten recommendations for plants that prefer shade or part-shade and plants that do well in either sunny or shady conditions. As in Part I, a few more suggestions follow each category.

With a few exceptions, all of the recommendations are herbaceous perennials. Each entry includes a photo and notes on height and spread (where relevant), tolerance for foot traffic (where known), pollinator support, native range and other details.

How to Choose Native Groundcovers

Like shopping for any plant, choosing native groundcovers requires some planning. Available soil and light conditions, moisture, hardiness zone and interactions with other plants have to be considered. Most gardens have existing shrubs, trees and hardscaping around which a new installation of groundcovers has to be designed. This will affect the quantity, height and range of plants chosen. A mix of low and high groundcovers integrated with gravel or stone paths and a few native shrubs and trees, will ensure a pleasing blend of forms, colours and textures in four seasons. Converting tracts of lawn into native groundcover guarantees an attractive, hardy, low-maintenance and environmentally-friendly garden that all visitors will enjoy especially the countless tiny ones who depend on native plants for their survival.

GROUNDCOVERS FOR FULL-SHADE AND PART-SHADE



Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*)

Height: 10–20 cm

Hardiness zone: 3–8

Exposure: shade

Growth Rate: medium

Tolerance for foot traffic: low

Technically a small shrub, bunchberry grows as a lush ground cover in shady, moist areas across Canada. It spreads by rhizomes to form a lush carpet of leaves which turn a vibrant red colour in the fall. In late-spring, star-like flowers appear above the leaves and fade to bright red berries by late summer. Bunchberry supports a few pollen specialist bees and provides nectar for other bee and insect species. The red berries feed birds and small mammals.



Partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*)

Height: 2.5–5 cm

Hardiness zone: 5–10

Exposure: shade to part shade

Growth Rate: medium

Tolerates foot traffic: low

Native to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, Partridgeberry is a low, trailing, evergreen groundcover usually found in moist to dry, acidic woods. It needs moist, humus-rich soils. While it thrives in the shade, it can do well in part sun. Tiny, pinkish white flowers bloom in spring and give-way to small red berries. Both berries and flowers contrast nicely with the evergreen foliage. Partridgeberry tolerates occasional foot traffic but generally doesn't like to be disturbed. Bees visit for nectar, and the flowers are pollinated by bumblebees. Berries provide winter interest.



Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

Height: 10–30 cm

Hardiness zone: 4–10

Exposure: shade

Growth Rate: slow

Tolerates foot traffic: low

A classic groundcover for shade gardens, wild ginger features lush, heart-shaped leaves. Native to New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, its unique, burgundy-coloured flower rests on the ground and is only visible by lifting a leaf. Wild Ginger spreads slowly but steadily to form colonies. The leaves stay green until the fall. This plant tolerates dry shade and is deer resistant. The pollinators of Wild Ginger include beetles, flies and ants.



Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*)

Height: 15–30 cm
Hardiness zone: 4–10
Exposure: shade to part sun
Growth Rate: medium
Tolerance for foot traffic: low

Foamflower is a low-mounding groundcover found in moist shady areas in its native range of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba; in gardens, it tolerates a wide variety of moisture levels. It spreads very well and suppresses weeds over a large area. In spring, the bottle-brush flower heads rise above the leaves to show off clusters of showy white flowers. The heart-shaped leaves are semi-evergreen and will stay green until it snows. Foamflower forms a dense carpet of leaves and spreads by stolons or runners. The flowers support flies, native bees and butterflies.



Virginia Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)

Height: 30–60 cm
Hardiness zone: 5–9
Exposure: shade
Growth Rate: fast
Tolerance for foot traffic: low

Native to Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, Virginia Waterleaf makes a fine medium height groundcover in shade and part shade. In spring, it produces clusters of bell-shaped flowers with white, pink, or purple hues. Spreading quickly by seed, it grows most actively during the cooler temperatures of spring and fall. The flowers are very popular with native bees, especially bumblebees and carpenter bees. Canada Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum canadense*) is also available.



Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*)

Height: 30–90 cm
Spread: 30–75 cm
Hardiness zone: 4–9
Exposure: shade

Ferns bring a uniquely fine texture to any woodland garden. While there are many excellent native species of fern to choose from, Lady Fern is a particularly attractive one. Easily grown in rich, moist, well-drained soil, it tolerates drier soils better than many other ferns. It will also tolerate full sun if the soil is kept constantly moist. Like the more common Ostrich Fern, the fiddleheads of Lady Fern are edible. It can be found growing in its native Newfoundland and the Atlantic provinces, Ontario and British Columbia.

More recommendations for native groundcovers in shade

Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*), Eastern Hay-Scented Fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*), Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum petatum*), New York Fern (*Thelypteris noveboracensis*), Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), Large-Leaved Wood-Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*), Creeping Wood Phlox (*Phlox stolonifera*), Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*; *P. commutatum*), Wild Bleeding-Heart (*Dicentra eximia*), Lowbush Blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), May-Apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*); American Alumroot (*Heuchera americana*)

GROUNDCOVERS FOR SUN OR SHADE



Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*)

Height: 7–15 cm

Hardiness zone: 4–7

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Growth Rate: medium

Tolerates foot traffic: medium

Barren Strawberry is an adaptable, evergreen groundcover native to New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. Easily grown, it tolerates a wide range of conditions including dry shade but grows best in moist soil with lots of organic matter. It is one of the fastest growing groundcovers for shade. Its plentiful yellow spring flowers brighten up shady spots and support a variety of small pollinators like hover flies and native bees. The berry-like achenes are inedible. Its leaves turn a deep purplish bronze in the fall. A non-aggressive spreader, Barren Strawberry expands by rhizomes in a variety of conditions making it an effective choice for erosion control.



Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

Height: 7.5–20 cm

Hardiness zone: 4–8

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Growth Rate: fast

Tolerance for foot traffic: medium

Wild Strawberry is a fast-spreading, salt tolerant, adaptable groundcover that can be found all over Canada. It will grow in a variety of conditions including compacted areas but covers the ground best in full sun. Semi-evergreen and deer resistant, it is very competitive in sunny areas. A larval host to butterflies and moths, its beautiful spring flowers attract early season pollinators like hover flies. Its edible fruit is small and flavourful.



Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)

Height: 30–60 cm

Spread: 30–45 cm

Hardiness zone: 3 to 8

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Wild Geranium is a clump-forming, woodland perennial. Easily grown in average, well-drained soil, wild geranium tolerates poor soils. Native to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, it will naturalize in optimal growing conditions. Forming a mound, the foliage may be lightly sheared back and shaped to revitalize the plant. Its showy flowers are pink to purple and produce a spring bloom for 6 to 7 weeks. It is an important plant for many insect species. Flowers give way to distinctive, beaked seed capsules which give rise to the common name of Cranesbill Geranium.



Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

Height: 9–15 m

Spread: 1.5–3 m

Hardiness zone: 3–9

Exposure: full sun to part shade

Easily grown in average, medium moist, well-drained soils, Virginia Creeper is a vigorous vine that can be grown as a groundcover. It is deer- and drought-tolerant and controls erosion. Celebrated for its fall color in sunny locations, the plant often needs little care but must be trimmed regularly to control its spread. Native to New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, it should be sited in areas where it will have room to grow. Greenish white flowers in late spring to early summer are ornamentally insignificant but give way to blue-black berries that

are eaten by birds. (The related thicket creeper, *Parthenocissus vitacea*, looks similar but has tendrils that won't stick to surfaces.) Virginia Creeper is the larval host for many species of moths including the beautiful Sphinx moth.

More recommendations for native groundcovers in sun or shade

Wild Blue Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*); American Bittersweet Vine (*Celastrus scandens*); Round-Leaved Greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*)

Sources

Native Groundcovers may be sourced at specialist nurseries. Network of Nature posts an interactive map of native plant nurseries in Canada (<https://networkofnature.org/where-to-buy.htm>).

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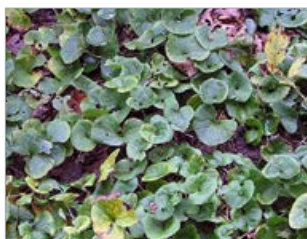
Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*)

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*“If you have a garden
and a library, you have
everything you need.”*

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

Glen Morris Horticultural Society

Submitted by Margaret Fleury, President

Annual Plant Sale and Silent Auction

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Plant Sale and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 27. We had a wonderful selection of perennials, house plants, garden décor and auction items that sold out quite quickly. The many helpers made light work of the event.



Plant Sale: Pictured from left are Joan Sims, Marion Morton, Diane Woodham, Jennifer Hager, Nancy McComb, Bert McComb, Barbara Baumgart, Karen Varga, Jane Burnside, Nancy Taylor and Margaret Fleury. Missing from the picture are Peter McComb, John Morton, Doug Richards and Sarah Mulder. We cleared \$868.09. Photo by Brenda Taylor

Glen Morris Community Gardens

Glen Morris has 11 Community Gardens that are maintained by hard-working volunteers. For many years, Ellen Horak has organized everyone to ensure there are enough volunteers to weed, plant and water all of the gardens. Ellen decided to step down this year. We sincerely thank her for keeping us motivated and organized for all those years! Margaret McPherson has volunteered to take over for Ellen. Welcome, Margaret. We know you are up for the challenge.

Many of the wooden signs in the gardens have seen better days, so our Society decided to purchase new metal signs from Cedar Signs Inc. of Cambridge for 9 of the gardens. They were installed by Marion and John Morton, Joan and George Sims and Margaret Fleury.

Our New Community Garden Signs



Planting Signs

L-R: Marion Morton, Margaret Fleury and Joan Sims

Photo by John Morton



Glen Morris Community Garden Sign

Photo by Margaret Fleury

LaSalle Horticultural Society

By Jan Dugdale, President and Public Relations Officer

Photos by Jan Dugdale



Bat House

Well, for those that couldn't wait for the heat of the summer, the spring has brought it instead. It appears that we will now be using our watering cans until the end of September.

May was upon us before we knew it and our plans for our annual plant sale went well with a huge audience buying perennials, annuals and Mother's Day baskets. Our profits from this event go towards St. Clair college scholarships, area benches in the town, food for the LaSalle food bank and other things our society needs to function. Our next fundraiser will be our "Egg to Butterfly" workshop on Sunday June 25th where we teach participants how to attract and raise monarch butterflies from eggs. This is our second time for this successful seminar.

We are truly excited to finally have our first bus trip in five years. This trip heads up the 401 on June 17th to *Whistling Gardens* in Wilsonville and *Mac Cuddy Botanic Garden* in Strathroy plus we will make a stop at *The Glasshouse Nursery* in Chatham. Seats are still available for both events.

During the summer, we will be working hand-in-hand with the LaSalle Community Fund (LCF) and the WindsorEssex County Foundation (WECF) to put in a large entrance garden at the new LaSalle Landing, the main waterfront area in LaSalle. This large project will hopefully reach completion at the end of 2024. Our fundraising is ongoing currently.

We are very excited to have put up two bat houses in *Vince Marcotte Park* with the help from an OHA grant. Next year, we hope to put in a couple more.

May ended by having a booth at the LaSalle night market in town where we sold perennials, houseplants and memberships plus informed market-goers about our egg to butterfly workshop and bus trip. It truly was another successful event.

Our community gardens are coming along and we planted our vegetables in the heat. Let's hope for a great growing season. Thanks to all the volunteers who come out to help the garden thrive.

Let us end with a big thank you to Essex Horticultural Society for inviting our society to join them in welcoming their speaker Paul Zammit. Our members had a great time and won some great door prizes.

Well, it's time to get back to watering, so we will see you in the fall.



Night Market:
Jan Dugdale, daughter Madison and Peter Neubauer



Elizabeth Chandler working at the community garden

Schomberg Horticultural Society

Author: Susan Zweep – Public Relations Director

Submitted by Eleonora Schmied, Co - president, Photo credit: Eleonora Schmied (her iphone)

Schomberg Horticultural Society
2023 Virtual Yearbook
Winner of the 2023 Photography contest
Pat Earl

March 23rd - Virtual Zoom Meeting
7pm sign in, 7:15 Opening remarks by Linda Jessop
7:30 Presentation, followed by virtual social time
The Busy Gardener by Denise Hodgins
Denise Hodgins is a former college instructor, who continues to enjoy the opportunity to teach through being a Garden Coach. Many homeowners are eager to learn more about their own gardens and how to care for them as well as how to take them to the next level. As a Garden Coach and Designer, Denise has over 30 years of design experience and has worked in many areas within the horticultural industry from Historical Landscaper, to Head Gardener at Rosebank in Leamth, Ontario, greenhouse plant production, and many years on a Landscape crew both in northern Ontario and in London, building and maintaining both residential and commercial properties.

March Virtual Flower Show Photography Entries
Theme: "Spring has Sprung"
"Where there is no hope, it is incumbent on us to invent it." - Albert Camus

Category 1: "Bursting into Spring" - Photo of the first bud on a plant, flower or bulb in your garden.
Category 2: "Spring Fever" - Photo of a Floral Design arrangement
Category 3: "A Touch of Nature" - Photo of pets, birds or wildlife

Floral Design Arrangements can be Traditional, Modern, Urban or Abstract Design.
Please send your entries to egardens@schomberg.com no later than March 22nd

One on one Zoom Instruction for our Members—Zoom Meetings
Virtual Yearbook, Virtual Flowershows,
Virtual Garden Tour, Virtual Social Time

Schomberg Horticultural Society is going Virtual

Schomberg Horticultural Society's Virtual "Over the Fence Garden Tour"
Joanne & Clarke Smith, Mary & Ed Tzarik, Carol and Bob Field, Bev Lunan & Dave Hinton

The Schomberg Horticultural Society members are thrilled to finally be meeting in person. It's amazing the degree of ambition, creativity and enthusiasm that exists in this small community. Our annual plant sale was a huge success, owing to the generosity of our members' plant donations and the hard work of many. We were hosted by the Schomberg Community Farm, a perfect setting on a beautiful day that attracted many supporters. Our Master Gardeners had a great variety of heirloom tomatoes on offer.

Virtually, we enjoyed hearing from Doug Tallamy who taught us the science of planting natives to support our pollinators in his talk "Nothing But Native".

Martin Ford and Judy Roeder, owners of Pocket Woodlands, showcased designs that are inspired by nature and adapted for the urban home landscape to create a community of healthy trees and other natural features.

Our first in-person, post-Covid meeting was with Jaclyn Topps of Season's Florals who intrigued us with her mother and daughter arrangement, using natural material that can be changed with the seasons.

Paul Gelattly, "The Tattooed Gardener", entertained us with "Lions, Tigers and Plants, Oh My!" His experience as Curatorial Gardener at the Toronto Zoo with one of Canada's largest plant collections, was fascinating. We got a glimpse into the world of zoological horticulture, from browse to furniture, enrichment to exhibit design to one-of-a-kind plant collections and dynamic public garden displays. We went to the Zoo Zoo Zoo!

In June, Lianne Harris Racioppo promises a historical and whimsical presentation on "The Garden", the history and story of famous flowers.

Our much-anticipated Annual Garden Tour is planned for June 25 this year. We will be featuring a variety of both urban and rural properties in picturesque King Township as well as various artists from Arts Society King.



It's been Award Season at the Schomberg Horticultural Society!

The Schomberg Horticultural Society was awarded a Special Recognition Award at the King Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony. It was bestowed upon the Society in recognition of 88 years of serving, educating and beautifying Schomberg. The board wishes to thank all the members and volunteers for their unwavering commitment to the Society. On hand to receive the award were Kathleen Gorsline and Angela Rose.

The District 15 AGM was held on April 15th, 2023, where Janet Orr received the very prestigious OHA District Service Award. (Schomberg has received this award now twice in a row). Congratulations Janet, from all the members of the Schomberg Horticultural Society and sincere gratitude for the many years of Service.

The Society was represented by Kathleen Gorsline, Eleonora Schmied, Beth Egan, Linda Jessop, Barb Niemeyer and award recipient, Janet Orr.

A District Appreciation Award was presented by Barb O'Malley to Eleonora Schmied in recognition of her outstanding contribution in serving as a District 15 Assistant District Director.

The OHA awarded our Society a Community Improvement Award which will be handed out at the Annual Convention in July. The award was bestowed upon the Society in recognition of all the community work the society is doing in Schomberg, especially the maintenance of the numerous gardens in the village. Much appreciated are also the seasonal displays at the Centennial Garden.

The OHA also awarded the Schomberg Horticultural Society with a Technical Advancement Certificate, awarded to the Society for its implementation of social media, virtual meetings, flower shows, virtual yearbooks and its commitments to keeping society members connected via social media and virtual meetings during the pandemic.



Community Improvement Award



District 15 AGM, OHA District Service Award recipient Janet Orr and District Appreciation Recognition for District 15 recipient Eleonora Schmied

Oakville Horticultural Society Plants a Tree in Memory of Celia Roberts

Submitted by Paula Clayton, 6 Photos by Elizabeth Schleicher



*Celia Roberts
Photo by F. Tingle*

Sadly, Celia Roberts passed away in December, 2021. She meant so much to all of us at the Oakville Horticultural Society, giving generously of her time and many talents, that we wanted to remember her in a special way.

On Tuesday, April 11, the Oakville Horticultural Society gathered at Gainsborough Park in Oakville to plant a beautiful White Star Magnolia tree to honour Celia, our good friend and accomplished horticulturalist. It was a lovely day and there was a good turnout, as family members, David Humphrey and Jonathan Travers, joined the many OHS folks who were there to remember her.

As a loyal and active OHS member since 1998, she inspired us all with her enthusiastic participation and the generosity with which she shared her many talents. She did so much for our Society and for Horticulture and Design both locally and further afield, serving at the district level, taking the helm at Canada Blooms for a time and winning international design awards.

Celia spent many years on the OHS Executive – her input was always thoughtful and productive, and it was clear that she wanted what was best for the Society. Members of the local society, as well as avid gardeners from around the district, have fond memories of Celia from all the programs, volunteer activities, initiatives and meetings she participated in. She always had something constructive to offer and could be counted on to discuss new garden possibilities and commiserate with fellow gardeners on persistent challenges. A gifted and widely recognized leader and designer, her love of all things floral was truly infectious. Her approachable



Photo by Marie Decker



WHITE STAR MAGNOLIA
OAKVILLE HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY
FOR CELIA ROBERTS - 2023
DESIGNER, GARDENER,
MENTOR AND FRIEND



demeanor brought the joys of gardening to many – it was always inspiring and a great pleasure to spend time with her. We miss her still.

We wanted to honour Celia with an enduring reminder of the beauty she was so successful in creating, so it was decided that a special tree should be planted in a location that would have significant meaning for her and her family and friends. The White Star Magnolia was one of her favourite spring-blooming trees and the Falgarwood area, where she raised her family, seemed very appropriate.

The Executive is grateful to the Town of Oakville staff, who accommodated our preference of species and location, and offered to provide the plaque. They also undertook the expert planting of the rather large specimen and have committed to watering the tree throughout its first season. We also want to express our appreciation to Bulow Nursery, for their cooperation throughout – holding the tree until the right planting season arrived and ensuring safe delivery to the planting site.

With the warm weather that followed the planting, Celia's tree bloomed early – and what a display it was! We look forward to watching her tree grow to great and beautiful maturity, forever reminding us of all the many ways that Celia was special to us.



Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society Fun at Fenelon Court

Submitted by Kathy Allam

This year, our Society has taken on a once-a-month program at the long-term care facility, Fenelon Court, in Fenelon Falls. On the second Wednesday of each month, several Society members go to The Court to lead a horticulture-themed activity with the residents.

February was our first scheduled event. Our activity was one with a Valentine's Day theme. All our supplies were set to go when an email came from The Court – they were in lockdown. It was a disappointment for us all. Carol Milroy did her usual best and took the craft supplies there and decorated the entrance way with our "Blooming Heart" arrangements.

For March, we went with a St. Patrick's Day craft: shamrocks and more shamrocks! A group of us gathered at my home to prepare our material beforehand. The next day I came down with Covid. Not only could I not go into The Court, none of us could as everyone had been in my company. What luck! The supplies were taken to the home with instructions. They did an excellent job without us! Then came April and success at last. Everyone got to create a "Spring Bonnet". They made for great photo opportunities! Alas, privacy regulations do not allow for us to share these, unless the individual or family give their O.K.

May will give the residents a chance to get their hands dirty. Just in time for Mother's Day, we will be potting up pansies. Who does not like those cheery faces on pansies? If you happen to have any small containers you would like to be rid of, let me know. One of our mandates as a Horticultural Society is to promote and be involved in horticulture therapy. Our involvement with Fenelon Court certainly fits the bill.

If you would like to participate in our activities at Fenelon Court, we'd be pleased to have you join us. Contact me at kathyallam@hotmail.ca.

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District 6

Submitted by Lianne Krane, Director Photos by Elizabeth Schleicher

New District 6 Executive

On May 6, Barb O'Malley inducted our District 6 Board of Directors.

District 6 Director is Lianne Krane
Treasurer is Bob Heil
Secretary is Susan MacMillan
Assistant District Directors are:
Bob Heil
Susan MacMillan
Marie Decker,
Sandi Remedios
And Liz Chapple

We had to say goodbye to two retiring ADDs from the board, Marian Heil and Catherine McGill.

We are thrilled to announce that Matas Eimantas and Barb Bell have agreed to replace them on our executive. Matas is brand new to this position and brings with him his fresh, young energy.

Barb Bell used to be our District 6 Treasurer and has agreed to come back to the board as an ADD and I welcome her guidance and expertise.

Each ADD will be responsible to 3 Societies and will attend their AGMs and at least one other meeting or more throughout the year representing the District and the OHA bringing news and greetings.

Thank you ALL for stepping forward and being a part of our dynamic team!



District 6 Executive: Bob Heil (Stoney Creek Horticultural Society Treasurer, District 6 Treasurer and ADD), Marie Decker (ADD), Liz Chapple (ADD), Sandi Remedios (President of Burlington Horticultural Society and ADD), Barb O'Malley (Past District 15 Director and Dignitary of our AGM), Lianne Krane (District 6 Director) and Susan MacMillan (President of Flamborough Horticultural Society, District 6 Secretary and ADD), Not pictured is Barb Bell (ADD) and Matas Eimantas (ADD)



On the left, Catherine McGill (Past District 6 Director and then stayed as ADD for 1 year) and on the right, Marian Heil (ADD for several years and current OHA Treasurer) who are retiring from the District 6 Executive board and have made incredible contributions over the years and will be dearly missed. In the centre is District 6 Director Lianne Krane.



Jenny Blunt (left) of Port Dover/Woodhouse Horticultural Society received our first Rejuvenation Grant from Director Lianne Krane (right).

NEW District 6 Garden Rejuvenation Grant Application Form

To apply for this amazing grant, email:

OHAD6D@gmail.com

At the D6 AGM, a trophy was awarded to Acton Horticultural Society for the highest percentage growth in membership – 110%.



Barb O'Malley (left) and Lianne Krane (right). Barb is the Past District 15 Director and was on hand to install our new District 6 Executive.



Laurel Dolan of Burlington Horticultural Society accepting a \$100 cheque for most members attending an AGM – 14% of their membership came.

We are pleased to announce that Barb Bell from the Lynden Horticultural Society has been awarded the District 6 Service award.

Barb has been a member of the Lynden Horticultural Society (LHS) for over 20 years and during that time she has dedicated countless hours as a volunteer!

She is currently a member of the LHS Executive, sitting as Treasurer now for over 10 years. In her Treasurer role, Barb takes the position to heart, ensuring the Executive knows what is in the bank, when we receive grants, when spending is needed and organizing an annual financial audit.

Barb started out as our Vice-President in 2001, became our President from 2002-2006, past President from 2007-2011 and has been our Treasurer from 2012 to present for a total of 21 years on our Executive board!

As a member of the LHS, Barb has volunteered her time by attending both Executive meetings (about 6/year) and Society meetings (about 10/year). As a member of the Executive Team, she takes an active role in developing the years programming and doesn't hesitate to take on action items to find speakers or book tours for our membership to enjoy.

Barb is also an invaluable member of our Annual Plant Sale Committee, garnering more donations from local garden centres than any other member! She has sat on this committee for longer than she has been Treasurer, she attends the preparation meetings, takes on posting of notices and visits garden centres to ask for and gather donations. She then organizes the Lynden Lions to meet us on site the day of the event to set up their tent to keep us safe from the weather. The event set-up starts at 7:00 a.m., which is when she arrives, and she stays behind to help clean up after the sale! She often takes any leftover plants and donates them to the local church.

She also takes the lead and has many times represented the LHS at the District 6 meetings. To add to her already busy agenda she was also District Assistant Director for many years and District Treasurer!

And lastly, Barb loves the Lynden community and has worked to beautify the area by planting and maintaining flower beds at the Lynden Legion, at the Lynden Community Park and in front of the Lynden Lion's Den (which are all the places we have in our small community of 500). She also volunteers her time and help to anyone who needs it.

This past year the LHS acknowledged Barb for her dedication to this society, to the OHA and her community at our AGM. We believe there can be no one more deserving. Our Society and our Community is a better place because of Barb. It is our honour to nominate her for the District 6 Service Award.



Barb Bell (left) and Lianne Krane

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of the LHS Executive,
Cindy Blair, LHS Secretary and Darielle Clayton-Thomas, LHS President*

Paris Horticultural Society

Serryn Stephenson, Publicity Director

Plant Sale

Plant Sale Photos by Marg Collins and Dave Collins

Paris Horticultural Society had an amazing plant sale May 13th from 8 am to 11 a.m. Everything sold once again; people were lined up outside 40 minutes before doors opened. We had numerous volunteers helping, weeks of preparation, Friday set-up at Syl Apps Arena, donations from members' gardens... a very successful event.

Already thinking about next year!





Some of the many volunteers at the Paris Horticultural Society's Plant Sale

Paris Horticultural Society Garden Tour

Garden Tour Photos by Sarah Jean Green

It was a successful year for our Garden Tour, perfect weather, and just amazing gardens. We sold 272 tickets... Had visitors from as far away as New Zealand! Florida , Nova Scotia.... and many other places. The Stone Labyrinth on Robinson Road was a favourite. However, everyone loved the variety of different gardens. A total of 114 tickets were sold at the gardens!
Sobeys and Walter's Greenhouses & Garden Centre sold the most of the vendors.



Co-President Patti Gladding



Paris Horticultural Society Garden Tour

More photos by Sarah Jean Green



There were 16 different musician and artist groups.

Wishing you a fantastic summer!



This is Anne Vernon (right), coordinator of the Paris Garden Tour, presenting the draw prize basket to winner Ellen Barker of Burford. Photo by Margaret Collins

Marg Collins, Newsletter editor and official PHS photographer, in action

Agincourt Garden Club

Cheryl Penner, President

Some people think you have to be an expert gardener to join a garden club or horticultural society. Some people means me, back in the day, and I lost out on a lot of education and socializing because I wrongly assumed you had to be an expert to join.

And so for greater certainty, Agincourt Garden Club welcomes novice, regular and expert gardeners. We all share ideas, plants and fun.

Our monthly meetings are Zoom meetings in the dark winter months and for our board meetings, saving time and keeping people safe. The rest of the time, we run "in person" meetings where we can see the faces, hear the laughter, see the flowers and socialize.

We discovered a video called "Garden Clubs are Failing" on YouTube, by Jason, a grower and garden club speaker. He points out areas where the clubs can improve to attract new members and make them feel welcome. It may be uncomfortable to listen to but he wants us to succeed. It gives food for thought on a few key points: cliques, meeting agendas, etc.

Last year, we held our first "outdoor" plant sale and it was a great success. We were lucky to have a sunny day, a wide variety of plants and vegetables to sell and lots of volunteers. Our white elephant tables were covered in gently used items and were also a big hit. Peter Keeping of Bowmanville brought a truckload of his unusual and \$10 clematis to sell. Sheila Cule brought flowering cactus and other succulents to add to the mix. Fabulous baskets of goodies were raffled off.

Our customers at the sale ran the gamut from young couples living in apartments looking for houseplants and how to grow them to the more seasoned gardeners who just couldn't resist one more plant. It was a great effort where we worked hard but also laughed our guts out. We are gearing up for another outdoor sale this year.

Right now, members of the Agincourt Garden Club and Scarborough Garden Clubs are meeting at the Knox United Christian Education Center, wrapping up a 4-week joint floral design course. This joint effort seems a win-win for everyone. It seems cost/time effective to have the teacher, Ursula Eley, come to us while we are learning a new skill and making new friends. It may be the first of many more joint adventures, as everyone was asking for another session.

Over the past year, we have visited Bangkok, Singapore, Buffalo, many gardens in England, followed the Footsteps of the Group of Seven and learned the history of Don Mills, without leaving our chairs. We also learned about: African violets, hydrangeas, pruning, darling dahlias, planting in unusual containers, putting our garden to bed and how to make a wreath. It has been busy and a wonderful learning experience each month. Kudos to our programming committee and our guest speakers.



*Our first outdoor plant sale
Photo by Susan Astill*



*Our board members
Photo by Larry Gullins*

We also gained a few new members by renting a table at Get the Jump on Spring, held at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. Our volunteers were able to meet and greet the public to advertise our club and also attend the various gardening talks.

We haven't had a bus trip lately, due to Covid. But we are car pooling to different gardens instead! For instance, we car pooled to Peter Keeping's clematis garden in Bowmanville last July and were Wowed as always. On the corner of Peter's street is Richter's Garden Centre, so of course we had to stop there as well.

Please enjoy this gardening season folks and keep us posted on your adventures through the Trillium.



Teacher Ursula Eley teaching both the Agincourt and Scarborough Clubs about design

Photo by Cheryl Penner



Port Burwell – Bayham Horticultural Society

Story and photos by Jude McHugh

Hello from the Port Burwell-Bayham Horticultural Society. We hope you are all having fun playing in the dirt. This time of year is so glorious and so busy.

Our Society has been staying active and working hard to build community relationships. On May 13, we participated in an event hosted by The Vienna Lions. We had donations of plants and raised \$100 in sales. Next up was our Plant Sale in Port Burwell on May 20. We raised over \$270.00 which we can use for future events. Finally, on June 3, we will be participating in Edison Fest in Vienna which is our last sale event of the season.

The Community Garden Initiative in Port Burwell is going full-steam ahead, thanks to all the volunteers, especially Henry Zomer. The local elementary school has teamed up for fun and education every Wednesday afternoon. The Home and School Committee gave a generous donation to help offset costs.

Our Society was approached by The Otter Valley Naturalists to invite us to be involved with a Native Plant Demonstration Garden in Port Burwell. Lots of exciting possibilities to look forward to with this partnership.

We have purchased our soil and flowers and are planting the 45 Municipal cement planters throughout the region. This is our biggest project of the year and we are proud to be beautifying Bayham.

None of this is possible without the tremendous volunteers who grace our ranks. Thank you for your time and energy.

We wish you all a wonderful gardening season with great weather, no ticks and abundant blooms.

Beaverton, Cannington, Georgina-Brock Garden Clubs

Article and photos by Kathie Braid, Georgina-Brock Garden Club



The Beaverton, Cannington and Georgina-Brock garden clubs from OHA District 17 cross-pollinated their time and resources to host Seedy Saturday, March 25, at the Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre.

Despite the freezing rain and high winds, the event drew a record attendance of more than 730. Gardeners are hardy folks!

Leading up to the event, we did extensive promotion using Facebook and Instagram, in print and online calendars, press releases and posters in high traffic areas such as libraries, post offices and retailers. We were generously supported by print media, the Georgina Advocate, Brock Citizen and Georgina Post, with editorial and advertising, and radio. We were thrilled to be offered a 15-minute interview on Rogers TV and one of our vendors, Mary Beerman, did an excellent job. We rounded out our promotion with street signs prior to the event.

19 vendors offered a wide assortment of seeds, seedlings, native plants, garden related products, garden art, teas, honey, beeswax candles, lavender and herbal products, birdhouses and more. The event encouraged aspiring, novice and expert gardeners with lots of questions fielded by Durham Master Gardeners.

The Seed Swap table was continuously in motion as seeds arrived and found new homes throughout the day.

Children were entertained with a garden-themed story time presented by the Georgina Public Library. In addition, 60 brightly coloured children's activity bags were available with seed starting kits, colouring pages, crayons, flashlight/pens and bookmarks.... they went fast!



Throughout the day, 3 knowledgeable speakers made presentations on Seed Saving, Composting and Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants. All presentations were well attended.

Thanks to the OHA, Duuo Insurance and the Town of Georgina for their financial support. A special thanks to the more than 30 volunteers from our three garden clubs who contributed approximately 200 volunteer hours setting up, running the show and tearing down - we couldn't have done it without you!

Overall, a very successful event with lots of excitement, lots of gardening conversations and lots of new faces.

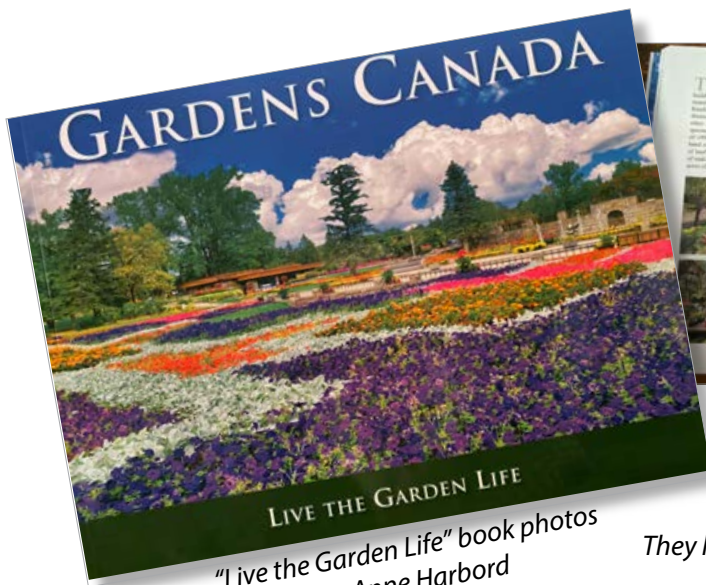
This was the 5th year our 3 local garden clubs collaborated to co-host Seedy Saturday and plans are already underway for our March 2024 event.



District 2

Submitted by Anne Harbord, OHA Director, District 2

Gardens Canada – Live the Garden Life



*"Live the Garden Life" book photos
by Anne Harbord*



*Rideau Woodland Ramble
in Burritt's Rapids, winner of
the Canada 150 Destination
Garden Centre.*

*They have amazing hostas and rare
perennials for sale.*

*The Royal Botanical Gardens
where most Judges spend their
time either training or setting up
and entering shows. My second
home for over 30 years.*

District 2 is selling this beautiful book to raise funds for their expenses related to hosting the 2023 OHA Convention in Ottawa this summer at Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata. Contact District 2 Director, Anne Harbord at anneclark.flowers@gmail.com or call her cell at 613-850-8022 to order a book for \$39.95. Shipping costs may be incurred but every effort will be made to deliver the books or organize a pick-up time and location. They will be available at the Convention at the District 2 table in the Foyer on the Second Floor.

Bath Gardening Club

What's Happening in Bath

Submitted by Pat Chown, Photography by Don Taylor

The Bath Gardening Club is pleased to announce that our membership has reached over 100 people. We are proud of the effort of our members who steadfastly contribute toward the beautification of Bath in both summer and winter. We, as a Club, believe in the education of our members and share recent ecological information through our monthly meetings, Website, Facebook and Newsletter.

Bath Gardening Club has been busy!

Our spring meetings included Astrid Muschalla's informative presentation on pruning; Carson Arthur captivated us with his presentation about "Going Green"; and Natalie Lalonde provided us with vital information about ticks and Lyme Disease.

The Great Bath Clean-up Day!

On April 22, our Bath community celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the village. Students in our local Bath Public School took part in a huge clean up of the school's property. 27 Club members joined other village residents and business owners filling dozens of garbage bags with refuse that had accumulated on our streets and parks over the winter. Roberta Young, manager of Fast Freddy's Free Flow Petroleum, hosted the event and provided lunch to all participants. Loyalist Township provided safety vests and garbage bags. This was a huge success and in many ways the success can be attributed to the developing partnership between our Gardening Club, the Township and the Bath business community.





Fertilizer Mixing and Sale

The annual production of our trademark fertilizer blend was back on track this year. 27 people worked together on a glorious sunny day mixing the special ingredients that help to make the gardens in Bath flourish! Diane Nolting who coordinated the fertilizer project, ensured that the purchasing of ingredients, the financial component, the mixing and selling of our “magical” product went off without a hitch. Over 600 bags were made in record time and all but a few sold by day’s end. After expenses, the Club realized a healthy profit. Well done ladies and gentlemen!

Bath Sunday Market:

The Gardening Club is again managing our local Sunday market as a fund raiser but also to provide an opportunity to highlight local growers. Thank you to all vendors who are always so welcoming to our market visitors.



Bugtel and Memorial Grove:

A huge “thank you” to our volunteers who spent an afternoon cleaning up our pollinator garden, locally known as the Bugtel. After the winter, pollinator plants needed to be divided, transplanted and the soil refurbished. The Memorial Grove, an area of reflection, is a work in progress. This is a project involving many partners. We thank Lafarge Holcim Bath Cement Plant for their contribution of trees to this area and Loyalist Township for planting. Our Club members spend countless hours maintaining the area. Special recognition goes to Dave and Adam Bryant for helping to maintain our new trees and, along with our volunteers, providing water to the area.

Village Planting:

Bath has seen several changes to our gardens this year. New designs are now in place at two of our largest gardens and the participation of our local businesses and residents is a wonderful addition to the beautification of Bath. Residents and businesses have been supplied with watering cans to help with our recent drought conditions. Cassandra Rendell, owner of *The Lodge Coffee House*, has been instrumental in connecting business with the Gardening Club.

Once the gardens, planters and barrels were readied with our fertilizer and coconut coir, planting took place on May 25. Sun Harvest Greenhouses, our plant supplier, delivered over 350 plants and in just over an hour, 20+ volunteers planted over 350 plants in our barrels, planters and the four gardens along Main Street in Bath. We thank Loyalist Township for spending a morning moving our barrels to their summer location on Main Street. A huge “thank you” to Ted Custance of *Sutton Group-Masters Realty* and a long time Bath resident for providing our Gardening





Club signage. Thanks to Tristan Nagler of *Flourish Garden Care* for taking care of our watering needs and a huge “shout out” to our dedicated teams of volunteer weeders who will keep our flowers in tip-top shape well into September. As the growing season progresses, Bath will once again be alive with colour. Marnie Brough and Pat Chown, the village planting coordinators, organized this event and from all reports, everyone involved in the planting had lots of fun.



Members enjoying guest speakers at Bath Gardening Club meetings

And finally... We welcome everyone to join us at the Bath Canada Day Parade. The Bath Gardening Club will be entering a float once again and we thank Wendy O'Neill and her team of volunteers who have taken on this initiative.



OHA 50/50 Raffle Early Bird Winner

Submitted by Marian Heil, OHA Treasurer

The Jackpot Is Growing – Don't Miss Out On Your Chance To Win Big!

The early bird draw of \$500 sponsored by *Shawn LaPalm Insurance Agency* was held on May 14th and the final draw will be on July 21st. The winning early bird ticket was re-entered into the final grand prize draw.

For your chance to win, visit <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha> by July 20, 2023



Our Early Bird winner Beth Blowes of the Auburn Horticultural Society in District 8 received \$500 that was generously donated by Shawn LaPalm Insurance Agency, the insurance provider for the OHA.

We thank Shawn LaPalm for his sponsorship of the early bird prize!

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