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A Message from President Vickie

This family of horticultural societies that we call the Ontario Horticultural Association is a very special organization indeed - I might even say unique. The OHA as we affectionately call it has, as you all know, nothing to do with either hospitals or hockey, but simply refers to a group of people who love the art and science of gardening and wish to share that love with others, particularly by using their skills to keep their communities beautiful.

In November of 1904, a meeting of delegates from horticultural societies was held and a committee was set up to investigate the possibility of creating a provincial organization. The following year they presented their report. In November of 1906, the first Annual Meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association was held in Toronto with 16 delegates attending. Among other things, it was decided that "...any horticultural society in the province shall be eligible for membership upon payment of two dollars per annum, starting in 1907...". Our fee now is \$3.00 a person. Don Matthews, our supplies Chairman, has copies of the book *The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies 1854 to 1973* available for purchase if you are interested in history.

In any organization, Annual General Meetings are very important. By the time you get this, most Societies will have held their AGMs. This is the time when our audited books are presented to the general membership, a wrap up of the year's activities are given, and elections are held. This information goes as well to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs and your grant depends on this information getting to them by February 1st. I would encourage you to invite your District Director to this meeting. She/he is able to conduct your elections and also provide a meaningful installation ceremony. If he/she cannot come, she will appoint an Assistant Director to take her/his place. It would actually be nice of you to invite your District Director to any meeting. Then you can get to know him/her better and she will get to know your members as well.

Further on in this newsletter, you will find a notice indicating that we are looking for a new Secretary. It was with very great reluctance that the Board accepted Janet Moyser's resignation at our last Board Meeting. Many of you know Jan as a very helpful, friendly person as she answers your requests. At the Board meetings, she has been incredibly efficient and hardworking. We are all going to miss her, but she feels it is time for her to move on and we wish her the very best.

Don't forget to book your room for the convention in Sudbury - July 15th to 17th, 2011. The Radisson is already accepting reservations and you want to be in the hotel where all the activities are taking place, although several other hotels are quite convenient. District 13 is planning great things around their theme *A Growing Experience - From the Ground Up*.

May you all have a peaceful and joyous Christmas with all sorts of good things coming to you in the New Year.

Vickie Wiemer, OHA President,
Pollyanna38@sympatico.ca

New Forms and Docs available on GardenOntario.org:

- [Revised Arts 2011 Competition and Reproduction Permission form](#)
- [Publications 2011 Competition](#)
- [Ted Reed Web 2011 Competition](#)
- [Horticulture & Design 2011 Competition](#)
- [2011 Youth Grant Form and Leaders Letter](#)
- [2011 Special Project Application](#)
- [2011 Horticultural Service Certificate](#)
- [2011 Society Annual Information Report](#)
- [2011 Resolution Form](#)
- [2010 Barrie Convention Minutes](#)



for 2011:

Forms and Documents previously inserted in the Trillium mailings will now be available on the OHA website, www.gardenontario.org or from your District Director.



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secretary@gardenontario.org

From the Secretary's Desk...

Included in this issue of the Trillium are year-end inserts of great importance for societies as follows:

Society Annual Information Report should be forwarded to your District Director no later than February 1, 2011...do it now and avoid the rush! This form has been edited and shortened to 3 pages and includes a new section called *Scholarships*. Please use this updated form so that we have consistent information from all societies on file.

Youth Club 'Help Program' application: This program is being offered to the first twenty applications received after January 1, 2011.

Resolution form and procedure should be forwarded to me by February 1.

Special Project grant application form must be received by your District Director no later than February 15.

Adult Competitions: Ted Reed Web, Publications, revised Arts, and Horticulture & Design.

Horticultural Service Certificate application and criteria to recognize and reward society members: Please see your Awards booklet, or check on our website for the details and nominate deserving society members for these awards. There are many other awards available for worthy volunteers.

Registration documents for the upcoming 105th Convention in Sudbury and 2011 Volunteer Hours forms will be available on the OHA's website, www.gardenontario.org as well as on the Convention website, www.agrowingexperience.ca in late February 2011.

My warmest greetings for the upcoming holiday season and every good wish for the coming year.

Janet Moyser,
OHA Secretary

2011 Trillium Deadlines

*Please mark your calendars
with the deadline dates
for submissions to the
2011 issues:*

Spring – February 21st

Summer – May 21st

Fall – August 21st

Winter – November 21st



Insurance Queries?

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oha@lawbrokers.com

Youth Club 'Help Program' Grant Report

This grant started as a two year special project to help Youth Leaders financially. It may be repeated if Youth Leaders participate in the program and the need for support is shown by participation. It is extremely simple. Leaders just fill in the form and send the request to the OHA Secretary. They then carry out the project, send the form and report (plus photos) back to the OHA Secretary. The receipt and cheque arrive in the mail. How simple is that?

Last year St. Marys Youth Club requested funds to purchase mini greenhouses for the school window sills. The kids planted marigold seeds (usually a good plant for small children as the seeds are not too small. They are strong plants that can take some loving without too many problems). The picture below shows the plants ready for competition in the June Flower Show, along with big smiling faces.



In 2010 only a few Leaders out of the possible 20 requested the grant. It is possible that Leaders did not receive the information in time to add projects into their schedules.

Please take advantage of this grant. Thank you for your interest and time spent in working with our youth.

Anna Peterson, OHA Youth Competition Chair, 2011

OHA Seeks New Secretary

The Ontario Horticultural Association is looking for an enthusiastic person to fill the duties of Association Secretary. The successful candidate will be a member of a horticultural society in Ontario with a good understanding of the OHA.

Key requirements include:

- ✓ at least 3 years' experience working in an office in an administrative position
- ✓ good keyboarding skills for taking accurate minutes on a laptop
- ✓ efficient knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as the ability to use and manage an active email account
- ✓ good organizational skills, including accurate record keeping
- ✓ good communications skills
- ✓ ability to work cohesively with a variety of volunteers
- ✓ ability to respond promptly to emails, phone enquiries, faxes and correspondence
- ✓ ability to attend all board meetings, conventions, and committee meetings
- ✓ good time-management skills - able to organize tasks and complete them in a timely manner



Compensation will be offered and may include office space allowance for a maximum of \$5500 per year. A detailed job description will be available to candidates on the short list after December 17th, 2010.

To apply, please send a letter and resume including references to jobs@gardenontario.org no later than **December 17th, 2010**. Electronic mail only, please.



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The Online Gardener's Handbook is a reference guide for home gardeners that provides useful tips on growing vegetables, fruit, ornamental plants and lawns. The guide covers topics ranging from recommended planting times to descriptions of common garden pests and how to prevent and manage them. In April 2009, the government of Ontario implemented a province-wide Cosmetic Pesticide Ban, which limits the availability of many pesticides to homeowners. There are many non-chemical options available to homeowners for controlling pests. The goal of the Online Gardener's Handbook is to provide homeowners with information needed to keep gardens healthy, including the maintenance of healthy, pest-resistant plants; the identity and biology of pests commonly found in gardens; and the various cultural, natural and other options available for managing them.

The Online Gardener's Handbook can be found on the OMAFRA website in English at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/gardbk/ghtoc.html> and in French at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/french/crops/gardbk/ghtoc.html>.

Melanie Filotas, IPM Specialist - Specialty Crops, OMAFRA

You're Invited to A Growing Experience!

The 2011 Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Sudbury's largest convention centre which is located in the downtown area within walking distance of Sudbury's finest restaurants and pubs. Attached to the hotel is a mall that includes a food court, deli, boutiques, and the Rainbow Cinema. There is ample parking so you will be able to park your car and enjoy the very busy weekend we have planned for you.

The Radisson is offering a wide range of guest rooms including those with 2 double beds for \$115 + HST; \$125 if you wish to have a fridge and microwave oven. These costs are comparable with four other hotels within a 10-15 minute walk of the Radisson. The rooms may not offer bargain basement prices like those of a college or university but they do guarantee a good night's sleep, good food and lots of amenities. **To book a room at the Radisson, contact Reservations at 1-800-395-7046** (a toll-free number). **State that you are booking a room(s) for the Horticultural Convention or OHA Convention** to ensure that you are charged the guaranteed rates.

The City of Greater Sudbury serves as the regional capital of northeastern Ontario and the centre of Franco-Ontarian culture in our province with its third largest French-speaking population outside of Quebec. Located 390 kilometres north of Toronto, 290 kilometres east of Sault Ste. Marie, and 483 kilometres west of Ottawa, Greater Sudbury occupies a central location in Ontario at the convergence of two major highways, Highway 69 and Highway 17 (Trans-Canada Highway).

We have decided on a 2½ day format for next year's convention to accommodate diverse travel arrangements and provide enough time for all the great experiences we want to offer to you in our northern location. On Friday and Saturday, six speakers will present on a wide variety of topics in three theatres located at the Rainbow Centre in the attached mall and two will offer judging updates within the hotel premises. For those participants who wish to acquire skills, we are offering two hands-on workshops (one per day) that require pre-registration and include materials. Plenary sessions, each with an amazing speaker, will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

No trip would be complete without visiting two of Canada's largest and most innovative science centres, **Science North and Dynamic Earth**,

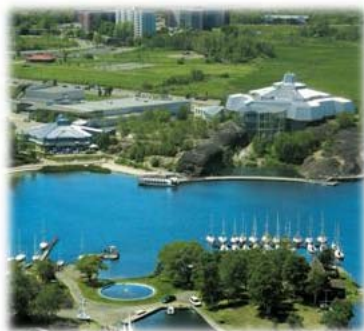
which we have included in our bus tour package. From the fiery impact of a massive meteorite 1.85 billion years ago to the discovery of one of the richest mineral deposits on the planet, the story of this fascinating city is out of this world. Visit Dynamic Earth and discover the real reason why Apollo astronauts trained in Sudbury before their lunar voyages or check out Science North.

Get up close and personal with a flying squirrel and learn about Northern Ontario wildlife or visit the enchanting Butterfly Conservancy and Northern Gardens featuring hardy native plants. Thanks to various sponsors, we are pleased to provide a rarely offered bus tour that showcases Sudbury's award-winning greening efforts and biodiversity plan as well as a garden tour of some of this city's finest gardens.

This year's theme, **A Growing Experience—From the Ground Up**, has been chosen with care to reflect the wide array of strategies, partnerships, and resources employed by the grassroots membership of the OHA in their community projects and initiatives that serve to Keep Ontario Beautiful. To that end, we are encouraging all nineteen Districts to participate in our **Paint the Picket Challenge**. We hope to leave a lasting souvenir of our OHA Convention in the form of a decorative picket fence somewhere in the city.



As well, please plan to bring your trowel so you can join us and indulge in some **Guerrilla Gardening** in downtown Sudbury on Thursday evening. If you have never had the opportunity to do some clandestine gardening or "vandalizing with Nature", so to speak, and help transform an ugly, unkempt patch of ground into a spot of beauty, then you will have your chance. It should provide lots of fun and laughter for all involved! To receive the latest information on the 2011 Convention, subscribe to **Suzanne's Blog** at <http://suzannehanna.wordpress.com> and visit the official OHA Convention 2011 website, www.agrowingexperience.ca. If you would like to know more about District 13, visit our website at www.ohadistrict13.ca.



**Suzanne Hanna,
District 13 Director**





You're probably preparing to 'clean' your garden for winter. I'd like to make a plea that you not be too tidy. Leave many of your plants just as they are. Don't cut or trim or cart away. And be sure to chop your leaves and put them on your gardens. There are several reasons for leaving your garden a bit 'messy' as winter approaches.

First of all, those clumsy wisps of cleome and cosmos will feed the goldfinches and other LBJs (little brown jobbies) as winter approaches. And the grasses and stands of coneflowers are a treasure trove for birds and small mammals well into winter.

Secondly, you may inadvertently be disposing of the pupal stage of some of our prettiest butterflies. The Black Swallowtail in particular overwinters in pupal stage on the stalks of many of your garden flowers and waits until spring to emerge. The Mourning Cloak butterfly overwinters as an adult in woodpiles and brush. Wouldn't it be a shame if something beautiful ended up in your yard waste instead of in your yard?

Third, sturdy stalks and bushy plants catch and hold snow and keep the crowns of many of your perennials safe from the perils of the deadly freeze/thaw cycle in spring. It was planned that way.

Fourth, standing plants can add lots of winter interest to your garden. Ornamental grasses are especially attractive when they are covered with snow.

And lastly, the community of living things within your soil will benefit from the additional organic matter that you leave as a gift on top of your soil. Soil critters are important to the health and growth of your plants. Start working on next season's garden by providing food for soil critters this fall.

Your garden doesn't need to be squeaky clean. Emulate Mother Nature this fall.

**Carol Dunk, OHA 1st Vice President
Conservation and Environment Committee**

Getting New Plants Through Their First Winter

During the first winter, protection for newly planted perennials is a good idea. When the ground freezes solid (usually late November or December), mulch around plants with loose hay or straw - three to four inches high. This will insulate the plants against cold winds. Also water your plants well until the ground freezes up.

The idea for the mulch is to shade and insulate the ground to prevent alternate thawing and freezing that pushes perennials, especially new ones, out of the ground. Do not use pine bark pieces directly on soil for mulch. The bark pieces rob nutrients from the soil.

If you cannot find hay or straw, evergreen branches from your discarded Christmas tree will shade the bed. Saw branches off the trunk and arrange in big overlapping layers. As an alternate measure, use a woven frost blanket, white in colour, and lay the frost blanket loosely over the bed. Do not stretch the blanket.

Wish for snow! A thick blanket of it is Mother Nature's free mulch.

**Kees Stryland
OHA Past President**



Take the
two minute
gardening
SURVEY

Do you think Canada is ready for a designated channel on gardening? Landscape Ontario is reaching out to fellow organizations and all gardening enthusiasts to express their views.

LO has developed a quick online survey on the need for a 24-hour gardening specialty channel. The survey is located at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.net/gardeningtv>

Kudos for Glencoe Youth!

Glencoe is a small community (population just under 2200) in Southwest Middlesex. I visited and participated in their Fall Fair September 23rd to 25th. The picture below is of the Junior Exhibits and what a show they had! Just under 500 feet of tables completely full of everything - pictures, crafts, construction, baking, and of course flowers, vegetables, and fruit. Congratulations to the organizers and participants from the agricultural and horticultural groups.



School buses brought children on opening Friday to view the entries and receive short talks by vendors on subjects such as water, energy, and the environment. These are the leaders, artists, builders, farmers, and horticulturists of the future.

Excellent work **Glencoe and District** - the best Youth section I have seen in 10 years of judging and participating.

Roland Craig, District 10 Director

Horticultural Societies and the Accessibility Act

The Athens Garden Club and Horticultural Society sent a written question to Secretary Janet Moyser, to be answered during the half-hour question and answer period set aside at the Barrie Convention in August, 2010.

The Question:

The availability of suitable meeting facilities in a small community is very limited. Rural horticultural societies face the possibility of imminent extinction, owing to competition for accessible space in small but vibrant communities where many group activities currently take place in older buildings which were not designed with accessibility in mind. Furthermore, in a small community, there may not be any residents who need totally accessible premises and are interested in attending meetings.

Alone, one small horticultural society has no hope of influencing government to adopt a more realistic approach to reaching the valid and admirable goal of total accessibility. However, we believe that one of the functions of OHA is to articulate our concerns and lobby for a more realistic approach to the ultimate goal of accessibility for all. Will the OHA support our needs and lobby on behalf of Ontario's rural horticultural societies?

The Answer:

This refers to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* which calls upon everyone to adhere to accessibility standards. Please do not get worried over this act. This is an enabling - not disabling - Act. In other words the government is concentrating on making things easier for persons with disabilities not punishing those that can't comply. The Government will be realistic in its application. For example, if you are looking for a venue for meetings or flower shows and two sites meet your requirements but one is accessible and one is not, the logical thing to do is pick the one that is accessible. However, if there is no place within your community that can provide accessibility at a reasonable cost, then don't worry about it. We have a couple of pamphlets available for you about this Act. We will also be inviting a member of Community and Social Services to speak at the convention in Sudbury next year, so that you will become more comfortable with this Act.

Vickie Wiemer



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c/o Marilyn Cox, 86 Church Street, R. R. #2, Keswick ON L4P 3E9
For information, call Marilyn at 905-476-3000*

NOTE: If you wish to have the deceased person's name announced at the Convention, please notify the OHA Secretary.

***It should be noted that funds from the Ontario Horticultural Association Memorial Book special fund are available for memorial tree grants.**



**Marilyn Cox, Memorial Book Custodian,
at the 2010 OHA Convention**

Preserving and Teaching the Lost Art of Canning



Pegi Holtz and Lindley McPhail (President of the **Russell and District Horticultural Society**) demonstrated canning techniques as part of the R&DHS's summer BBQ and canning workshop. Lindley was this year's Trillium Award winner at the Convention in Barrie. She has been promoting the 100 mile diet for many years. The canning workshop included cranberry salad, dressing, beets, salsa, sundried tomatoes, apple sauce, pepper preserves, and much more. All produce was locally grown.

Pat Stachon, District One Director

Sandy Wants to Hear from You!

As a new District Director, I have found talking to other district leaders of great value. Hence, I would like to find out what works for you in your societies as Presidents, Directors, and Volunteers.

Send me an email on what has worked for you and what has not worked.

What did you learn as a first year President?

What revisions would you like to make to your Constitution?

Ask questions you would like answered. I will compile everything and share the results in the next Trillium.

**Sandy Rakestrow,
Education Committee Chair
sandy888@sympatico.ca**

A Successful Year of Community Projects

We have been pleased with our community projects in Thornhill. During 2010 we have been active in four public areas. Percy Bone Parkette, named after a past President, has been planted and maintained. A bench in the Parkette now has a plaque acknowledging a member's contributions to the area. Two more benches have been donated to and placed in the historic Thornhill Village Library whose grounds are planted and maintained by members. Additionally we look after a bed at the corner of two main roads, Bayview and John.

We design and plant some containers at a local shopping mall which graciously supports us and permits us to hold our annual public flower show. We help two private locations - a home for the physically handicapped and a local hospice - with planting and donations of plants. Two awards are given to members - the Street Landscape award for the best front garden and the Planter/Container award for the best planter visible from the street. For the first time we have been able to donate a bursary to a local student who is now enrolled in a local community college and is studying a horticulture related subject.

Pictured below, l. to r.: Graham and Brenda Duncan with Ute Gunderman and Barbara Mahler during planting of flower boxes of the Shops on Steeles and 404 Community Beautification



**Brenda Duncan, President,
Thornhill Garden & Horticultural Society**

140 Years for St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society

2010 marked the 140th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Thomas & District Horticultural Society. There have been many changes since the group began as a sponsor of the East Riding of the County of Elgin Fall Show which was held in the then Town of St. Thomas. Over the years, we have been involved in civic beautification, flower shows, garden competitions, school gardens, spring and fall plant sales, and hosting meetings on a variety of gardening topics.

To celebrate this important milestone, several special events were organized. The society's meeting place, the St. Thomas Community Christian School, received a *Ginkgo biloba* tree during Arbour Week. Members enjoyed a guided tour of Cuddy Gardens near Strathroy in May. Various memorabilia was put on display at the St. Thomas Public Library and a series of photographs from past flower shows appeared in the daily St. Thomas Times-Journal newspaper.

The society promoted itself in the community by participating in the Spring Gardening Show at Canadale Nurseries Ltd. in March with a display of recycled objects for use in the garden. Board Members manned a table at the Aylmer Home and Garden Show in April and a tent at the International Plowing Match in Elgin County in September.

The society has been active in the Ontario Horticultural Association by attending the District 10 Annual Meeting in Dorchester on April 17th and sending delegates to the Annual Convention in Barrie from August 13th to 14th.



*Photo above: Planting a Ginkgo biloba tree at the St. Thomas Community Christian School on May 10th, 2010 to celebrate the 140th Anniversary. Left to right: Principal Janet Baird, students Alex Hooker and Joshua DeJong, and Society President Diane Vaughan.
Photo: Diane Vaughan.*

A book on floral design entitled 'Flower Arranging Made Simple' was given to the St. Thomas Public Library. Two floral design classes took place, one in June and the other in October at the library. Participants learned some of the basics along with small, miniature, and line-mass styles of arrangements.

Despite the early growing season, the Annual Flower Show was very successful on June 26th. The theme this year was 'As Time Goes By' with design classes inspired by world events over the past 140 years. The school gymnasium was filled with roses, perennials, and floral designs. President Diane Vaughan organized our most successful Annual Garden Tour in July which featured eight properties in St. Thomas and the surrounding Elgin County.

Other activities in 2010 included a bus trip to Canada Blooms in Toronto in March. Members took part in the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up in April and October. The Annual Spring Plant Sale was held at the city-owned Horton Farmers Market on May 22nd. A bursary was awarded to a recent graduate of Arthur Voaden Secondary School the following month.

The monthly meetings this year have featured 'History Bytes', a short account about important accomplishments from the society's past. Topics have included 'Dreamland Gardens', 'Lilacs of Pinafore Park', 'Michigan Central Railroad Park', and 'Society Awards and Trophies'. The September meeting included the life story of society president Dr. Frank E. Bennett who served as president of the OHA in 1917.

The society meetings are open to the public and are held from January to May and September to November at the St. Thomas Community Christian School. Speakers this year have demonstrated flower arranging and plant propagation and talked about herbs, native wildflowers, and walnut trees. Members and guests have the opportunity to win a door prize, 50/50 draw, or items from the Adoption Table. There is a mini-show which includes classes for horticulture, design, and craft. Money collected during the tea break has been donated to the Alzheimer's Society. If you are interested in attending one of our events or meetings, visit our website at <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/thomas> or contact President Diane Vaughan at (519) 633-3213.

**Richard W. Cartwright,
Historian,
St. Thomas & District H.S.**

Community Project: Port Credit 175th Commemorative Flowerbed

On June 15th, 2010 a gathering took place in Port Credit for the unveiling and ribbon cutting of the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Commemorative Flowerbed, a community project taken on by the Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga.



The ceremony was attended by MPP Charles Sousa - Mississauga South, Ward 1 Councillor Carmen Corbasson - City of Mississauga, members of the Port Credit 175th Anniversary Committee, and members of Cloverleaf, as well as media reporters.

This project was chaired by Cloverleaf President Edel Schmidt and Director Manuela Neto. The flowerbed was designed by Edel, to reflect Port Credit as 'the village by the lake'. The rainbow symbolizes the rainbows often seen over the lake, and the wavy area towards the bottom represents the lake and the waves. The size of the flowerbed was approximately 20'x 15', planted with boxwood, red and blue salvia, yellow marigold, white alyssum, purple wave and white petunias.

The project took close to nine months from conception to completion. The most challenging aspect of the project was finding a suitable location for the flowerbed and then getting approval from the City of Mississauga. Several locations were considered and after much ado, Cloverleaf entered into a *Parks Community Stewardship Agreement* for the temporary use of the former Port Credit Lawn Bowling property on May 10, 2010.

The second most challenging aspect was figuring out Cloverleaf's incorporation number. After much searching, we discovered that the club is incorporated through OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs). A letter of good standing was requested and the City was happy. Then there was the need for a copy of the insurance certificate, updated to include the names of all parties (i.e. The Port Credit 175th Anniversary Committee, The Port Credit BIA and The Corporation of the City of Mississauga). These were big learning experiences for both Edel and Manuela.

Once all the legalities were addressed, the construction of the flowerbed was a smooth ride (That's what we are all about - gardening!). We had the bed constructed and planted in no time, with support from the Recreation and Parks Department and sponsored by:

- Edelweiss Landscape (design)
- Garden City Groundskeeping Services Ltd. (watering)
- Sheridan Nurseries (plants)
- TERRA Greenhouses (plants)
- Scotts Miracle-Gro (fertilizer)
- Scotiabank (monetary)

This community project was a great learning experience for those involved and a wonderful opportunity to promote Cloverleaf Garden Club in the community. It was challenging for a while, but well worth the effort in the end!

Co-chairs Edel Schmidt and Manuela Neto

Plant a Tree!



The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its **Tree Planting Special Project Award**, whereby a Society or District may apply for up to \$100 for a special tree planting. A total of **25 projects** are available for these funds in 2011.

Although there is no formal procedure for applying for this funding, a letter must be sent via

Canada Post outlining what tree is to be planted and indicating if this is a special event for the Society/District. These requests are to be sent to the OHA Secretary, Janet Moyser, 49 Blairs Trail, RR8, Kincardine, ON N2Z 0B3.

These awards are granted on a *first come basis* after January 1, 2011. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for three years. Awards are announced to the Directors at the spring board meeting and no further awards are given for the year. Once approved, payment is made upon submission of receipts. **Receipts must be received before the end of December, 2011.**



Special Project Application

As part of the ongoing support of member societies, the Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association has approved the establishment of a **Special Project Grant**. This grant is for the use of societies to assist them with projects having a long lasting benefit to the society or community, such as planting of perennials, trees, and shrubs. This grant is not to be used for planting of annuals, mulch, manure, compost, hardscaping or construction materials. When preparing your application, do include lots of information, photographs, a site map, a list of plant material, and estimated costs.

This Special Project grant will provide ten projects a year to a maximum of \$500 for each project, with a limit of one project per society per year. This Special Project grant will be reviewed annually. Any society that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years.

To be considered for a Special Project grant, the application inserted in this mailing must be completed and mailed to your District Director by February 15th, 2011. The application form is also available on our website at www.gardenontario.org

Cornwall's Bark & Compost Day

Each year, as gardeners gear up for another growing season, the *Cornwall & District Horticultural Society* (CDHS), in partnership with the City of Cornwall, hosts **Bark & Compost Day** on a Saturday in early May. Compost derived from the City's fall and spring yard waste collection program and mulched trees from a local tree service are sold to gardening enthusiasts by the bag or by the tractor scoop. This is the Cornwall Society's major fundraiser each year. As a way of giving back, one dollar from each bag of compost sold is put toward a special community project.

This year the proceeds were used to purchase a large *Acer rubrum*, commonly known as a red, scarlet, or swamp maple for the Access Area at the local Children's Aid Society. The tree was planted at no charge courtesy of Althouse Horticultural & Arborist Services. A good size now, within a few years the maple will provide a lovely shady corner for the visitors to the playground.

Pictured in front of the newly planted tree are Bert Ruest (CDHS Vice-President), Neil Dixon (City of Cornwall), Dale Stanley (CAS Property Management Coordinator), Wendy Grant (CDHS President), Rachel Daigneault (CAS Executive Director), Paul MacLean (Althouse Horticultural & Arborist Services) and Jim Althouse (Owner, Althouse Horticultural & Arborist Services & CDHS Director).



A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Rainycrest Courtyard Project

For many years the members of the **Fort Frances Horticultural Society** have planted and maintained the front entrance flower beds and planters at Rainycrest Home for the Aged. The four courtyards however were a different matter, having fallen into a state of overgrown shrubs, vines, unkept flower beds and unsafe and broken pathways. Therefore they were locked and unused. When Rainycrest decided to redo these courtyards and needed clubs to volunteer to plant and maintain them, we were the first to step forward for the challenge. Plans were made and funds were raised through the hard work of our members with plant sales, cookbook sales and applying to the OHA for the **Special Project Funds Award** (which we were selected to receive).

During the summer of 2009 and continuing through the fall and into the spring of 2010 the hardscaping was done. We had chosen the northeast courtyard because it had both a sunny side and a shady side with a micro-climate. The plant possibilities were endless. Finally in June we had the okay to plant. With plans in hand and volunteers eager to go, Marie Anderson saw her vision come to life. Two coats of landscaping fabric and hard compacted poor soil were soon peeled back and amended. The planting began. Dozens of trees and shrubs soon filled the courtyard and the two perennial beds on either end of the sunny side were filled with plants (many of which were donated by members and friends). Then the two hundred plus annuals were planted to soften the concrete edging and provide waves of colour. Finally, the two water features were installed (two old fashioned pumps) much to the delight of the residents. The six specially designed planters in the middle of the courtyard were filled with herbs, vegetables, and flowers with the help of the residents in the therapeutic program.

The fall saw the planting of two hundred plus spring bulbs in the perennial beds. It gives us great satisfaction and pleasure in a job well done when we see the residents and visitors enjoying the sunshine and fresh air as they leisurely stroll the courtyard with smiles on their faces, enjoying the garden and reminiscing about their own gardens, or just sitting and quietly enjoying the sound of the water as the pumps fill and spill their pails. It has become such a safe, beautiful and peaceful space that even a humming bird moth that came to visit stayed for the summer.

Nadia Felix, President



Scarborough's RIDE Program

As with many other garden societies, our regular monthly meeting is well attended and features a few society announcements followed by a presentation by a speaker, a mini show, and a festive social time with lots of coffee, tea, and homemade treats. Each month the speaker and the topic are announced in our monthly newsletter the 'Garden Cuttings'. As the president of the Scarborough Society I often get to stand up in front of the group informing them of new and interesting things happening in our Society.



It occurred to me one day that if you could not attend one of these general meetings you would be missing out on a great deal of not only good information but also the social time. Thinking about it some more I realized that if you could no longer drive at night, or did not want to drive in the snow or travel alone, you would be missing out on more than just a good time. With that in mind I came up with a simple solution.

We call it our SGHS RIDE Program. The person needing a ride to one of our general meetings contacts me two weeks before the meeting and requests a ride. I then consult my list of volunteer drivers and telephone them to let them know who needs a ride and where they live. The two parties then arrange between themselves a convenient pickup time. On the day of the general meeting the ride provider picks up the passenger and both get to enjoy the evening! This is a very simple solution that brings smiles to both the driver and the passenger!

R. John Garside



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Schomberg's 75th – A Special Year!



When the Schomberg Lions Club added more soccer fields and a wonderful new "venture playground" to the Osin Park, the **Schomberg Horticultural Society** decided that the playground was just calling for a garden to beautify the area. The Society applied for and received a grant from the OHA for this project. We planted a many season garden of bulbs, shrubs, and perennials. We had been given a donation by Jane Glassco so we added a ginkgo tree to this garden. We also plan on planting several more trees around the playground in the spring, with the rest of Jane's donation. 2010 was a special year for the Schomberg Horticultural Society as the April meeting was the celebration of our 75th birthday. Two Life Members, Colleen McCutcheon and Verna Rowland, cut the cake. We had nine past presidents and two past secretaries present for the celebration. An Autumn Blaze maple tree was planted at the Osin Lions Park this fall to mark the occasion.

Janet Orr

The Executive, Directors, and Societies of the OHA Congratulate the Master Gardeners of Ontario on their 25th Anniversary!

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Nominating Committee

Ken Fink presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following nominations were received:

President Vicki Wiemer

First Vice President Carol Dunk

Nominations for Second Vice President: Sheila King and John Sellers

No other nominations were put forth from the floor at this time. Elections will be conducted on Saturday

Speaker: Paul Zammit - "The Soul of the Garden" - introduced by Marvin Myhre.

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Registration desk, vendors' area and competition rooms were open for delegates to attend. An early bird draw was held prior to the start of this session. OHA President, Kees Stryland gave welcome to delegates just arriving to convention.

Ken Fink discussed the election process. The 2 candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President (Mary Ann Van Berlo speaking for Sheila King, and John Sellers) were allotted 5 minutes each to speak.

Question and Answer Session:

Two questions were received from societies which are as follows:

Athens Horticultural Society: Will OHA lobby to have compliance required for Accessibility Act altered for small societies? Answered by Vicki Wiemer.

Rice Lake Horticultural Society: Why did the Treasurer Bonding change to Letter of Credit? Answered by S. Hill. For those not in attendance, responses will appear in the Trillium.

Resolutions: conducted by John Sellers.

Resolution 10/1, numbering change from "sub-section 6.8 to 6.7". Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 6 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 6.7 to read "A serving Director who is elected to provincial office shall give up the directorship, and the District affected shall replace him within ninety days at a district general meeting called for that purpose."

Resolution 10/2, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 6 be amended by the addition of a new subsection 6.8 "For an Officer of OHA who is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the Board shall appoint, for the balance of his term, a replacement from among themselves, subject to succession by the next ranking Officer."

Resolution 10/3, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub section 13.5 to read "For a director who has resigned, or is unwilling or unable to carry out the responsibilities of office, the District Executive shall appoint a replacement for the balance of his term."

Resolution 10/4, Discussion and Motion 10-33: Vicki Wiemer/Dianne Westlake to drop last sentence "Each elected Director and Assistant Director shall be a member in good standing of different horticultural societies within the District". Motion carried with 6 opposed.

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.3 be amended: to read "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 member societies at least thirty days in advance.

Resolution 10/5, Motion 10-34: Jeff Blackadar/Bonnie Warner amendment to delete words "two auditors" and replace with "two financial reviewers or an auditor". Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13.4 be amended to read "Each District at its Annual General Meeting shall create a District Executive consisting of the Director, Assistant Director(s) and shall elect or appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a SecretaryTreasurer, and two financial reviewers or an auditor. This may be expanded to include other executive members."

Resolution 10/6, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new subsection, 13.6 to read; The Director and District secretary shall prepare an Agenda and order of business for all District meetings. A copy of the Agenda shall be distributed to all district societies prior to the meeting. The secretary shall maintain the minutes of such meetings, and the other written records of the District. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be made available to all members within two months of the meeting.

Resolution 10/7, Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 13.7 to read: The District Treasurer shall present to the membership at the AGM, reviewed financial statements of assets and liabilities as well as income and expenditures for the prior fiscal year, with copies for each society. The Treasurer, having made copies, shall transmit the original documents, statements, bills and receipts, along with the reviewers' comments, to the Association Treasurer no later than 1st of February each year. The District financial year shall be from 1st of January to the 31st of December as of the 31st of December 2010.

Resolution 10/8, numbering change to 13.8, 13.9 and 13.10, Carried

Be it resolved that: By- Law 13 be amended by the addition of a new sub-section 13.8 to read: The District Director may, if invited, facilitate the resolution of disputes within a society's leadership.

Be it further resolved that: Sub-sections 13.5, 13.6, and 13.7 be re-numbered 13.9, 13.10 and 13.12.

Resolution 10/9, change „their“ to „there“. Carried

Be it resolved that: By-Law 1 “Interpretation” be amended by adding: “ex officio” designates a member of a Board or Executive who is a person who holds or held an office to which he was neither directly elected or appointed, often as the representative of an external body, in which case he is non-voting. An immediate past president or past director of a body is their ex officio, but has the right to vote.

Resolution 10/10, Carried

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

Resolution 10/11, Carried

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

Resolution 10/12, Carried

Be it resolved that: the Ontario Horticultural Association extend its thanks to the Director, Assistant Directors, Societies and members of District 16 who worked to plan and conduct the 2010 Convention and to all others who had any part in contributing to its success.

Election of Association Officers: conducted by Ken Fink

The Slate of Officers as received by the Nominating Committee was presented on the first day of the Convention. Calls were made for further nominations. As there were no further nominations for President, Vicki Wiemer was declared President for 2010-2011. As there were no further nominations for 1st Vice President, Carol Dunk was declared 1st Vice President for 2010-2011. There were two nominations for the position of 2nd Vice President, namely Sheila King and John Sellers. A vote for the position of 2nd Vice President was held, with the results to be announced at the evening banquet.

2011 Convention: Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director, issued an Invitation to Sudbury for the 105th Annual Convention. *Speaker, Shannon Wood*, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, “*Birds and Bees*”, introduced by Janet Moyser

Motion 10-33: Carol Dunk/Isla Reed that members of the Executive/Officers and Board of Ontario Horticultural Association be absolved of all liabilities incurred through errors, inaccuracies or omissions in the performance of their duties during the past year. Carried

BANQUET - SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

Dinner was served in the North Gym Complex. MC was 2nd Vice President, Carol Dunk.

President, Kees Stryland presented gifts to 3 departing directors: Marj Larson, District 14; Anna Peterson, District 10; and John Sellers, District 4.

Past President, Jim Mabee announced the following awards to honour O.H.A. members:

Award of Merit, presented to Margaret Hutchinson, Parry Sound & District H. S. by Betty Morrison, District 18 Director.

Community Improvement Award, presented to Twyla Wilson for Englehart Centennial Park & Town of Englehart, by Bonnie Warner, District 12 Director.

Environmental Award, presented to Joan Ellis, Sandy Agnew, Janis Hamilton, Edna Caldwell and Ron Nelsons for Bayview Park Stream Restoration, Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society, by Judith Rogers, District 16 Director.

Honour Roll, presented to Evelyn Barham, Delhi & District Horticultural Society, and accepted by Celia Roberts, District 6, Director. Pictures and biography of Evelyn Barham have been included in the Honour Roll book.

Silver Medal Award presented to Jim Anderson, Brampton Horticultural Society, District 15. This is a round, silver medal, suspended under a bar with the Association logo and made to be worn as a pin and is accompanied by a framed certificate. This is the highest award of the Association and is for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association.

Youth Leader Award presented to Sonya Shelswell, Oro-Medonte Hort. Society, by Judith Rogers, District 16 Director. This plaque is presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of 5 years.

Trillium Award presented to Lindley McPhail of Russell & District Horticultural Society, District 1, by Kees Stryland, OHA President. The Trillium Award is a silver brooch initially donated by Mrs. Thelma Boucher who was O.H.A. President in 1941, and is the highest O.H.A. award presented to a lady.

Silver Fir Award presented to Ken Fink, Beachburg Hort. Society, District 2 by Kees Stryland, OHA President. This is a silver pin initially donated by Mr. Alastair Crawford, an O.H.A. Past President and is the highest O.H.A. award presented to a gentleman.

Speaker: Diana Beresford-Kroeger - "New Beginnings". Introduced by Ken Fink. Her new book was introduced and signed copies were available for sale.

Lynda Burke of Richmond Hill Garden and Horticultural Society provided details of the late Gladys McClatchy's contribution to horticulture, and her annual banquet speaker memorial gift to the Ontario Horticultural Association.

President's Final Address: Kees reminisced about his year as president and the wonderful memories he has of attending societies' annual general meetings.

Retiring President, Kees Stryland, presented the chain of office to in-coming President, Vicki Wiemer. Vicki Wiemer presented retiring President, Kees Stryland, with a Past President pin and a gift.

Results of Election: John Sellers was voted as 2nd Vice President.

Motion 10-34: Rose Odell, District 4/Chris Temple, Stoney Creek Hort. Society that election ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Welcome to New President and Vice Presidents: Ken Fink introduced the new Executive 2010-2011. Installation of Officers was conducted by Ted Reed.

Presentation of flags to District 13 Director Suzanne Hanna and contingent. The 2010 Convention was declared closed.

September 6, 2010

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Ontario Horticultural Association Budget 2011

REVENUES		
Membership Fees		91,700
Insurance	liability	19,500
	directors & officers	31,000
Sale of OHA Supplies		5,080
Web space sales		780
Newsletter		600
Donations/Supporters		6,550
Advertising		300
Special Projects	trsf fr restricted funds	5,000
Memorial Tree Plantings	trsf fr restricted funds	2,500
Miscellaneous Fundraising		2,000
Management Fee	Treasurer LOC	900
Retained Earnings from Conv 10		5,000
NET OPERATING REVENUE		170,910
EXPENSES		
Meeting Expenses	Board Meeting Expenses	32,000
	Committee Expenses - i.e. social marketing, youth, constitution/by-laws, conservation, education, judge's registry, long range planning, funding, etc etc.	14,970
Other Meeting Expenses		17,600
District Expenses		5,500
Audit/Legal Fees		200
Bank Charges		19,300
Insurance	Liability	32,000
	Dir & Officer's Insurance	2,900
Mailing Costs/Courier/Print & Stationery		15,500
Office Services and Expenses		2,000
Computer Software/Equipment		1,700
Awards & Prizes		9,200
Special Projects	Loblaw, Oak Grove @ U of G and society grants	2,500
Memorial Tree Plantings		500
Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards		4,000
OHA Supplies		2,900
Newsletter/Youth Newsletter		1,500
Annual Report/Yearbook		3,000
Education/Promotion/Publicity		2,400
Exhibitions, incl.storage		200
Fund Raising Expenses		200
NET OPERATING EXPENSES		169,870
NET INCOME (LOSS)		1,040

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Item #	Item Description	Price	Quantity	Total
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01-02	Youth Service Certificate	\$1.00		
02-01	Society President Certificate	\$1.00		
02-02	District Appreciation Certificate	\$1.00		
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03-04	Note Pad (4.25" x 5.5")	\$1.00		
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05-04	Lily design – 5 pkgs	\$20.00		
05-05	Fall Colours design – 1 pkg	\$5.00		
05-06	Fall Colours design – 5 pkgs	\$20.00		
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07-03	History of OHA Societies 1854-1973 softcover	\$9.99		
07-04	History of OHA Societies 1854-1973 hardcover	\$14.99		
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