



The End of an Era

For the first time in the history of the Association, the last three Presidents were from Northern Districts.

Centre: President 2005/06 – Judy Lewis hails from Sault Ste. Marie in District 13.

Left: Immediate Past President 2004/05, Ted Reed, is from Callander which is in District 18.

Right: Past President 2003/04, Wilma Wood, is from Thunder Bay, District 14.



It is time to bid a fond farewell to Bonnie Warner. She has been the Secretary of the OHA for over 19 years. Faithful, loyal and dedicated are words that very aptly describes Bonnie, Bonnie is a northerner too....coming from Englehart in District 12.



A hearty “Welcome” to our new Secretary

Marlene Bruckhardt is the Past Director of District 7, For the past five years she has very capably served on several committees of the OHA and has been very active in Youth Programs and the Youth Competitions. She applied for and received the appointment as Secretary of the OHA.

Congratulations!



“Kudos”

New to the Association is Linda Hugli. She is the editor of the newly formatted “Trillium” the OHA newsletter. Her special project was the designing and editing of the very beautiful “Trillium” Magazine, introduced at the Convention in Ottawa. Linda is the past president of the Sudbury Horticultural Society in District 13.



Memorial Hosta Garden

by Ken Fink, Convention Chair 2006

At the 2006 OHA Convention in Ottawa, Past President Wilma Wood conducted a moving In Memoriam Period with the help of Shirley Daniels and Kevin Healey. Hostas used during the ceremony will be planted to create an In Memoriam Garden at A. Y. Jackson Park, 1102 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario.

The A. Y. Jackson Park is dedicated to the memory of A. Y. Jackson, a leading member of the Group of Seven who lived and painted in Manotick from 1955-62. Jackson was 72 and an internationally recognized landscape artist when he moved here from Toronto to be with members of his family. From Manotick he continued to venture forth to sketch and paint landscapes.

Jackson was born in Montreal in October 1882. Despite leaving school at 12 to help support his family, he managed to study in Chicago and Paris. Back in Quebec, he struggled as a painter and was tempted to move to the U.S. Fate intervened when Toronto artist Lawren Harris bought his painting “the Edge of Maple Wood”. In 1913 Harris and other artists invited Jackson to join them in Toronto.

Jackson enlisted in the army in W. W.1 and was to become an official war artist. Returning to Toronto after the war, he helped form the Group of

Seven in 1920.

Jackson was a key figure in the Group’s legendary Lake Superior’s north shore—much of it rugged wilderness accessible only by canoe. In 1927 he was the 1st group member to paint in the Arctic. The Group sought to capture the spirit of Canada on canvas as a way of expressing a Canadian identity.

In 1962 Jackson moved from Manotick to Ottawa. After suffering a stroke in 1968 he went to live in Kleinberg, near Toronto and died 3 years later there, April 5th, 1974. He is buried on the grounds of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, alongside fellow group of 7 artists, Lawren Harris, Arthur Lismer, Frederick Varley, Franz Johnston and A.J. Casson.

This is where you will find a living memorial garden planted with hostas used in the In Memoriam service at the 2006 Centennial Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association held in Ottawa August 11-13 .





Pictured above are Mr. Don Mathews, Past- President and Hazel Wilson standing before the District banner.

District Four

.....marked the Ontario Horticultural Association's 100th Anniversary by instituting an award for "Meritorious Service to Horticulture" in the District for at least fifteen years and in at least three fields of volunteer endeavour, e.g. society executive, district executive, master gardener, judge, instructor, etc. It may be awarded annually, but not necessarily every year. The Award has been named for its first recipient, Hazel Wilson.

This grand lady has, by far, exceeded those criteria. Hazel started on a lifetime commitment to horticulture at the age of eight as a junior member. She has served as a society board member, is a Past District Director, a Master Gardner, a horticultural judge, especially of roses and has been the District Treasurer for the past 12 years. She is the holder of the OHA's most prestigious awards, the Silver Trillium and the Silver Medal awards. She is a founding member of the Omeme Society and also a member of the Peterborough Society.