

# AWARDS



# ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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## GENERAL

Members who provide the leadership and active participation which result in promoting the aims of the Horticultural Societies should be recognized and rewarded. Over the years, a number of awards have been made available by the Association in appreciation of outstanding services. Awards have also been contributed by individuals.

***In order to submit a nomination for an award, the nominating society must be an OHA member in good standing (i.e., annual dues paid and Society Annual Information Report submitted).***

This booklet is divided into six sections, representing the different levels at which awards are presented.

- 1) Awards available to members to Societies and presented by the Society.
- 2) Awards available to youth members and youth garden clubs and presented by individuals or the Society.
- 3) Awards available to members of Societies and presented by the District.
- 4) Awards available to members of Societies and presented by the Ontario Horticultural Association.
- 5) Association's Honour Roll
- 6) Special awards.

Recommendations for awards in Sections 4, 5 and 6 are to be made through the Association's Awards Coordinator. Full supporting details are to be submitted to the Awards Coordinator, who will forward the nomination to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee is

composed of the President (Chair of the Committee), the two Vice Presidents, the Past President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Awards Coordinator, and the Chairman of the Past President's Council. The decisions of the Committee will be considered as a decision of the Board of Directors.

***All submissions become the property of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Submissions not receiving awards will be held for consideration the following year only***

# SECTION 1

## AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS AND PRESENTED BY THE SOCIETY

### HORTICULTURAL SERVICE CERTIFICATE

One award per year may be given by a Society. Societies with a membership over 200 may give two awards per year. Application forms are available on the [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) website and are distributed to each society with the winter issue of the Trillium (November). The District Director and Awards Coordinator



can also supply application forms. **NOTE:** Horticultural Service Certificate may be presented only once to any member.

Horticultural Service Certificates are supplied free of charge and are inscribed by the Association and the Seal of the Association is affixed. Recipients should be selected carefully so as to maintain the value and dignity of the award, following these criteria:

- 1) Ten or more years of active membership in societies.
- 2) Service on Society committees, contributing time or effort to civic improvements and beautification, or public plantings.
- 3) Encouraged membership enrolment by participating in drives or canvassing for new members.
- 4) Inspired the horticultural efforts of either individuals or groups.
- 5) Shown sincere interest in and supported the objectives of a Horticultural Society.

Any member of a Horticultural Society who meets these qualifications is eligible for a Service Certificate. In case of severe illness, the ten-

year membership requirement may be shortened.

Follow the procedure outlined on the application form and allow at least two months ahead of presentation date to allow for lettering and mailing.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Certificates are available for a Society to honour a member with a Life Membership, following these guidelines:

- 1) Long time membership in a Society, preferably a minimum of 15 years.
- 2) Continued interest in horticulture.
- 3) Serves as recognition of participation in the Society and contributions to its program.
- 4) Membership fees will no longer be due to the Society from the member so honoured. However, unless the membership fee is paid into the Society's membership account by the Society, a life member cannot be counted in the official number of members.



Life membership certificates and accompanying membership cards are available from the Ontario Horticultural Association Supplies Chairperson for a nominal fee and must be inscribed by the Society.

## SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This is a certificate which may be presented to a member at the discretion of the Society's President in the recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Society's activities. Copies of the certificate are available from the Supplies Chairperson for a nominal fee and must be inscribed by the Society.



## **SECTION 2**

### **AWARDS AVAILABLE TO YOUTH GARDEN CLUBS**

#### **YOUTH CERTIFICATE**

Certificates to honour youth members are available for a nominal fee from the Supplies Chairperson and the Society is responsible for the inscription. Selection of candidates is the responsibility of the Society.

#### **THE LEMKE YOUTH GARDEN CLUB AWARD**

A cash award of \$25.00 will be given annually to the Youth Garden Club or Society which, in the estimation of the Youth Committee, has been the most successful and has made the greatest progress in the past year. Activity Reports on youth work must be completed and submitted for consideration for this award. Report forms will be mailed annually to each Youth Club secretary.

#### **RUBY BRYAN YOUTH SCRAPBOOK AWARD**

This award includes a challenge plaque and cash prizes. The club will be responsible for any engraving.

The purpose of this award is for the members to prepare a club scrapbook, giving a pictorial and illustrated account of the youth garden program and activities of the past year. It may include sketches with descriptive narratives about specific subjects, meetings or projects that have been featured during a year.

The size of the scrapbook is not limited, although it should be suitable for transportation to the Convention..

Entries should be brought to the Convention and left with the Youth Committee for judging.

*Each club is limited to one entry per annual competition.*

## **RUBY LOBBAN AWARD**

The Youth Club earning the highest number of points in competition at the Convention will receive a cash award.

## **MAISIE BRAY AWARD**

Cash prizes are awarded to the winner of a Wildflower poster contest. The theme flowers, which are changed each year, are selected by the O.H.A. Youth Committee.

*Each club is limited to one entry per annual competition.*

## **NOTHERS AWARD**

A plaque and cash prizes are to be awarded annually to the winner of a public project undertaken by a Youth Club. A written presentation describing the project before, during and after completion, including pictures, is to be submitted. The project might be planters on a city street, school plantings, or other public plantings, etc.

*Each club is limited to one entry per annual competition.*

## **YOUTH LEADER AWARD**

This is a plaque which may be presented to a person who has been a Youth Club leader for a minimum of 5 years. Nominations may be made each year within a District to the District Director in a letter giving full details of the nominee's qualifications. From these nominations, the District Executive may select one nomination to be forwarded, not later than February 28th, to the Awards Coordinator to be considered by the Awards Committee.

## SECTION 3

### AWARDS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OR ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS

#### DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD

This award is an engraved wooden plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. One nomination may be made each year by each Society within a District to the District Director in a letter giving full details of the nominee's qualifications. From these nominations, the District Executive may select one award winner per year. The name of the recipient and the date of presentation are to be submitted to the Association Awards Coordinator by the District Director at least four months before the award is to be presented. The Association Awards Coordinator maintains a listing of recipients. The criteria to be followed in the selection of a candidate are:



- 1) An individual who has given effective, long service to a Society or District, preferably a minimum of fifteen years.
- 2) An individual who has given extensive service to horticulture, exclusive of Horticultural Societies.
- 3) A Society or organization which has undertaken and completed a special project in horticulture or for a special accomplishment.

#### DISTRICT APPRECIATION AWARD

This certificate may be presented to a member at the discretion of the District Director in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the District's activities. Copies of the certificate are available for a nominal charge from the Association's Supplies Chairperson and must be inscribed by the District.



## SECTION 4

### AWARDS GIVEN BY THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Nominations for awards in this section must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by February 28th. In each case, a member, society or district may nominate a recipient through the District Director. Full supporting documentation of no more than six pages must accompany each nomination as the Awards Committee will make its selection based on this information.

*Recipients of any of these major awards are not eligible for a further award for a period of three years.*

#### SILVER MEDAL AWARD

This is a silver medal with the Association logo and made to be worn as a pin and is engraved on the back with the recipient's name and the presentation year.



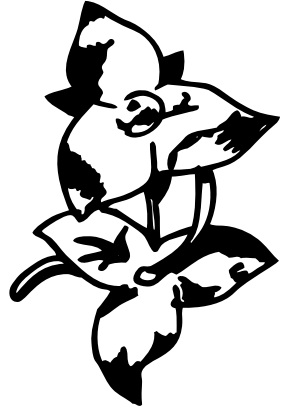
The Ontario Horticultural Association Silver Medal, with its associated framed certificate, is the highest award of the Association. The award is given for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association. Outstanding work may include:

- 1) Meritorious service to beautification, conservation or ecological work on a District or Provincial basis.

- 2) Establishment and maintenance of trial plots, botanical gardens and arboretae and/or intensive horticulture such as originating and producing outstanding varieties of plants.
- 3) Outstanding leadership in the promotion of Horticultural Societies including their programs, membership and related activities or other worthy efforts.

### **TRILLIUM/SILVER FIR AWARD**

The Trillium award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium. The award was initially donated by Thelma Boucher who was the OHA President in 1941. The Silver Fir award is a silver lapel pin that was initiated by Alastair Crawford. Two awards annually may be given for outstanding service to Horticultural Societies and/or the Ontario Horticultural Association for an extended period. Preference will be given to recipients of District and Society awards. The criteria to be followed are:



- 1) Involvement giving outstanding service in the areas of beautification, conservation, ecology, administration, etc. at the Society, District and/or Provincial level.
- 2) Planting within a Society and the community.



- 3) Leadership in the promotion of Horticultural Societies including their programs, membership, and related activities or other worthy efforts.

## AWARD OF MERIT

This award is a framed certificate and is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society. The Awards Committee may elect to present more than one Award of Merit in a given year, following these criteria in defining notable contributions.

- 1) Special beautification project.
- 2) Outstanding work in the science or art of horticulture.
- 3) Supporting individuals or organizations in the area of communication.
- 4) Any other worthy efforts such as: contribution towards the advancement of sound horticultural and/or ecological and conservation practices, fostering community gardens, outstanding work in the science or art of horticulture, or leadership of a special project that is within the aims of the OHA.



## SECTION 5

### HONOUR ROLL

The Honour Roll is maintained in a loose-leaf book, one page for pictures and the opposing page for biographical information. Each recipient will be given a framed certificate to commemorate the occasion. Each District may nominate one person annually and the nomination should be forwarded to the Awards



Coordinator by February 28th. Nominations containing relevant supporting documentation of no more than six pages will be considered by the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will select a maximum of two candidates from those nominated. Nominations should be based on these criteria:

- 1) Should be a member of a Horticultural Society with at least fifteen years of service to one or more Societies.
- 2) Should have made a contribution of horticultural service to the community, District or Association or in the development of horticultural practices.
- 3) Should have given outstanding service at the society and district level.

## **SECTION 6**

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Nominations in this Section must be submitted to the Awards Coordinator by February 28th through the District Director. Nominations containing relevant supporting documentation of no more than six pages will be considered by the Awards Committee. Nominations may be made by Societies or Districts.

*Recipients of any of these awards are not eligible for a further award for a period of three years.*

### **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

This award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be given to an individual, organization or company that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has enhanced the beauty of the landscape and/or added to the quality of life of a community with a horticultural project. Consideration will be given to projects that involve working with other organizations e.g., schools, Master Gardeners, businesses, and municipalities.

Nominations should include descriptions/color copies of photographs of the project, its impact on the community, and the duration of the project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

This award is a plaque provided by the Ontario Horticultural Association. It may be presented to an individual, organization, municipality, company, school or other educational establishment that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has made a significant contribution to environmental preservation including habitat, restoration, and/or improvement. Consideration will be given to nominations that include information about the amount of research involved, before and after descriptions/colour copies of photographs of the project, its impact on the community, the duration of the project, and community and municipality involvement.

More than one award may be presented annually.



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