

MOUNT HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Was the summer warm enough for you? I have to admit that I am looking forward to the cooler weather this year and I am impatiently awaiting the blossoms on my asters and chrysanthemums. No doubt, as soon as those bloom, I will plant some bulbs and then my mind will wander ahead to this year's Christmas arrangements and wreaths. It seems such an interesting phenomenon that as a gardener, you are unmistakably half in the moment as you work to enjoy the season at hand and, at the very same time, you are compelled to daydream about the next one as you leap ahead in your mind to the future. I think it is a very healthy and happy phenomenon and while I am enjoying the last lingering lights of these summer nights, I am looking forward to seeing everyone again at our September meeting.

News

Ontario Horticultural Association
104th Annual Convention
August 13th & 14th
Georgian College, Barrie
Theme: What's Old is New Again

It's been awhile since I've gone to a convention but after attending this one in Barrie with fellow society members, Mary Lyn, Betty, Liz and Marjorie I've realized

what a good time I've missed. It was a great opportunity to meet garden enthusiasts from other societies and to immerse myself in all things garden related.

There were lots of activities to keep us busy and entertained. We heard thought provoking and educational key note speakers such as Paul Zammit (Soul of the Garden), Shannon Wood (Birds and Bees) and Diana Beresford Kroeger (scientist, researcher and author of *The Global Forest*.) The afternoons we're filled with a choice of seminars with diverse topics such as hydrangeas, digital photography, victory gardens and perennial favourites re-invented to name a few. Choices of bus trips were offered at a reasonable cost for those who wanted to explore the area's great outdoors. Betty, Mary Lyn and I went to Wildflower Farm and the Gratrix Lily Farm while Liz and Marjorie toured some city gardens and a nursery in Barrie.

Any spare time we had we spent oohing and awing over the flower show exhibits and browsing the market place and silent auction table.

But it wasn't all play and no work. As Mary Lyn and I were our society's chosen delegates we had to pay close attention to the business at hand; no goofing off. There were business sessions with resolutions to be presented, discussed and voted on, reports to be given, news to be shared, awards to be presented and OHA executive to be elected and installed.

Space doesn't allow me to go into full detail but if you're keen to know all that went on log on to the OHA web site:

www.gardenontario.org

Next year's convention sounds fabulous with some unique and innovative ideas, such as the PAINT A PICKET CHALLENGE, to make a trip north worth your while. The convention is to be in Sudbury next July 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Radisson Hotel. The theme: A Growing Experience from the

Ground Up. For more information log on to their web site: www.agrowingexperience.ca. We'll keep you posted on the details as the time draws nearer.

Helen MacPherson



The winners of the Mount Hamilton Horticulture Society 2010 Trillium Bursaries are:

Landscape Design - Gerry Craig,
Horticulture & Plant ID - Annice Agard.

The Perennial Plant Association has selected the TBG's own Paul Zammit to receive the 2010 Perennial Plant Association Service Award. This is a great honour and is given to a PPA member who has gone "above and beyond" to participate in and promote the PPA and the horticultural industry, and to motivate members to act upon concerns within the industry. Paul has served with the PPA in various capacities for many years, and will receive his award at this year's conference in Portland, Oregon.

Congratulations, Paul!

Aldona Satterthwaite
Executive Director

Toronto Botanical Garden

Did you get out on the Project Harvest Vegetable Garden Tour, Sunday, August 29? Here are your members in action. By the way, the tour was very successful. Watch for

it again next year.

Rita Bailey



Marjorie Cooke



Beth Powell



Flower Show

Here are the results from our June flower show.

There were 12 exhibitors bringing a total of 110 entries.

Winners of the Horticulture Division:

1st - Marjorie Cooke

2nd - Margaret Verbeek

3rd - Helen MacPherson

Best of Show in Hort.--- Helen MacPherson

Winners of the Design Division:

1st Rita Bailey

2nd - Marjorie Cooke

3rd - Neda Cortiula

Best of Show in Design - Rita Bailey

Our judge, Dawn Suter gave the Show Committee feedback. A new item to us was that herbs shown DO NOT have to be edible!

Dawn Suter & Ica Smith



Rita Bailey – Best of Show



**MOUNT HAMILTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

2010 FALL MINI FLOWER SHOW

presents

“PAST TIMES”

Friday September 17, 2010

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chedoke Presbyterian Church

865 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton

Five of our members attended the Ancaster Flower Show on Aug 21st and, of the three who brought entries, several ribbons were won. Margaret Verbeek won 13 ribbons AND came in SECOND overall in the floral section!

PROGRAM NEWS

Sept. 17 - 7:30 pm - Welcome back after a long, hot beautiful summer and bring a friend tonight! It was a bountiful year for fruits and vegetables and Mount Hamilton Hort. is right on top of the latest trend with tonight's speaker, Jodi Vanderheyden from the RBG. Jodi has a degree in Plant Botany and confesses she is crazy about plants. Her presentation will showcase Veggie Village at the RBG and the Botany of Vegetables.

It's also our Flower Show. I challenge every member to enter at least one specimen. It's not hard. I was shocked the first time I ever entered to win a ribbon or two. Do it!

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

SECTION I: FLORAL & FOLIAGE

Class:

1. Begonia, tuberous – 1 stem
2. Dahlia
 - a. Large (over 6”) – 1 stem
 - b. Small (under 6”) – 1 stem
3. Hydrangea – 1 stem
4. Grasses – 3 stems of 1 cultivar

DESIGN DIVISION

SECTION II: DECORATIVE

1. ‘Echoes of the Past’ – A design in an antique container

(See publication #34 for details of above descriptions)



RULES GOVERNING HORTICULTURAL AND DESIGN CLASSES

1. One entry is permitted per exhibitor in each class (for all sections).
2. Exhibitors should provide containers (a limited number of containers are available from the society).
3. Classes will be judged according to the Judging Standards for Horticultural and Floral Design, Publication #34, Ontario Horticultural Association, the Garden Clubs of Ontario, 2003.

ANNUAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

	Horticultural Division	Design Division
1 st place	5 points	10 points
2 nd place	3 points	6 points
3 rd place	2 points	4 points

First, Second, and Third place ribbons are distributed in each class at our annual show. Points are awarded at all shows. Honourable mention may occur in each class but will not result in points. Prizes are then awarded in each division (Horticultural and Design) according to total points. There are three winners in the Horticultural Division and three winners in the Design Division. First prize is \$15, Second prize is \$10 and Third prize is \$5.

The Keith Anderson Award is given annually to the entrant with the highest overall points.

A "Best of Show" is awarded in each of the Horticultural and Design Divisions.

Oct. 15 - 7:30 pm - This is the meeting that you can't miss. Why? It's pie night!! That alone is reason to join us, but wait, there's more! Our speaker this evening will be Brenda Pickvance. Many of you have visited Brenda's beautiful garden in West Lincoln and know that she has great taste and style. In addition she creates and designs indoor/outdoor pots. Just because the weather is turning chilly and we have a long winter ahead of us doesn't mean we can't garden. Brenda will show us how to landscape the interior of our homes and decorate with plants for the holiday season.

Remember to pot up cuttings of your favourite plants for the indoor plant sale tonight.

Tickets for our annual dinner will be available this evening.

Nov. 19 - 6:00 pm –
 Our Annual Dinner;
 A great speaker – Eleanor Wood;
 Silent auction;
 50:50 draw

OUTREACH

Jason's House
September 2010 Newsletter

We've had a busy and rewarding summer gardening at Jason's House. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out for our planting and cleanup days. A special thanks to Bill, George, Ica, Neda, Noella, and Steve who worked so hard on a sweltering, humid morning pruning and trimming shrubs and hedges in preparation for a Channel 14 taping scheduled for the following day. But the best laid plans can and do go array. Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen no show by the cameraman the taping has been rescheduled for Sept. 7th. Our society's role, volunteering at Jason's House, will be featured as a part of this program celebrating the home's 20th anniversary.

Over the summer we've had 3 cleanup days and a planting day with 10 or more volunteer gardeners helping out. It was great to have several new recruits this year. I hope you enjoyed coming out as much as we enjoyed having you. A word of thanks to all the Adopt a Week volunteers, your help is what makes our society's commitment to Jason's House work so well. As with all volunteer efforts one gets back far more than one gives and thanks to George and Ica the treats aren't bad either!

The July barbecue hosted by Jason's House and the March of Dimes was well attended by our volunteers (15 in all), family, staff, and friends. The weather looked iffy early in the day but by late afternoon the sun came out as it always has for this party.

We have been invited to two other events to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Jason's House. The first will be a birthday party on Sunday December 5th from 2p.m. to 5 p.m. in the gym at Chedoke Presbyterian Church. The second will be the annual

Christmas open house on Dec. 7th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hope we see you there.
Helen

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PS Keep in mind a fall cleanup day or two come late October or early Nov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITY

Can you think of ways to make your society even better? Have you some ideas which you would like to share with the executive? We are looking for enthusiastic members to join our executive. No experience necessary, just a sense of fun and a willingness to help improve your Society. Get involved and help your society grow! Interested and want to know more about what's involved? Talk to any member of your executive. *Training is provided.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Marion Jarvie's Open Garden:

SEPT 18 – 19

Remember there are always some neat plants for sale.

The Fall Breakfast meeting is Sept. 25th in Caledonia. **Come one, come all.** All Society members are encouraged to attend.

James Graham will be the guest speaker and give a short and humorous look at how we can 'grow' our societies (membership).

James is the director for the Waterloo/Kitchener and surrounding area.

Hot breakfast will be served at 8:30 am; finger foods, juice and coffee for those who come later. The meeting will be held at:

St Paul's Anglican Church
27 Orkney Street East
Caledonia

Directions will be available at the September meeting.

September 26 12 noon to 4 pm

Dundurn National Historic Site Presents

“Straight from the Garden”

Garden tours! Local Farmers! Kids Games!
Animals! Community Exhibits and more!

Featuring:

Studio Babette Puppet Theatre
Live music by the Playford Players
Animals from Silver Willows

Talks:

Sarah Baker – foraging & curing local nut
fruits
Walter Zimmermann of Little Wolf Apiaries
on beekeeping
Greg Black of Dundurn National Historic
Site on raising livestock, then and now
Janet Kronick of Dun on heirloom tomatoes

November 6th at 7:30 pm

An Evening with Freeman Patterson

@ The Meeting House (2700 Bristol Circle,
Oakville, ON)

Pre-Show Event 6:30 pm

JOIN internationally acclaimed
photographer, teacher of visual design and
writer Freeman Patterson for the
inspirational show: Gardening with what
you have. Freeman believes that just as “the
best place to see and make photographs is
wherever you are,” the best place to garden
is also wherever you are. No place is too
unsuitable or too small, and success depends
entirely on a person’s imagination and
common sense. Come and share this
photographic celebration of gardening.

Visit: www.oakvillehort.org

This is an Oakville Horticultural Society
fundraising event to support the redesign of
the Anderson Bridge Parkette - a model for
biodiverse gardening and the use of drought
tolerant sustainable plants.

Ticket information:

Regular seating: \$35.00

Tickets are available from the Oakville
Horticultural Society, Through the Oakville
Centre for the Performing Arts box office
and online at:

www.oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm

November 13th, 2010

District 6 Fall Dinner

Acton Legion

16 Wright Ave., Acton

Registration: 5:00 P.M.

Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Price: \$24.00 per person

Acton has been planning this dinner for over
a year and they have put together an
excellent evening. Sean James, past
president of Milton Society, will be
speaking on “Practical Solutions for
Sustainable Landscaping”

Payment for tickets will be taken by Ruth
Mills at the September meeting

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Here is an idea from Betty Park for preparing for next year's plant sale.

During the nice weather, I dug, split, and potted plants and kept them watered and in as much shade as I could. When my veggie patch is finished I will dig trenches, cover them up for the winter – don't forget to label them. Hope this will save a cold job in the spring. By splitting them now you will be able to see how large your plants have grown. Betty