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A Message from the President

We have entered 2006 and I am hoping everyone enjoyed a safe and healthy holiday season.

Although I know that this is to be a spring message, I am finding it difficult to *Think Spring* as we have just had three straight days of whiteouts and major snow dumping. This too shall pass...

I hope those of you who purchased the Centennial Tulips are getting ready to enter photographs or slides in the President's competition. By the way, I have 17 bags of tulips left. If you wish to purchase some, contact me. They are in cold storage and in good shape.

Recently, it was my pleasure to complete the nomination forms for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. The nominees include Past Presidents Dave Money, Harry Wyma, Donald Matthews, and Kathleen Petrie, as well as our current First Vice-President Liisa Wolfram, and Secretary Bonnie Warner. All of these people are tireless workers who always strive to promote the Ontario Horticultural Association!

I would urge everyone to consider attending the Successful Gardening Show, March 16th -19th at the International Centre in Mississauga. I had the opportunity to attend this event several years ago and I appreciated the focus on the interests of home gardeners. I picked up many practical and inexpensive tips which I could apply to my own gardening projects.

I have been asked to bring greetings to the OAAAS convention at the Royal York, Feb.15th - 17th. I will attend and observe. I have been fortunate to meet with the agricultural representatives in our area and will share travel and accommodation with them.

It is now time, if you haven't already done so, to start saving your loonies and toonies in readiness for the Ottawa Convention 2006. It promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us to celebrate the Association's 100th Anniversary. District 2 members, under the leadership of Ken Fink and his very hard working volunteers, are doing everything possible to make this an occasion to remember. In 2005 I had the pleasure of meeting the delightful members of this district at their annual meeting. They were most gracious and enthused about the upcoming convention and the opportunity to shine as hosts of this landmark event. We are really in for a treat!

Please make every attempt to attend this convention, 'One Hundred Years and Still Growing', August 11th - 13th. When registering, please take some of the meal packages. We realize they are costly but it is a requirement of the hotels that we generate a certain level of income for them. When we do not, we as an Association are hit with heavy cost increases, which hurt us all. In view of this, the OHA board voted to cut registration fees from \$85.00 per person to \$65.00 per person, provided you are not late in registering.

I personally would like to see the facilities crowded with the best attendance in recent history. Please make my dream come true!

Hoping to blow the roof off the convention,
Judy Lewis
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From the new Editor...

Please help me make The Trillium not only a valuable tool for disseminating information from the Ontario Horticultural Association, but also a vehicle for sharing news among our societies. A painless way to do this would be to add me to your mailing list for your local newsletter. (My mailing address is on our new cover.) I would also welcome individual or society submissions via email at editor@gardenontario.org.

While you're at it, send me feedback about how I might make The Trillium more useful to you. I am always open to suggestions! Finally, be sure to invite your members to enjoy the *colour* version of this issue, featured on our website, www.gardenontario.org.

Yours in horticulture,

Linda Hugli
Linda Hugli



From the Secretary's Desk...

I expect that everyone is either looking at or looking for the 2006 seed catalogues. Having such a mild winter makes it seem like spring is not too far away.

A few things to remember:

1. Make sure that you have returned your green information sheet (Form A) to your District Director. It is from the information on this form that your District Director makes his/her District report for the Association's Annual Report. This form was sent out in the Winter (November) Newsletter package and is bright green so it cannot be missed. The form is also available on the web site.

2. Please make sure that you have returned the mauve information sheet (Form B) to the Association office. This helps me to up-date your mailing address so correspondence can get to the correct address. As well, the membership number requested on this form determines the number of voting delegates that your Society can have at the 2006 Convention. This form was also sent out in November and is available on the web site.

3. Please take the time to fill out and return your Volunteer Hour Form (white) which was sent out in November. It is important that we have those numbers to show OMAFRA the number of volunteer hours put in by our members throughout the Province.

4. Please leave sufficient time for processing when asking for a Service Certificate. They cannot be prepared and shipped in a week. The form to use when applying for this Award is included in this mailing. It is really important to honour your volunteers and this is an excellent way to do so.

As announced in the last Newsletter, a new editor is starting with this issue. Linda Hugli will be performing this duty and I hope that you will give her your full support. The mailing will still be done at the Englehart office.

I hope to see many of your members at our 100th Anniversary celebrations at the 2006 Convention in Ottawa.

Bonnie Warner
Secretary

Thanks Bonnie!

The OHA is very grateful to Bonnie Warner for her twelve years of work in putting together our quarterly newsletter.



Memorial Period at the 2006 Convention

Each year, as part of the Annual Convention, we conduct a brief Memorial Period ceremony to honour those members who have passed away during the preceding year.

If your Society would like to recognize a member who passed away during 2005, please submit the name of that person to the Association secretary, Bonnie Warner, secretary@gardenontario.org, on or before July 1st.

New for 2006....

The Web Shell Competition

Since August 2004 when the new GardenOntario.org website was introduced, many societies have taken advantage of the tremendous opportunity to put their information on the web using GardenOntario's free web shells. After seeing some of the creative ways in which the web shells have been put to use, an idea germinated (pun noted – ed.) to have a web shell competition. The purpose of this article is to outline some factors to consider when creating your web shell so that you can take full advantage of the technology. If you maintain your Society's web shell, I encourage you to enter the Web Shell competition.

Details of the competition are posted in the upcoming convention area, Publications competition page: <http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pub.php#web>.

If your society does not have a web shell, now is the time to create one!

Your audience

One of the first things to consider is who might want information about your Society. This audience could be divided into 3 categories:

- **Potential members** - Include content that tells potential members about your Society and activities that will be of interest to them.
- **The wider community** - Use your website as a tool to advertise events such as plant sales and shows. You can also use your website to describe the volunteer work your Society does and increase its profile in the community.
- **Your Society's members** - Your website can be an excellent way of keeping your members up to date on what's happening in the Society, reminding them of meetings, events or other opportunities in which they may become involved.

Who can create web shells?

Our www.GardenOntario.org website has a very easy-to-use, step-by-step process to create web pages. Anyone who uses e-mail and the web on a regular basis can create useful web shells. Some societies seek out a member who is keen to maintain their web shell and others get a knowledgeable family member to help out. If there is someone in your society who is interested in maintaining the web shell (you?), there is a useful tool and full instructions available.

Where to start:

To start your website, open a word processor, such as MS Word, and start organizing and writing the information you want to present. You can start small, and grow from there.

Goals for your web shell:

1. Attract new members

Two of the goals of your website will be to tell the community about your Society and its activities, and to attract new members. Type up where and when you meet. Provide directions. List your society's program and keep it up to date. New members will be attracted by specific presentations taking place at your society or by a show or plant sale for example.

2. Educate the public

Your Society's newsletters and yearbooks contain original articles about gardening, geared to your local conditions. Post these on your website so that everyone can benefit! Many of the most popular articles on the Ottawa Horticultural Society website come from yearbooks published in the 1980s and 1990s.

3. Communicate with existing members: (see notes on privacy and permission below)

- Post notes from presenters on your website for the benefit of your members.
- List the members of your board on the website as well as committee chairs.
- Use the website to post pictures of society events that may be too expensive to print.
- Post pictures of members' gardens.
- Recognize award winners and post their names.

Keep in mind:

A website is a lot like a newspaper. Information published on the web is in the public domain and anyone can read it. Remember the items listed below when creating your website:

- **Privacy** - Get permission to publish phone numbers, e-mail and postal addresses.
- **Spelling** - Incorrect spelling and grammar can create a negative impression. Use the spell check feature in your word processor or e-mail program before posting text to the web.
- **Broken links** - Links that lead to a non-existent address result in an error. Broken links are not a serious problem, but you should regularly test links on your website and update them if they are broken.
- **Permission** - If you are using content created by someone else, get his or her permission in advance before posting it.

I encourage you to dive in and work on your web shell. Take a look at other web shells and get ideas! Put together an informative and attractive web shell and enter the competition.

Webmaster Jeff, Vice President,
Ottawa Horticultural Society

100th Anniversary Newsletter

Special Collectors' Issue

Happy 100th, Clarence!

To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are producing a Special Collectors' Issue of the OHA Newsletter that will be available at the Convention in August. Full colour and professionally designed, the issue will focus on the OHA's history and accomplishments—100 years of keeping Ontario beautiful!—and will contain other articles of interest to members. We're sure that all members will be delighted with the quality and content of the issue, and that it will become a treasured keepsake from our 100th anniversary year.

To make this happen, we need support from members and Societies. There are a number of ways you can get involved:

>Make a donation of \$10 to \$149 to support production costs. All donors at this level, individuals or Societies, will be acknowledged on the donor recognition page in the issue.

>Make a donation of \$150 or more. All donors at this level, individuals or Societies, are part of OHA's new Donor Recognition program, the Garden Circle, and will be recognized accordingly (details will appear on the website shortly).

>Buy an ad in the special issue to showcase your Society and extend best wishes to OHA. We are offering special rates for societies for this issue, as shown below.

Ad size	Society special rate for Collectors' Issue
1 page	\$200
½ page	\$100
¼ page	\$ 50
Business card size	\$25

We hope that many members and Societies, as well as other advertisers, will want to be part of the project.

Please contact partners@gardenontario.org for details.



The Ontario Horticultural Association is celebrating its 100th year this August 2006. What a wonderful celebration it will be! My father, Clarence Brazier, will also be celebrating his 100th birthday this August. It will be a big celebration here too! Yes, there are others who reach 100 years now, but often they are frail and dependent. Clarence's only handicap is his poor hearing.

Clarence has been a gardener since he was a child. His father was blinded by dynamite when Clarence was only four years old. From then on, with 5 other siblings, he had to begin to work on their mixed farm near Magnetewan. As a result, he got very little education.

Clarence lived in Timmins on a farm most of his adult life. There, he was a farmer, logger and miner. Farming with his wife Angela didn't provide enough income to raise a family of four daughters, but it was a very healthy life! So farming was always an ongoing job.

My father is now living with me since my Mom died. Last summer Clarence tended to a large raspberry garden here on my property north of Huntsville. It yielded 125 quarts! Clarence says "Mulch is the secret". But he also knew that he had to cut out all the old canes and tie up the tall plants. Clarence cut firewood with a chain saw until he reached 99 years young. He walks on a daily basis. This winter he walked on our bush trails for about 2 kilometres....daily!

Clarence says, "Exercise and fresh air are the key to longevity". Just as an aside...but an amazing one..... Clarence started to learn how to read at 93, with my encouragement. He now reads at about a grade 7 level on a daily basis. His life is now enriched. But gardening never leaves his mind for long. Horticulture has always been his love!

Doris Villemaire (daughter)
President, Sprucedale & District Horticultural Society

The Octogenarian Club

No less than six Ontario Horticultural Societies are celebrating their 80th birthdays this year. This is the story of one of them...



Roselands Horticultural Society's first meeting was held on April 8th, 1926 at Roselands School. The early officers of the R.H.S. showed a keen interest in learning how to grow flowers to beautify their own particular plot of ground and this was the basis on which the Society was founded.

In those formative years, RHS had an excellent record of service to the community. Members maintained a "parkette" in Roselands at the corner of East Drive and Jane from 1926 'til the late '40s when the property was sold for development. After WWII, a "Memorial Grove" was planted at the northwest corner of the school grounds in memory of the 15 students killed in action. Some of these trees are still in place today. In fact, our Society participated with the Royal Canadian Legion in erecting a stone monument in the grove of trees. This monument was a rededication to those students, and several trees were also planted in time for the Commemorative service on May 16th, 2000.

The first annual Fall Flower Show on August 21st, 1926, was held in the auditorium at Roselands School. By all reports, it was a resounding success, complete with a section for wildflowers and birdhouses. There were even cages with canaries placed among the decorations loaned to the Society by Mr. Harry Rowe of Pendeen Avenue.

Wednesday, July 29th, 1970, saw thick black clouds of smoke and flame rise over Roselands and Mt. Dennis from a fire at Roselands School. The hours of fire fighting by 90 York borough firefighters including 13

rigs and 10,000 feet of hose which poured 5 ½ million gallons of water onto the school was to no avail. Ten classrooms, ten smaller rooms, the auditorium and stage were left in ruins. Our own Society losses were near total as all our flower show tables, vases and containers were destroyed, including most of our historical records and society minutes.

Since then, the Society has been actively involved throughout the area with projects and in bulb programs for the schools in the vicinity, as well as planting trees on the school property in memory of certain members. As the end of the century approached, it became evident that, due to changes in the School Board policies, we would have to end our relationship with Roselands School and start looking for a new venue for our meetings. Mt. Dennis United Church very generously offered their facilities for all our meetings and flower shows.

The Society's name was adopted from the district in which it was situated. This district was known as Roselands. Its name is derived from the wild roses that grew so profusely throughout the area. It would be great to find the Roseland rose still growing somewhere in the area.

Wendy Gay, President,
Roselands Horticultural Society

**Watch for the stories of the following members
of the Octogenarian Club in upcoming issues of
the Trillium...**

Maryborough

East York

Fort Erie

Newmarket

Ridgeway and District

Nothing is more the child of art than a garden.

Sir Walter Scott

Canada Post Salutes Canadian Gardens and the Ontario Horticultural Association



On March 8th, Canada Post will issue four new domestic rate stamps (51 cents) celebrating the best of Canadian Gardens, and commemorating the 100th anniversary of our Association. Although it may be difficult to appreciate from the black and white images above, the stamps are truly beautiful!

Stamp designer, Debbie Adams, explains that the stamps illustrate the four main types of gardens, including sunny flower gardens, shade gardens, rock gardens, and water gardens. She has also depicted examples of the wildlife that would be attracted to these habitats.

The stamps will be available at post offices across Ontario on March 8th. Quantities will be limited so if you are interested in purchasing large numbers of the stamps, phone Canada Post ASAP at 1-800-565-4362.

OHA Flower Show at Successful Gardening Show

The 14th Annual Successful Gardening Show features the **OHA Plant and Floral Competition**. View hundreds of delightful exotic arrangements of flora and foliage! These stylish displays showcase the imagination of private gardeners from Southern Ontario. If you are an OHA member and you are interested in entering a visual masterpiece in the annual competition, submission deadline is **March 10, 2006**. For more information, contact Liisa Wolfgram at 1-905-820-5606. The Show Schedule (including Rules & Regulations) and the entry forms are available on the website, www.successfulgardeningshow.com



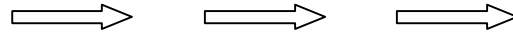
The OHA Plant & Floral Competition at a previous **Success with Gardening Show** (now renamed **Successful Gardening**).

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

Margaret Atwood



Moving Forward



The Ontario Horticultural Association is currently undergoing many radical changes. For example, take another look at the front cover of this newsletter. The publication is now called “Trillium” and the format is completely new, along with a new Editor. A colour Centenary issue is in the works as well!

Change is a phenomenon many people find frightening, threatening, challenging or inspirational. As we all know “Nothing stays the same”. How many of us can remember when there was no television, no plastic, cars without seat belts, and on and on? The question is would we like to turn back the clock and do without any of these things and the newer inventions that have made our lives very different from that of our parents? I think not. We assimilate these things into our lives and in short order they become second nature.

Back in 1991 and 1992 when I talked about fund-raising and sponsorship, people were terrified that we would be selling the O.H.A. down the tubes. I raised these issues because the O.H.A. was losing its annual grant of \$19,000 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, effective March 31, 1992. My concern at the time was how we would replace this source of revenue. During my year as President I had a sub-theme: “The O.H.A., What About Tomorrow?” At that time an in-depth study with recommendations was submitted and unfortunately sat on the shelf until 2002 when President Shirley Daniels recognized the plan was still valid today, and should become the impetus for a progressive chain of events.

This initiative was undertaken by the Social Marketing Committee under the leadership of Liisa Wolfram. They acquired a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which resulted in the establishment of our new website, which really opened the O.H.A. to the world, as well as the development of professional brochures, signage, etc, and of course, this brand new newsletter. All of these events can be categorized under the one word “change”.

In the study of 1992, one of the recommendations was to hire an Executive Director whose primary functions would be to fundraise, acquire sponsorships, and ensure that recommendations from the Board of Directors were implemented.

During the last 13 or 14 years, organizations have changed their thinking and for the moment are not hiring Executive Directors but rather Development Officers, whose duties are very similar to Executive Directors. The O.H.A. Board at their October 2005 board meeting made a commitment to hire a Development Officer on a part-time basis. At the time of this writing, resumes for this job opening are being reviewed. This is an example of the dramatic change that is occurring within the O.H.A.

The year 2006 is the 100th year for the Ontario Horticultural Association... a remarkable achievement! Many changes have occurred through the years, from its earliest days to the present. As the O.H.A. embarks upon its second century, many more changes will occur. It could be considered a work in progress.

A significant change took place at the 2005 Convention in North Bay, with the passing and support of an increase in membership fees from one dollar to three dollars, admittedly a significant increase. Should the fees have been increased incrementally over the previous twelve or thirteen years? Absolutely. It is most unfortunate that this did not occur. The O.H.A. is in dire financial straits! This brings us back to my concern back in 1992 – “The O.H.A., What About Tomorrow?”

Societies were put on notice at the Convention in 2004 of the impending vote in 2005. Unfortunately, many societies with a very low membership fee chose not to take corrective action to accommodate the necessary increased membership fee of the O.H.A.

There are some members within the districts who are unwilling to accept the “will of the majority” decision in favour of the increase passed at the 2005 Convention. There are some spearheading this backlash who had an opportunity to rectify this developing situation, but chose to ignore it. However, hiding one’s head in the sand does not change the fact that the O.H.A. is in a precarious financial situation and this increased membership fee will only **sustain** the organization.

That is why it is important to hire a Development Officer to ensure that the O.H.A. becomes a healthy financial organization once again.

At the beginning of this article I quoted my secondary Convention Theme of “The O.H.A.- What About Tomorrow?” Now in 2006 we seem to have come full circle and once again are at the crossroads of the future for the organization. If the O.H.A. is to have a continuing life, it will require all of us working together to ensure its success and longevity. **I think the Ontario Horticultural Association is an institution worth saving. I hope you do, too.**

Dave Money, Past President and Long Range Planning Committee member

Garden Advice – Given and Received!

Do you need some advice on how to solve a gardening problem? Do you have information about a plant that you would like to share with the rest of the gardening community? Visit the new **GardenOntario FORUMS** and share your gardening problems or knowledge.

In our continuing desire to serve the Ontario gardening community, we have added a Forums service to our WEB site. Just click on the new 'button' on the Garden Ontario home page and you will be whisked directly to the new service. You are encouraged to register (for free!) and participate in discussions in one of the many forums or topic areas. This is a great way to ask for gardening assistance from some of the best and most knowledgeable gardeners in Ontario. It is also a



place to share your knowledge, experiences and photos of your 'garden delights.'

This new service is the electronic equivalent of the bulletin boards you normally see in grocery stores and community centres. You can post a message under any of the subject areas and gardeners from all over the world will be able to see your contribution. If you ask a question about growing a plant, problems with a weed or pests, or about designing a garden, knowledgeable gardeners will offer you advice and encouragement. If you see something that you can help another gardener with or you can comment on, feel free to add your experience to the list.

You can visit the Forums and read what is posted there but you must register before you can fully participate in any of the discussions or post your comments. Registration is easy and doesn't cost you anything. Simply click on the 'register' button at the top of the Forums page and complete the form that appears. Your information is not shared with anyone and only the Forum Administrator has access to your personal file. Once registered, you will be able to post messages, see photographs and post pictures to any of the topics in the forums.

Visit the forums regularly and make this your one-stop-shop for community gardening.

Webmaster Mike Dunk

50th Anniversary for the Englehart & District Horticultural Society

The Englehart & District Horticultural Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2006. The Society was organized in 1956 with 47 members. Last year, the Society had over 100 members. The first flower show was held in the founding year with the help of the Agricultural Society. The Society members were so pleased with the results of the first show that they immediately started planning for the second show. Since that time, a show has been held every year. Classes for competition in urban and rural beautification were organized, along with a Christmas Beautification Contest sponsored jointly with the Agricultural Society and the Chamber of Commerce. A junior club was organized in 1965 and is still going strong with approximately 150 members.

The Society is planning an ambitious program to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. The Annual Meeting of the Society featured slides of past flower show designs going back to the 1980s. The Society will host the District Annual Meeting on April 29. Some of the other activities planned include a new show book tied into the Anniversary theme, a Society display at the local museum, articles about the Society's past in local newspapers, merchants window display contest, garden tour in July, flower show and a fashion show (with fashions from the past). All these activities, plus the ongoing projects, will make for a busy but enjoyable year for the members. Good luck with the celebrations!

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Ontario Gardener magazine is again offering members of the Ontario Horticultural Association a very special one-year subscription rate. The cost for all six issues is \$18.19 (\$17 + GST). You can order your subscription by calling their toll-free number, 1-888-680-2008. Be sure to identify yourself as an OHA member.

Are Your Membership Fees Realistic?

What is Arbor Day?

The first Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska, where Arbor Day founder John Sterling Morton proclaimed, "Other holidays repose upon the past. Arbor Day proposes for the future." More than one million trees were planted on that day and many years later, countless millions of trees have been planted all over the world continuing the tradition of Arbor Day.

When is Arbor Day?

The observance of Arbor Day has spread throughout Canada and to many other countries around the world. Due to the climatic and geographic diversity of Ontario, Arbor Day has been stretched into Arbor Week. **Arbor Week begins on the last Friday in April and ends on Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May.**

Why Celebrate Arbor Week?

The spirit of Arbor Week reinforces our ever-growing concern for the environment and provides recognition for the vital role that trees play in our urban ecosystem. Trees provide a wide variety of social, economic and environmental benefits and tree planting is a simple, attractive and natural way to help clean up and support our communities. Celebrating Arbor Week is a lasting and practical way to demonstrate faith in the future and is an unselfish act that will continue to benefit future generations.

Planning Your Arbor Week Celebration:

Successful Arbor Week celebrations can involve individuals, organizations or corporations. Arbor Week celebration activities can include the planting of ceremonial specimen trees, school or park tree planting, erosion control or naturalization projects. Promotional considerations may include display posters or flyers, radio spots or talk shows, local newspapers or television, business or organizational newsletters, bill inserts, municipal Arbor Week proclamations or buttons, pins and T-shirts. Be proactive! Most local media outlets are always on the lookout for environmental and community based events.

Arbor Week celebrations can be as small as planting one single tree to as large as reforestation projects. Quantities of trees in all sizes can be ordered from any of Ontario's commercial nurseries. Tree Care Professionals in both the private and municipal sectors can help your plan tree-planting programs and are also valuable resources for general tree care information.

Many trees from previous planting ceremonies can also benefit from applications of additional mulch or composted organic matter. Watering programs and other tree care such as the removal of stakes and ties could also be organized.

Get Involved with Arbor Week - Plant Trees...

www.arborweek.com

There has been much discussion among societies and members since the last Convention regarding OHA fee increases. As in other areas of our lives, the price of everything continues to rise. This applies to your society too.

It's a good idea to run your society as you would a business. The board should review those rising costs every 2 or 3 years. Can you afford your members? As a board, are you able to offer members the best you can manage, in terms of speakers, special events, and premiums for example?

Remember that your grant is not meant to cover membership fees. It's to be used to fulfill the objectives of the society (see the Agricultural and Horticultural Associations Act, item 36, in your Society manual, section 3). Take a look at the sample below. Most of the expenses have been listed, and some others are covered by fundraisers or grant money, such as flower show prize money and ribbons, storage space, etc. This Society's treasurer analyzed the cost per member by dividing the **total expenses** by the **number of members** to report to the board that dues should be increased, to cover or at least almost cover the cost of "running the business". This society's membership fees have been in place for about 5 years.

XYZ HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

COST PER MEMBER ANALYSIS

(based on 200 members)

Room Rental	540.00
Speakers	1,175.00
Premiums	919.00
OHA Dues (\$3.00/member)	600.00
District 15 Dues (\$.80/member)	160.00
Liability Insurance (\$.50/member)	100.00
Newsletter	1,258.00
Total	4,752.00
Cost per member	23.76

Our membership fees: Single \$15.00 Family \$20.00
Senior single \$10.00 Senior Family \$13.00

Show your members the breakdown of expenses. Some people think speakers come for free! Some have no idea that dues are paid to the district and to the OHA (or that they are members for that matter!).

The intent of this article is to provide you with food for thought in taking your society/club's pulse from time-to-time. I wish you good health!

Liisa Wolfram, 1st Vice President, OHA



Henry Kock, Horticulturist, 1952-2005

On Christmas Day, 2005, Ontario lost a horticultural icon. Dubbed "Mr. Arboretum," **Henry Kock** was a horticulturist at the University of Guelph Arboretum for almost 25 years until he was diagnosed with cancer in July 2004.

Born in the Sarnia area, Henry grew up working in the family business, Huronview Nurseries. He graduated from the University of Guelph in 1977 with a focus on horticulture. Henry was a longtime fixture in Guelph. In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, he toured the province with his talks and slide shows, inspiring countless people to protect wild places, to propagate native

plant species, and to liberate their gardens from pesticides. Drawn to a landscape filled with sturdy, individual elm trees that had managed to resist the ravages of Dutch elm disease, Henry created the Elm Recovery Project, which will be his greatest legacy. He traversed Ontario, collecting seeds from surviving elms. He planted and tended young elms for eventual dissemination back into the landscape. Henry received the Governor General's Award for Forest Stewardship in 1998.

After Henry's diagnosis, he enjoyed 16 months of relatively robust health. Despite being on chemotherapy, he was able to bike, hike, and go on canoe trips. Henry had completed the first draft of a book on growing native trees from seed. Several of his botany colleagues now hope to complete this project. One of the last things he did this fall was to mount an old, decorated bicycle on the wall at the front of the house, a fitting symbol of how he stepped lightly on the planet.

A tree will be planted in memory of Henry Kock in the Wall-Custance Memorial Forest, University of Guelph, Arboretum. The dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.

University of Guelph Arboretum

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