

From the Secretary's Desk

What an unusually warm spring! I can't believe how early the forsythia bloomed. Unfortunately, with the frost, most of my tulips didn't bloom this year. Oh well, there is always next year! The Summer Trillium includes detailed information about the Niagara-on-the-Lake Convention. The convention is being held at Niagara College Residence – Glendale Campus, Niagara-on-the-Lake on August 17-19, 2012. The theme is *Gardening Then and Now 1812 – 2012* and it is advisable to register early, especially if you are interested in taking part in the exciting tours that are being offered. The Registrar and Treasurer greatly appreciate registrations that are received well in advance of the deadline!

Please note the forms and documents referenced on the cover. These are now available on GardenOntario.org. If your Proxy authorization form is completed and returned by July 15, the society proxy voting cards will be ready for pickup upon arrival at the Registration Desk. Please read the 2nd Vice President nomination included in this issue with your society members as this will be voted upon at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Convention. Have a safe journey to the Convention and I look forward to meeting you there!



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Nominating Committee Report

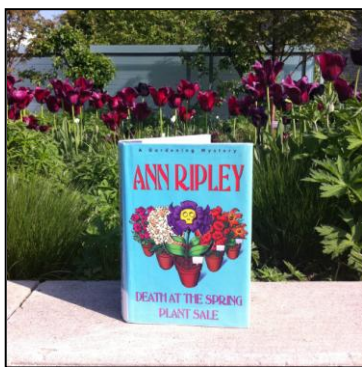
It is with great pleasure that the OHA Nominating Committee presents a full slate of officers for election at the upcoming convention in Niagara in 2012.

John Sellers has accepted the nomination to move from 1st Vice to President.

James Graham has agreed to move from 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President.

Jeff Blackadar has been nominated by the Ottawa Horticultural Society to run for 2nd Vice President and has accepted.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee Chair **Vickie Wiemer, Immediate Past President.**



Death at the Spring Plant Sale

Recently I came across *Death at the Spring Plant Sale*, a gardening mystery written by Ann Ripley, an organic gardener and former newspaperwoman. Here's a short teaser: "When Louise Eldridge covers the spring plant sale of the venerable Bethesda Garden Club for her television show, she finds blue-blooded traditions, deeply rooted resentments, and fertile ground for murder..." *Death at the Spring Plant Sale's* matter-of-fact but flippant tone is endearing and fun to dig into. Gardeners, members of horticultural groups, and bookworms alike will enjoy this book for its tongue-in-cheek portrayal of garden club culture. Ripley's other titles include *The Christmas Garden Affair*, and *Harvest of Murder*.

Zachary Osborne, Weston Family Library Head Librarian, TBG

Now That's a Pumpkin!

Having achieved success growing pumpkins with the Georgina-Brock Garden Club Youth Group, leader Dorothy Shier decided to try her hand at growing a giant pumpkin. With her husband Keith's help, and through many trials and tribulations, Dorothy managed to grow this 659 lb beauty! The handsome specimen won third place at the 2011 Sunderland Fair.

