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local publications.



Our President's Last Message

It is hard to believe that this is my last 'Message from the President'. Soon my term will draw to an end and incoming President Liisa Wolfgram will be officially in office as your new President. I wish Liisa a very good year and promise to give her all my support.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me during my term and especially acknowledge the generosity of the Board members who extended me so many kindnesses and courtesies. It has been a privilege and honour to serve as President during this our 100th year. I have met a great many attendees at various conventions and District AGMs and really enjoyed this opportunity to speak with all of you.

Just a bit of housekeeping... There seems to be some confusion about two items:

Firstly, the **financial** year of the Association is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 as set out in the Act and by Revenue Canada.

Secondly, the **business** year begins and ends with our AGM (convention) as required by the Act and Revenue Canada as well. The new President is put in place at this event and all motions needing to be brought to the floor for a vote are conducted at these sessions. Motions passed by a majority take effect at the close of the AGM (convention). I hope this explanation will help eliminate the confusion.

God Bless and keep active in horticulture!

Judy Lewis, President
Ontario Horticultural Association
2005-2006



Message From The Secretary

At this time of the year, it becomes more and more difficult to sit in front of a computer. I hope everyone has lots of success in the 2006 growing season.

In this mailing you will find included:

1. Proxy vote forms:

If you require proxy votes, fill out **EITHER Form 1**- If you have delegates attending and wish them to carry your Society's proxies.

OR

Form 2- If you have no delegates attending and wish to have the Association Secretary turn in your proxy votes.

2. A copy of the 2006 Convention Resolutions
3. Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting
4. Supplies Order Form

A few Societies have not returned Form A to the District Director or Form B to the Association Office. If you have not returned these forms and cannot find them, they can be downloaded from the web site. I would encourage you to get these forms to the appropriate person as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

I hope to see many of your members in Ottawa for the 2006 Convention. It looks like an exciting, educational, and fun filled event. District 2 has worked really hard to make the 100th Convention an event to be remembered.

Bonnie Warner, Association Secretary

OHA Secretary Retires after 19 Years of Service

It is with regret that we announce that the OHA board accepts the resignation of our secretary, Bonnie Warner. Bonnie became the 1st secretary in 1987 after OMAFRA ceased to provide the secretarial service and has been a supporting member of the Board ever since. She has been an excellent secretary, guiding Society presidents, Board members and Society members during her term. District Directors and Executive members change constantly, however the secretary has remained in place for 19 years.

Changes occur in life. Life goes on. Bonnie Warner will have more time to enjoy her friends and family. She will be missed by everyone who knows her at every level in our organization. We are all very grateful and appreciative of Bonnie's years of service to the Ontario Horticultural Association.

We will be seeking a new secretary in the very near future. For further information, please check the on-line news on our website www.gardenontario.org. The position requirements will be posted as soon as details have been arranged.

Judy Lewis

From the Treasurer's Desk

I have only been in this position for a few months and there have been many changes as the OHA ends this century and prepares for the next. It has been such a pleasure for me to meet or just speak to so many wonderful volunteers. The dedication shown by the Board of Directors, the society boards, the various committee members and so many others has overwhelmed me. I am thrilled to be a part of the Executive and hope to have an opportunity to continue serving this organization for some time to come.

It is because of the hard work of so many volunteers that the 2005 convention was such a huge success financially. Although the tulip sales were disappointing to some, the funds raised were still very impressive.

Please be assured that the OHA Executive and Board of Directors are very aware of the difficulties experienced by the members when there is any increase in dues (after all we are members of our own societies too). Insurance accounts for 30% of our operating budget and unfortunately, insurance has become a necessity in all organizations! The OHA will continue to find the best insurance rates available and to operate the Association cost efficiently and with the best interests of the members in mind.

I look forward to meeting you at the 2006 100th Anniversary Convention in Ottawa this August.

Yours in gardening,
Sharon Hill, OHA Treasurer

Memorial Period at the Convention

At the Memorial Period of the 2006 Convention, we will take the time to remember our friends who are no longer with us. If a Society has lost a member in the last year and wishes to have that person's name recognized at the Convention, please send the name(s) to the Association Secretary, Bonnie Warner, before July 1st.



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has received the following nominations for executive positions for 2006/2007 with the Ontario Horticultural Association:

President	Liisa Wolfgram
First Vice-President	Jim Mabee
Second Vice-President	Ken Fink
Immediate Past President	Judy Lewis

Friendly Reminder

Dues and Directors & Officers Insurance payments are due by June 30th. Failure to pay could result in the loss of "member society in good standing" status.

Any questions about these matters, please speak to your District Director or email Sharon Hill at treasurer@gardenontario.org.

Newsletter Subscriptions

Please send your \$15.00 cheque payable to the Ontario Horticultural Association, together with your name and mailing address to:

Sharon Hill, OHA Treasurer,
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From the Editor's Desk

I've enjoyed myself so much these last few months reading Society newsletters from all across the province! Whether they arrived in a manila envelope, or as an e-mail attachment, I came to look forward to receiving them as the days went by.

I was so impressed by the quality of the publications themselves as well as the wealth of information and inspiration contained within them. They reflected a mosaic of vital organizations, made up of many committed and creative volunteers. A number of articles in this Trillium edition were adapted from the local publications you so generously shared with me. I hope even more Societies will add me to their list of newsletter recipients.

Thank you also for your links and references to Trillium. If you would like any specific article to reprint in your own newsletter, I'd be glad to e-mail it to you as a Word document.

Although I certainly have enjoyed the kudos you have passed along, I think I've appreciated even more the constructive criticism and suggestions for future newsletter items. Don't forget to advise your members that they can download and print their own colour version of this Trillium edition at the gardenontario website.

Carpe rutrum,

Inviting Ontario to Ottawa

Grab your hat and your coat, hop in the car and head to our national capital for the 100th anniversary convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association, to be held August 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2006. The convention hotel is the Crowne Plaza at 101 Lyons Street in the heart of Ottawa.

Don't be disappointed! Register early and come enjoy our city. We will dazzle you with our tours of Rideau Hall, the Byward Market, the world famous Experimental Farm, the Rideau Canal, the Herb Farm, as well as a number of private gardens.

Sit in the air-conditioned hall and listen to one of our seminar presenters. Our list includes Brian Carson, speaking on plants that can be deadly, Mark Dallas on hardy roses, Marc Ladouceur on sub-tropical gardening, Suzanne Patry on perennials, Joanne Plummer on design, Phillip Fry on habitat gardening, Paul Pospisil on garlic, and the Ottawa Valley Rock Gardening gurus demonstrating hypertufa containers.

We have rounded up a very impressive list of special speakers at the plenary sessions including CBC Radio guru Ed Lawrence, Mary Pratte, President of the Canadian Peony Society, Andre Poliquin, a microbiologist and specialist on clematis, and Alexander Reford, director of the Reford Gardens (les jardins du Metis).

District 2 in Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Valley, with its 21 societies, extends to you a very warm welcome to these celebrations of our 100th birthday. We will have special presentations to Societies who also are 100 years old or older, but you will have to come to see who they are. We celebrate their longevity and wish them much success in the future.

Our competitions evoke the theme of this convention... "100 years and Still Growing." Our Decorative Section is built around a standard show which will be unveiled at this convention. **Remember - you must register your intention to show in the decorative section by Aug 1st and only 6 entries will be allowed in each class.** In this section you will find such titles as "Rich in Tradition", "War and Peace", "Crowning Glory", "Roaring Twenties", "New Faces of Ontario", "Race to Space", "Art in Bloom", and "Rounding out the Century". We also have a large Horticultural Division, Potted Plants, Special Exhibits and a Horticultural Society Special. So get ready to show the rest of Ontario just what you grow in your garden and how you interpret the decorative themes. While you are here in Ottawa, please visit the Art Show competition, the Junior competition, the publications, and the photos.

This is after all our 100th birthday so for the banquet on Saturday night we would like to make the evening as formal as possible - long dresses and dark suits or tuxedos. If you have a period outfit why not wear it proudly to the event. For the Friday evening gala we would like you to wear our 100th anniversary shirts which we are selling in District 2. You may find info from your director or on the web at www.gardenontario.org, along with many other details about the weekend.

Once again may I personally invite you all to our 100th Anniversary Convention!

Ken Fink
Director - District 2
Convention Chair

The deadline for submissions to the Photographic and Slide Competition is June 1, 2006.

Please include a self-addressed return envelope/courier package with sufficient postage to have your entries returned. Remember to include a permission form for your winning entries to be included on the website. This can be downloaded from the competition section on the website.



A Match Made in Heaven

A signing ceremony held on March 29th to formalize a new relationship between the University of Guelph and Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) means new research opportunities and an enhanced exchange of information between the two.

"The University and RBG both have a wealth of knowledge in the fields of horticulture and biodiversity and offer programming and education that is complementary." Issues to be explored under the partnership include the possibility of collaborative research and the promotion of the importance of horticulture and plants in fostering healthy urban environments, protection and rehabilitation of natural areas, academic opportunities for students and developing new sites for plant trials and testing.

Over the past five decades, Royal Botanical Gardens has become a centre of excellence in both horticulture and management of natural areas. Its 2,300 acres of nature sanctuaries contain many important habitats and one of the most significant and best-studied regional floras in Ontario. A herbarium houses some 80,000 specimens of wild plants and horticultural varieties and supports the institution's research activities and education programs. The five major garden areas covering more than 300 acres include domestic and international collections of cultivated plants.

The RBG's library and archives have provided research support to staff and visiting researchers and contain many rare and precious documents, including historical collections of seed trade catalogues, information related to the gardening and horticulture industry and the papers of several renowned horticulturists and botanists.

University of Guelph is internationally recognized for its teaching and research in biodiversity and is home to the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, a unit that brings together many biological collections and research activities. Guelph is involved in research in floristics, molecular taxonomy and invasive species and boasts the Ontario Agricultural College Herbarium, a facility that houses more than 120,000 specimens. The University's library and 165-hectare Arboretum also promote and support history, education and exploration of knowledge related to biodiversity and horticulture.

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Gardenontario Events Calendar Equals FREE Publicity!

Did you happen to notice the April 8th Toronto Star Shopping section "When to scrimp and when to splurge" column? It reported that an inexpensive place to get plants was at a local Horticultural Society plant sale. It pointed out that sales are listed on the OHA website, www.gardenontario.org. FYI, gardenontario is getting over 200,000 hits per month now ...some of these visitors may be looking at YOUR Society info. Please make sure that your Society's fundraising events are posted on the Events Calendar.

Webmaster Brenda Heenan
webmaster@gardenontario.org

Plant a Tree!

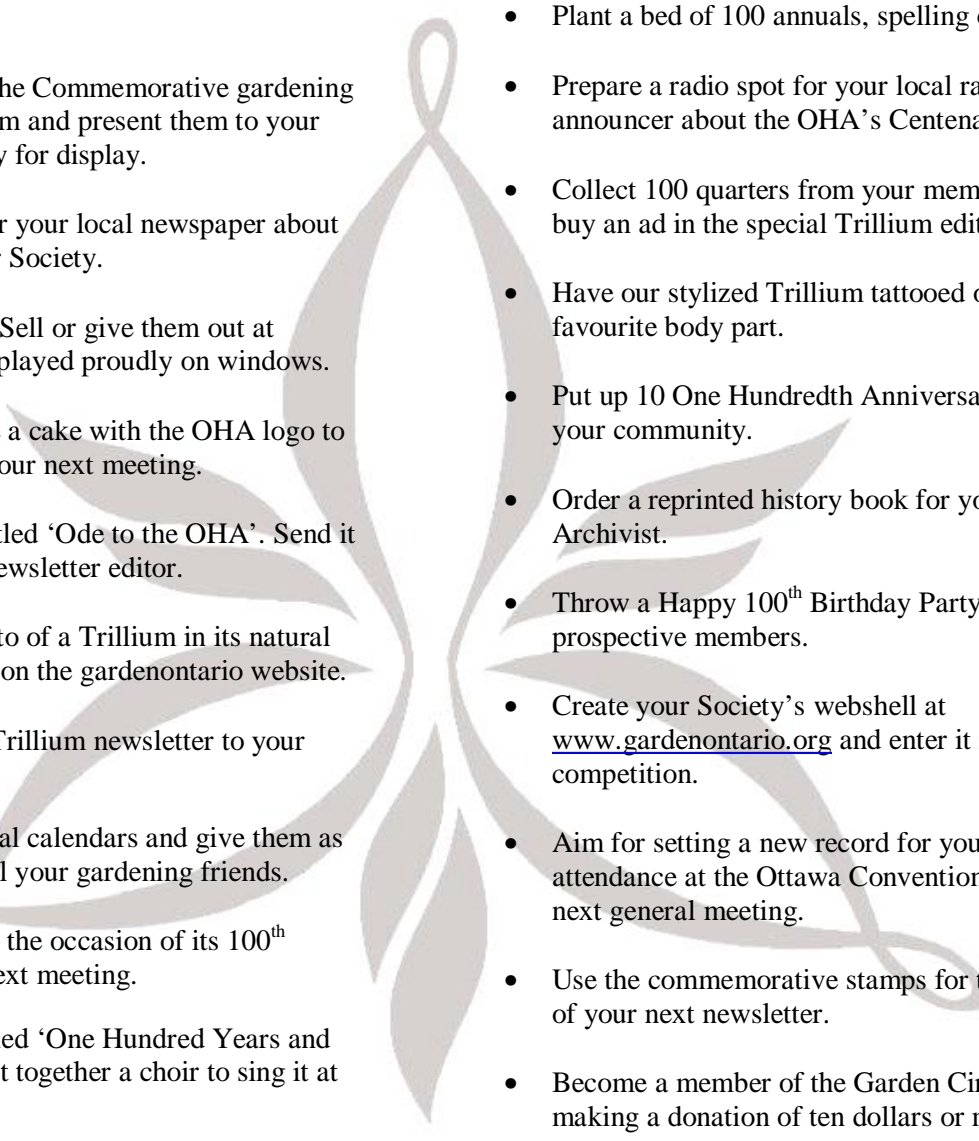
As the OHA celebrates its 100th year in gardening, we can use this as an opportunity to look back and plan ahead at the same time.

The Conservation and Environmental Committee encourages all Societies across the province to plant native trees and shrubs this year as a tribute to our roots and safeguard for a healthy future.

Send a photo and details of your tree-planting project to editor@gardenontario.org.

Valerie Neal,
Conservation & Environment Committee

30 Ways to Celebrate the OHA's 100th Anniversary

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- Plant a native tree or shrub in honour of the OHA. Form a ring around it and sing 🎵 Happy 100th to you...🎵
 - Send a card or e-mail to Ken Fink to be displayed or read aloud at the Ottawa Convention.
 - Purchase a set of the Commemorative gardening stamps. Frame them and present them to your local public library for display.
 - Write an article for your local newspaper about the OHA and your Society.
 - Buy OHA decals. Sell or give them out at meetings to be displayed proudly on windows.
 - Bake and decorate a cake with the OHA logo to serve with tea at your next meeting.
 - Write a poem entitled 'Ode to the OHA'. Send it to your Trillium newsletter editor.
 - Take a digital photo of a Trillium in its natural habitat and post it on the gardenontario website.
 - Add a link to the Trillium newsletter to your Society's website.
 - Buy OHA perpetual calendars and give them as birthday gifts to all your gardening friends.
 - Toast the OHA on the occasion of its 100th birthday at your next meeting.
 - Write a song entitled 'One Hundred Years and Still Growing'. Put together a choir to sing it at the Convention.
 - Update your Society's contact information on the OHA website.
 - Do a radio or TV interview about the OHA's Centenary and your local Society.
 - Purchase an OHA History Book and present it to your local library.
 - Save a community of Trilliums from being destroyed by construction.
 - Post a congratulatory message on your local TV station's bulletin board.
 - Plant a bed of 100 annuals, spelling out 'OHA'.
 - Prepare a radio spot for your local radio announcer about the OHA's Centenary.
 - Collect 100 quarters from your members and buy an ad in the special Trillium edition.
 - Have our stylized Trillium tattooed on your favourite body part.
 - Put up 10 One Hundredth Anniversary posters in your community.
 - Order a reprinted history book for your Society Archivist.
 - Throw a Happy 100th Birthday Party and invite prospective members.
 - Create your Society's webshell at www.gardenontario.org and enter it in the new competition.
 - Aim for setting a new record for your Society's attendance at the Ottawa Convention or at your next general meeting.
 - Use the commemorative stamps for the mailing of your next newsletter.
 - Become a member of the Garden Circle by making a donation of ten dollars or more.
 - Visit the OHA Oak Grove at the Guelph Arboretum. Take a photo and send it to Webmaster Brenda.
 - Think of your own unique way to say Happy 100th. Take a photo and/or write about it. Submit your idea to editor@gardenontario.org.

14th Annual Successful Gardening Show OHA Flower Show Report

Mississauga, ON, March 19th, 2006 – The show committee, exhibitors and volunteers were thrilled with this year’s show. The show management and publicists felt the same way. Our theme was “Ontario Horticultural Association, Celebrating 100 Years”.

The design classes included “Then and Now” a duo design (two sided); “Newsletter”, a black and white design; “Banquet” an exhibition segment table setting; “Agriculture”, a design using fruits and /or vegetables; “Balancing the Budget”, a design using two containers; “Memories” a design; and “Seeds” a miniature design, a) fresh, and b) dried.

A new class this year was the Judge’s Invitational Design, 5 entries only, titled “The Future”. The space allowed was 4’ x 4’ x 6’ tall. This class was a showstopper!

Winners of the Judges’ Invitational Free standing design class:

1 st	Trudy Grantham	Garden Club of Toronto
2 nd	Rosemary Dobson	North Toronto Society
3 rd	Belinda Gallagher	Georgetown Society
H.M.	Olga Sandilands	Milne House Garden Club
H.M.	Claudette Smith	Milne House Garden Club

The society submission class, “New Beginnings”, was a spring planting - “A number of compatible plants including bulbs in a container”. The participants were:

1 st	Etobicoke H.S., #15
2 nd	Credit Valley H.S., #15
3 rd	North Toronto H.S., # 5
HM	Brampton H.S., # 15
	Greater Toronto Rose and Garden Society, # 4
	Georgetown H.S., # 6

Show details were as follows:

Total # of exhibitors	61
Total # of cultural	244
Total # of design	72
Total # of Society	6
Total # Invitational	5
Total # of actual entries	327

One new feature in this year’s show was a flower arranging demonstration - “Simple and Effective Floral Designs for your Home”. This was very well received and show management agreed this feature presentation should be continued next year. Our thanks goes out to Celia Roberts, Lotte Brunner, Olga Sandilands, and Rosemary Dobson.

There was much activity at our Ontario Horticultural Association booth. Our committee encourages more participation from other Districts close to the GTA to enter classes and/or volunteer at our booth. We also encourage Districts to provide District brochures, listing all clubs and contact information. Flyers were on the table for upcoming plant sales and garden tours. There was much enthusiasm about our new website. People today seem to want

information now, and we were pleased to hand out our bookmarks, promoting www.gardenontario.org (This is a hint to those societies who don’t have information on their free webshells or on the Calendar of Events).



The publicists for Successful Gardening, Crane Communications and Kim Graham and Associates, included OHA information in show press kits. This meant great coverage to promote our societies and clubs. We were featured on CFOS AM station in Owen Sound, Art Drysdale’s gardening show, AM 740, Marjorie Mason’s Oshawa gardening show, and Mark Cullen’s 1010 CFRB gardening show. TV opportunities were two segments on CHTV (Hamilton area), and a national CTV segment with Tom Brown. Our Association logo was part of all advertising in the GTA newspapers for the Successful Gardening Show.

The OHA Flower Show was enhanced on opening day with the Canada Post unveiling of stamps ceremony that took place at 1:30 pm.

Such a great committee! Thanks to: Wendy Gay, Lotte Brunner, Ruth Bender, Gera Koster, Heinke Zemancik, Dawn Teal and Jim Anderson.

The OHA’s Successful Gardening Show binder is back on the shelf until next year.

Liisa Wolfgram,
Chair, OHA’s Successful Gardening Flower Show



Liisa accepts a surprise gift from Canada Post’s Peter Scott.



In a letter to the editor of the *Amherstburg Echo* on April 27, 1906, Dr. Oscar Teeter (Mayor 1901 and 1905) proposed that a horticultural society be formed in Amherstburg as "there are throughout the town innumerable plots of ground...which could be vastly improved by making them into nice lawns or flower gardens..." A meeting was scheduled for May 1, 1906, at which Dr. Teeter outlined the purposes of such an organization: improving the appearance of the town, purchasing bulbs and seeds at wholesale rates, and increasing the "enjoyment of life" of Amherstburg's citizens.

By the 1930s, the Amherstburg Horticultural Society had a membership of over 300. The first flower show was held in August, 1931 and was a huge success. The following year, according to records in the *Amherstburg Echo*, the Society was responsible for town beautification. The newspaper reported that the Society had planted a thousand trees on vacant lots on Alma Street, as well as flowerbeds at the Fort Malden Gas Station, Town Hall, Amherstburg Public School, and the library.

Like many other organizations, the Horticultural Society went into a state of remission during the years of World War II but was revived in 1954 as the *Fort Malden Horticultural Society*. The new Society carried on the tradition of planting flowering crabapple trees and shrubs along Laird Ave. Also, due to

redevelopment of the Navy Yard Park, a 90-foot quarry stone planter was removed. With the help of Mr. Murray Smith of Amherst Quarries and the efforts of fellow members, a planter was built and planted with prize-winning roses and flowering shrubs. Sadly, it was removed in the 1980s to make room for a parking lot for the King's Navy Yard Park.

The Rhododendron Gardens were developed under the guidance of "Rhodo Bob" Sutherland in 1984, located in the King's Navy Yard Park. With Bob's leadership, the famous Amherstburg Garden Tour was developed in 1986. In 2000, he was instrumental in adding a Garden Fair to this special weekend in May, which now attracts thousands of visitors to Amherstburg!

In recent years, the Society has established the Carol & Frank Gorham Student Scholarship, Trillium Awards, Parks Committee representation, Deck-the-Planters (a hanging basket program), a library garden, the reforestation of Laird Avenue Blvd, and other projects too numerous to fit in this space.

In November 2005, the Public Works Department planted 100 trees (donated by the Society) in Larry Bauer Park, Purdy Park, and Golfview Park in recognition of the Society's 100th Anniversary.

www.fmhs.on.ca

Who Do I Call? OMAFRA? OHA?

I find that horticultural society members are often confused about who to ask to find the information they need. Some questions are ones that should be directed to the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) and others need to be directed to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). The purpose of this article to help describe the role of OMAFRA and the questions that should be directed to the Ministry.

All horticultural societies in Ontario are incorporated under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act that is administered by OMAFRA. Under this Act, Societies file information annually to maintain incorporation, and are also eligible to receive grants for their activities. OMAFRA distributed over \$309,000 in grants for 2005. If you have questions related to your incorporation, proving your incorporation, your grant, or the OMAFRA forms that are filed by February 1st each year, direct these queries to OMAFRA.

If your society wants to change its name, dissolve (cease to exist) or a new society wishes to form then OMAFRA should be contacted as there are procedures that must be followed. Sometimes you need a "Letter of Good Standing" to prove your incorporation and OMAFRA is the one that issues it. Horticultural societies are not issued corporate numbers as some other not for profit organizations are and sometimes OMAFRA staff need to explain the legislation to others.

OMAFRA also has a role in helping organizations be more effective by developing resources, conducting workshops and giving consulting advice. If you need to contact OMAFRA call 1-888-466-2372 for Denise Edwards at extension 63115 or Kathie Noble at 63132. Our email addresses are denise.edwards@omafra.gov.on.ca or kathie.noble@omafra.gov.on.ca

Many times we find that people do not read the information that is sent by OHA or OMAFRA. Anything to do with your district, dues, volunteer hours, insurance, tulip fund, convention, fund raising, website, and competitions, is the responsibility of OHA and your district director or secretary can be of help with these. The OHA secretary Bonnie and I do talk and trade emails so your questions do not get lost. Hopefully this article gives you some idea where to get the information you need.

Denise Edwards, Agricultural Management Specialist, OMAFRA, Guelph



50th Anniversary for Powassan & District Horticultural Society

Our Society began on May 9th, 1956. There were twenty-four members attending the organizational meeting and this was the first Horticultural Society to be formed in the Parry Sound District. In 1974 the Pansy was chosen as the Society's Floral Emblem. Today we are still a small but very active society and our membership is usually between sixty and seventy.

We have Spring and Fall Plant Sales and every year for the past six years we have held a well attended Garden Tour. Each year we pick a theme and try to have greeters at each garden dressed in the theme for that year.

We held a 50th Anniversary Spring Fling (dinner and dance) on May 6th, 2006 at the Powassan Legion. Dr. Larry Hoffman was our guest speaker. Thanks to our DJ, we danced all night to the music of the 50s and 60s. Decorations based on our Society's floral emblem, the Pansy, were featured. Tables of our history and memorabilia were set up.

All of these activities, as well as our ongoing community planting projects, have been making for a busy but enjoyable and fun-filled year for our many members.

**Jackie O'Brien, Secretary
Powassan Horticultural Society 2006**

Denise Edwards

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Guelph Township HS Loses Charter Youth Member

Bea Parker Kuenzig was born in 1915 and passed away in April of 2006. Bea Parker joined the Guelph Township Horticultural Society in 1922, the year the Society began, making her a Youth Charter Member.

In 1928 the family came to Marden to live in the teacherage where the Parkers were the custodians of SS#3. Bea, her little daughter Jean Ann and her mother and neighbour Marjorie Small (now Durnford) maintained two gardens for the Horticultural Society.

The Kuenzig's bought a farm in the #6 School Section where Bea had her own horse and had room to ride. Bea raised more than one breed of dog, also birds, and so on. She was very fond of gardening and had a love for her pets and was very interested in all wild life. Her little lap dog, Penny, survives her.

Bea Kuenzig received a Service Certificate in 1992; in 1995 she became a Life Member.

Bea touched the lives of many people. Many more of our members will have their own remembrances of Bea and her family.

Marion Campbell, Guelph Township HS

Canada Day Parade:



To promote their club, and to have a good time, members of the East York Garden Club will be walking in their local Canada Day Parade. They plan to carry the club banner and gardening tools, while pushing wheelbarrows of plants and wearing club t-shirts and hats. Perhaps they'll recruit a few new members along the parade route!

Pargar:

The Sudbury Horticultural Society has just launched its second annual PARGAR program. Last year's Plant a Row – Grow a Row initiative resulted in the donation of



almost two thousand pounds of locally grown organic produce to the area Food Banks. If your Society is interested in sponsoring this partnership in your community, visit www.growarow.org or www.gardenwriters.org for details.

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION CASH FLOW

	Funds end of 2004 per audited statements	95,142
	Increase in funds 2005 per audited statements	105,134
		200,276
less restricted funds	Bank	
	Bryan/Lobban/Bray Trust	263
	Conservation & Environment	193
	In Memoriam	4,254
	Tulip Fund	49,950
	Youth Project Fund	265
	Trillium Grant Account	5,236
		60,161
	Investments	
	Conservation & Environment	41,109
	In Memoriam	7,601
	Youth Project Fund	1,266
	Bryan/Lobban/Bray	2,697
		52,673
		Total Restricted Funds
	ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AT END OF 2005	\$87,442
	Accounts Receivable (to be paid in 2006)	46,070
		133,512
	Less Funds Due to STBI Reserve Fund	7,488
	Funds Available for Operations in 2006	\$126,024

Restricted Funds - Restricted funds are funds tied to a specific use and not available for the general purposes of the organization (e.g., a fund consisting of contributions that donors specifically direct the registered charity to use to buy a new building). Endowments are one type of restricted fund. Donors create them when they stipulate that the registered charity must maintain the principal amount and only use the interest earned on it.

(The above was taken from the Canada Revenue Agency website regarding Registered Charities)

STBI - These funds are for the society treasurer bonding program and cannot be used for anything other than insurance payouts.

Bryan/Lobban/Bray Trust - Funds donated by past Presidents for the purposes of providing a special annual award for Youth.

The Memorial Fund - is money donated for names to be entered in the Memorial Book. This is for tree planting and societies can apply for \$100 towards planting a tree in memory of a member, family member, or friend.

The Tulip Fund - These funds were set aside to cover 5 x \$500 "grants" per year, for 5 societies to obtain plant material to be used in community projects. It was not for hardwoods or benches, only plant material.

For a complete copy of the 2005 Audited Financial Statements prepared by Takalo & Burt, please visit the website at www.gardenontario.org in the Member's Resource Area.

Ontario Horticultural Association
Statement of Financial Position and Fund Balances
December 31, 2005

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>STBI Restricted Fund</u>	<u>Total 2005</u>	<u>Total 2004</u>
ASSETS				
Current				
Cash	\$ 122,648	\$ 4,342	\$ 126,990	\$ 46,142
Receivables	47,070	1,824	48,894	3,037
Inventory	1,067	-	1,067	1,614
Prepays	26,790	-	26,790	2,354
Due to reserve fund from operating	<u>(7,488)</u>	<u>7,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	190,087	13,654	203,741	53,147
Investments (Note 3)	51,470	89,518	140,988	159,925
Property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	<u>2,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,289</u>	<u>1,538</u>
	<u>\$ 243,846</u>	<u>\$ 103,172</u>	<u>\$ 347,018</u>	<u>\$ 214,610</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current				
Payables and accruals	\$ 10,014	\$ -	\$ 10,014	\$ 20,990
Payable to societies	1,671	-	1,671	1,671
Deferred revenue	<u>30,885</u>	<u>7,960</u>	<u>38,845</u>	<u>13,198</u>
	<u>42,570</u>	<u>7,960</u>	<u>50,530</u>	<u>35,859</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Fund balances, beginning of year	95,142	83,609	178,751	202,595
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	<u>106,134</u>	<u>11,603</u>	<u>117,737</u>	<u>(23,844)</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>201,276</u>	<u>95,212</u>	<u>296,488</u>	<u>178,751</u>
	<u>\$ 243,846</u>	<u>\$ 103,172</u>	<u>\$ 347,018</u>	<u>\$ 214,610</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

_____ Director _____ Director

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Ontario Horticultural Association
Statement of Operations
Year ended December 31, 2005

	General Fund	STBI Restricted Fund	Total 2005	Total 2004
Revenue				
Affiliation fees	\$ 113,985	\$ -	\$ 113,985	\$ 39,393
Convention (Schedule A)	83,570	-	83,570	51,830
Receipts from fundraising	74,754	-	74,754	3,021
Trillium project (Note 5)	31,015	-	31,015	78,455
Liability insurance premiums	25,033	-	25,033	19,457
Premium - net	-	9,556	9,556	6,573
Sale of OHA supplies	4,818	-	4,818	7,676
Interest	1,243	2,539	3,782	4,971
Donations	2,825	-	2,825	1,241
Newsletter subscriptions	1,545	-	1,545	1,955
Advertising	338	-	338	381
Receipts from sponsors	100	-	100	2,200
Associate memberships	100	-	100	50
	<u>339,326</u>	<u>12,095</u>	<u>351,421</u>	<u>217,203</u>
Expenses				
Convention (Schedule A)	57,123	-	57,123	54,035
Meetings	37,587	-	37,587	37,204
Trillium project (Note 5)	31,015	-	31,015	78,455
Insurance	25,289	-	25,289	18,441
Fundraising	25,112	-	25,112	339
District and executive	14,675	-	14,675	15,037
Newsletter	9,385	-	9,385	8,941
Secretary salary	8,964	-	8,964	6,144
Treasurer honourarium office	7,481	-	7,481	2,693
Professional fees	4,079	-	4,079	3,000
Exhibitions	2,652	-	2,652	2,717
OHA supplies and youth manuals	2,432	-	2,432	1,118
Printing, stationary and mailing	1,615	-	1,615	1,976
Yearbook	1,550	-	1,550	2,795
Education, promotion and publicity	1,082	-	1,082	2,098
Awards, bursaries and donations	912	-	912	1,799
Amortization	834	-	834	476
Special projects	728	-	728	2,500
STBI Administration	-	492	492	170
Bank charges	368	-	368	346
Memoriam	222	-	222	763
Bad debts	87	-	87	-
	<u>233,192</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>233,684</u>	<u>241,047</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 106,134</u>	<u>\$ 11,603</u>	<u>\$ 117,737</u>	<u>\$ (23,844)</u>

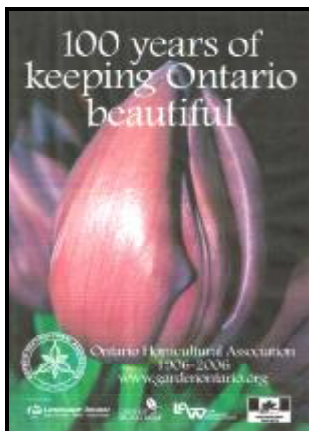
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Bill(y) Bishop Returns!

Bill Bishop, a retired engineer, has a new career and a new passion. He is treasurer, electronic communications lead, and editor of the Deep River Society. He started an electronic newsletter in December 2005 because he was pretty sure that the majority of the Society's 690 members (from a community of roughly 1700 families) were online, and that he could single-handedly eliminate the need for envelopes and stamps. Indeed, after a lot of time on the phone, he received over 80% of members' e-mail addresses.

He now hand delivers about 120 hard copies of the Society newsletter, mostly to senior citizens, during his regular daily walk. The remaining newsletters go out as e-mail attachments. A local supermarket is sponsoring the hardcopy printing costs (with a small store logo in the footer of course). Thus the DRHS Newsletter is published and distributed to its almost seven hundred members with almost no cost. Bill is a great example of the quality of volunteerism that many of Ontario's Horticultural Societies inspire. Needless to say, this big society in a small Ontario community has pushed into the 21st century!

OHA 100th Anniversary Poster



Thanks to generous support from Landscape Ontario, Vanhoff Blokker, Law Insurance Brokers and Healey Motor Coach Tours, OHA has a colourful poster to display at local garden centres, libraries and community centres. Help OHA celebrate our milestone anniversary by showing off our special anniversary tulip and our message "100 Years of Keeping Ontario Beautiful". Contact your District Director for information about how to get posters for your Society.

Brenda Heenan
Chair - Social Marketing Committee

The Octogenarian Club



Twenty years after the inauguration of the OHA, the East York Horticultural Society was formed. This original name stood for forty years. In the mid-sixties, after the membership felt that a less formal name was warranted, the group became a 'Garden Club'. We've undergone many changes since our formation eighty years ago.

The archival material is sketchy, but during 2006, the group plans to put together and record the history of the East York Garden Club. To find out just how vital and progressive a group this is, visit our website at www.eygc.ca.

Malcolm Guest, President, EYGC

Looking Good!

The Leaside Garden Society's newsletter is sporting a new name (The Leaside Gardener) and a new masthead. This well-designed and informative publication is even more impressive with its updated look. Tradition is a precious thing, but there's nothing like a facelift to make a newsletter feel young again.

Insurance Queries?

Contact:

Brian McCartney
Law Insurance,
14900 Yonge Street,
Aurora, ON
L4G 1M7
1-800-529-2235
oha@lawbrokers.com

When Judy Scott retired as District 3 Director, she donated a hand-carved wooden sculpture to the district (her husband being the sculptor) and called it the *Sowing Seeds Trophy*. Each year it's presented to the Society within District 3 that has worked most effectively with children.



Frequently Asked Questions

When in doubt, please consult the Society's OHA Manual, Section 5 on Meetings.

What is an Annual General Meeting and why is it important to have one?

It is most important to provide an opportunity for members of a Society to review the actions of the Board (Executive) during a twelve-month period. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) provides that opportunity. The Board (Executive) should report on what has transpired during the year. The report must include an audited financial report as well as reports on activities and accomplishments, etc. The members have an opportunity to praise or criticize the actions. The members also have the opportunity to elect the Officers and Directors for the coming year, after which they are officially installed. The AGM also provides the opportunity to amend the Constitution, By-Laws, etc. providing the members are informed in advance.

How is the slate of officers and directors announced to the membership and can others be nominated?

A Nominating Committee should provide a slate of Officers and Directors. It is most important, at the AGM, that a call for other nominations is made. Finally, if there are no other nominations, it is appropriate for the Chair to ask for a motion to accept the proposed slate as provided. A seconder is required, and the motion voted on.

When should the Society elect its Officers and Directors?

A society should elect its Officers and Directors at the AGM; this is also the time when the Officers and Directors are installed (usually by a member of the District Executive).

What constitutes an audited financial report and when is it required?

A financial report should be printed and made available to the membership at its AGM. It should include an auditor's signed statement indicating that the Treasurer's financial statements reflect the correct financial status of the Society. See OMAFRA fact sheet -- *Financial Policies and Procedures: Protecting Your Organization's Financial Assets (01-047)*.

When is a motion needed and what is the proper way of handling a motion?

A motion is needed whenever a group of members, society, or Board, is making important decisions. The motion provides a focus for discussion. The Chair should never make a motion, but should ask for a mover of a motion; the motion requires a seconder before discussion takes place. If there is no seconder, the motion 'dies'. It is important that time be given for adequate discussion before calling for the vote.

Are we an incorporated society? Are we a non-profit or charitable organization?

All horticultural societies are incorporated organizations under the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. In the case of societies in the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA), there is the unique situation where the society must first apply to the Ontario Ministry for Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for recognition as a duly constituted society. If approved, the society is duly incorporated under the Act. Accordingly, every society must operate as a non-profit organization without share capital, under the terms of reference of the Provincial Act. Thus, the first responsibility of every society is to OMAFRA (and the terms of the Act), and secondarily to the OHA as a member.

Only those societies which apply for special charitable status with the Government of Canada, and who are given a charitable number are recognized as charitable institutions.

How should a Constitution and By-Laws be structured for a Society?

In general, the format of a Constitution and By-Laws of an organization should follow the following plan. The Constitution lays out the infrastructure of the organization and covers the essentials: name, mission (if there is one), objectives, a statement on administration, memberships, and amendments to the above.

The By-Laws provide the working details of organization, administration, and membership in order to attain the objectives and manage the organization effectively. Provisions to amend the By-Laws should also be provided. In addition to the above, there should be a section on Procedures and Regulations (Policies). These details are in a category that can be changed or amended by the Board of Directors without the formalities of amendments to the By-Laws at a General Meeting.

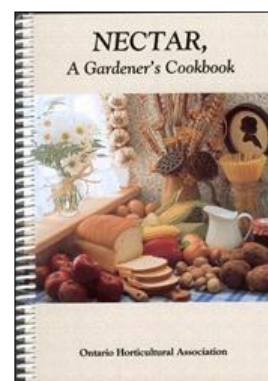
What is the difference between the new Directors' and Officers' Insurance and the insurance we have always had?

The new Directors' and Officers' Insurance, for which each society recently received an invoice of \$108.00, was instituted at the bidding of the general membership at the 2005 AGM. This insurance protects Officers and Directors in each Society, as well as the Officers and Directors of the OHA, in case they are sued while in performance of their duties. The D&O Insurance requires 100% participation from societies. General Liability Insurance, for which each society pays \$0.50 per society member, is quite different from D&O Insurance. This insurance protects the Society, its Directors and Officers, Members and Volunteers (while acting on behalf of the OHA or a member society), should they cause Bodily Injury or Property Damage to a Third Party. This is not an accident insurance policy, which is normally covered by a homeowner's property insurance.

Barbara Waddell (District 6 Director)

2006 OHA Supplies List & Order Form

Item #	Item Description	Price	Quantity Ordered	Total
01-01	Youth Member Card	Free		
01-02	Youth Service Certificate	\$1.00		
02-01	Society President Certificate	\$1.00		
02-02	District Appreciation Certificate	\$1.00		
02-03	Life Member Certificate- w/card	\$2.00		
03-04	Note Pad (4.25" x 5.5")	\$1.00		
04-01	Pin- President	\$5.00		
04-02	Pin- Past President	\$5.00		
04-03	Pin- Judge	\$5.00		
04-04	Pin- District Director	\$5.00		
04-05	Pin- Past District Director	\$5.00		
04-06	Pin- Secretary	\$5.00		
04-07	Pin- Treasurer	\$5.00		
04-08	Pin- Member	\$5.00		
04-09	Pin- Youth Leader	\$5.00		
04-10	Pin- Life Member	\$5.00		
04-11	Pin- Assistant District Director	\$5.00		
05-01	Notecards, 5 per pkg, with envelopes	\$5.00		
05-02	Notecards, 5 packages	\$20.00		
06-01	Decals, static cling	\$1.00		
07-01	Perpetual Calendar	\$5.00		
07-02	Nectar, A Gardener's Cookbook (Ltd. qty.)	\$10.00		
07-03	Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards (Publication #34)	\$5.00		
08-01	T-shirt, green (logo)- small	\$12.00		
08-02	T-shirt, white - X large only	\$8.00		
08-03	Sweat Shirt, cream- medium	\$35.00		
08-04	Sweat Shirt, green- medium	\$35.00		
09-01	Society Manual binder - includes Youth Leader Manual and Volunteer Toolkit	\$40.00		
09-02	Society Manual CD - pdf (9500 Kb)	\$5.00		
			TOTAL	



**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHEQUE WITH ORDER.
AN INVOICE WILL BE SENT WITH YOUR ORDER.
You are to add the return postage to the amount of your cheque.**

Send this order to: * OHA Supplies
c/o Don Matthews,
Box 491,
Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0 : or via email to: supplies@gardenontario.org

Coming Events...



June 9, 10, 11 Niagara Flower & Garden Show

Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens
Competition is open to OHA members.
MGOI Annual Meeting
www.niagaraflowerandgardenshow.com
(905) 309-3959

June 11 & 18 Iris & Peony Celebration

Laking Garden at the RBG
Peonies, perennial borders, hosta walk
(905) 825-5040
www.rbg.ca

June 17 Spring Gardens at Upper Canada Village

Seeding, transplanting, heirloom varieties
First in '3 Seasons' gardening series
www.uppercanadavillage.com
(800) 437-2233

June 17 & 18 Through The Garden Gate

Walking tour of Toronto Islands
private gardens
11 am – 4 pm
Purchase tickets on line at
www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca

June 17 & 18 Heritage Garden Tour

Simcoe & Port Dover - town & country
gardens, speakers, BBQ, plant sale
10 am – 4 pm
office@norfolklore.com
(519) 426-1583

June 24 Magical Gardens of Leaside

11 am – 4 pm
www.leasidegardensociety.org

June 25 The Exquisite Gardens of East York

Garden tour
www.evgc.ca

June 25 Art in the Garden Tour

Wolfe Island (Kingston)
Guided bus tour of private gardens
www.wolfeisland.com
(613) 385-1875

July 1 & 2 Rose Celebration

Hendrie Park Gardens at the RBG
www.rbg.ca



July 8 Summer Thyme Herb & Garden Fair

Museum & Archives, Fergus
Exhibitors, vendors, & Veggie Café
(519) 846-0916 x221

July 10 & 11 Ontario Lily Society Show

500 stems of lilies plus creative
designs featuring lilies
Royal Botanical Gardens
www.rbg.ca
(905) 825-5040

July 15 & 16 Open Garden Weekend

Self-guided tour of 14 Sudbury
gardens 10 am – 3 pm
hugli@hotmail.com
(705) 693-2476

August 5 Summer Gardens at Upper Canada Village

Summer flowering heirloom varieties
Garden tours and pest control info.
www.uppercanadavillage.com
(800) 437-2233

August 13 Herb Fair

Hendrie Park Gardens at the RBG
'Herbs and Wellness'
10 am – 5 pm
www.rbg.ca

August 18 to September 4 CNE Garden Show & Lectures

Green Thumb Garden Theatre
Feature gardens & flower and
vegetable growing competition
<http://mmi.theex.com>

Planned and Memorial Giving

Remembering the Ontario Horticultural Association through a planned gift in your will is a wonderful way to ensure that OHA's mission lives into the future. You may direct gifts to any OHA program or to the ongoing work of OHA such as public plantings, public garden support, environmental projects or educational programs.

Family and friends may make *In Memoriam* donations in the name of a loved one, whose name will be inscribed in OHA's leather-bound memorial book. This book is displayed each year at the Association's Annual Convention. Planned and memorial gifts are acknowledged through the OHA Garden Circle, unless you choose otherwise.