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Message from the President

Greetings everyone!

I believe it was in 1994 when the current president of my society, Credit Valley, based in Mississauga, urged me to attend the OHA Convention in Chatham with her. Eventually I agreed. Once attending our first convention, we were both thrilled at all the information sharing, the speakers, workshops and tours. We also realized our society was part of a much bigger picture.

If memory serves me correctly, it was while on the way home that I agreed to step up to president for our society the following year. Here I am, 12 years later, your new president for 2006-2007. How did that happen?

The only thing that really changes from convention to convention, aside from the president and the board, is that there are more familiar faces, warm hugs, and new friendships. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful Association.

Congratulations District 2 for hosting a wonderful convention! Sincere appreciation is also extended to our retiring directors for their years of dedication and hard work. The new board of 2006/2007 will continue to work on behalf of all members and I appreciate the commitment, enthusiasm and positive thinking of all board members. I'd also like to officially welcome our new secretary to the board, Marlene Bruckhardt.

I look forward to visiting district meetings, fall forums and society special events over the next year. Continue the good work in your communities by keeping Ontario beautiful.

Remember to check our website regularly for the on-line news and tell your members that the colour version of the Trillium newsletter is also posted on line. Visit the forum. Let's communicate regularly!

Enjoy the fall season, and stay well. See you all in Owen Sound in 2007!

Liisa Wolfgram,
president@gardenontario.org



Cover photos:

Top – The Grafton Horticultural Society won first prize for this float in the Grafton Canada Day Parade. Thanks to John Liptay, project coordinator, for providing this photo.

Bottom: Ken Fink's Centennial project...a marigold tribute to the OHA!

Welcome Marlene!

The Ontario Horticultural Association is pleased to announce the appointment of **Marlene Bruckhardt** as the new Association Secretary. Marlene brings to her new position a keen understanding of the business of running our Association as well as an extensive and varied background as an administrative assistant.

All OHA information and queries should be directed to Marlene at secretary@gardenontario.org

Message from the New OHA Secretary

First, I wish to acknowledge the time, effort and integrity that Bonnie Warner has put forth on behalf of the Ontario Horticultural Association. If my memory serves me correctly, I believe she originally began her term with an Ottawa convention and she has become a most familiar and welcome face to delegates and members attending our conventions.

Bonnie, please accept my sincere appreciation for what you have done, not only as Secretary, but also for a number of years taking care of our supplies and also taking on the responsibility of the OHA Newsletter.

After completing my term of five years as District Director, I looked forward to having more time to spend outdoors in the vegetable garden, working on the flower beds, cutting the lawn (three hours of pleasure as I get to sit on the riding lawn mower) and doing other activities.

Fate seems to intervene in ways we least expect. Not only have I stepped down as District Director, I am also leaving the Chair of the Youth Committee. This committee is equal to all the adult competitions and this year we had 368 entries from eleven societies. We also have a youth leader breakfast meeting where ideas and suggestions are exchanged. I will miss this part the most.

However, we must all be willing to accept change. This allows us to be flexible and encourages future growth, not only as an organization, but also as individuals. I look forward to meeting more of our members and wish you a pleasant season of harvesting your efforts.

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Past President Judy Reflects...

This year's theme was *100 years and Still Growing*. I felt it was a fitting theme for this our 100th Birthday celebration, and a once in a life time occasion.

Held in District 2 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Ottawa, this convention will go down in history as a great celebration. The members of District 2 under the direction of Ken Fink, your new 2nd Vice President, did an outstanding job. I had the privilege of meeting many of these fine folks in Eganville at the 2005 AGM and when asked to help on committees, the response was a collective 'How can I help?'... a very impressive reaction.

This convention saw the retiring of both our long time secretary Bonnie Warner and registrar Twyla Wilson. Both of these lovely ladies are getting a well-deserved break to enjoy some leisure time.

The Friday night entertainment was the liveliest I have ever seen with Gail Gavan and her troupe providing a night of Ottawa Valley fun and excitement. Louis Schreyer, a several time Grand Master of fiddling from my hometown of Sault Ste. Marie, was the fiddler with his two daughters step dancing. I hope those who purchased CDs are enjoying them as much as I am. There were close to 500 people in the room and when a conga line was formed about ¾ of them got into the spirit of the evening, the most participation in years.

I would be remiss if I didn't send thanks out to the Past Presidents who are always there when needed to offer suggestions and advise in any situation. We should be using these fine people's experience more often in order to better understand our history and why different changes have occurred over the years.

I also need to thank many others...

...my peers who felt I could do the job and convinced me to run as 2nd VP when I doubted myself. Now I am so happy you convinced me to try.

...my District 13 friends who have supported me through Convention 2002 and through my journey up the ladder and as your President.

...my husband Ray and our children Cheryl and Rob. Without their support and understanding this could have been a difficult journey, but you all helped to make it easier.

...all the delegates who attended the convention - the largest attendance in recent years. I hope you will tell others in your societies what a good time you had and encourage others to attend future conventions.

Thirty-four years ago I became a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society and I would recommend to everyone to get a friend, neighbour or family member to join your local society. I don't think anyone would ever regret joining.

On Sunday, August 13th, 2006, I turned the Presidential Chain of Office over to your new President, Liisa Wolfgram. I would ask that you give her your support and co-operation.

I remind you of the next convention in Owen Sound— Visions of our Future, August 10th - 12th, 2007. It is not too early to start making plans. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve as your President.

Yours in Horticulture,
Judy Lewis,
Immediate Past President

To quote Ken...

"On behalf of my 21 Societies in District 2 and myself, the Director, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Ontario Horticultural Association on achieving 100 years.

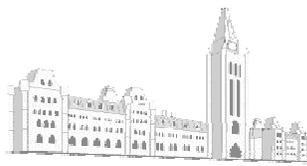
It was a superb convention with over 550 delegates in attendance. My volunteers were fantastic, the venue was outstanding and the delegates enjoyed our tours, speakers and seminars. Thanks also to our executive, who led me all the way to a great convention. My sincere thank you to all who helped make this convention, **100 years and Still Growing**, a smashing success!"

Ken Fink,
District 2 Chair of the 2006 Convention



Ken Fink presents Judy Lewis with the ceremonial spade used to plant a Burr Oak in Fletcher's Wildlife Garden at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

Convention 2006



Happy 100th, OHA!

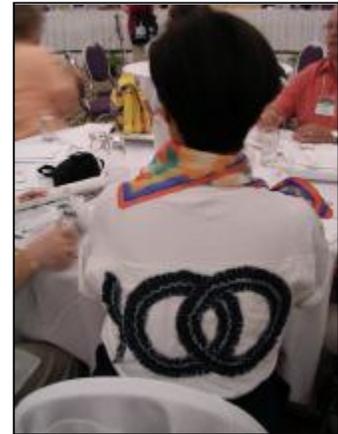
Even the weather was perfect for the 100th anniversary edition of the OHA's Annual Convention in our nation's capital! What better way to spend a mid-August weekend than catching up with more than 500 hort-friends from across the province, gaining inspiration from informative and entertaining speakers, and learning of the year's many accomplishments from Committee Chairpersons, Directors and the OHA Executive. The mornings' plenary sessions, devoted primarily to Association business, were conducted crisply and efficiently. Afternoons were enjoyed by all, whether attending seminars, enjoying garden tours, or marvelling at the competition entries. The balmy evenings were passed enjoying good food, charming company, and rousing entertainment! Kudos to Convention Committee Chair Ken Fink and the many volunteers from the twenty-one Societies of District 2 for planning and executing a memorable celebration of our Centennial Year!



First Place Miniature Design LH



Paul Pospisil's Garlic Seminar RW



Delegate's Centenary Salute LH



Judy passes on President's Chain of Office to Liisa JS



Bonnie Warner's Tearful Farewell LH



Friday night's Conga Line MD



A Table of Delegates MD



First Place Vegetables LH



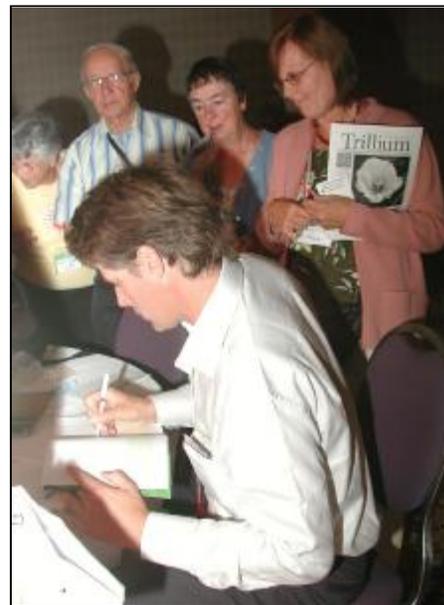
Trough Workshop JS



'War and Peace' Floral Design LH



Donna Christie crowns Ken Fink JS



Alexander Reford signs his books JS



Friday night's amazing stepdancing sisters! LG



OTF's Gisele Richer announces new Trillium grant MD

Convention 2006 In Memoriam

At the 2006 OHA Convention in Ottawa, Past President Wilma Wood conducted a moving In Memoriam Period with the help of Shirley Daniels and Kevin Healey. Hostas used during the ceremony will be planted to create an *In Memoriam Garden* at a location in Ottawa. The following people were remembered...



Alliston	Jean Cuco, Alan McKanna
Arthur	Marjorie Allsop, Ross Densmore
Athens	Leslie Cozen
Brampton	Ken Scott, Hilda Bone, Harry Letton
Brantford	Joan Fowler, Myrtle Howe
Brockville	Shirley Pearce, John Moen, Mabel Cochrane
Collins Bay	Joan Heyworth
Creemore	Jean Blackburn
Elliot Lake	Anne deHues, Eleanor Lewkoski, Margaret (Peg) McColl
Essex	George Parr
Georgina-Brock	Kaarina Wiik, Audrie Oldham
Gilford	Margaret Major
Haldimand	Shirley Woodburn, Carol Salac
Kingston	Wm. Bevans, Sarah Canvin
Leaside	Rev. W.T. (Bill) Wells, Pauline O'Leary
North York	Betty Taylor
Oakville	Celia Vanderjat, Wendy Walsh
Orangeville	Jack Allen
Orillia Peterborough	Hugh Duncan Madge Harris
Port Hope	Olive Kelly, Fred Kelly
Prince Edward County	Winnie Wrightmeyer

Renfrew	Sheila Partridge, Gord McKay
Roselands	Katherine Croswell, Doris Galloway, Edna Pyper, Allan Shakespeare, William Sootheran
Simcoe	Alex Commandant, Maria Wagener
St. Marys	Alice Hawkesworth, Madge Lanning, Merle Pearson, Donna Lounds
Teeswater-Culross	Mae Collins, Florence Haskins
Trenton	Nellie Webb, Shirley Carter
Tweed	Jean Paul Villeneuve, Bill Morse
OHA Past President	Al Crawford

Orono Turns 85!



Members of the Orono Horticultural Society celebrated their 85th anniversary at their April 20th meeting. Guests for the evening were past presidents, District 17 Director Kathryn Carnegie, and Assistant Directors Ann Best and Sandy Rakestraw. We were entertained by Jon and Scott Storey who brought many plants and talked on 'What's New for 2006'. Tables were spread with old photos, newspaper clippings, and programmes. A flower show in the anniversary theme lent a Spring-like air to the meeting.

Orono Horticultural Society was formed on March 10th, 1921. At the second meeting the red rose was adopted as the society's emblem, as well as a motto – *Where Flowers Grow*. In the early years dedicated members prepared, planted, and maintained flowerbeds throughout the village, a tradition that is maintained today. We currently have a membership of about one hundred.

We have several successful fundraisers each year – a luncheon in May, a flower basket sale for Decoration Day at the cemetery, a dessert night, and plant sales.

**Patricia Bales,
Secretary**

Long Range Planning Report – Convention 2006, Ottawa

The Long Range Planning Committee met five times since the last convention. We agreed that this year we'd track the accomplishments of the Association since the 2004 Long Range Planning Report. I extend my sincere appreciation to the committee: Kathleen Petrie, Barb O'Malley, Christine Moore, Dave Money, Malcolm Geast...and, although not a committee member, our great hostess, Bev Money.

Based on recommendations from the 2004 LRP report in Windsor, we agreed to -

- Hire an Executive Director – we've hired a Development Officer.
- Establish better training and guidelines for Directors.
- Review the Society membership fee – we've dealt with this item!
- Maintain a website – maintained consistently by three webmasters, who have been doing an outstanding job.
- Increase media coverage – Successful Gardening Show - supreme opportunity working with show publicists. Further coverage is possible but only with director/society support to follow through.
- Enhance content and distribution of OHA Newsletter – Done! Aren't you all impressed? It's available on the website when the mailing is completed. Directors and Society Presidents can promote this fact.
- Obtain sponsors for newsletter and other publications – the job of the Development Officer.

Recommendations for Short Term Goals:

- Offer more educational programs for Societies, such as seminars for treasurers, show convenors, presidents, fundraising, constitution and bylaws, at conventions and/or workshops in districts.
- Offer more training and guidelines for new District Directors.
- Work more closely with other environmental and horticultural organizations, including Conservation Council of Ontario, Communities in Bloom, Landscape Ontario, Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc., Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, and Garden Clubs of Ontario. We're delighted that some of these ideas are already blooming. When we actively partner, we also improve our chances of receiving funding from other sources. This is a step in the right direction!

Long Term Goals:

Our Association has come a long way in the past few years. We couldn't have done this without the assistance of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With our new professional marketing materials, our new website, and our fundraising kit, we're being recognized as a vital, respected and powerful organization.

To maintain this profile, it is vital that we have a professional Development Officer who will work on our behalf in developing relationships with sponsors, developing and maintaining a thank you/sponsor recognition protocol, seeking out new supporters of our garden circle, and developing workshops to improve skills in our Societies. We need consistent fundraising efforts for positive results.

Gardenontario.org is our website address, yet the title itself has the potential to mean much more. We should pursue more active relationships with Specialty Societies, Master Gardeners, and Conservation groups.

We need to encourage Specialty Societies to join us. They may be in a different membership category, yet would have some benefits of membership, such as website space, and an opportunity to advertise on our calendar of events.

We plan to re-introduce the *Education Committee* as a standing committee. This could include OHA Judging Course chairs, for Judges' reports, courses or update seminars, and workshops for Societies at conventions or district meetings to improve skills at the local Society level.

We will consider re-introducing a *Convention Advisory Committee* to consist of 2 or more Past Presidents who have the knowledge and experience to guide host Directors when requested. Past Presidents are a valuable resource!

We will review the District boundaries. Perhaps it's time to alter boundaries to better serve Societies and relieve some District Directors of too many Societies covering too great a distance. The board has suggested the Past Presidents' Council organize an ad-hoc committee for this important review. Once we have their recommendations, we assure you all societies involved would have the opportunity to comment and vote.

Long Range Planning involves committees that are a very important part of the plan that includes...

-More active participation province-wide in Conservation and Environment projects.

-Maintaining a strong social marketing committee, giving them our full support.

-Supporting our Development Officer who works on our behalf.

-Continuing to improve our communication skills, from the Board level to the Society members - an on-going challenge.

All in all, it's been an exciting and very productive few years. And there's so much more to come, as together, we move into the next 100 years...

...KEEPING ONTARIO BEAUTIFUL.

**Liisa Wolfgram,
Long Range Planning Chair**

And the Award Goes to...



At the Ottawa Convention's Saturday night banquet, Metje Mabee once again presented the citations for the people who had been chosen to receive the awards presented by the Association. The recipients were chosen from names submitted by

Societies and Districts in accordance with the ground rules presented in the Awards booklet. Metje encouraged everyone to read the booklet to see whom in a Society should be recognized for contributions to the world of Horticulture and promotion of Ontario's beautification. Congratulations are extended to the following deserving honourees!

Environmental Award:

This plaque was first proposed in 1989 to recognize the outstanding work being done to preserve and improve the environment of our communities. Over the years, the award has been presented to individuals, clubs, schools, with school groups predominating. This year's recipients were a couple who have spent the last twenty years changing an old cow pasture into a haven for wildlife that attracts two legged visitors from far and wide.

Carolyn and Eric Guest, nominated by the Rodney and District Horticultural Society, accepted this award for the many years of monitoring bald eagles and pheasants, planting trees and wildflowers, digging ponds and mowing trails, all in the interest of restoring a portion of the Sixteen Mile Creek to its wild nature.

Community Improvement Award:

This year's recipients were the members of the **Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society** for their *Cross of Light* project. Since 1995, a 120 foot high cross has graced Mofley Hill in Sault Sainte Marie and a large number of people have accepted the responsibility of planting and maintaining the area around it. The Sault Society has created a quiet oasis at the edge of a large city, giving a view of the downtown, St. Mary's River and the International Bridge.

Junior Leader Award:

From the initial formation of our Association, work with the youth of our communities has been an important focus. Back in 1910, the Superintendent of the Horticultural Societies, emphasized that the best place to plant a seed is in the hearts of the children. It was not until 1994 that we as an Association started to recognize the important people who take charge of this planting. Since then, a plaque has been made available to honour a person who has been a Youth Club Leader for at least 5 years.

Betty Morrison, of the Huntsville Horticultural Society, was honoured this year for her long history of encouraging young people in their gardening efforts. Her group helps in the yearly town flower plantings, Earth Day cleanup, visits to nursing homes to do Christmas crafts and church garden projects.

The Honour Roll of the Association:

The Honour Roll is kept in a binder with a page for biographical data and another page for pictures of the person recognized as having given at least 15 years of active service in a Horticultural Society.

Two members were recognized this year for having given unstintingly of their time and energy in promoting our goal of making Ontario a more beautiful place. One of these two, **David Marshall**, of the Oakville Horticultural Society, has been active in his Society since 1987, serving as Director and then going through the progression of 2nd and 1st Vice President before becoming president for several years. He has convened the annual show for 10 years and also contributes generously to the plant sale. He organized a junior teaching garden in association with the municipal greenhouse and has a weekly session with the participants to teach them about soil, transplanting, pollination, seed collecting and herbs. As a Master Gardener, he makes his knowledge available at monthly meetings, garden tours and hot-line programs.

The second 2006 honouree, **Laureen Corboy**, is a Life Member of both the Lake George and the Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Societies. She served as President of the latter for 8 years. During her first term as District Director, she hosted a very successful Convention and then repeated the feat seven years later! The first judging school in the District was coordinated by her and she is also a certified judge of horticultural entries. She has received other accolades over the years, including a Service Certificate and the Trillium Award.

The Award of Merit:

This award has been presented since 1933. This year's recipients, **Bill and Marge Winchester** of the Brampton Horticultural Society, have been active in their Society since the 1980s. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 1986 and has served on the Board every year except for those times when she was conscripted to be the secretary. He has served as President of the Society. Together they have compiled, edited, printed and mailed the newsletter for 15 years, also serving as membership secretary and custodian of the membership list. Now, that's dedication! She has convened the flower show for more than 10 years and together they have staged many successful shows in a variety of venues. She is an expert designer of flower arrangements and he also exhibits. They also participate in other Society projects, planting and maintaining public gardens, helping at the plant sales, doing workshop presentations, judging park flowerbeds.

The Trillium Award:

This silver pin is presented to a lady who has given outstanding service to Horticultural Societies for an extended period. It is the gift of Mrs. Duncan Boucher from Kingston. In 1941, she became the second lady to be elected as President of our Association and is still remembered in Kingston for her wildflower gardens and magazine articles in Home and Garden.



The 2006 recipient, **Helen Halpenny**, of the Almonte Horticultural Society, has been Society President, Chair of the Show Committee for numerous shows, head of the program committee, initiator of a Junior Gardeners program, participant in fund raising, organizer of judging schools and workshops, as well as graduating from the Garden Clubs of Ontario Design Course. She gives generously of her time and talent to her community, decorating the town hall for a special event, filling her church with flowers for a special occasion, and serving on the Fair board. She shares freely of her lovely garden, both plants and advice on growing, not just as a horticultural society member but also as a part of her Master Gardener group. She wrote the show schedule for this convention's design classes and is chairperson of that show.

The Silver Fir Award:



This award has the same criteria as the Trillium Award but applies to the men. It is a silver lapel pin which is the gift of Alistair Crawford who was our President in 1975. This year's recipient, **Dave Money**, a member in good standing

of several District 5 Societies, is a well-known and respected person among Horticultural circles. He has gone the recognized route of starting as a member in a local society and progressing in its executive, going on to working at the District level where he became a District Director. Here he was active in establishing new societies and encouraging older ones. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Horticultural Association, he spearheaded the rewriting of the Judging Manual, enlisting the help of the specialty societies and the Garden Clubs of Ontario. In 1992, he became our President and served his term of office with distinction.

The Silver Medal:



This is the most prestigious OHA Award. It is presented for lengthy and meritorious service and was first presented in 1932. This year's recipient, **Gwynedd Brundrett**, a member of the Wilmot Horticultural Society, has spent her adult life involved with growing, planning, planting and teaching. She also has worked her way up through her home Society, serving on all the committees and becoming Vice and then President. She and her husband plotted out the flower beds that needed planting, ordered the required plants and lined up the volunteers to help with the planting for many years.

She has her 15 year pin from the Master Gardener group and is in great demand for her illustrated talks on just about anything horticultural. Her personal love is lilies and she has hybridized several new varieties. Many of her lilies have found homes in other gardens as she loves to share her plants with others who are like-minded. Seedy Saturday finds her as a welcome speaker who brings seed saved from her own garden to share with others. The Ontario Horticultural Association had her on the Board of Directors from 1994 until 1999. Here her quiet manner and thoughtful advice were appreciated by all.

Adapted, with permission, from Metje Mabee's notes

Social Marketing Committee Report

It was my pleasure this year to chair the Social Marketing Committee (SMC), whose hard working members are Past Presidents Don Matthews and Kevin Healey; computer wizard and gardenontario Forum Administrator Mike Dunk; our newest member, Master Gardener and popular society speaker Carol Dunk; and former members Past President Kathleen Petrie and Past Chair Liisa Wolfgram, who continued to offer their guidance as I took over the reins. We all know the benefits that our horticultural societies bring to our members and our communities. Our meetings, horticultural projects, events and activities improve and enhance the quality of life in our communities. We are all social marketers when we promote the benefits of horticulture – keep up the good work!

This past year the SMC completed the work required by OHA's first Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant, which gave OHA some tools to improve its ability to communicate with each other and our communities: the Society Manual, the gardenontario website and workshops about "Volunteer Strategies for Today's Realities". At the 2005 Convention in North Bay, we asked delegates to complete a survey about these projects. The results indicated that all who used them appreciated these tools. Now, the SMC's work is focused on building and improving our relationship with your society, with your members and with the community at large - and to offer you some new tools to help you do the same at the local level.

A significant change in how OHA operates took place at the OHA's October 2005 Board meeting, when the Board decided that OHA needed professional assistance to develop a fundraising strategy that would lead us to become sustainable into the future. The SMC was put in charge of finding a qualified individual to work part-time until the end of August 2006 as a Development Officer. We received 14 applications and interviewed the top 3 candidates. Margaret Turner impressed us all with her enthusiasm for fundraising, her demonstrated success leading a fundraising campaign for the University of Guelph and her warm, persuasive personality – I have learned that it is hard to say 'No!' to Margaret, a valuable characteristic to possess when asking people for 'gifts' to support a project!

Margaret works with the Social Marketing team and reports through me, as Chair, to the OHA Board. Her role is to:

- develop and implement a fundraising strategy for OHA,
- solicit financial support for conventions and special projects,
- strengthen existing partnerships and create new opportunities for OHA,
- write grant applications & funding proposals.

The outreach materials the SMC produced this year were focused on the 100th Anniversary theme. Thanks to Margaret's efforts, sponsors and donors were asked to help OHA finance some of these items. The Anniversary poster was sponsored by Landscape Ontario, Vanhof Blokker Ltd, Law Insurance Brokers Ltd and Healey Motor Coach (now named Great Canadian Holidays and Coaches).

Working from a great idea brought forward by the Essex & District Horticultural Society, we hired Adhawk Communications to design a sign template file in a few different formats that societies could download from the website, print and place in the garden beds where they planted the OHA 100th Anniversary tulip.

For the Special 100th Anniversary Trillium newsletter, we asked the people who know OHA best – our members – to help OHA cover the production costs and many of you, your societies and districts came forward with donations and society ads. Margaret approached businesses for ads as well and we raised a total of \$9400 toward the cost of this collectors' issue! Each convention delegate received a copy at the registration table. Your societies soon will receive some copies through the mail for your archives and libraries. The first task we asked of Margaret Turner when she was hired in February was to help SMC write a new OTF grant application. SMC submitted the final report required for the first OTF grant on Jan 31st and the deadline for new grant applications was 28 days later on March 1st. With the deadline fast approaching, Margaret hit the ground running, learning about OHA while writing an excellent case for support!

We were pleased to welcome to the Convention two special guests - from the OTF's Board of Directors, Gisèle Richer and accompanying her, the Honourable Madeleine Meilluer, Minister of Community & Social Services and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs. They announced that the OTF has once again shown their support for OHA through granting \$229,000 over 36 months to build the fundraising, outreach, volunteer recruitment and membership building capacities of the OHA. This grant is to further strengthen OHA's environmental stewardship and community education programs and to coordinate OHA societies, affiliates and their volunteers.

OHA received money to continue Margaret's part time Development Officer position for the duration of the grant. During this time she will be training us all - OHA Board members and societies as well - to become better at fundraising and developing partnerships. Thanks to the OTF, OHA will again be offering workshops across the province – 7 per year. The OTF has provided funds to develop a membership recruitment campaign. There will be supporting materials such as brochures with new messages encouraging people to join their local society. OHA will offer advice about how to use the materials

through the newsletter, website, your District Directors and the workshops as well.

In order to measure the success of the grant-funded projects, we need your society's help and cooperation. OHA has revised the *Society Annual Report Form A* to include some new categories – we will ask you to report to us about how many new members you enrolled and how many new planting projects you initiated every year. Your District Directors will provide you with guidelines about completing the new areas on the report. Our data analysis starts when we receive your society reports, so please be timely about filing your reports - and expect more reminders if you aren't!

The OTF has given OHA some firm deadlines for our reports to them, too. When our OTF program manager contacted me with news of the grant, he told me that the OTF Board was amazed at OHA's longevity, the depth of our societies' community involvement across the province and the fact that, until now, we have done it all with volunteers! He said that OHA is unique in the province in the scope of our volunteer efforts! Our members deserve this recognition for all they have done to continue our association and its tradition started 100 years ago to "Beautify Ontario" and now to "Keep Ontario Beautiful"!

The OTF granted \$5000 to subsidize the 100th convention and provided funds to print the Special 100th Anniversary Issue *Trillium* newsletter. One of the projects that received significant OTF support is the OHA Heritage History Book Project. The project involves reprinting *The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies, 1854-1973*, a volume long out of print, and producing a new volume covering the years up to the end of 2006. More details about this project will be circulated as they become available.

Finally, I could not end my report without mentioning the gardenontario website, another area that the SMC members manage. Some of you know me as Webmaster Brenda, the person who responds to your questions and problems related to the website. For the tough technical questions, webmasters Mike Dunk and Jeff Blackadar back me up with their expertise.

Why should your society have an up-to-date website?

Well, the statistics speak for themselves...

Jan – Dec 2005 (12 months) 1,500,000 hits from 29,500 unique visitors

Jan – July 2006 (7 months) 1,600,000 hits from 36,300 unique visitors

We get many visitors looking at many pages and some of these people may want to learn more about your society. We want them to learn that you are proud of your society, actively involved in your community and interested in

communicating your good works to the world. Social marketing – it starts in your own neighbourhood.

I wish every society would take advantage of the free web space OHA provides to each society – we have a great team of people available to help you get started and the learning curve is very short. We also offer low cost extra storage space and hosting through sub-domains. For the curious, more information about subdomain space is on the website in the on-line news article "Expand Your Society Web site".

Have you visited the Garden Ontario Forums? This is a new feature introduced last year, administered and monitored daily by SMC member Mike Dunk. Click on the link from the home page. You will see a number of discussions going on about various topics. You can read what others have posted, but you can only respond if you register. Please register and join in.

I am inviting all of you who spend time on your computers when you should be weeding instead, to join in the discussions and help answer the questions our visitors are posing. This part of the website is open to the public and you will be doing OHA's public image a great service by getting involved in keeping this area current, active and alive with discussion.

In closing, thank you for supporting our committee's work through the past year. Your kind email remarks and notes were appreciated very much. Your work across the province is outstanding and is starting to receive the recognition it deserves! Remember that you are all social marketers when you encourage others to join your Society and help keep Ontario beautiful. I consider you all honorary members of this committee ... so share your good ideas with us and see you next year in Owen Sound!

**Brenda Heenan,
Social Marketing Committee Chair**



Photo by Mike Dunk

OHA Seeks New Registrar

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to fill the duties of the registrar for the Ontario Horticultural Association. The successful candidate will be a member of an affiliated horticultural society. A good understanding of our Association is necessary and strong organizational skills are a must.

As registrar for the Ontario Horticultural Association, you must possess patience, excellent communication skills, especially verbal, to perform the duties as assigned by the Board. A detailed job description will be available to the candidates on the short list after September 23rd.

Key requirements will include:

- Have a computer and answering machine available in your home.
- Have a good working knowledge of computer programs and have a familiarity with databases.
- Receive and respond to inquiries in a timely, professional manner.
- With input from the Association Treasurer, compile registrations on summary forms, recording registrations, meals, tours, etc.
- With the exception of nametags or any other special tickets, create all necessary tickets.
- Prepare a package for each delegate including all requested tickets.
- Be available at the registration desk for the duration of the Convention to assist in the handing out of delegate packages, receive late registrations, respond to queries.
- In conjunction with the Association Secretary, place the voting cards in the delegate packages.

OTHER DETAILS:

An honorarium will be offered and will include office space allowance for a maximum of \$1,000.00 per year.

TO APPLY:

Please send a cover letter and resume, with references to: jobs@gardenontario.org not later than September 23, 2006. Electronic mail only please.

**Jim Mabee,
OHA First Vice-President**

The MGOI Connection



Congratulations to the following members of Ontario's Horticultural Societies who are being recognized for 20 years of volunteer service as **Master Gardeners**...

- **Maryanne Weiler**, president of the Kitchener Horticultural Society
- Ottawa's **Lee Boltwood, Fran Dennett** and **Ruth Kempthorne**
- District 10 Director **Anna Peterson**
- Stratford's **Dorothy Elliot**
- **Alan & Karen Batke** of the Kingsville Society
- **Charles & Florence Bowyer** and **Margaret Snyder** from the Greater Windsor Society
- Fort Malden's **Mary Coyle**
- **Beth Brennan** of the Ambassador Society
- **Albert & Juliette St. Pierre** of Belle River HS
- Woodstock's **Mary Yeoman**
- **John Simkins** of the Oakville Horticultural Society
- **Russell & Eleanor Adcock, Nancy Adams,** and **Maria Smith** (treasurer) from St. Joseph Island
- Bruce Station Society's **Eileen Colynuck**
- **Donna Hickmott, Eve Norm-Vestergaard,** and **Elmer Jorgensen** from London



At the MGOI AGM at Niagara Parks on June 5, 2006, MGOI Past President Mary Beverly Burton (centre) presented OHA District 10 Director Anna Peterson (left) and St. Marys Horticultural Society member Dorothy Elliot (right) with their 20 year pins and certificates. Anna and Dorothy are members of the Stratford Master Gardeners.

Convention 2007 A Weekend at the Cottage!

District 8 is excited to invite OHA delegates to travel to our District for the 2007 Convention, **August 10th – 12th**. Our District consists of three spectacular counties...

- Grey - beautiful Naturally
- Bruce - Nature's Retreat
- Huron - Ontario's beautiful West Coast.

We want you to enjoy all we have to offer - kilometres of pristine shoreline, charming towns and villages, areas of rugged landscapes, abundant orchards, and clean flowing rivers.



Our host city is Owen Sound. Located in the picturesque harbour on Georgian Bay, Owen Sound will prove to be a relaxing venue for OHA delegates. The convention site overlooks the bay and beautiful community gardens. We believe, with the Harry Lumley Community Complex, we have the facilities needed for a first rate convention. Right next door and rounding out the facility needs is the Inn on the Bay, a Best Western Hotel and Convention Centre. Some of our seminars and meetings will be held here and a reduced rate for accommodations will be offered to OHA delegates. **Be sure to book early!** These two sites together will allow a convenient, efficient convention with the atmosphere of a weekend at the cottage.

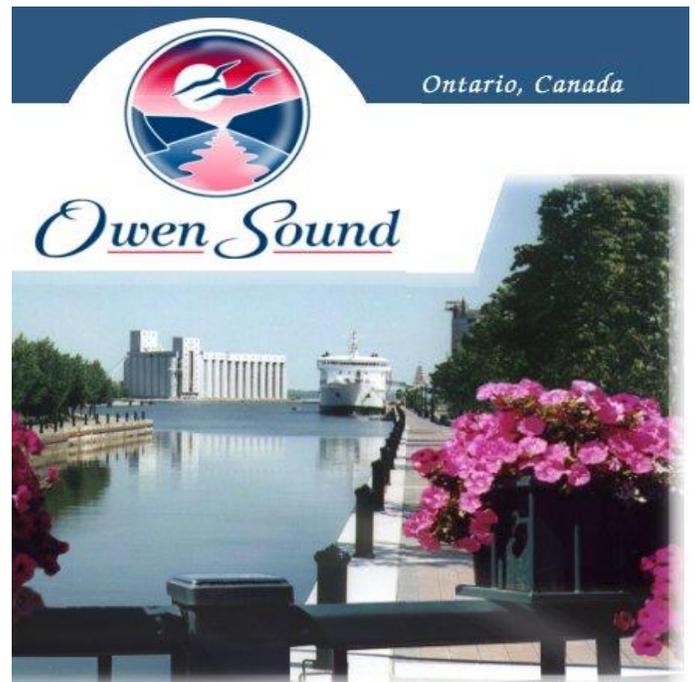
Our hardworking societies are already busy planning to make your stay a memorable one. The gardens of District 8 are outstanding. Making our final choices for tours will be difficult. Public spaces, private town gardens and rural garden sites abound. We will offer all meals based on the concept of *The Hundred Mile Meal*. All food served will originate within a hundred mile radius of Owen Sound. This makes good conservation sense. We support local farmers and food producers and avoid the environmental impact of transporting food over a long distance. We'll treat you to the great tastes of our geographical region and will show that it can be done deliciously! Coffee served will be **Fair Trade**.

We have a wonderful large space for displaying all judged items from the many competitions in the same location.



Our theme is **KEEPING ONTARIO BEAUTIFUL ... VISIONS OF OUR FUTURE**. It will focus on the challenges of our time to our personal lives, to the future viability of societies, and the strengthening of networks among organizations that share a common vision. We have choices to make to ensure a future that is healthy, enjoyable and sustainable. As consumers and gardeners, we can be aware of changing conditions and choose best practices to minimize our impact on available resources. We wish we could host all of you for a week or two. We have so much we'd like to show you. Maybe you'll come a few days early and linger a few days after! At the end of the convention, at the end of the day, we are sure you'll feel better for spending time in District 8. Alors, l'année prochaine, venez nous voir à Owen Sound. Venez participer et fêter avec nous!

Valerie Neal,
Convention Coordinator



Tulip Mania!

As was suggested in the summer Trillium, **Harry Wyma** thought of his own way to say Happy 100th!

Harry explains...

“You have suggested 30 Ways to Celebrate the OHA's 100th Anniversary, so I thought that I might as well start with # 30 on your list. I tried different creative ways to display the Anniversary tulip(s), single and triple, while at the same time wanting to include the beautiful poster. In the end, I chose (the image below) as the ideal photo.

The poster, as a background, is two-dimensional and represents the past 100 years history. We need to build on the OHA history in order to move ‘constructively’ forward.

Thus, the three tulips in the foreground follow the same ‘pose’ as those on the poster, however, they represent the future of the OHA by being very much alive*, dynamic, of royal colour, stately of structure, and, in addition, are 3 dimensional.

* The blooms may fade but the bulbs will continue on forever!”



The above photo was taken at the District 14 AGM, held in Fort Frances on May 5th and 6th.

Members of the Nipigon Red Rock Horticultural Society, Ilona Drumm, Harriet Hansen, District Director, and Elvie Choiselat took time to admire the OHA's Centennial Tulips. The tulips were planted by the horticultural members of Fort Frances in the flower bed in front of their Heritage Depot.

Members of the Sudbury Horticultural Society were delighted by the results of their planting last fall of the Centenary tulips. People driving by the Society's John Street Park in the heart of the city during the month of May were dazzled by the stunning drift of magenta blooms.

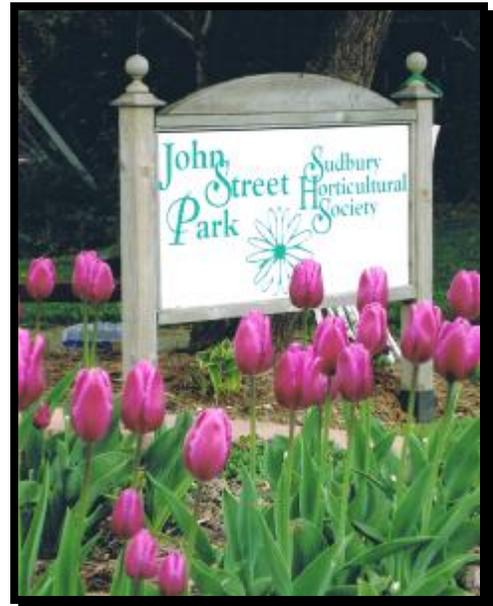


Photo by Lisa Robinson

Crouchers move through a garden at a stoop: naming, gasping, horraying, admiring, or coveting plants; **Gapers** saunter, smiling or sighing at what they find, succumbing to an intangible beatitude that takes them for a brief escape into another dimension. **Both** sorts of gardener are besotted; both get their hands dirty; think and talk gardening; but on the threshold of another's garden, each use a different set of whiskers.

Mirabel Osler, Gapers and Crouchers

'Who runs this club anyway?'



Carol Dunk wrote this brief but 'punchy' article last year when, like every other club, her society was looking for members to join the Board. The Gilford Horticultural Society adapted it to their needs. Carol invites other societies to do the same...

The speakers are arranged, the room is booked and paid for, the key for the Community Centre is picked up and returned, the coffee and goodies are ready, the seeds are collected and the seed exchange is organized, the books and other donated articles are sold, the yearbook and newsletters are produced, the memberships are recorded, the membership badges are made, the expenses are paid, the banking is done, the mail is picked up, the flower shows are planned, the newspaper notices are submitted
... by volunteers!

Let's be realistic. As valuable as volunteers are, they don't and shouldn't have to volunteer forever. Volunteering for a club isn't a lifetime commitment! So positions become vacant. What then?

Without new volunteers, like you, those tasks won't get done. And the club just won't be the same. This is the time of year when new Board Members are sought. Don't wait for someone else to join the Board. **You** are the one who is needed. If you've been enjoying the meetings and speakers... good! If you want the meetings and speakers to continue... speak up and volunteer. There are several positions available. Volunteer early and get your pick.

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Belleville Garden Club Celebrates 130 Years!

The Belleville Garden Club, established in 1876, has a long heritage of community service. We continually promote an interest in horticulture, not only for our members but for the community as well, by providing gardening information through expert speakers and hands on learning programs.

This year the club is celebrating its 130th anniversary. We have found newspaper notices dating back to January 1876 inviting members to the annual meeting at city hall. There is also other evidence that shows meetings were held in 1880 in conjunction with the West Agricultural Society. Not much information could be found for the period between 1886 and the 1950s. However, a financial report for 1949 was found in some old files. It seems the club was not as active during the war years.

As part of our celebrations this year, the Club will be hosting a "City Walks" program by escorting citizens through the park. As well, the City Parks and Recreation Department is developing a garden in this area to commemorate our anniversary.

Annual events include participating in the community program "Random Acts of Kindness". This involved several members delivering spring plants to local nursing homes. New projects this year include redoing the gardens at the Via Rail station and involvement in a community project to extend the Riverfront Trail. We also hosted the Spring District Meeting, which included a display of historical information for both our club and the OHA. Our guest speaker was Terry Sprague, a well-known local conservationist and birding expert. He spoke on *Make it Natural and They will Come - Attracting Birds and Wildlife to your Backyard*.

With 130 years under our belt, we are still going strong and plan to continue "growing".

**Ruth Wright, President,
Belleville Garden Club**

'Inspired by Nature'



*Meet Elaine Litster...a Social Worker by day, a gardener and writer by evening and weekend. In her newest role as contributing columnist for the Trillium, Elaine shares her reflections and musings about her gardening experiences. The following article is the first in her **Inspired by Nature** series...*

How About Those Violets?

'Invasive' is a word learned early by most new gardeners. Plants that are invasive not only thrive in the garden, but they reproduce with great abandon. New gardeners may be thrilled to find such inexpensive plants to fill bare spots in the poor soil areas of flowerbeds. Only later does the gardener understand the concept of 'invasive'.

My beloved Spiderwort understands the concept. 'Spider' has been growing to maturity in his own area of the flowerbed, bothering no one. Each year Spider has grown slightly, sending up lovely flowers in his season, and dying back to sleep the long winter.

This year, his neighbour, the large yellow daisy, is becoming intrusive. Daisy has learned the art of reproduction through gobbling up large quantities of real estate. I have divided and transplanted several sections of Daisy, but how many sections of daisies does one property need? The Rhubarb is already being threatened by a previously transplanted piece of Daisy. Today I see that Daisy has been enjoying the rain, and has grown much too close to Spider. In fact, they are touching. Spider is not a touchy kind of guy. So now I must once again dig up a part of Daisy and see if my neighbours want her. I cannot, for the life of me, throw out a plant.

Lamium is another example of invasive. Lamium is a lovely spring plant, growing in sun or shade, good soil or

poor, and giving lovely flowers all spring. This characteristic of being able to grow almost anywhere also means that like the yellow daisy, Lamium doesn't know when to quit. My husband asked me why we had so much pink in the flowerbeds this year. It has been the year of the Lamium. Another job for the gardener, I realize, as I prepare to take the trowel to Ms. Lamium, and wonder what to do with all her extra pieces.

Please don't misunderstand me. Invasive can be good. The dreaded Bugle Weed, that people speak of so scornfully, is actually a friend of mine. Nothing else will grow under the edge of the deck, or on the dark side of the shed. There, Bugle Weed is my friend, and his invasiveness is kept naturally in check.

But what about those Violets? I love the spring flowers, but they send their seeds all over the garden. Most of the violets have been removed, but there is that nice little patch beside the tree trunk, that looks so pretty in the spring. Sigh. Either I harden my heart and tear them out, or I spend another summer weeding out violet seedlings. What is the definition of "invasive"? It means work.

Elaine Litster,
Orangeville & District Horticultural Society

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La Société d'horticulture d'Alfred invite une sommité internationale Larry Hodgson un conférencier haut en couleur

À en juger par la salle comble, on a pu déduire facilement que la réputation de Larry Hodgson n'est plus à faire. La Société d'horticulture d'Alfred et des environs qui avait invité le célèbre horticulteur, le 3 mai dernier au Collège d'Alfred, n'a eu aucun mal à écouler ses billets. Bien avant la date, on affichait complet. Malgré tout, certains optimistes se sont présentés le soir même, espérant qu'il y ait des annulations de dernière minute et quelques-uns ont été récompensés de leur persévérance. Ainsi cette rencontre a été un franc succès.

Auteur d'une vingtaine de livres de la collection *Le jardinier paresseux*, rédacteur en chef du magazine *Fleurs, Plantes et Jardins*, chroniqueur horticole dans plusieurs quotidiens et à la télévision, sans parler de ses nombreuses collaborations à la rédaction d'ouvrages canadiens et américains, le personnage se passe de présentation. Mais aussi érudit soit-il, c'est d'abord son talent d'orateur et sa jovialité qui ont littéralement conquis l'auditoire dès les premières minutes.

Sous le thème *Des fleurs du printemps à l'automne*, M. Hodgson en a surpris plus d'un par la longueur de la période où l'on peut, à l'aide de mille et une astuces, conserver un coup d'œil attrayant et fleuri dans nos jardins. Introduire des conifères, choisir des plantes au feuillage persistant, s'informer sur la multitude de cultivars qui existent pour une même variété et dont la période de floraison varie beaucoup de l'une à l'autre ne sont que quelques exemples qu'il a fournis ce soir-là.

Appuyé par une impressionnante collection de diapositives, l'horticulteur a fait un vaste tour de la panoplie florale, détruisant au détour certains mythes qui ne tiennent plus la route avec le développement d'hybrides plus performants ou mieux adaptés à notre climat.

Mais ce que l'on retient le plus, c'est la philosophie *paresseuse du maître* et si empreinte de bon sens. Avec son petit accent tout à fait charmant, l'Ontarien d'origine et anglophone de surcroît, s'est exprimé dans un français impeccable et ses propos souvent teintés d'humour ont su capter l'intérêt, du début à la fin.

La présidente de l'organisme, Mme Diane DeWolfe qui mentionnait à cette occasion que la Société d'horticulture d'Alfred et des environs est la seule société horticole francophone en Ontario était, de toute évidence, ravie par le succès de l'événement qui a attiré des gens dans un rayon d'une cinquantaine de kilomètres.

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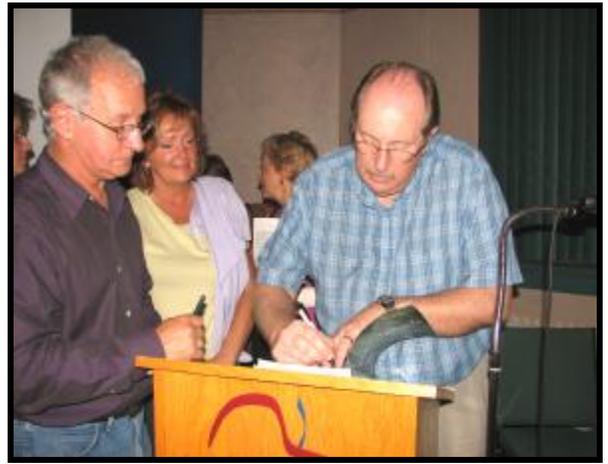


Photo Chantal Quirion :L'horticulteur et auteur de renom, Larry Hodgson a fait un véritable tabac lors de son passage au Collège d'Alfred, le 3 mai dernier. On aperçoit Robert Guindon et Johanne Nantel qui attendent leur tour pour faire autographier leur livre.

The Octogenarian Club



Congratulations, Maryborough HS!

On Tuesday, April 28th, members of the Maryborough Horticultural Society met to celebrate their 80th anniversary. The Society was set up in Moorefield in 1926 when memberships were set as \$1. Many past presidents were in attendance at the celebration and Judy Lewis brought greetings from the Ontario Horticultural Association. Displays were set up showing historical memorabilia of the Society as well as the work of our Junior group. Our guest speaker was Bob Wildfong, the head gardener at Doon Heritage Crossroads. An anniversary cake and lunch was enjoyed by everyone to close a wonderful celebration.

**Debbie Oxy, Secretary -Treasurer,
Maryborough Horticultural Society**

New Kid on the Block!

The **French River Horticultural Society** started in 2002. We were a group of avid gardeners wanting to share our gardening expertise and to learn more about our hobby.

Our first project was a garden tour. We expanded to include beautifying our community, especially the church grounds in Noelville, since it is a landmark in our community. The members from Alban work in the park on their community grounds. Every year we have a garden tour. This year the gardens were in Alban, and next year they will be in Noelville.

We now have guest speakers who give us valuable information. We meet every first Sunday of the month at St. Antoine School. Each meeting is a friendly gathering where we exchange gardening information, ask questions to learn more, and partake in a cup of coffee and desserts.

Our membership has increased as has our knowledge and our pleasure in gardening. This year we were delighted to become affiliated with the OHA, as the newest society in District 13!

Colette Bureau, President



**French River Society's flower,
the Trout Lily**



As reported at the 2006 Convention, there are now 433 names of persons who have been honoured by 80 of our 216 Societies or by individual friends. It should be noted that names may be submitted for family members, friends or neighbours who enjoyed gardening. **They do not have to be Society members.** It should also be noted that if Societies wish to have deceased members' names read out at the Annual Convention, they must notify the Secretary of the Association in writing. Names with donations for the "**Memorial Book**" will not be forwarded for the convention announcement.

Alex McIntosh

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Silver for Atikokan & President Alana

*Atikokan's founding and current president,
Alana Rechlin.*



In 2006 the Atikokan Horticultural Society is celebrating 25 years of beautifying Atikokan.

Back in 1981, a 'seed' was planted in the mind of a local resident, Alana Rechlin, by Dorothy Love, who was the Director of District 14. She was attending the Kiwanis Fall Fair as a judge for the fruits and vegetables. The suggestion was that Atikokan should have a Horticultural Society. The Kiwanis Club wanted a gardening group to help with the vegetables, crafts, baking and canning section at the fall fair.

In 1981 we were called the Atikokan Flower & Garden Club, with approximately 19 members. In 1983 the Ontario Horticultural Association decreed that all societies had to have a constitution, hence the name Atikokan Horticultural Society. Today we have over 200 members. Members planted 25 trees in Atikokan this summer to mark our silver anniversary.

It has been an exciting 25 years for Alana, who has served 25 consecutive years as president. Is there anyone else out there who can claim such a record?

Evelyn Ashford

Minden Society Honoured for Three Sisters Garden Project

The Minden Horticultural Society got a wink and a nod recently from the Ontario Heritage Trust for the Three Sisters garden project at the Minden Museum. At a recent meeting of the green-thumbed society, they were honoured with a Certificate of Achievement from the Heritage Community Recognition Program.

"It is a very unique heritage being recognized here tonight," said Dr. James Angus, a board member of the Ontario Heritage Trust. "Heritage preservation keeps alive our local history of who we are and where we come from."

The Three Sisters Garden – a Native American traditional garden of corn, beans and squash, first began in 2005 and is on the grounds of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. It was a joint effort between the Minden Horticultural Society, the local Health Unit and Archie Stouffer Elementary School, whose Grade 3s worked diligently in the garden. All the produce from the Garden was donated to the Minden Food Bank.



Taking part in the awards celebration are: (back row left to right) Minden Hills Museum Curator Carol Simmons, Dr. James Angus of the Ontario Heritage Trust and horticultural society members Marion Hill, Eileen Hughes, Jessie Geal, and Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon. Front row: society members Pam Mancer, Rose Paliwoda, Pauline Plooard and Nancy Garbutt.

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The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you don't have a soul.

Thomas Moore

How to Write a Press Release about Your Society



If you are doing an event or have information that you feel is media worthy, you may wish to devise your own press release to attract media attention. Press releases are your chance to get your theme and message across to interested reporters and eventually the public. A good press release will answer all of the questions a reporter would want to ask and be interesting enough that they want to do a story. To help you with writing a press release, here are some tips:

- ✓ **Make it newsworthy.** Are you solving a problem or filling your readers' needs? Pinpoint what that need or problem is and write the release from that perspective.
- ✓ **A headline that gets to the point.** Craft a headline which conveys immediately why this news is important. Avoid promotional sounding words. What you say here determines whether the reader will read the rest of the release.
- ✓ **A strong leading paragraph. Answer who, what, where, when, why, and how.** Use this paragraph as an abstract or summary for the release.
- ✓ **Detailed explanation from the reader's perspective.** Give details of the news so the editor understands why it's important to his/her readers. Any background information, quotes of note, which illustrate the importance of this news should be included here.
- ✓ **Short summary.** Include a brief overview of your group including mission statement, location, and years established. Remember keep it short; don't include the annual report.
- ✓ **Include complete contact information.** Contact name, full address, phone number, email address, and Web site URL. The contact name should be someone who's available, capable and authorized to answer questions.
- ✓ **Keep it short.** Maximum length should be one to two pages and no more than 500 words.
- ✓ **Follow up.** When sending out releases for an event, make sure to contact the media to see if they will show up.
- ✓ **Know the editor's deadlines.** Dailies often have a window of opportunity where they can send a reporter out to cover a story. If the event happens too late, it may not get to press right away.

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The Last Word...

I guess one of the privileges of being the editor is having the final word. I hope you enjoyed reading this edition of the Trillium as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Please remember that if you reproduce an article, you must credit the author and cite the Trillium as your source. If you would like a specific article, I would be glad to email it to you as a Word document.

The 100th Anniversary Convention was a wonderful opportunity for me to meet the many people with whom I had been corresponding in cyberspace. I look forward to receiving more local Society news from across the province for the winter edition.

Don't forget to advise your members that they may view and download a colour version of this issue from the OHA website, gardenontario.org.

Linda