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Best in Show: Charles Doekes of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society was awarded Best in Show (slide) for his '**Shades of Grey**' entry above, while Uldis Broks of the North York Society took the Best in Show (print) honours for his '**Pretty in Pink**' entry below.



A Message from the President

Wow, this seems almost like a dream, or you might even say a nightmare at times. Who would have thought that 25 years ago when I joined the Tillsonburg Horticultural Society that anything like this would ever happen. I was just an average Joe interested in learning a little more about gardening and had no aspirations about ever getting involved in the politics of a Society, let alone becoming part of the Association.



Then a few years later, I was asked to sit on the District Board and I thought 'what the heck, how much work can that be? I'll attend a few meetings and get to know a few more people and things will be just rosey.' A few years later, I became the Director for District 10 and I was right, I met a lot of wonderful people who have become personal friends, had great times visiting with societies, and I loved being invited to their potluck suppers. What could be rosier?

Seven years then passed and I went to a wonderful convention in Owen Sound and on the last day of the convention could hardly believe that President Liisa Wolfgram was hanging this great big, almost monstrous, heavy chain around my neck. Was this real or was I in the middle of a nightmare? What in the name of 'Sam Hill' was I doing up there? I was a gardener, not someone to be taking on this role!

An acceptance speech came next. All that I could think to say was that I would do my best ... as a volunteer. Those are powerful words... as a volunteer. There are 19 District Directors and a great support team of Officers who are also volunteering and together we will all do our best. To the Directors and all the other people who take on duties for the board, I thank you for being there and making the load much easier.

To the Secretary and Treasurer, thank you ... I consider you volunteers because I know you spend many long days on our behalf and most people are unaware of the amount of time you do spend. To everyone, thank you for the work you will probably be asked to do before this year is ended by a president who hasn't decided yet whether this is a dream or a nightmare.

Jim Mabee
president@gardenontario.org

From the Secretary's Desk

The 2007 Convention held in Owen Sound has drawn to a close and Directors responsible for the various competitions have been busy providing the results to our Trillium editor. The winners' names are being published in this issue.

I would like to extend a thank you to all the societies in District 8 who have contributed time and effort to be part of hosting the 2007 OHA convention and annual general meeting. Many of the District 8 societies also provided special prize money for the floral design and horticulture entries. District 8 provided a special cash prize for Best in Show in Design. A special thanks to Acting Director Ann Finlayson for her work in coordinating this event.

As a follow up to the OHA 100th anniversary, Mr. Fraser McClung offered a special prize for the 101st anniversary of OHA in a class entitled 'So Glad You Are Here', a design that may use other flowers but gladiolus must be dominant in the design. This class was won by Shirley Binns of the Aurora society. Mr. McClung is a past District 6 Director, a Master Gardener with the Norfolk Group, and a member of Port Dover and Woodhouse Horticultural Society. He is keen on gladiolus and grows thousands of them.

Many societies will have just recently completed their annual summer show and I hope that everyone has been pleased with the results.

You will notice that only one copy of Trillium is being sent to societies as of this mailing. Your District Directors voted for this at the Spring Board meeting and would have advised their societies of this change. I also mentioned this in the last issue.

I extend congratulations to the following societies for being the top three winners in the 'Event with Ed' fundraiser. They are Callander in District 18, Campbellford in District 4, and Clinton in District 8. They will each receive a free visit from Ed Lawrence.

Copies of the reprinted book the History of Ontario Horticultural Societies 1854 - 1973 is available in both hard cover and paperback. To order your copy of this wonderful, informative book, contact our supplies chair, Don Matthews, at supplies@gardenontario.org.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, the time you spend in your garden and with friends, and remember to pass along a smile.

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The Good News, The Bad News

The following is a summary of my financial report at the Convention held in Owen Sound on October 10 - 12/07. The audited financial statements were presented, reviewed and approved at the AGM in Owen Sound. I have prepared a budget-to-actual comparison for the 2006 statements and a DRAFT budget for 2008. Your District Directors have these documents.

The Bad News -

General Liability Insurance - Due to dropping membership numbers and an increase in the insurance costs, the Board of Directors has approved an increase in the general liability insurance premium from \$0.50 per member to \$0.65 per member.

Director's and Officer's Insurance - the annual premium has been increased from \$108 to \$112 per society. At the request of the membership, the period of coverage for the D&O insurance has changed from October annually to January annually. This required an additional premium payment from October 17th to December 31st, 2006. In order to recover this expenditure, the Board has approved a one-time charge to the societies of \$21.75.

The Good News -

The **STBI** (Society Treasurer Bonding Insurance - and this includes the Districts) has more than \$100,000 invested. Until further notice the premium of \$20.00 for the first \$3,000 of coverage will be waived.

The **'In Memoriam Fund'**, which is funded largely by donations from the membership, is used for the 'In Memoriam' tree planting program. A society may apply for reimbursement of the cost of a tree planted in memory of a society member up to \$100.00. The Board has increased this opportunity from 6 societies to 12 societies per year.

Special Society Projects - Realizing how important the society special project plantings are in our communities, the Board has approved an increase of these \$500.00 projects for live plantings from 5 to 10 per year. These projects are applied for and awarded each year. Please contact the OHA Secretary for more information.

Invoicing for dues and insurance will commence in September. The due date will be November 30th, 2007. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me,

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The OHA has made application to register the trade name 'Keeping Ontario Beautiful'.

The law firm of Ridout & Maybee, 100 Murray Street, Ottawa, ON is assisting the OHA with its application and the many steps along the way. We would like to acknowledge and thank the firm of Ridout & Maybee for its guidance and generosity throughout this process.

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 22nd.

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 name tags 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, and respond to queries.
- In conjunction with the Association Secretary, place the voting cards in the delegate packages.

An honorarium will be offered and will include office space allowance to 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 22, 2007. Electronic mail only please.

Ken Fink,
OHA First Vice President

2007 Convention in Owen Sound



The OHA Convention held in Owen Sound was a great success, thanks to the many people who attended, and the volunteers from District 8 who helped! 423 people were registered for the full convention, and 41 registered just for a day.

When you entered the Harry Lumley-Bayshore Arena, there were some exhibitors set up in the lobby with flowers and displays, as well as the registration desk. As you progressed down the hall toward the seminar rooms, displays were set up for each district -- each display done by a District 8 society ready for the visiting District Directors to place their district banners. I remember seeing these displays before, but did not understand their significance.

This year, each display was to contain a chair or form of seating, a basket or container with food products, and also plant material or a floral arrangement, all representing the visiting district.

The vignettes were very inventive, from a collapsible pond with ducks swimming, to Bruce the Bull. Everyone was wondering how long the blueberries in at least one display would last, but most of them were still there on Sunday. Many people took photographs of these displays, so I hope you get to see more of these pictures at a future society meeting.



Mayor Ruth Lovell of Owen Sound was one of the dignitaries to bring greetings. She related the fascinating history of the lovely flower bed just outside one of the competition rooms. She also commented on how nice it smelled to come in to this convention -- it smelled like flowers rather than the dirty socks which arenas usually contain.

All of the seminars were well attended. The volunteers in the seminar room kept asking for more chairs to be brought in as more people arrived. The seminar leaders commented favourably about the people who attended, and we heard some wonderful comments from registrants who attended the seminars. The bus trips were enjoyed, even though one trip was a bit too long. This year, our caterers helped us by serving **100 Mile Meals** - that is, meals grown within 100 miles of Owen Sound. This included Georgian Bay Whitefish, Bruce County Beef, and veggies, as well as breads made with flour produced from wheat grown locally. All dishes were either china or biodegradable. Even the coffee, which was grown on a plantation in Africa owned by a company in Collingwood, was roasted in Collingwood. The wine was grown and produced by a company located north of Guelph. We heard comments that the meals were excellent.



Brenda Heenan invited everyone to Brampton for Convention 2008...



Of course, we tended to OHA business, which is why we were there in the first place. Everything else was entertainment. We received reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer, the President, committee chairs, and OMAFRA. Jim Mabee was elected President for the coming year, and the OHA flag was passed from District 8 to next year's host, District 15.

Without the help of many volunteers, we could not have hosted this convention. And without the many people who attended, it would not have been necessary. So thanks to everyone who was at the OHA convention in Owen Sound. We hope you had a chance to see the city and some of the surrounding countryside in which we are privileged to live.

Thanks for coming, and on to Brampton in 2008.

Ann Finlayson
Acting District 8 Director

Environmental Products at Convention 2007

At the OHA convention in Owen Sound there were many questions about the biodegradable products that were featured.

They included napkins, cold clear glasses, paper cups for hot liquids, plates, and take out containers.

Other products available include biodegradable garbage bags and cutlery.

The source of these products was a company called GreenShift.

To find out how you can get these products, visit their website, www.greenshift.ca or phone 416-925-9665.

And the Award Goes to...

Each year, the Ontario Horticultural Association presents awards to members of the Association for outstanding contributions to the advancement of horticulture at the Society, District, or Provincial level.

These awards were presented on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at the Annual General Meeting at the Harry Lumley Centre in Owen Sound. The recipients were chosen from names submitted by Societies and Districts in accordance with the ground rules presented in the Awards booklet. Congratulations are extended to the following deserving honourees!

The Award of Merit

This award has been presented since 1933. This year, the **Award of Merit** was presented to **Diane Murphy** of **Chinguacousy Garden Club**. Given for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society, contributions can include beautification projects, outstanding work in the field of horticulture, supporting individuals or organizations in the area of communications, as well as other worthy efforts.

The Trillium Award

Judy Lewis of the **Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society** was the deserving recipient of the **Trillium Award**. The award is a silver brooch in the shape of a trillium and was initially donated by Mrs. Thelma Boucher who was the Association President in 1941. Awarded annually to a lady member for outstanding service to horticultural societies for an extended period, the criterion is involvement giving outstanding service in the areas of beautification, conservation, ecology, or administration at the Society, District or Provincial level.



Pictured above, from left to right, are Erik Hogh, Liisa Wolfram, Judy Lewis, and Don Matthews.

The Silver Fir Award

Don Matthews of **Harriston Horticultural Society** was presented with 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.

The Silver Medal

The **Silver Medal Award** was presented to **Erik Hogh** of **Orangeville Horticulture Society**. The Silver Medal, with its accompanying framed certificate, is the highest award of the Association and is for outstanding work in the advancement of horticulture in accordance with the aims of the Association.

Environmental Award

This plaque was first proposed in 1989 to recognize the outstanding work being done to preserve and improve the environment in our communities. Over the years, the award has been presented to individuals, clubs, and schools, with school groups predominating. This year's **Environmental Award** was presented to **Allard Street Gardens** in **Sault Ste. Marie** (pictured below).



Community Improvement Award

The **Community Improvement Plaque** was also presented to **Allard Street Gardens** in **Sault Ste. Marie**. The award is a plaque provided by the Association and may be given to an individual, organization or company which has improved the beauty of the landscape and added to the quality of life, with a horticultural project.

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. The **Youth Leader Awards** were presented to **Ron Nelsons of Oro-Medonte Horticultural Society (pictured above)** and **Jean Cope of Scarborough Horticultural Society**.

A Message from our Past President

This year, our convention was hosted by District 8. The planning committee was chaired by Valerie Neal, past director and Ann Finlayson, acting director. They did a great job and we've heard many favourable comments from delegates. There certainly was adequate space for all events and the signage present showed their attention to detail. There was ample space available for all the competitions and they were filled with wonderful entries in all categories. Of course it was a lovely plus to have a beautiful garden and Georgian Bay outside our door. The theme this year was **Keeping Ontario Beautiful – Visions of our Future** and the theme was reflected throughout the convention with the speakers and the **100 Mile meals**.

We were pleased to host the Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc. for their Annual General Meeting. James Lee, President of MGOI, brought greetings and delivered a report. Everything appears to be looking up for Master Gardeners!

There was quite a line-up of people to bring greetings to our convention this year, but unfortunately two of them couldn't attend at the last minute. Denis Flanagan, chair of Communities in Bloom Ontario, had a last minute cancellation from a judge and had to step in and replace the individual. Chris Winter, executive director of the

Conservation Council of Ontario, was keen on attending our convention, until he was advised at the last minute he was needed at a media launch for the 'Community Go Green Fund' announced by Ontario's Environment Minister, Laurel Broten.

The awards dinner buffet was certainly a special evening with David Phillips, discussing Ontario's climate with humour, flair and at the same time educational information.

Tying it all up on Sunday was an informative morning, including some questions from the floor. It surprised me that some of these questions weren't directed to the district directors before the convention. Your directors are in place to support you and communicate information to societies. As much as directors may bring society concerns to the provincial board meetings, they are also in place to provide you with information if you request it. I have the utmost respect for all board members serving this Association. My sincere thank you to retiring directors, for all your dedication and hard work. We will miss all of you. I look forward to working with the new board under Jim Mabee's direction.

The dedication and hard work of the executive officers during my term of office has been outstanding. Clearly, many people don't realize the 'full time' work done by part-time volunteers at this level. To the officers... you have my gratitude for all your work and support since convention 2006.

To the Past Presidents' Council members...the support is always there and appreciated. A special thank you to all who assisted with this year's convention, and in particular to Judy Lewis, who offered strong support every step of the way.

I am grateful to District 15 members, who encouraged and supported me along the way, in particular, Credit Valley Horticultural Society members.

To delegates, who displayed respect and affection on Sunday... I was so honoured and will always remember those moments. I have many new friends because of our Association. I thank you all.



The Ontario Horticultural Association is in good hands with Jim Mabee as your new President. Please give him all your support. Keep smiling, keep your meetings fun and friendly.

Liisa Wolfram
Immediate Past President.
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Social Marketing Committee Report – Convention 2007

It has been my pleasure this year to chair the Social Marketing Committee, with hard-working members Past Presidents Don Matthews and Kevin Healey, Gardenontario Forum Administrator Mike Dunk, Master Gardener and popular society speaker Carol Dunk, new members Ann Best, Director for District 17, who is now managing the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant funds and Monica Skinner, Director for District 7, who has a special interest in understanding Societies and their needs.

The **Purpose** of the Social Marketing Committee is to present a clear image of the Association and its relationship with the Horticultural Societies and to undertake projects or activities which will increase visibility of the Association and of Horticultural Societies in the Province.

The Social Marketing Committee'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.

To increase the visibility of the Association, SMC worked on various public relations projects such as ads, brochures, posters and the OHA history book reprint.

The Association received free advertising space in various publications in 2006: *Ontario Gardener*, *Our Homes - Grey & Bruce Counties* and *The Grower*.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) provided funds to design and print brochures and posters. SMC distributed "Gardening is Fun" brochures and posters through your District Directors to promote your society at public events, gardening shows and garden centres, at community centres, fitness clubs, libraries, garden centres and any other place where potential members would hang out.

The "Planting Healthy Communities" message was designed for schools, libraries, hospitals and any other place where education of the public is important or appropriate. SMC plans to reprint the brochures for re-distribution in 2008. We have a second version of "Gardening Is Fun" – showing that gardening and having fun are for everyone who is young at heart!

With funding from OTF and other donors, SMC arranged for the reprinting of *The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies 1854-1973*. From the earliest days of organized horticultural activity in Upper Canada, to wartime victory gardens and highway beautification projects, the book details the steady growth of horticultural societies and membership, and their impact on Ontario's communities and environment.

SMC sent a free copy of the case bound and soft cover history book to each of 286 societies. Societies were encouraged to donate the case bound copy to their local library.

The second part of the Heritage History Book Project is the preparation and production of volume 2, from 1973 to the

present. The book is in the research stages now, with the launch planned for our 2008 Convention next August. Volume 2 will differ from volume 1, and will be a narrative history rather than a compilation of societies' histories. The author is Malcolm Geast, who has a long-time association with OHA. Currently Malcolm is OHA District 5 Director, and President of the East York Garden Club.

Every society can take advantage of the free web space OHA provides – OHA has a great team of people available to help you get started and the learning curve is very short. OHA also offers low cost extra storage space and hosting of your unique website through gardenontario. Since launching the gardenontario web site in August 2004, gardenontario has received over 6 million hits from more than 50,000 unique visitors.

Thanks to OTF, OHA will be offering membership recruitment workshops across the province starting with a trial workshop to be held in Toronto in September. The **Growing a Society** workshop will offer tips about how to increase your membership and inspire their involvement, appealing to all generations and getting your message out.

Another OTF funded workshop is **Developing Your Fundraising Skills**. The workshop goal is to help societies become better at fundraising and developing partnerships. Several OHA Board and Society members attended the trial version of this workshop in April 2007. Participants have reported using the techniques with great success. The second **Developing Your Fundraising Skills** workshop was offered at the 2007 Convention. Your District Director will let your Society know when one of these workshops is scheduled to be delivered in your area.

It is part of Social Marketing Committee's work to help the world understand OHA and what we are all about. But it is also important that we keep in touch with what you, our members and societies, are thinking about the Association. To increase this understanding, SMC has prepared a short survey that we will be mailing to your Society, requesting feedback about OHA services and benefits, your Society's evaluation of the above and inviting suggestions for additional services and benefits

We are asking each Society to collaborate and complete only ONE survey per society. We hope in talking about the questions among your membership, that you will provide us with useful feedback about OHA's advertised benefits. Survey results will be shared with societies that participate.

Thank you for supporting our committee's work through the past year. Your work across the province is outstanding and your demonstrated success makes it easy for SMC to find things to brag about to the general public. Please continue to encourage others to join your Society and to help keep Ontario beautiful.

Brenda Heenan,
Chair – Social Marketing Committee

St. Catharines Horticultural Society

150 Years

The St. Catharines Horticultural Society is one of the very early societies in Ontario. In a weekly **St. Catharines Journal**, it was reported that a meeting had taken place at the Town Hall, pursuant to Public notice.

Wm. McGiverin Esq. was called to the chair. William Eccles Esq. acted as Secretary. Resolutions were unanimously adopted: moved by J.P. Merritt Esq., seconded by Mr. Holder that it be expedient to form a horticultural society in the Town of St. Catharines, and be called the St. Catharines Horticultural Society. The meeting continued with the election of officers. President: Calvin Phelps Esq.: 1st Vice: Thom. R. Merritt Esq.: 2nd Vice: Delos Beadle Esq.: William Eccles Esq. to serve as Secretary/ Treasurer. There were seven gentlemen elected to the Committee of Management. The date was **June 29, 1857**.

In that same issue of **The Journal**, an advertisement was posted. "The first Exhibition of the Horticultural Society will take place in the Town Hall on Friday, July 10th instant. Doors open at 1pm. Admission: 12 ½ cents. A band of music will be in attendance. The Public generally are respectfully invited to attend."

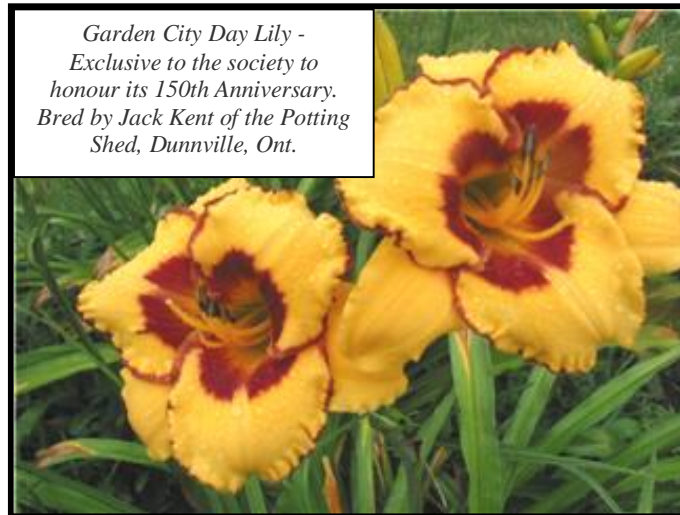
The aim of the Society in those early days was to hold two exhibitions per year, one in June to show spring and early summer flowers and one in fall to exhibit later blooms, fruits and vegetables.

The reporting by local newspapers of the Society's activities could be considered quaint. They were sometimes complimentary but could be equally brutal in criticism. The presence of a band playing "sweet airs" at exhibitions was very important, as were the "post celebrations" by the officers and committee members.

The St. Catharines Horticultural Society can lay claim to being one of the first societies to affiliate with the Ontario Horticultural Association in 1906. The first president of the Association was our own society president, Wm. E. Burgoyne Esq.

The Society sailed forth through the years, until the late 1930s when the Society seemed to disappear. It was war time, so perhaps everyone was otherwise occupied. It is recorded that Ontario grants were given to the Society from 1907 to 1942. The Society eventually became dormant and in 1958 permission was given to close and to relinquish any assets.

In 1949, Merriton Horticultural Society had formed and again research confirmed that many of the St. Catharines residents joined this society. In 1965, with membership having decreased and in an effort to include St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie, the name was changed to the Garden City Horticultural Society. In the years that followed the Society served the city well and large amounts of money were raised to beautify the area by planting trees, roses, etc.



In the year 2000, the Directors of the Garden City Society questioned the society's correct age and it seemed appropriate to do some research. The results were astounding and these prompted a name change to be considered. Firstly, the society was situated in St. Catharines and the name Garden City meant nothing to anyone outside the Niagara Peninsula. We seemed to be

the only society whose name did not identify with its own city. Secondly, research had revealed historical events over a long period of time, and although there were 'dormant periods' as in gardening itself, the spirit of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society was always present and alive.

So, in 2001, the Members and Officers of the Garden City Horticultural Society unanimously voted to change the Constitution and so revert back to the original name of the St. Catharines Horticultural Society.

I have no doubt that Calvin Phelps, Thom. R Merritt, and Delos Beadle, Esquires, would be well pleased.

Monica Davis
Society Historian.

In Memoriam 2007

OHA Past Presidents:

**Gladys McClatchy
(1974)**

**Alastair Crawford
(1975)**

Horticultural Society Members

District 1 :

Russell & District HS
Ken Dugdale

District 3:

Ameliasburg GC
John Wannamaker
Brockville HS
Bill Lunn
Gananoque HS
Ina Scott
Kingston HS
William Bevins
Sarah Canvin
Gordon McGibbon
John Hazlett
Richard Edney
Prince Edward County HS
Norma Ferguson
Rideau Lakes HS
Carolyn Visser
Adelaide Fleming
Trenton HS & GC
Nellie Webb
Shirley Carter

District 4:

Bobcaygeon & District HS
David Marsden
Brighton HS
Basil McMaster
Lucy Roy
Colborne & District HS
Connie Moore
Grafton HS
Gord Hamden
Fred Pichler
Marie Moore
Edith Watson
Lakefield & District HS
Grace Healy
Pat Huff
Minden & District HS
Leone Skead
Laura Kirkwood
Richard Kirkwood
Edgar Hancock
Lynn Hancock

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Marg Ketchabaw

District 5:

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Winnifred Rogers
Berta Schortinghuis
Wilto Schortinghuis
Kay Scrannage
Leaside Garden Society
Jean McDonald
Bruce Rodgers

District 6:

Ancaster HS
Bev Puskas
Burlington HS
Dora McKay
Vivian Knowles
Mount Hamilton HS
Mavis Shimman

District 7:

Clifford & District HS
Helene Held
Elora/Salem HS
Clarice Kane
Guelph HS
June Gore
Helen Mayberry
Eioleen Cotter
Orangeville & District HS
Ryan Baker
George Douglas
Elaine Fletcher
George Galbraith
Helen Gray
Daphne Scaife
Mario Soules
Shelbourne & District HS
Rhonda Crewson

District 8:

Brussel HS
Lyle Brothers
Gerald Gibson
Hanover & District HS
Mary Kochany
Frank Purves
Betty Mountford

District 9:

Fort Erie HS
Marjorie Babcock
Vera Hamilton
Ruth Scaffer

District 10:

Belmont & Area HS
Calvin Payne
Listowel & District HS
Anne Turbitt

St. Marys HS
Ina Pickell
Stratford & District HS
Jill Hurst
Tillsonburg HS
Robert Lehman
Muriel Mabee
London HS
Wilma Schuter

District 11:

Essex & District HS
Ted Minnis
Greater Windsor HS
Syd Battson

District 13:

Campbell HS
Betty Lawrence
Spanish HS
Barbara Ann
Francouer
Sudbury HS
Hermine Calyn

District 14:

Atikokan HS
Sandra Nash
Dryden & District HS
Mae Robinson
Isabel Hardy
Fort Frances HS
Berna Shortreed
Marg Kerber
Geraldton HS
Erika Rinker
Souix Lookout HS
Albert Coughlin
Thunder Bay HS
Tony Peel
Hilda Oleski
Kay Swan
Bert Stitch
Victor Pihlap
Fred Rogers

District 15:

Brampton HS
Bill Winchester
Richmond Hill HS
Ena Allan
Lilian Howard
Winnie Leitch
Betty McGhie
Edgar Roberts
Les Selby
Daphne Straumann
Irving Wong
Joan Boyer
Westway HS
Marja-Leena Mifflin

District 16:

Alliston HS
Hans Schroeder
Allan McKenna
Jean Cuco
Helen Murray
Angus HS
Beverley Mc Neill
Henry Hooymans
Alice Robinson
Jasper Boyd
Arnold Ellis
Toni Mancini
Chuck La Fleur
Michael Ladan
Beeton HS
Eleanor McCague
Elsie Baddeley
Beth Murray
Bond Head HS
Joyce Green
Brentwood HS
Joanne Kundrits
Coldwater HS
Marie Collins
Lorraine Orr
Creemore HS
Jeanne Blackburn
Midland HS
Helen Burns
Edythe Clark
Helen Redmann
Alberta Murday
Maria Wittig
Penetanguishene HS
Heidi Fritz
Helen Dubeau
Stayner HS
Elaine Cose
Mary Cauthers
Tottenham HS
Nancy Zelinka

District 17:

Uxbridge HS
John Taylor

District 18:

Bracebridge HS
Helen Anderson
Nancy Sabean
Callander HS
Ailee Henderson
Rite Ranney
John Tripp
Wellesley HS
Fred Kaufman
Karl Kochler
Bernice Coxon
Ina Faulhafer
Dr. Clayton Sellers
Patricia Hackett

The Splendour of Grasses!

Elegant but easy care, ornamental grasses are being welcomed into more and more backyards. Gardeners love their graceful shapes and subtle colours. The grass' delicate flower tassels and plumes called inflorescences inspire evocative names such as bottlebrush, cloud grass, foxtail and turkey foot.

Different grasses may grow from ankle-high to over your head in soft mounds, straight spikes, feathery fronds or arching cascades. Most of those grasses fall into one of two categories: clump forming or spreading. Clump forming grasses maintain their compact shape so they are well behaved in flowerbeds. Spreading varieties can be invasive (some imports even pose a threat to native species in the wild) so they should be chosen and controlled with care or simply confined to containers.

Perfect for eco-friendly gardeners, grasses are tolerant of many soil types and thrive with lots of sun, little rain and no chemicals or fertilizers. Native grasses are also an attractive food source for birds and butterflies.

This is the season when grasses really perform, providing motion, sound and a haze of colour. Left untrimmed until the spring, they will stand up beautifully all winter, showing off their silhouettes against the snow.

Grasses can evoke different moods. Repeating one type of grass throughout the garden creates a calming rhythm. Planted in uniform blocks, the same grass makes a powerful impression. Grasses planted in loose drifts are reminiscent of the countryside and impart an informal, nostalgic feeling.

Growing Tips:

For maximum impact, plant grasses in clumps of at least three plants. Dig a roomy hole, two or three times the size of the root-ball, for each one. Turn the plant out of the pot, tease apart the roots and place it in the hole with the crown just above ground level so it won't get water logged. Fill in with soil and tamp down firmly. Water generously just until it gets established. When a clump gets too large or the centre begins to die back, wait until spring, and then dig it up, leaving lots of soil around the edge. Using a pair of garden forks, pry apart the root-ball and immediately replant the division. In the spring, before new growth begins to sprout, cut back the plants.

Twelve to Try ...

On the Shorter Side:

Festuca glauca (Blue fescue) Fine blades in dense tufts of up to 30 centimetres tall produce inflorescences, clump forming. Hardy in Zone 4.

Hordium jubatu (Foxtail barley) Shimmery pinky-purple plumes reach about 45 centimetres tall, clump forming. Hardy in Zone 3.

Pennisetum alopecuroides (Hamelin fountain grass)

Downy

white flower spikes turn fawn in the fall and grow up to 60 centimetres tall, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 5.

Colourful:

Carex elata (Aurea) Narrow, arching leaves, lemon-lime in colour, grown in thick tufts up to 60 centimetres tall, and clump forming. Hardy to Zone 4.

Chasmanthium latifolium (Spangle grass) This green grass grows up to 12 metres tall and matures to a bright copper, but it is also chosen for its flowers, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 5.

Panicum virgatum (Huron solstice) The light green leaves of this cultivar from Canadian hybridizer Martin Quinn are striped with red, pink inflorescences and reach 1.2 metres tall, dance in the breeze, clump forming. Zone 3.

Truly Tall:

Andropogon gerardii (Big bluestem, turkey foot) This grass grows up to 2 metres tall, with blue green leaves and large purple inflorescences shaped like birds feet, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 2.

Calamagrostis acutiflora (Karl Foerster feather reed grass)

This reaches up to 75 centimetres tall, with pink inflorescences that almost double that height, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 3.

Panicum virgatum (Switchgrass) The flat green leaves and delicate flower spikes grow up to 2.4 metres tall, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 3.

Middle of the Border:

Hystrix patula (Bottle brush) Arching green stems. This species grows up to 90 centimetres tall, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 2.

Sorghastrum nutans (Indian grass) The cultivar 'Sioux Blue' has blue green blades that age to gold. Deep yellow flower tassels mature to bronze. This grass grows up to 90 centimetres tall, clump forming. Hardy to Zone 2.

Sporobolus heterolepis (prairie dropseed) A mist of fragrant, pale pink flowers float about 60 cm in the air above green leaves that turn gold, clump forming. Zone 2.

Those of you who attended the Ontario Horticultural Association convention in Owen Sound in August this year, were given a sample of *Miscanthus* 'Huron Sunrise' to try in your own home environment. This is a graceful ornamental grass bred by Martin Quinn. Plant it in a fertile and well-drained sunny location and enjoy it for many years to come.

**Kees J. Stryland,
District 12 Director**

Horticultural Competition

Section A – Annuals

Class 1 – Aster

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 2 – Calendula

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Kees Stryland, Porcupine

Class 4 – Celosia

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 5 – Geranium

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

3rd Liz McConachie, Markdale

Class 6 – Lavatera

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

Class 7 – Marigold (over 7.5 cm)

1st Liz McConachie, Markdale

2nd Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

3rd Kira Dunham, Timmins

Class 8 – Marigold (2.5 – 7.5 cm)

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Kira Dunham, Timmins

3rd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Class 9 – Petunia, single

1st Liz McConachie, Markdale

Class 10 – Petunia, double

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 11 – Salvia

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

2nd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Class 12 – Snapdragon, dwarf

1st Liz McConachie, Markdale

Class 13 – Snapdragon, rocket

1st G. Lefroy, Oakville

2nd Liz McConachie, Markdale

Class 14 – Sunflower

1st Marguerite Husband, Markdale

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

3rd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 15 – Zinnia

1st Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Class 16 - Other Annual, under 33 cm

1st Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 17 – Other Annual, 33 cm +

1st Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Best Entry in Section A –

Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

for Class 6 – Lavatera entry



Section B – Hardy Perennials

Class 19 – Coreopsis

1st Liz McConachie, Markdale

Class 20 - Echinacea

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

3rd Elly Pennings, Markdale

Class 21 – Eringium

1st Marguerite Husband, Markdale

2nd Liz McConachie, Markdale

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 22 – Helenium

1st Kira Dunham, Timmins

Class 23 – Phlox paniculata

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

3rd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Class 24 – Rudbeckia

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 25 – Ornamental grass, sedge, or rush

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

3rd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Class 26 – Other, under 33 cm

1st Kira Dunham, Timmins

2nd Marie Pearson, Streetsville

Class 27 – Other, 33 cm +

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Liz McConachie, Markdale

3rd Elly Pennings, Markdale

Class 28 – Branch or Vine

1st Elly Pennings, Markdale

2nd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

3rd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

Best in Section B –

Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

For Class 23 – Phlox paniculata

Section C – Flowering Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes, and Tubers

Class 29 – Begonia, tuberous

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 30 – Canna

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover



Class 31 – Dahlia

1st Wayne Pfeffer,
Hanover à

Class 32 – Gladiolus, solid colour

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 33 – Gladiolus, bi-colour

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

2nd Marguerite Husband, Markdale

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 34 – Gladiolus, 5 different colours

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 35 – Lilium, oriental or orientpet

1st Liz McConachie, Markdale

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

3rd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 36 – Lilium, other variety

1st Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 37 – Other bulb, not listed

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Elly Pennings, Markdale

3rd Elly Pennings, Markdale

Best in Section C –

Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover,
For Class 34 - Gladiolus

Section D – Roses

Class 38 – Hybrid Tea

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 41 – Hardy Canadian Rose

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

Class 42 – Other Modern Shrub Rose

1st Sharon Ludlow, Markdale

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 43 – Miniature

1st Gloria Broks, North York

2nd Gloria Broks, North York

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 44 – Rose in Bowl

1st Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Section E – Herbs

Class 46 – Three different herbs in planter

1st Wendy Bryant, Kingston

2nd Marianne Vantol, London

Section F – Potted Plants

Class 47 – Flowering, under 15 cm

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 48 – Flowering, 15 cm +

1st Kay Thorffinson, Markdale

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

3rd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 50 – Variegated foliage

1st Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 51 – Foliage, under 15 cm

1st Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville

3rd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 52 – Foliage, 15 cm +

1st Kira Dunham, Timmins

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 54 – Cactus, 15 cm +

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 56 – Other succulent

2nd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 58 – Saintpaulia (African Violet)

2nd Marie Pearson, Streetsville

Section G – Special Exhibits

Class 59 – Country Beauty

1st Marilynne Smiley, Watford

2nd Wendy Bryant, Timmins

Class 60 – Keeping Ontario Beautiful

1st Letty Barolet, Alliston

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

3rd Wendy Bryant, Kingston

Class 61 – Triple Your Pleasure

1st Wendy Bryant, Kingston

2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Special thanks to Ray Clement who provided a number of photos featured in this issue.

Design Division

Class 62 – Rural Ontario Gems

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora
- 2nd John McLaughlin, Georgian Bay
- 3rd Letty Barolet, Alliston
- HM Sheila King, Kemptville
- HM Ms. Vestergard, London

Class 63 – Winter’s Blast

- 1st Lorraine Love, Burlington
- 2nd Marguerite Marjoram, Orangeville
- 3rd Gae Trinkwon, Markdale
- HM Mary-Ann Vercammen, Aurora

Class 64 – Down By The Bay

- 1st Sheila King, Kemptville
- 2nd Kay Thorffinson, Markdale
- 3rd Letty Barolet, Aurora
- HM Marie Pearson, Streetsville

Class 65 – Along the Bruce Trail

- 1st Jan Middleton, Markdale
- 2nd Marianne Vantol, London
- 3rd Sheila King, Kemptville
- HM Marie Pearson, Streetsville

Class 66 – Beach Treasures

- 1st Mary-Ann Vercammen, Aurora
- 2nd Letty Barolet, Alliston
- 3rd Kees Stryland, Porcupine
- HM Sheila King, Kemptville

Class 67 – Cool, Clear, and Clean

- 1st Letty Barolet, Aurora
- 2nd G. Lefroy, Oakville
- 3rd Mary-Ann Vercammen, Aurora
- HM Sheila King, Kemptville

Class 68 – Visions of Our Future

- 1st Mary-Ann Vercammen, Aurora

Class 69 – Some Like It Hot

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora **
- 2nd Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 3rd Letty Barolet, Alliston

Class 70 – Tri-County Friendship

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora
- 2nd Letty Barolet, Alliston
- 3rd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 71 – Bountiful Harvest

- 1st Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 72 – Beautiful Ontario – Keep it Green

- 1st Shirley Binns, Aurora *
- 2nd Wayne Pfeffer, Hanover

Class 73 – Now and Forever

- 1st Melanie Marjoram, Orangeville
- 2nd Letty Barolet, Aurora
- 3rd Mary-Ann Vercammen, Aurora
- HM Marie Pearson & Wayne Pfeffer

Class 74 – Special Design Class

- ‘So Glad You Are Here**
1st Shirley Binns, Aurora

* Most Creative Design – Shirley Binns



**Best Mass Design – Shirley Binns



Photographic Print Competition

Chair: Ray Clement

Class 1 – ‘Weep No More My Lady’

- 1st Gloria Broks, North York, 5
- 2nd Jean Dodds, Brampton, 15
- 3rd Paul Smith, Holland Landing, 16

Class 2 – ‘Pretty in Pink’

- 1st Uldis Broks, North York, 5 *
- 2nd Mary Kealey, Manotick, 2
- 3rd Gloria Broks, North York, 5

Class 3 – ‘Spring Bloomers’

- 1st Wilma Wood, Thunder Bay, 14
- 2nd Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Elizabeth McConachie, Markdale, 8

Class 4 – ‘Oh My!’

- 1st Gloria Broks, North York, 5
- 2nd Uldis Broks, North York, 5
- 3rd Ann Pedley, St. Marys, 10

Class 5 – ‘All For Show’

- 1st Phyllis Garton, Thunder Bay, 14
- 2nd Elizabeth McConachie, Markdale, 8
- 3rd Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6

Class 6 – ‘I Don’t Remember Planting That!’

- 1st Gloria Broks, North York, 5
- 2nd John Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Eva Lange, Manotick, 2

Class 7 – ‘Shades of Grey’

- 1st Ann Pedley, St. Marys, 10
- 2nd Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 3rd Rosemary Thompson, Markdale, 8

Class 8 – ‘For the Future’

- 1st Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 2nd Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11
- 3rd J. James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13

Class 9 – ‘You’ve Got Mail’

- 1st Linda Boyko, East York, 5
- 2nd J. James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Ann Pedley, St. Marys, 10

Class 10 – ‘A Garden Oops!’

- 1st Linda Boyko, East York, 5
- 2nd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7
- 3rd Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13

Class 11 – ‘Single and Loving It’

- 1st Linda Boyko, East York, 5
- 2nd John Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 3rd Charles Moody, Sault Ste. Marie, 13

Class 12 – ‘KISS: Keep It Simple, Sweetie!’

- 1st Mary Kealey, Manotick, 2
- 2nd Eva Lange, Manotick, 2
- 3rd Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8

Class 13 – ‘Earth’s Steward(s)’

- 1st James Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13
- 2nd Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 3rd Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 14 – ‘Visions of Our Future’

- 1st Teryl Sewell, Markdale, 8
- 2nd Uldis Broks, North York, 5
- 3rd Linda Tibbles, Sault Ste. Marie, 13

***Best in Show – Uldis Broks, North York, 5,
for Class 2 – ‘Pretty in Pink’**

Photographic Slide Competition

Chair: Ray Clement

Class 1 – ‘Bowling Green’:

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 2 – ‘Deep Purple’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 3 – ‘The Snow in Winter’

- 1st Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9 **
- 2nd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7
- 3rd Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 5 – ‘Hang ‘em High’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11
- 2nd Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9
- 3rd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7

Class 6 – ‘Nobody’s Baby’

- 1st Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9
- 2nd Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 7 – ‘All For Show’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11
- 2nd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7

Class 8 – ‘KISS: Keep it Simple, Sweetie!’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11
- 2nd Charles Doekes, St. Catharines., 9
- 3rd Mary Ann Gilhuly, Waterloo, 19

Class 9 – ‘Funny Fungi’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11
- 2nd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7

Class 10 – ‘I Don’t Remember Planting That’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

Class 11 – ‘Shades of Grey’

- 1st Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9
- 2nd Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7

Class 12 – ‘Wind Dancers’

- 1st Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9
- 2nd K. J. Stryland, Timmins, 12
- 3rd Derek Stryland, Timmins, 12

Class 13 – ‘Keeping Ontario Beautiful’

- 1st Marjorie Dow, Fergus, 7
- 2nd Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9

Class 14 – ‘Visions of Our Future’

- 1st Betty Squire, Sarnia, 11

****Best in Show – Charles Doekes, St. Catharines, 9,
for Class 3 – ‘The Snow in Winter’**

Art Competition

Chair: Marj Larson

Class 1 – ‘For the Future’

- 1st Sheila King, Kemptville, 2
- 2nd Kaija Maki, Thunder Bay, 14
- 3rd Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16
- HM Kees Stryland, Porcupine, 12

Class 2 – ‘Weather’

- 1st Sheila King, Kemptville, 2
- 2nd Kaija Maki, Thunder Bay, 14
- 3rd Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16

Class 3 – ‘Wind Dancers’

- 1st Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16 *
- 2nd Kaija Maki, Thunder Bay, 14

Class 4 – ‘Treasured Memories of the Bay’

- 1st Kaija Maki, Thunder Bay, 14
- 2nd Kees Stryland, Porcupine, 12
- 3rd Sheila King, Kemptville, 2
- HM Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16

Class 5 – ‘A Walk with Nature’

- 1st Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16
- 2nd Kees Stryland, Porcupine, 12
- 3rd Sheila King, Kemptville, 2
- HM Ray Matsalla, Aurora, 5

Class 6 – ‘Keeping Ontario Beautiful, Visions of Our Future’

- 1st Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16
- 2nd Sheila King, Kemptville, 2

Class 7 – ‘Ornamental Magic’

- 1st Brad Stryland, Porcupine, 12
- 2nd Suzanne Stryland, Porcupine, 12
- 3rd Kees Stryland, Porcupine, 12

Class 8 – ‘Garden Stone’

- 1st Kathryn Bury, Gilford, 16
- 2nd Sheila King, Kemptville, 2

Class 10 – ‘Garden Sculpture’

- 1st Ray Clement, Belle River, 11



*Best in Show – ‘Wind Dancers’
Kathryn Bury



Web Shell Competition

For 2007 there were ten entries in Class 1 and two in Class 2. All of the entries were strong and creative and it was enjoyable and inspiring to read up on the activities and programs of the entrants in particular.

I wish to thank all of the entrants for the substantial amount of effort they have put into their websites. It takes many hours of work over the year to maintain an up to date Society website. This award is meant to recognize the work of Society webmasters who maintain the outstanding Society websites available through gardenontario.org. Below are the competition winners.

Class 1 **Gardenontario** web shells using standard features as outlined in the manual ‘Garden Webs for Societies’ or ‘Garden Webs for Districts’ (as appropriate).

- 1st Cloverleaf Garden Club
- 2nd Agincourt Garden Club
- 3rd Gilford & District Horticultural Society

Class 2 Horticultural Society websites outside of gardenontario.org Web Shells (including websites hosted on gardenontario.org subdomains.)

- 1st Kanata – March Horticultural Society
- 2nd Renfrew Horticultural Society

If you would like some specific feedback on your website, feel free to contact me and I can provide it.

Jeff Blackadar - Judge
Ottawa Horticultural Society
web@ottawahort.org

Publications Competition

This year, I had the pleasure of chairing the Publications Competition for the OHA. I had the opportunity to view the great editorial talent that lives in this province. I was amazed by the skill and dedication of the work submitted. Congratulations to all the participants. The efforts to strive for excellence are impressive. Nevertheless, I must report that the number of entries has dropped dramatically this year. Many excellent entries did not conform to the prerequisite criteria either by accident or perhaps due to oversight. Still, the work achieved is phenomenal and we are inspired as we learn so much from each other. Again, my congratulations to all the participants.

Ann Best

OHA Publications Competitions Chair

Class 1 – Hand-drawn Yearbook cover

- 1st Thunder Bay, 14
- 2nd Sudbury, 13
- 3rd Cloverleaf, 15

Class 2 – Computer-generated Yearbook cover

- 1st Orangeville, 7
- 2nd Aurora, 5
- 3rd Lake Simcoe, 5
- HM Russell & District, 1

Class 3 – Photographic Yearbook cover

- 1st Alliston, 16
- 2nd North York, 5
- 3rd Lakefield, 4

Class 4 – Special Event brochure

- 1st Cloverleaf, 15
- 2nd Lakefield, 4
- 3rd Sudbury, 13
- HM Oro-Medonte, 16
- HM St. Marys, 10

Class 5 – Special Event Poster

- 1st Brampton, 15

Class 6 – Society brochure, pamphlet, or flyer

- 1st Cloverleaf, 15
- 2nd London Fanshaw, 10
- 3rd Brampton, 15

Class 7 – Promotional package

- 1st Brampton, 15
- 2nd Oro-Medonte, 16
- 3rd Leaside, 5

Class 9 – Newsletter cover - photographic

- 1st Belle River, 11
- 2nd Sudbury, 13
- 3rd Waterloo, 19

Class 10 – Newsletter cover - computer-generated

Class 11 – Youth scrapbook

- 1st Brampton, 15

Class 12 – Show Schedule

- 1st Thunder Bay, 14
- 2nd Sudbury, 13
- 3rd Brampton, 15



Poetry Competition

Chair: Mary Young

Class 1 - 'Waterside' (Haiku):

- 1st Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6
- 2nd Elizabeth McConachie,
Markdale & District, 8
- 3rd Valerie Neal, Durham & District, 8

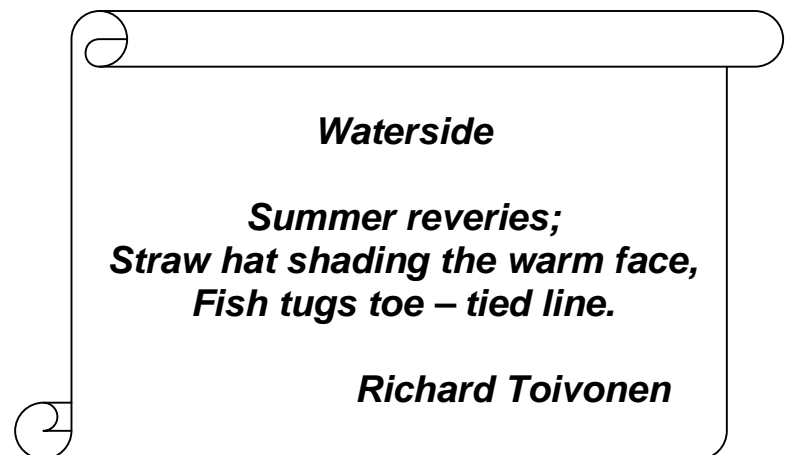
Class 2 – 'To Garden':

- 1st Sandra Flexhaug, Niagara Falls, 9
- 2nd Richard Toivonen, Brantford, 6
- 3rd Wynfred Gill, Gilford & District, 16

Class 3 – 'Keeping Ontario Beautiful...'

- 1st Valerie Neal, Durham & District, 8
- 2nd Sandra Flexhaug, Niagara Falls, 9
- 3rd M. Kirk, Campbell, 13

'Best of Show' was awarded to Richard Toivonen of the Brantford Garden Club in District 6 for the following haiku...



Note: This competition was the inspiration of Valerie Neal, Past District 8 Director. The prize monies are provided by Ted Reed, 2004-2005 Provincial President.

Youth Competition

Section A Creative Writing 'The Radish'

Class 1

Age 6-8 years

- 1st Maya Burhanpunkar, Oro-Medonte
- 2nd Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 3rd Maggie McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 4th Danny McDonald, Campbell Rainbow

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Dana Marlott, Scarborough
- 2nd Melissa McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 3rd Sharra Jones, Campbell Rainbow
- 4th Alexandrie Jones, Scarborough

Age 15-18

- 1st Sarah McDonald, Campbell Rainbow

Section A Creative Writing 'The Sunflower'

Class 2

Age 6-8 years

- 1st Maya Burhanpurkar, Oro-Medonte
- 2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Amy Murphy, Bracebridge
- 4th Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Tyler Crisp, Bracebridge

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot
- 2nd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 3rd Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 4th Ben Pretzer, Bracebridge
- 5th Sharra Janes, Campbell Rainbow

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Remy Marlatt, Scarborough

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Mary McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Sarah McDonald, Campbell Rainbow

Section B Artistic Design 'A Birthday Card'

Class 3

Age 6-8 years

- 1st Danny McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Maggie McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 3rd Jesse Johnston-Newell, Grafton
- 4th Maya Burhanpurkar, Oro-Medonte
- 5th Sky Archer, Chinguacousy

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Sharra James, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Michael Nelsons, East Oro
- 3rd Amelia Micallef, Guelph Township
- 4th Mellias McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 5th Danika Gordon, Chinguacousy

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Anthony Zimerman, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 3rd Danielle Zimerman, Campbell Rainbow
- 4th Remy Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Kayla Hotson, St. Marys

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Sarah McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Emma Vanweerer, Guelph Township
- 3rd Rebecca Parsons, St. Marys
- 4th Mary McDonald, Campbell Rainbow

Section B Artistic Design 'My Rock Friend'

Class 4

Age 6-8 years

- 1st Maya Burhandurkar, Oro-Medonte
- 2nd Shae-Lynn Preiss, Stratford
- 3rd Alison French, Scarborough
- 4th Zackary, Preiss, Stratford
- 5th Libby Marlatt, Scarborough

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Cara Livingston, Guelph Township
- 2nd Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 3rd Amelia Micallef, Guelph Township
- 4th Brenen Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 5th Sky Archer, Chinguacousy

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Kayla Hotson, St. Marys
- 2nd Remy Marlatt, Scarborough
- 3rd Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 4th Amanda Micallef, Guelph Township
- 5th Dannielle Zimerman, Campbell Rainbow

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Dianthe Vanweeren, Guelph Township
- 2nd Sarah McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 3rd Mary McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 4th Rebecca Parsons, St. Marys

Section B 'A Seed Picture'

Class 5

Age 6-8 years

- 1st Allison French, Scarborough
- 2nd Maya Burhandurkar, Oro-Medonte
- 3rd Jacob Milne, St. Marys
- 4th Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Dennis Kislev, Aurora

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Jackell Gower, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 3rd Megan French, Scarborough
& Sabrina Di Ilio, Guelph Township
- 4th Samantha Currie, Aurora

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 2nd Amanda Micallef, Guelph Township
- 3rd Sabrina Di Ilio, Guelph Township
- 4th Remy Marlatt, Scarborough
- 5th Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough

Age 15-18 years

- 1st Mary McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Sarah McDonald, Campbell Rainbow

Section C Artistic Creativity ‘What Am I’**Class 6****Age 6-8 years**

- 1st Danny Mc Donald, Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Damares Middleton, Campbell Rainbow
- 3rd Emma Liptrot, St. Marys
- 4th Alison French, Scarborough
- 5th Libby Marlatt, Scarborough

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Dana Marlatt, Scarborough
- 2nd Alexandria Jones, Scarborough
- 3rd Mellias McDonald, Campbell Rainbow
- 4th Brenden Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 5th Megan French, Scarborough

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 2nd Krista Bradshaw, Scarborough
- 3rd Danika Gordon, Scarborough

Age 15-18

- 1st Daniel Paquette, Campbell Rainbow

Section D Living Material, ‘Visions of our Future’**Class 7****Age 6-8 years**

- 1st Grace Baxter, East Oro
- 2nd Madeline Ure, East Oro
- 3rd Petrina Diamantokos, East Oro
- 4th Ayana Murray, East Oro

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Amelia Micallef, Guelph Township
- 2nd Rebecca Emery, East Oro
- 3rd Natalie Shelswell, East Oro
- 4th Michael Nelsons, East Oro

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Amanda Micallef, Guelph Township
- 2nd Mandy Sinclair, Scarborough
- 3rd Dana Langman, East Oro
- 4th Derek Shelswell, East Oro

**Section D Living Material ‘Keeping Ontario Beautiful’****Class 8****Age 6-8 years**

- 1st Petrana Damantakus, East Oro
- 2nd Iris Vella, East Oro
- 3rd Grace Beaman, East Oro
- 4th Ben Batelaan, East Oro
- 5th Ayana Murray, East Oro

Age 9-11 years

- 1st Rebecca Emery, East Oro
- 2nd Alanna Wilson, East Oro
- 4th Jillian Batelaan, Stirling

Age 12-14 years

- 1st Almana Micallef, Guelph Township

Section D Living Material ‘Bruce, Grey & Huron Counties’**Class 9****Age 6-8 years**

- 1st Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Scarborough
- 3rd Stirling

Section E Fine Arts ‘Billy Bishop’**Harry Wyma Award****Class 10**

- 1st Libby Marlatt, Scarborough
- 2nd Emma Vanweerden, Guelph Township
- 3rd Cara Livingston, Guelph Township

Don Matthews Award ‘Visions of our Future’**Class 11**

- 1st Shelby Wagler, Wilmot
- 2nd Cassidy Wagler, Wilmot
- 3rd Amanda Micallef, Guelph Township

Maisie Bray Award**Class 12**

- 1st East Oro

Section F Special Awards**Class 13. Ruby Bryan Scrapbook Award**

- 1st East Oro
- 2nd Stratford
- 3rd Scarborough

Class 14 Frances Lemke Award

Scarborough Juniors

Class 16 Ruby Lobban High Point Award

- 1st Campbell Rainbow
- 2nd Scarborough
- 3rd East Oro

Join Us in Ontario's 'Flower City'!

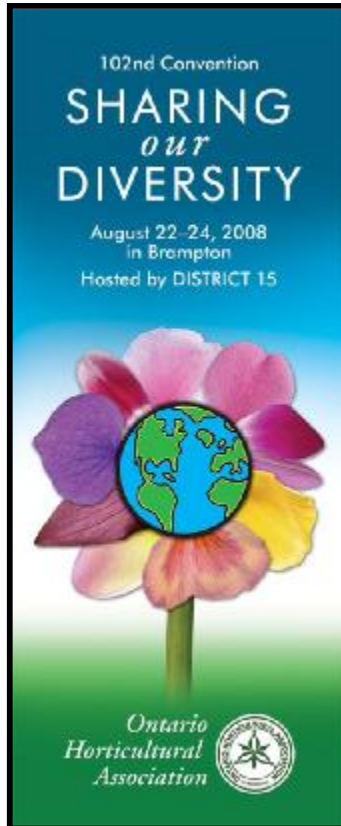
Mark your calendar for Convention 2008 being held August 22- 24, 2008 at the Davis Campus of Sheridan College, 7899 McLaughlin Road in Brampton, Ontario - Ontario's Flower City. Convention 07 delegates all had an opportunity to visit District 15's Convention 08 display and to meet some of the charming & friendly delegates from the 17 Societies of District 15! Our theme is **SHARING OUR DIVERSITY** because sharing and diversity are things we celebrate in District 15 - in our gardens, in our communities and in our societies.

Come to District 15 and you will meet people from diverse places - gardeners with substantial acreage on working farms and large country estates and many with smaller lots in historic towns and villages. You will meet people who garden on sunny apartment windowsills and balconies and in tiny oases in established urban neighbourhoods and in new suburban communities. What we all **share** is a passion for plants & gardening.

District 15 stretches from the Oak Ridges Moraine and Niagara Escarpment in the north, across the Peel Plain to the shores of Lake Ontario. The headwaters of the Credit, Humber and Don Rivers run through our communities from climatic zone 4 in the north to zone 6 in the south.

District 15 is home to more than 2400 society members. Our youngest society was founded a few months ago and our oldest was founded in 1834 - the first Horticultural Society in Ontario. The societies of **York West** are Schomberg, Nobleton & King City, Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Woodbridge. The societies of **Toronto West** are Westway, Roselands, Etobicoke, Swansea, Parkdale and Toronto. The societies of **Peel** are Caledon, Bolton, Cloverleaf, Credit Valley, Streetsville, Chinguacousy and Brampton.

We want you to come early and stay late, so we found affordable accommodation in the residence apartments of Sheridan College -2 bedroom, air conditioned suites for **under \$100/night** with internet, cable TV, daily housekeeping and a free continental breakfast included. Four people can share a suite if they are willing to share the 2 double beds! The Sheridan College campus is situated in a park-like setting and parking is free, too! Residence space is limited so book early!



Call toll free 1-877-225-8664 and ask for the Brampton location to reserve your suite.

Come early - Our host city Brampton will be laying out the red carpet for OHA members during our 2008 Convention. On Thursday before the Convention, shuttle busses will take OHA delegates downtown to enjoy a free concert in the park and a guided *ghost walk* of historic downtown.

Stay late - we will be arranging for a bus to the Canadian National Exhibition after the convention ends on Sunday. Visit the CNE Flower Show, see the fireworks and get bussed back to campus after closing. Some delegates may be interested in volunteering at the OHA booth after the Convention or in finding out how to become part of the CNE speakers' list.

Make it a family trip! District 15 is offering an overnight camp for youth members at nearby Albion Hills Field Centre. In addition, there are many attractions located nearby - shopping malls, museums, art galleries and of special

interest to the kid in all of us - Wild Water Kingdom, Canada's Wonderland. and Ontario Place.

We are organizing the 'usual' Convention program with interesting speakers, competitions, seminars, bus trips and workshops. But we are planning some unusual things to pique your interest, too - a bus tour to visit roof top *Gardens in the Sky* in downtown Toronto and a tour of the Gardens of Casa Loma guided by the head gardener. One tour will take you to Humber Nursery, Ontario's largest nursery, where you will receive a guided tour of their Ornamental Grass collection, visit a Butterfly Conservatory and shop a little (or a lot!)

Visit www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district15 for regular updates about Convention 2008 program and plans. For more information, or if you would like to receive a personal invitation, including discount coupons for Brampton merchants and restaurants, please send your name and mailing address to:

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Email district15@gardenontario.org (please include your society name in the subject line)

We look forward to sharing our diversity with you!