

‘Lucky 13’

OHA’s 21th Annual Successful Gardening Flower Show

February 21-24, 2013

A major flower show in February? Last year when the show dates for the 2013 OHA flower show at the Successful Gardening Show were announced, the show committee members were very concerned. After a fabulous show in early April in 2012, we worried about entries, volunteers and the possibility of a major snowstorm. I’m happy to report that everything went beautifully.

With our theme “Lucky 13”, how could it not? Yes, it was cold and exhibitors needed to bundle up their exhibits and while the number of entries was down from the previous year, the variety and quality was outstanding.

The show committee, Wendy Gay and Dawn Teal (Roselands), Gera Koster and Cathy Faber-Rowlands (Etobicoke), Celia Roberts and Marie Decker (Oakville) and Barbara O’Malley and Heinke Thiessen (Credit Valley) would like to thank all the volunteers for their enthusiasm in promoting the OHA and everyone who braved the cold with their plants and flowers to make this a wonderful show. 46 exhibitors provided a total of 261 entries (192 in horticulture and 69 in design). Best in Show for her design “Luck of the Irish” went to Helene Selemidis-Hill (Richmond Hill) and Sandra Williamson (Georgetown) received Judge’s Choice for her dried miniature design “Fortune Cookie”. Exhibiting for the first time in the Society Class, proved lucky for Alliston & District Horticultural Society - they placed first.

This show would not be possible without the support of Showcase Marketing President Paul Newdick and all his staff, in particular Pat Gramsch. We extend a thank you for 2400 square feet of show space, skirted tables, curtains, carpeting, ribbons and printed material. We also thank Showcase Marketing for hosting our judges’ luncheon and extend our gratitude for \$2935.00 in



Volunteers Elaine Dos Santos, Kit Calvert, Mary Huchey

exhibitor prize money & demonstrator honoraria.

For the past 21 years, the OHA has staged a flower show at the Successful Gardening Show, held in conjunction with the International Home and Garden Show, at the International Center in Mississauga. Next year will bring a change, not only of show dates but also venue. The 2014 show, to be held March 6

– 9, is moving to the North building of the Metro Toronto Convention Center, Toronto. While the show committee will worry about entries, volunteers and the weather, we are confident it will once again be a great experience for all exhibitors and volunteers. Please don’t wait to be asked. Enter and/or volunteer to participate in any way you can. This is your show!

Look for the 2014 Show schedule, titled “Let’s Dance”, at gardenontario.org in November or ask your Society president for a copy. If you wish to be placed on the email distribution list or have any questions about the show, please feel free to contact me at heinkesg@gmail.com or 905-820-4751.

Heinke Thiessen, Show Chair



Helen Selemidis-Hill:
Best in Show

