



**Ontario Horticultural Association  
District 2**

**Advisory Council/AGM  
Director's Report  
April 2015**



***In 2014:***

*19 Societies; 2,278 adult members; 26,432 volunteer hours; 11.6 VH/member  
Adult membership up/down = 12%; Average new adult members = 16%  
Youth members = 199*

***D2 Trophy***

*Highest % increase in adult membership between 2013 and 2014  
Pembroke Horticultural Society at 66%.*

*District Dues = \$.50 per member*

***Scholarships:*** 9 totalling \$2,275

***Special Anniversaries:***

Kemptville HS – 115th Anniversary  
Pembroke HS - 90th Anniversary  
Beachburg HS – 55th Anniversary  
Perth & District HS – 30th Anniversary  
West Carleton Garden Club & HS – 25th Anniversary  
Smith's Falls HS – 10th Anniversary

**Spring Advisory Council meeting and District AGM:** 2014-15 started on April 5 at the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, 150 Wayside Drive, Perth with the day hosted by Perth & District H.S. on the theme *Gardens Growing Forward*. There were 217 delegates from all 21 D2 Societies. Suzanne Hannah (OHA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) provided an inspirational message on behalf of the OHA. There was a market place and D2 book sale, a silent auction with items donated by the community and a photo competition with 13 participants and 63 entries (results posted on the D2 website). An excellent lunch was provided and enjoyed by all. The guest speakers were Merilyn Simmons on "Growing with Your Garden" and Mary Shearman Reid on "Gardens Growing Forward".

**District 2 Communiqué:** It has continued to be managed by Linda Bartlett (Assistant District Director - Mississippi Basin) and has been sent out throughout the year on an "as required" basis to communicate D2 information and events. Information from affiliated organizations may be included but is not sent out separately. It is important that information of relevance to all Society members be shared at meetings and/or in your Society newsletters.

**D2 Website** (<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2>): The D2 Executive has been working hard to make the website as useful as possible. It is a “work in progress” so constructive feedback is always welcome. Candace Dressler (Assistant District Director – Rideau Basin) was the D2 webmaster in 2014. She was replaced by Linda Bartlett in the Fall with the re-alignment of Gloucester to D1.

**OHA Board meetings:** The D2 Director attended three meetings during the year- in July (in conjunction with the 2014 Convention in Cornwall) and in October 2014 and March 2015 (near Barrie).

**OHA Convention:** The D2 Director and Society members attended the 108<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention in Cornwall from July 17-20. There were 308 registrants. The motion was passed to re-align Gloucester and Kemptville HS from D2 to D1. Convention competition results were reported in the 2014 fall issue of the Trillium newsletter (<http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php?news=210>). D2 Director Kathryn Lindsay co-convened the flower show competition with D1.

**D2 Flower and Edibles Show:** It was held in Carp on August 16 co-hosted by Kanata-March and West Carleton. There were 23 exhibitors – no youth entries. Tea room and D2 book sale were successful. 40-50 people attended.

**OHA Judges:** There are 38 OHA certified judges in D2 on the OHA Judges’ Registry. A judging update was organized and hosted on September 5<sup>th</sup> by a D2 committee of Perth judges, Linda Bartlett, David and Madeline Archer; 14 judges attended from D2. Participants submitted cut specimens for the horticulture show/practice judging and created line designs for the flower show/practice judging. The demonstrators were Sandy Black on floral design and Wendolyn Nichols on daylilies.

**D2 Fun Day:** Hosted by Gloucester H.S. on exploring the bog and trails of the Mer Bleue on September 20; 6 experts in the study of lichens, mosses, wild edibles and the effects of global warming on carbon sinks (bogs) walked over 2 km with 64 people from D1 and D2 – a soup and sandwich lunch at the Maple Leaf Club and all joined an alternate group for an afternoon walk. It was a rain or shine Fun Day and the weather cooperated – it was a wonderful day.

**D2 Fall Advisory Council:** The meeting was held on Saturday, October 25, in Carleton Place hosted by Carleton Place & District (minutes posted on the D2 website).

**D2 Society AGMs:** There is a lot of distance to cover in District 2. The D2 Director was able to attend 9 of the 19 Society AGMs between October and December; the Assistant District Directors were able to attend another five.

**OHA Society Annual Reporting:** Most Societies are now entering their annual reports via the OHA on-line system, despite new challenges with the log-in as a result of tighter security measures in response to the hacking of the OHA website. It is important to have all Societies in the system so that the following District summary reports generated with the information are complete: Society membership & executive contacts, volunteer

hours, scholarships, contacts for the Trillium, and Society meeting and contact info for the OHA District brochure.

Notable membership stats for 2014 as follows:

D2 Certificate for the most number of volunteer hours per member

-> 2014: Manotick HS at 32.2 hrs/member

D2 Certificate for highest number of new adult members

-> 2014: Ottawa Horticultural Society at 65

D2 Certificate for highest % of new adult members

-> 2014: Kanata-March Horticultural Society at 33%

D2 AGM Trophy/D2 Certificate for highest % increase in adult membership

-> 2013 to 2014: Pembroke Horticultural Society at 66%

**Seedy Saturday/Sunday:** District 2 Societies were represented at the Seedy Saturday in Ottawa on March 1, 2014 and the Seedy Sunday in Pembroke and Perth on March 2, 2014.

**D1D2 Boundary Revision:** The boundary revision to have Kemptville and Gloucester re-align with D1 was approved at the 2014 OHA AGM. The financial transfer from D2 to D1 was completed at the D1 AGM in April 2015 based on 2014 membership statistics reported in February 2015.

**Upcoming highlights for D2 in 2015-16 include:**

**Special Anniversaries**

- *Pakenham – 90<sup>th</sup>*
- *Manotick – 85<sup>th</sup>*
- *Eganville – 60<sup>th</sup>*
- *Kanata-March – 45<sup>th</sup>*
- *Madawaska Valley – 25<sup>th</sup>*

**OHA Grants:** D2 Societies are encouraged to submit applications.

**OHA 109<sup>th</sup> Convention:** The Convention is being hosted by OHA District 6 in Ancaster on July 3-5, 2015. Each D2 Society is encouraged to participate in the OHA business meeting and Society members to enter the adult and youth competitions, register for the Convention and participate in seminars, judging updates, bus tours, and the banquet.

**D2 Flower and Edibles show:** D2 Society members are also encouraged to participate in our own show being co-hosted by Nepean HS and Ottawa Valley Rock Garden Society on Saturday, August 15, in Nepean.

**D2 Fun Day:** Proposal by Manotick H.S. for September 5th in conjunction with the Manotick Fair.

**D2 Fall Advisory Council:** Meeting being hosted by Madawaska Valley H.S. on Saturday October 24, 2015.

**Spring Advisory Council meeting and District AGM:** We do not have a Society yet to host the 2016 D2 Spring Advisory/AGM.

Respectfully yours in horticulture and floral design,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Lindsay". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

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