

District 10
23 Societies

Thames River



The Thames Valley District 10 consists of 23 societies covering a large and varied area. The picture of the Thames River above is the thread that binds us all together. The river flows through many of the communities where societies work so hard to beautify and improve everyone's way of life. I would like to thank all for their dedication to horticulture.

Aylmer & District held a tour of eight gardens. They presented varied programs throughout the year.

Belmont held a yard and plant sale and a box social. A very successful garden tour which consisted of locating Heritage trees growing in the area. They planted 30 barrels along the main street.

Dorchester celebrated their 10th Anniversary with cake and strawberries at the Strawberry Social. They helped the Thames Centre achieve 5 blooms in 2006 by planting 12 public areas, 50 barrels and hanging baskets.

Dutton/Dunwich have two main gardens they plant and maintain; Centennial Park and Buttermilk Bog. They are looking forward to 2007, their 10th Anniversary, with many new projects planned.

Kirkton held several workshops during the year. The Youth Club planted succulents in old boots and showed them at the society's fall

meeting. Another group of children made cement stepping stones. The adults held several workshops.

Glencoe established a perennial garden in front of the library. They varied their program locations e.g. at local nurseries and wrote a letter-to-the-editor openly stating how the Club has bestowed benefits on the region and requesting that residents consider becoming members (with great success!)

Ingersoll & District's plant auction was once again the biggest fund-raiser. There were lots of donations from local businesses and members. The annual **Parade of Gardens** was well-attended., with seven gardens on the tour.

Lambeth organized bus trips to Canada Blooms, Niagara Falls Flower and Garden Show, and a fall trip to Neustadt and points north. They held a garden tour and the 31st Annual Rose and Flower Show.

Listowel & District continues to work for the community with a scholarship to a local secondary school, books to the library, and flowers and trees to local parks. The plant and produce sale raised over \$100 to support the activities of the Juniors and two junior members attended the 100th Annual Convention in Ottawa.

London kept busy maintaining community projects. At the AGM ,

the secretary challenged the members to expand their membership by 15% during the coming year. To help with this goal the Marketing Department worked on a brochure which was distributed at all events and through various nurseries.

London/Fanshawe held another plant sale with over \$3100 in profits realized. With these funds they continue to sponsor informative speakers, give back to the community by planting trees and plants, and supporting a bursary to a Fanshawe College horticultural student.

Parkhill was able to expand the area by the gazebo with another tree, a Sunburst Locust. Masfranck's Garden Centre donated and planted the tree. It will make great shade to sit and enjoy the gardens. This area has been an ongoing project that we will add to for many years to come.

Port Burwell-Bayham started restoring the Memorial Garden with newer perennials that will provide a home for our numerous butterflies. A relationship with the High School's Horticultural Program and the Elementary School senior classes has begun. The hope is to expand on these programs in the future.

Rodney & District held their 7th annual plant sale, showing a profit of \$1500. In October, Avon Canada donated 100 pink tulip bulbs in tribute to fighting breast cancer. Our members Eric and Carolyn Guest were awarded the OHA Environmental Award at the Ottawa Convention.

St. Marys had six members awarded the Volunteer Award for 30 and over years of service to the Society by the Ministry of Citizenship. The Centennial Garden was redesigned, planted and maintained along with 12 other areas.

St. Thomas & District completed a major renovation of the

Kiwanis Seniors' Garden. A flower show and plant sales, and two Adopt-a-Highway cleanups were held, and a book donated to the library.

Stratford & District are proud of the success of the Youth Gardening Club as well as the Craft Ladies, a group that make greeting cards using pressed flowers. The cards are sold at meetings and the annual Stratford Garden Festival.

Strathroy-Caradoc held a garden tour and a summer social as a get-together for members to enjoy a garden and fellowship. They continue beautifying their community with many plantings.

Tavistock enjoyed car trips, held a successful garden tour, and are working on a large project at the Post Office.

Thorndale worked together for a total of 1500 volunteer hours! A spring plant sale was held and the **Green Thumb Celebration** gave the community a chance to spend a day touring various special gardens in and around the area.

Tillsonburg listed one of their highlights during 2006 as hosting the District Annual Meeting. Four bus trips were taken. Society members hosted Open Garden tours of their own gardens.

West Lorne started the year with a destructive fire at the complex where their meetings are held. Picking up the pieces they held a Garden Fair in May, and a June flower show. The Chamber of Commerce donated \$1,000 for gardens around the new Welcome to West Lorne signs.

Woodstock, along with the municipality, helped initiate the new **Community Enabling Gardens**, offering an opportunity of therapy gardening at the Seniors' Centre.

Anna Peterson

District 11
15 Societies



Ambassador Although a small society, we continue to support various projects in Windsor's west end. We distribute flowers to senior citizens and support St. Francis School's gardening project, which we would like to proudly congratulate for being named the winner of the Clean Green School competition. In addition, this year we hosted the 2006 District 11 Annual General Meeting in October, and from the feedback we received, was a resounding success.

Belle River 2007 marked the 15th Anniversary of our Society & we undertook two new projects. One was the redesigning of our Logo and secondly, the publishing of a calendar highlighting society history & the gardens of our presidents. 14 local gardens were shown on our 'Open Garden Tour', with proceeds going to the Dragon Boat Race for Cancer Cure and our Annual Bursary Fund.

Blenheim-Harwich Community involvement is a large part of our society's activities. This year our area successfully won the coveted 5 Blooms award in the Communities-in-Bloom competition & the Scott's Turf Community of Gardeners Award. We provide the local library with gardening DVDs, magazine subscriptions and gardening books. A bursary is awarded to a local student towards higher education in agriculture.

Essex & District Encouraging our young people to participate in horticulture is of high priority. A Schools-in-Bloom Program was introduced in 3 district public schools & we awarded them \$300. each to

start the program. Society members tend 18 flowerbeds in the town of Essex. We encouraged families to become involved in their maintenance with the Adopt-A-Bed Program.

Fort Malden Society celebrated, our 100th Anniversary and our 20th Annual Garden Tour & Fair Weekend. Two important milestones in 2006. Congratulations! In commemoration, we planted 100 trees in 3 of the town's newest parks and handed out spruce seedlings to the first 200 students. Contests were held in the Amherstburg schools and ended with a Pot-Luck supper. An Organic Gardening Contest, a Community Garden and interesting speakers are planned for 2007.

Grand Bend & Area Sometimes the excellent work of a society inspires members of the community, and this year was no exception. Our Awards Committee has 8 Trillium Awards and 19 Impatiens Awards, one of which was awarded to the Society's Planting Committee for their work at the Post Office. We have also partnered with a local club to work on two beautification projects. We have encouraged local merchants to join with us and help beautify our main street and participate in the Communities-in-Bloom Program.

Greater Windsor Our 2nd Annual Garden & Landscape Show, our 3rd Annual Garden Tour, & our 12th Annual Plant Sale, kept us very busy indeed. We tended a historical museum garden, a memorial garden and continued to support a Carolinian Habitat Trail. Members donate plants and serve many volunteer hours to

local seniors, and those in need. A Bursary Fund has been established.

Kingsville Even though our society is not large, we have great volunteers who undertake a number of projects to make the towns of Kingsville and Cottam picturesque. Not only do we maintain some very large flower beds in both towns, but we also care for the flower boxes which are in both downtown areas. This year we added twenty new flower boxes in Kingsville which were designed to match the existing Victorian benches and refuse containers. We held a silent auction this year that had the theme *Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It*.

Leamington Increasing our visibility within the community was our goal this year. we created a brochure which described our society and provided information about our aims meetings and mandates. These were handed out at the Home and Garden Show & were instrumental in bringing in new members. 2 successful fund-raisers were a raffle and a Christmas 'wreath-making workshop with 71 people in attendance. Congratulations!

Ridgetown & District In 2006 we celebrated our 85th Anniversary with a special cake and recognizing our past presidents with a 'Past-President' pin. We continued our community beautification by rebuilding, planting and maintaining many gardens within the town. We continued our involvement in the Communities-in-Bloom Program & received a 5 Blooms award and were the recipient of the Scotts Turf Best Community of Gardens Award. We continue our affiliation with the local merchants and had 35 participating in our Retail Planters Program.

Sarnia Society owns "The College Park" and we are proud to announce that, for the 1st time, we were

awarded 4 Blooms on the Communities-in-Bloom Tour. To ensure the safety for those passing through the park, we had a new interlocking path constructed. In addition we had a very successful plant sale and we had great participation in our rose show and flower and vegetable show.

Thamesville Partnering with the Westover Treatment Centre and Kent Communities-in-Bloom, we built a gazebo and landscaped Eddy Turner Park. We continue to plant and maintain flower beds, new cedar flower boxes and waste containers placed around town.

Tilbury & District Society works very hard to assist various communities in the area by donating vouchers to them to purchase plant material for their flower beds. We contribute to Communities-in-Bloom by paying for plant materials and supplying manpower to plant the gardens. Our community involvement extends to hosting the annual Memorial Tree Plant with the Lower Thames Valley Association. We donate a bursary to a student wishing to continue studies in horticulture.

Watford-Warwick Gardening is not just for summer-time. Our society not only plants flowers in 72 aggregate planters, but fills them with greenery for the winter. We care for both hanging baskets and local gardens in the community. Membeands participated in the planting of trees and the creation of a water feature in our Memorial Park. To increase our visibility, we participated we participated in the Christmas Parade, has a booth at the Fall Fair, and submitted weekly gardening advice articles to the local newspaper.

Ray Clement

District 12
7 societies

**A lush water garden
in Northern Ontario**



This geographically vast northern district consists of seven very active societies. The territory is spread over a large area in the north-east portion of our province, with Englehart to the south, and Kapuskasing to the north.

The aim of each of these societies has always remained the same....to beautify their communities to the best of their ability. They strive to educate, not only their members but the general public at large, in how to grow beautiful flowers and abundant produce in their harsh and somewhat difficult climate. Each society takes turns hosting their Annual General Meeting in April.

It is astonishing to see the lush growth in the lovely gardens of these small communities. Their flower shows are very successful. Events are sometimes combined with Agricultural societies. Members are always proud to show off their gardening expertise, and visitors are always welcome!

Cochrane Horticultural Society planted and maintained seven flower beds in town including one at Lady Minto Hospital and their new project of an additional flowerbed at the new Polar Bear Habitat. The beds were filled with mixed annuals and perennials. Their annual garden tour was a great success. Their August Flower and Vegetable Show was held in conjunction with the Agricultural Fall Fair.

Englehart & District Horticultural Society - In 2006, Englehart hosted the District 12 Annual General Meeting. Jim Mabee, 2nd Vice President, was the OHA representative. The society theme for the event was "Lets Celebrate" as it was the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Topics for the day included "Flower Arrangements: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow", presented by Eileen Fisher, Jean Wallace, and Rick Heaslip, and "Growing and Showing Glads" by Jim Mabee. A spring plant and bake

sale was organized, a garden tour was hosted, both popular events and very successful. Flower beds were planted and well-maintained.

Kapuskasing Horticultural Society, established in 1929, takes the Shasta Daisy as its floral emblem. It is the northernmost of the societies in the district. As fund-raisers, the society holds two perennial plant sales. The Mini-Park looked splendid with summer annuals and they again adopted-a-bed at in the upper level of Riverside Park and planted a 'quilt' patch on the lower level. Members hosted a garden tour and the "Lawn and Garden Competition" was judged, followed by the 77th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

Kirkland Lake & District Horticultural Society – Their June meeting, last year, was held at the Teck Pioneer Senior Citizens' Home. The members came wearing gardening gloves, and everyone planted outside around the building.

Society volunteers planted all the beds and planters in the downtown area. Interesting speakers presented a variety of topics at their monthly meetings. A garden tour was held to coincide with the High School Reunion.

Porcupine Horticultural Society had a busy season with the planting of raised planters at the Anglican Church and cultivating many varieties of vegetables at the "Community Gardens" at Lions Park in South Porcupine. They hosted a number of workshops that were well attended. Members have been busy planting trees, flowering shrubs, and offering gardening advice in the community.

Timmins Horticultural Society Members meet regularly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm to plan and organize their activities for the year. They lend their support to the Schumacher Lions Club by providing advice on trees, flowers and plant selection to restore the MacIntyre Park. The circular flowerbed at Gillies Lake was planted and maintained by member volunteers. Booths were set up at various events held in the city, e.g the Sportsman Show, Welcome to Timmins Night and the Home Show. Information and handouts were distributed highlighting membership benefits and the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Kees Stryland

District 13
14 societies

**Blind River
Marina**



District 13 is located mainly along Hwy. 17, the north shore of Georgian Bay, with one new society a bit south on Hwy. 69, and two societies on Manitoulin Island. This area, also known as the Algoma, Manitoulin, and Sudbury area, encompasses 14 societies - 1,203 members.

We are an active district, keeping in close touch with one another both by telephone and e-mail. We have a very dedicated executive which includes three elected Assistant Directors, who are responsible for looking after each section of the district.

Our AGM takes place in mid-spring and an early spring and fall Advisory Council meeting are held each year. The District would like to thank the Sudbury Horticultural Society for their very capable hosting of the 2006 AGM, at which Jim Mabee represented the OHA. There were interesting speakers and excellent entertainment. Thank You!

Our newest society is **French River & District**. They are a very avid and eager to learn group. They hold regular meetings with interesting speakers, and usually include a hands-on workshop. They hold a garden tour and a small flower show, and are very much involved in community beautification.

Sudbury, at the far-eastern tip of the district, is the largest. They are very proud of their accomplishments. A lovely park in a very visible part of the city is cared for by many

volunteers. They have started an adopt-a-plot program with great success. Interesting monthly meetings are well-attended. The society and the Master Gardeners are partnered in the spring and fall plant sales. Two bus loads visit Canada-Blooms. Six seasonal flower shows are held each year and are much enjoyed.

Massey-Walford is a small struggling society. They have been plagued with the aging population syndrome. They do have some very dedicated members who work hard to keep going. They care for a lovely rose garden and arbour located at the west entrance of the town. In the spring the town is abloom with hundreds of daffodils planted over the years by their volunteers.

Elliot Lake is a bustling town with a very active society. A continual effort is made to recruit new members. A change in venue for their July flower show has proven to be a successful fund-raiser, by including a box lunch, bazaar and bake sales and a silent auction. Volunteers look after four gardens in the city.

The **Spanish Society** completed their first year successfully. They continued the Community Gardening Volunteer Project with the town. Their Flower Show and Display was well received and proved to be an excellent fund-raiser. They have established a Student Bursary Fund.

Blind River is the mid point on the map of District 13, and we are very

grateful to their society for hosting our Spring and Fall Advisory Council meetings, providing us with home-made goodies to accompany our brown-bag lunches. Society volunteers annuals and perennials in flower boxes and beds in the community. They established a Memorial Garden, held a summer flower show, and had a garden tour. Successful fund-raisers included the Annual Bean Supper and a plant and yard sale.

The Manitoulin area includes three small but dedicated societies...

Assiginack Society serves Manitowaning and its surrounding area. Volunteers planned, planted, and maintained several flower beds and eleven large tubs. They held a garden tour and a well-attended flower show.

Campbell Society changed their venue to the Mindemoya Community Hall. They serve the towns on the west shore of the island. They plant and maintain flower beds in these towns. They are very proud of their youth group called the Rainbows. Over the past 6 years, they have won many awards at the OHA Convention Youth Competition. As a fund-raiser, these young people hosted a Floral Design Workshop with invitations going to every society in the district.

Espanola members were kept busy with their usual community commitments. They fulfilled their obligation to the Adopt-a-Street Program. A new fund-raising venture was The Spring Gardening Expo. They seized the opportunity to focus on a membership drive. A garden tour was presented by members for members. Regular meetings are held with interesting and topical speakers.

The Algoma area consists of five societies and is at the western end of our District. Three of our smallest societies are located relatively close to one another. They too are suffering from the aging population syndrome

but all are struggling valiantly to keep going.

Bruce Station initiated several changes in their organization in an effort to revitalize their activities in their community. They partnered with the surrounding townships and with their help and contributions, made an application to Communities-in-Bloom. The society organized a series of landscape design workshops to assist the public in their property improvements.

Thessalon members focus their activities on community beautification. The entire town is in full bloom all summer due to the dedication of the society's volunteers. Gardens at the entrance ways, along the main street, in flower boxes and baskets are seen everywhere.

The **St. Joseph Island** members keep busy planting and maintaining a garden in each of the four townships on the island. The Society was awarded a \$500 grant from the OHA for the purpose of planting trees.

Lake George members planted and looked after four gardens in the community. Educational meetings, a workshop, a flower display and a bus trip made up the year's activities.

Sault Ste. Marie, one of the largest societies in the district, is a beehive of activity. Their spring plant sale is second to none, and is their major fund-raiser. They are to be commended for the large number of projects they have initiated over the years. They have received numerous awards both from the City and the OHA. They continue to support these projects both monetarily and with volunteer labour.

Claire Liinamaa

District 14
9 Societies

Stop & Smell
the Roses!



District 14 is located in the most northwesterly portion of Ontario with nine societies keeping busy with gardening activities and educational seminars. All society volunteers are actively involved in organizing seminars, garden tours, flower shows & plant/bake sales. A very successful District Meeting was hosted by Fort Frances with members from seven of our societies and our OHA President Judy Lewis. Our district's annual Judging Workshop was held in Thunder Bay. In my first year as District Director, I have met many wonderful people, and say thank you for the support from very reliable Assistant District Directors in the Thunder Bay and Geraldton Societies and Joy Robinson, District Secretary/Treasurer.

Atikokan 29 flower baskets were hung in the downtown area. Volunteer members looked after the weeding and the watering of the flower beds. Activities included; Tai Chi and Gardening, rhubarb leaf stepping stones. Christmas wreaths, soil testing, begonias, a garden tour, Curbside Appeal Award and the Christmas Parade. We participate in the Clean & Green program. Our 25th birthday celebration was held at the annual meeting. We offer a \$500. bursary to a graduating environmental student.

Dryden members participated & supported the Community-in-

Bloom activities. We contributed to the many new trees that are growing and evolving into the city's development plan. We had a very successful spring plant & bake sale. Summer brought the annual picnic, a garden tour, a flower show and tea. As the growing year came to a close we harvested our gardens and shared our bounty at our produce and perennial exchange. We carved pumpkins with our junior members and closed out the year with a wonderful Christmas dinner.

— ***Evergreen Thumbs*** kept busy with 25 youth & 29 adult members participating in a Willow Workshop, making paper pot starters, lasagna gardening, flower scanning, cooking with herbs, plant & veggie exchange, making ice candles, outdoor wreaths, and a veggie competition. Our garden tour was well attended.

— ***Geraldton*** Another beautiful love knot designed by a member, was planted at the Welcome Bed. Care for the perennial flower beds and memorial trees was continued. Revamping the Rotary Park moved from the planning stage to action, with many volunteer hours spent cleaning, filling, grading and the planting of trees. Other activities included a successful plant sale, BBQ, a raffle, a well-attended seminar on perennials and 2 pot-luck dinners.

Longlac Society experienced a tough year with the amount of community uncertainty. We were able to maintain our planting program, (using locally grown plant material), continuing our projects at the seniors centre and a local church, and taking on a new planting at the post office. One of our members built and installed 2 arbours to enhance our vines at the Historical Society garden. The summerfest parade was a highlight for us with our float covered in baskets, driftwood, our arbors and 4 of members waving to the crowd. Plans are underway for our hosting of the 2007 AGM.

Nipigon Red Rock – Spring found us on a field trip along the Nipigon River to view migrating water fowl with an MNR rep. Other activities included a successful plant sale held in a local store parking lot, and a tour of 6 beautiful gardens. Our annual flower show was again popular and a great success and we had an extra prize to commemorate OHA's 100th birthday. In the fall, our Pumpkin & Potato Growing Contests were held and enjoyed by all. The grade 3 students at 5 local schools were given lessons on how to grow sunflowers, and seeds were distributed to the students to try their hand at gardening. Delegates attended the District AGM and the OHA Convention. We wrapped up the year with an executive Christmas Party attended by Santa Claus.

Sioux Lookout had a very difficult year and most society functions did not happen due to illness and injury of key members. The 2 plant sales were all that could be managed with such overwhelming obstacles. Our hopes and prayers are for a better year in 2007. We are happy to say our membership is holding at 161, and

perhaps they will help spark more activity within our membership.

Thunder Bay saw many new topics of presentation at our regular general meetings. We had a very informative presentation titled All About Bats and everyone was encouraged to put up a bat house to help keep down the bad insect population, especially mosquitoes. Some of our other topics were 'Orchids', 'Forcing Bulbs', 'Seeds for Thunder Bay', and 'Pruning'. Our biggest event of the year was our Gardening Seminar. Our guest speaker was Liz Klose, Director of Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and School of Horticulture. We shared this successful event with the Master Gardeners. Liz talked to us about pruning and caring for roses throughout the year. She also did a slide presentation of ornamental grasses encouraging us to add them to our gardening landscapes. Our garden visits in July were wonderful. We were invited to view the gardens of Fred and Ann Kazor. 82-year old Ann does all her own planting from seed in the house. Everyone who visited this garden delight was overwhelmed by the vibrant colours and profusion of fragrances. Not to be outdone, the other gardens on the tour were each as exceptional. Once again our society participated in the Home and Garden Show, as well as the Soroptomists' gardening seminars. We had tables set up at each location and re-introduced ourselves to the community, inviting new members to join us. The grade 3 children from Thunder Bay schools benefitted from our attendance at Slice of Pizza. Each child was helped to plant a Tiny Tim Tomato which they took home to nurture. In all, it was a very successful year.

Marj Larson

District 15

16 societies

We love our Youth!

DISTRICT 15 STATISTICS:

Membership: 2398 including 227 new members and 55 Life members

Community Projects: 114 including 25 new projects in 2006

Funds spent on Planting: \$29,260

2006 Convention attendance: 42

Bolton (201 members) maintained 12 community plantings. Due to construction, BDHS was forced to remove and replant some gardens and did not take on any new projects. For the first time since its inception, BDHS sent a delegate to the OHA Convention. The plant sale was amalgamated with a youth centre's garage sale where several parking spots were rented resulting in a HUGE success!

Brampton (207) maintained 5 gardens including the gardens for the Boys & Girls Club. BHS participated in Communities-in-Bloom. 750 homes were recognized by the **Front Garden** program. **Gardening as a Hobby** seminar was offered to community members, covering basics and preparing plants for sales. BHS took over responsibility for **Kid's Make it & Take It** centre at Successful Gardening.

Chinguacousy – (105 & 14 Juniors) worked with Brampton to win the CIB National Award. CGC set up the criteria for judging businesses. After judging them, 9 businesses received Beautification



Awards at the CIB reception. Our 32nd Annual Flower Show had 262 entries. CGC continued involvement with Tall Pines Seniors' Residence.

Cloverleaf (218) has worked for several years with a local public school to maintain and improve their gardens. We also maintain gardens at 2 historical sites in Mississauga, Benares and Bradley House. A garden tour and a bus tour were offered in the summer.

Credit Valley (203) hosted District AGM with red carpet and top hats for their **Salute to the Oscars!** Various nearby educational facilities received \$1500 in scholarship funds. Projects include Litter-not Walk, Oncology and Children's Gardens at the hospital, seniors' lodge courtyard, women's shelter rock garden, and urns and native planting at a local park.

Etobicoke (205) kept busy with continuing community projects at 3 public library branches, and courtyards at the Health Centre. New projects: Franklin Horner Community Centre, Etobicoke Services for Seniors Centre and Luke's United Church. EHS won 1st Prize in the City of Toronto Etobicoke York Great 2006 Gardens Contest for Eatonville Public Library.

Nobleton & King City (73) maintained 10 community gardens and participated in CIB. In conjunction with the Schomberg HS, we served as judges for the Township's **Fabulous Front Yard** competition. Our

signature garden in King City, which had been dismantled in 2005 due to maintenance work on the bridge and retaining wall, has now been restored.

Parkdale & Toronto (227) supported historical research and the restoration of Colborne Lodge and High Park gardens, and helped students plant seeds. Projects at St. George and St. Chris offered a garden oasis to these organizations who reach out to help their communities. The May meeting was about having fun and acknowledging our members who were invited to show their favourite garden slides.

Richmond Hill (234) planted hundreds of baskets and barrels in a large greenhouse. The town set them out later along the streets. We held another **Open Gates** garden tour & a **New Members Tea**. Through the year we held 2 plant sales, 7 flower shows, a photography contest, and a Hobby Night.

Roseland (88) celebrated its 80th Anniversary. Each attendee at the Awards Dinner received a grab bag of donated items, a plant, and a red rose. Ongoing projects include planting 50 containers at the local hospital long-term-care facility and the upkeep of 2 gardens at a local United Church. The society donated 100 mixed spring bulbs to each of 11 area schools.

Schomberg (55) was in bloom with our lily bed at the library, a complete re-make of the gardens at the town's Welcome Sign, and a revamping of the arena garden. We established 2 new gardens at our local seniors apartments, gave seeds in pots to children visiting our booth at the Fall Fair, and helped at the Main Street Christmas celebration.

Streetsville (151) pledged \$5000 over 3 years to the Mississauga Garden Park. We changed our general meeting seating plan to groups around

tables to increase social interaction and better contact with directors. We streamlined meetings by posting information and providing table displays for coming events. A member who is a flower show judge offered design clinics before meetings.

Swansea (63) started two new community projects. The Historical Garden is not only important to the city but also provides a great hands-on learning experience about plants that existed prior to 1890. Winter seminars will be made available for volunteers. We aided the Legion by donating money and plants.

Thornhill (136) community activities included a local parkette flower bed, decorations for Markham Communities-in-Bloom judges' lunch, a garden renewal, and plants and labour for the library garden. We provided community service credits for high school students and gave information flyers with gardening advice to local garden centres.

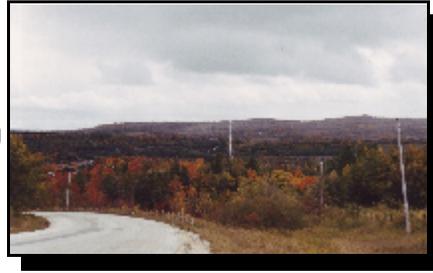
Westway (89) volunteered at **Successful Gardening**, plant sale, public school Fun Fair, Environment Day and the CNE. We maintained several local gardens. Members judged Toronto's **Best in the West** garden contest. Awards received by members: 2nd prize for a traditional garden, HM in the CNE patio door container competition and City of Toronto 'Clean and Beautiful' plaque.

Woodbridge (88) – Members continued their efforts in the Adopt-A-Park program. Six area gardens were planted and maintained with some added village seasonal decorations. The Old Firehall Parkette was added to the list gardens. We involved 6 high school students in the park and garden clean-up and weeding program as part of their community service hours.

Brenda Heenan

District 16
18 societies

4th Line
Overlooking
Creemore



Alliston & District An enthusiastic new executive focused their year on rejuvenating their society and increasing membership. Spring and summer activities included the Annual Plant & Bake Sale, a garden tour and a bus trip to visit other societies in the district. Several gardens and the downtown planters are improved, planted and cared for as their commitment to the community.

Angus & District Nine general meetings were held, three of which had interesting speakers. In the fall 8 new trees were planted, and two were dedicated in memory to deceased members. The public library has created a special section for the society, with gardening books and a place for heir awards and trophies.

Barrie's Garden Club meets ten times a year. In addition to the usual horticultural events of speakers and civic beautification, they also undertake additions to and maintenance of the large Barrie Arboretum. Their Spring garden Seminar is well-attended.

Beeton This year the town built a new library, Society members designed, provided the plant material and Planted a very extensive garden on site. Municipal gardens are added where needed and tended by volunteers. Meetings are interesting and well-attended.

Bond Head & District volunteers started a new garden bed at the cemetery; planted and tended two other gardens and two flower boxes

in a nearby town-site. Other community commitments include continuing to maintain their parkette and replacing a memorial tree. Fund-raising was successful with their annual plant and bake sale and a plant auction; a local garden tour and a bus trip to view neighbouring gardens. They continued to support Communities-in-bloom.

Brentwood Volunteer work was carried out with the planting and maintenance of numerous flower beds located in several public areas in the town. Donations were made to the Dr. Ives Bursary Fund and to Quality Camp which is dedicated to medically challenged children. Other monies are reserved in our budget for donations to the library and a school garden project. Our annual plant sale proved to be our most profitable endeavour. Our Flower Show was also a huge success. The society was well-represented at the OHA Convention, the AGM in Orillia and also at the fall seminar.

Coldwater & District ran very successful flower shows both in the spring and at the fall fair. The society partnered successfully with two other groups and raised considerable funds with an area garden tour. In November we completed our Memorial Garden. This is a tribute to all the past directors of our society. Many hours of volunteer work went into this project, which took about three years to complete.

Collingwood Nine general meetings which included speakers, plus two hands-on workshops proved to be very informative and fun. CHS continues to support civic beautification with the planting and maintenance of gardens at various local sites. Thanks go to individuals for their contributions for trees in memory of loved ones.

Creemore – A very busy activity for members, is the planting and the care of their horticultural park. New beds and a new arbour were added along with a picnic table and benches. Their flower show was enhanced by art by local artists, complemented by arrangements from teams of our members. A wonderful success and a great way to get to know one another.

Elmvale & District A class of elementary school students helped the volunteers with the spring planting. Our bus trip to the Botanical Gardens and the Musical Gardens in Toronto was a great success. Our spring ‘strawberry’ and fall ‘pumpkin’ meetings were enjoyed by all.

Gilford & District Our meetings include mini flower shows, plus we have two large shows in the year. Our gigantic arboretum plant, vendor and yard sale continues to be a big success in the community. We planted more trees. Over three hundred trees have been planted over the past few years.

Midland Society meetings featured new and favourite speakers with a wide range of topics. Our major fund-raiser is our May plant sale. Our volunteers plant and care for a variety of gardens, trees, beds, and the large planters in the downtown dock area. Our four annual flower shows and design workshops round out our busy year.

Orillia hosted the District 16 AGM, which was well attended by

local dignitaries and 167 District members. Day trips to Canada Blooms and other large events proved to be both educational and enjoyable. A new youth group was organized and now has 62 enthusiastic young gardeners in the Green Thumbs Garden Club. Civic improvement included the planting of over 200 spring-flowering bulbs and pansies.

Oro-Medonte & District An OHA Centennial project was to be ‘elves-in-the-dark’-planting daffodils by the hundreds at the township’s Welcome Signs. Our 4 youth groups continue to grow under excellent leadership. Educational workshops are held throughout the year.

Painswick Extra time was spent in the initial planning stage, varying our monthly meeting topics and acquiring high calibre speakers. Volunteerism was at an all time high with members enhancing several local gardens. Our May plant sale met with remarkable success.

Penetanguishene We had excellent speakers at our meetings who taught us to **Think Globally - Act Locally**. Our great plant sale increased our funds substantially. We donated to the Boy Scout Arboretum which will consist of all the provincial trees of Canada when completed in 2007

Stayner Society members planted a new perennial flower bed with more additions planned for next year. A successful garden tour and three flower shows kept members busy.

Tottenham & District Members were kept very busy. There were 3 flower shows and a photographic competition held. A design workshop, a charming garden tour, a bus trip and a pot-luck Christmas party rounded up the year.

Dorothy Shropshire

***District 17
Durham Region
12 Societies***

Let's Celebrate !

If you haven't visited Durham region, you're in for a treat. District 17 is the home of twelve fantastic societies. Durham is abuzz with creativity and enthusiasm.

From the South West, come and visit our urban areas. ***Pickering Horticultural Society*** reaches across the large community with beautification areas from city hall to a long-term care facility. Everyone is infected with 'flower fever'. The contamination spreads across to the ***Ajax Garden Club***, host of our annual meeting. Ajax members compete yearly, and win, in the Ajax-in-Bloom competition where their versatility is only outshined by their terrific Club spirit.

Follow the road east to Oshawa and take the time to savour the beauty of the 'Peony Festival' at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden. Stop and admire the spectacular gazebo sponsored by the ***Oshawa Garden Club***. At the Club meeting, sit with more than 300 members and enjoy a stimulating speaker.

Continue further east to Bowmanville and experience the beauty of Apple Country. Naturally, the Apple Blossom is



the emblem of the ***Bowmanville Horticultural Society*** who celebrated their 40th anniversary this year. When you arrive, you can sit and relax at the 'Visitors' area and enjoy one of several planted beds tenderly nurtured by the Society volunteers. If you stop and visit during the tea pot decoration workshop, you're in for a delight of multicoloured arrangements. You don't want to miss the meeting where everyone will compare their success with the chosen seed for the year.

The farthest point east is home to the oldest society in the District, ***Newcastle Horticultural Society***. The Community Hall is the heart of the village, and the society's volunteers are busy working their magic around the hall, the beautiful parkette and anywhere else they can put a spade in the ground. Each year, a new selection of flowers adorn the beds. You don't want to miss the Christmas Show in Newcastle. Just remember that the candles in the displays can't be lit.

Turn north to Orono and you will find a peaceful community

where every day is a good opportunity to beautify the village. Volunteers of the ***Orono Horticultural Society*** plant and maintain immaculate flower beds. You can sit on the bench donated by the society, just outside the library, and enjoy the warm summer air in the shade.

Further north, you will find ***Pine Ridge Horticultural Society*** members who meet just east of Lake Simcoe in the small community of Nestleton. They are always hard at work for their community, and more plans are in place for the next Scugog Spring Garden Show. Visiting during a meeting is a special opportunity to learn and appreciate more aspects of the art of horticulture.

Travel on to Cannington where you must visit the Nature Trail. The ***Cannington Horticultural Society*** dedicated many years to the development of the trail, and what a gem! When Cannington grows flowers, they are spectacular as attests a drive through the town.

Keep going north to the ***Beaverton Horticultural Society***. A precious asset to District 17, Beaverton's emblem, the Thistle, is a beauty to behold when the fields are in bloom. You will want to purchase a little treasure at the plant sale to take with you. Drive slowly around town and see what curb appeal is all about. Head south now, and stop at ***Georgina Brock Horticultural Society***. While there, feast your eyes on the delicate flower displays while you sample a

scrumptious piece of homemade pie and take the time to enjoy the lovely flower beds.

Keep going to Uxbridge which has refined the art of blending urban and country flavours. Meet the ***Uxbridge Society's*** avid photography enthusiasts who compete with all the clever photographers in the District, and admire the skill of flower show competitors.

Finally down to Brooklin where a stop at the lovely butterfly meadow maintained by volunteers will inspire you. But wait, the meadow is not the only place these enterprising folks are nurturing. They have begun work on the Brooklin Horticultural Park. If you still have some energy left, please stop at the ***Brooklin Horticultural Society's*** flower show and try not to get your eyes strained from looking at so many flower displays at the same time.

Durham volunteers are exceptional in their dedication to their community. As I visit each society, I am humbled by the selfless efforts of the volunteers who beautify, learn and prosper. It is indeed a great privilege to be the Director of this District.



Ann Best

District 18
12 societies

**A 'Critter' Contest
in Callander**
Photo: Ted Reed



Each year District 18 holds a fall get-together. Each society takes its turn and provides either a speaker and craft, two speakers or two crafts. This year it was held in **Huntsville**. The morning speaker talked about the **Native Garden Circle** and we made a wreath based on these precepts. The circle is divided into North, South, East and West. Each point of the compass has a particular colour and a special plant associated with it.

Sprucedale has a very special celebrity as a member. The President started teaching her father, Clarence Brazier, to read when he was 93. This year he celebrated his 100th birthday and the society participated in the celebration. He received the Provincial Literary Award at a celebration in London and has been honoured throughout the province.

Argyle is one of our smaller societies. Some members are in the area for only part of the year, which makes communication somewhat difficult. Their budget is very tight and many members gave personal donations in order to help keep up with their commitments and to pay their bills .

On looking back, the **Baysville Society** felt their most successful meetings were their workshops and their 2 flower shows. They are working with a youth group to improve involvement with their society. Seeds, soil and pots were purchased last year and the kids came back with the results

to their summer show. Good thinking!

Bracebridge organized 4 trips during 2006. They ably hosted the Annual District Spring Meeting, at which the District flower competition was held. The hard working members won the most points in all sections. It comes as no surprise that they took home the trophy for the most entries in the show. Congratulations! They continued looking after their 11 gardens and started on their new Rotary Garden. Rhonda's kids planted their usual garden in the park. During a summer windstorm, a tree fell over the wires at the back of the Millennium Garden, broke off and landed upside down on the roses. Lakeland Power and the Town of Bracebridge were very good about getting the tree removed.

Callander held a two-day **Callander Blooms** show. Tables were rented to vendors. Three guest speakers were heard each day. The hall was alive with fresh flowers and potted trees and plants on loan from members. The event, held in conjunction with Canada Day, attracted over 800 visitors. Children participating in a Veggie Critter contest, numbered 130. It was a very successful venture!

Gravenhurst, as a fund-raiser, had a logo designed to go on a hat or T-shirt that would be sold to members. The Girl Guides planted pots of violas to be put on the food trays for Meals-on-Wheels. The town held a BBQ for the volunteers who helped keep their town beautiful. They worked with

Communities-in-Bloom, and put on a display to show what the OHA is about and show the growth of their garden at the Centennial Centre. They met the judges at this event, conducted a garden tour and gave them a Society Hat.

Huntsville hosted District 18's Annual Fall Meeting. They won the District trophy for the most increased membership in 2005. The 2006 OHA Youth Leader Award was won by Betty Morrison. Planning was begun for a garden at a new women's shelter.

North Bay began their year with a brainstorming session to discuss ideas, set goals, and improve their image. They now have a great new logo and mission statement, 'to foster the love of gardening & the beautification of their city'. Their flower show received great publicity from local media. They gave a questionnaire to members, asking why they had joined the society and how they felt about the meetings. This will be used to help make constructive changes and bring out more people. They have now included a new section in their Newsletter called, *What inspired you to start gardening?*

Parry Sound had a fund-raiser with speaker Bev Kingdon, (The Swan Lady). They held their spring plant sale and introduced a new fall sale. The Living Wreath workshop was well-received and more members entered the design section of their competitions. At the meeting prior to each flower show, they held a half-hour session to inform members of the requirements for horticultural and design entries. Their public plantings looked spectacular and brought many favourable comments.

Two new flower beds in a **Powassan** park were started, as a two-year project. from community businesses, a Trillium grant through the municipal office, and donations from their own society members. Two local schools participated in planting their own beds. Of special interest was the Heritage bed which contains plants

from local gardens that were over 100 years old. A sign was erected to recognize those who donated time and money to this project. Donations for the maintenance of the flower beds will be made in memory of loved ones and a plaque will be applied to the sign in recognition of their contribution.

The memorial/community hall in **Rosseau** underwent major renovations. The society was asked to oversee the landscape design which included hardscape and the planting of perennials, trees and shrubs.. They fund-raised by holding a seminar with a prominent guest speaker. A truck load of plants donated by the speaker was quickly sold.

New members were welcomed into the **Sprucedale Society** and gave suggestions that were well-received. Gardens were maintained and redesigned with vigour. Next year they look forward to their 20th anniversary.

The town council of **Sundridge** is supportive of their society. Planters and hanging baskets are planted by the Society, then tended by the council or businesses on the main street. Volunteers plant and maintain 3 flower beds that are watered by the town. This year, the town entered the Community-in-Blooms competition for the first time and the Society made sure all the gardens were in top shape all summer. They earned 4 blooms out of 5.

The **Whitestone Society** is now 4 years old. They maintain public plantings throughout a wide rural area. Some members attended a **Volunteer Excellence** workshop and learned new ways to fund-raise. With the help of other societies in District 18, they are becoming a very capable volunteer organization whose members all have a love of horticulture. They continue to expand their knowledge of the living world around them through their guest speakers, master gardeners and workshops.

Vicky Wiemer

District 19
9 Societies

**Kitchener Society
Flower Bed**



District 19 consists of nine societies, some large, some small but all making a contribution with numerous, stunning flowerbeds, planters, hanging baskets & new signage in their communities.

Congratulations!

Gwynedd Brundrett, long time Wilmot Society member, Master Gardener, and Lily Hybridizer who received OHA's highest award, the **Silver Medal**.

A person with a warm heart, a wonderful smile and always a hug.

Ayr Seventeen walkway memorial stones were added to an ongoing project in the Centennial Park. An information binder containing history of the names in the walkway was made and a copy donated to the Ayr Library. Work on a project saw the installation of new decorative metal banners for the center of the village. These banners feature Swans and the Scottish thistle our village flower and Society emblem. Two of these banners feature our Society name. Funds were donated for the restoration of a clock in the downtown area that features a "Welcome to Ayr" greeting. Society metal emblems were installed on four Community Entrance signs to the village. Winter

beautification included placing evergreen boughs in 14 planters and helping merchants decorate the downtown area with festive bows.

Elmira Our special projects garden was completed in structure and planting. Eight youth members each had a vegetable and flower garden to look after with their season ending in an awards ceremony. Again a scholarship was offered to the local Elmira High School students. Twelve community gardens were planted and maintained. Our May plant sale was the best ever in revenue. Many enjoyed a bus trip to the Niagara Flower Show in June. Six local gardens were shown on our great Fundraisers garden tour in July.

Galt The Society continued to develop and maintain the one acre gardens of the Ferguson Cottage at 37 Grand Avenue South in Cambridge. Our 17th Annual Dream Garden conference in January had three exceptional speakers, twelve vendors and 180 participants. The **Open Gardens** tour of 25 homes were held over the summer months. The Cambridge Sculpture Garden, a committee of the Society continued to develop land adjacent to the Ferguson Cottage grounds. This year we had numerous public art works on display. Art exhibitions were held inside the Cottage. In addition, two new permanent sculptures were donated and installed along the

Grand River Trail. A snow sculpture day was held in the winter.

Hespeler Not just your usual *cuppa tea!* Workshop planner Wendy Snow helped the members create a teacup votive holder for the garden and in just one hour, too. All you need is a bone china cup (a flea market find not your granny's) copper pipe, fittings and voilà! You had to be there. When not making faux leaves with concrete, the society planted, watered, and weeded its five gardens and beds, sent delegates to the Convention, had a plant sale, and co-hosted the District AGM. The reward for all this activity was a friendly garden tour ending with a potluck feast. Gardeners are great cooks as well!

Preston Hot and dry was the cry in Preston this year. First the City giveth the water and then the City taketh away the water. Darn City! But talk about the pioneer spirit, the members rallied and brought in pails, tubs, and vessels of any kind to water the half-acre site. It wasn't pretty but the flowerbeds held on. The rest of the year went on more fluidly: successful plant sale, interesting speakers, and creative workshops. You could safely say we kept our heads above water.

Waterloo Society was busy completing the Carnegie Green garden project. This is the largest undertaking of the WHS in many years and was accomplished with the aid of a Trillium Grant, support from the community, Habitat for Humanity and the members. We now have two gardens in uptown Waterloo to help beautify the city. Our first ever **Gardening Fair** was a gigantic success with rave reviews. Support from the K-W Record, members, local nurseries, and the general public helped to put this event on the

map. Our monthly meetings included a book exchange, plant demonstrations, and great speakers, pictures of members' gardens, good food and fellowship

Wellesley Society members enjoyed a Garden Tour of 6 local gardens including a Sandy Beach, Alpine Scenic Gardens with miniature buildings, and working clock and light house. Another featured 300 rose plants grouped in a rainbow of colours. A cruise of Hamilton Harbour, Whitehern Historical House & Gardens, and Weldcote Memorial Park Museum and gardens was also enjoyed.

Noteworthy speakers and topics included Rose McCallum - Horticultural Therapy; Dave Hobson editor of Gardening in Kitchener-Waterloo Record Marion Hesse, Trees And Landscape, MaryAnn Gilhuly on Container Gardening Maryanne Weiler on Spring Flowering Bulbs, and Gwynedd Brundett on How My Family Landscaped My Garden

Wilmot Horticultural Society has had another very successful year, with lots of hardworking volunteers, who get gardens planted, and events planned. Due to the efforts of many people, Wilmot has many beautiful flowerbeds for everyone to see and enjoy. We have 36 volunteers, who volunteered to plant and clean up approximately 68 flowerbeds in 7 villages in Wilmot. These villages are: Baden, Haysville, Mannheim, New Dundee, New Hamburg, Petersburg and St. Agatha. We were thrilled to have our very own, Gwynedd Brundrett honoured at the 100th Anniversary Convention, where she received the Silver Medal Award.

Mary Young



Honour Roll of Past Presidents

1906/1907 - W. Burgoyne* - St.Catharines	1935 - H. Occamore* - Guelph
1908/1909 - H. J. Snelgrove* - Cobourg	1936 - J. B. Spencer* - Ottawa
1910/1911 - R. B. Whyte* - Ottawa	1937 - Lionel Godson* - Toronto
1912/1913 - Rev. A. H. Scott* - Perth	1938 - R. R. Trudell* - Thamesville
1914/1915 - J. H. Bennett* - Barrie	1939 - A. H. MacLennan* - Guelph
1916 - Rev. G. W. Tebbs* - Hamilton	1940 - W. E. Foster* - London
1917 - Dr. F. E. Bennett* - St. Thomas	1941 - Mrs. D. W. Boucher* - Kingston
1918 - Thomas D. Dockray* - Toronto	1942 - J. P. Reed* - Sault Ste. Marie
1919 - William Hartry* - Seaforth	1943 - F. H. Fairs* - Woodstock
1920 - G. H. M. Baker* - Lindsay	1944 - C. H. Jansen* - Breslau
1921 - Mary Yates* - Meadowvale	1945 - J. S. Hall* - Toronto
1922 - Rev. W. M. J. McKay* - Weston	1946 - Mrs. D. A. Gillies* - Arnprior
1923 - J. P. Jaffray* - Galt	1947 - Howard Harty* - London
1924 - J. E. Carter* - Guelph	1948 - Percy Pone* - Thornhill
1925 - George Simpson* - Ottawa	1949 - A. F. Johnson* - Stamford Centre
1926 - F. A. Kent* - Port Perry	1950 - Rev. E. Rigby* - Hamilton
1927 - G. K. Klosterman* - Windsor	1951 - R. D. Little* - Richmond Hill
1928 - T. J. Hannigan* - Guelph	1952 - A. J. Jackman* - Owen Sound
1929 - W. P. Bailey* - Fort William	1953 - W. M. Brown* - Elora
1930 - F. C. Nunnick* - Ottawa	1954 - J. A. Tiffin* - Scarborough
1931 - J. A. Smith* - Kitchener	1955 - H. Beilhartz* - Sault Ste. Marie
1932 - Dr. A. T. Morrow* - Maxville	1956 - Ken Gardiner* - Brantford
1933 - Fred Collins* - Chatham	1957 - Dr. B. Kendrick* - Toronto
1934 - C. A. Byam* - New Liskeard	1958 - St. C. Tennant* - Kleinburg





Honour Roll of Past Presidents

1959 - R. F. Gunnell* - Hamilton	1983 - Doris Lightheart - Ridgeway
1960 - James Burston* - London	1984 - M. Marshall* - Ottawa
1961 - Rev. J. W. Siebert* - London	1985 - Marjorie Durnford - Guelph
1962 - Mrs. K. W. Biglow* - Chapleau	1986 - Madeline Hobson - Midland
1963 - Murray Smith* - Chatham	1987 - Cam Stewart* - Toronto
1964 - J. Decney* - Niagara	1988 - Mary Yeoman - Burgessville
1965 - H. E. Fraser* - Pembroke	1989 - Gordon Winter - Maxville
1966 - Dr. R. E. Ives* - Stayner	1990 - Harry Wyma - Ridgetown
1967 - Mrs. G. Lemke* - Pembroke	1991 - Bert Card - Richmond Hill
1968 - F. Lejeune* - Ridgeway	1992 - Dave Money - Agincourt
1969 - John Smith - Hamilton	1993 - Jim Trotter* - Hastings
1970 - Donald Klinck* - Windsor	1994 - Metje Mabee - Gananoque
1971 - Philip Dodds* - Picton	1995 - Anne Bourke - Whitby
1972 - Mrs. R. Bryan* - Englehart	1996 - Jim Anderson - Brampton
1973 - Eric Slater* - Leamington	1997 - Earl Walker - Stoney Creek
1974 - G. McLatchy* - Richmond Hill	1998 - Don Matthews - Harriston
1975 - A. Crawford* - Oro Station	1999 - Kevin Healey - Elmvale
1976 - Mrs. E. Whiteford* - Windsor	2000 - Kathleen Petrie - Blackstock
1977 - H. E. Markle* - Guelph	2001 - Bruce Wilson - Englehart
1978 - Mrs. M. Klie* - Hanover	2002 - Shirley Daniels - Mississauga
1979 - Roy Can - Callander	2003 - Wilma Wood - Thunder Bay
1980 - Ed Endersby - Toronto	2004 - Ted Reed - Callander
1981 - Pauline Richards - London	2005 - Judy Lewis - Sault Ste. Marie
1982 - Bryce Japp - Brigden	2006 - Liisa Wolfgram - Credit Valley

*deceased



History of the Ontario Horticultural Association

The Ontario Horticultural Association has existed for almost 100 years.

The first horticultural society in Ontario is officially recognized as one in Toronto, organized on May 4, 1834. Several societies across the province have been in existence for more than 100 years. Currently there are 285 societies with over 40,000 members.

For many years all societies were part of the Agricultural Association but toward the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century there was a move to form a separate organization. Prior to the formal organization, some preliminary meetings had been held in 1904 and 1905. The idea became a reality when the Ontario Horticultural Association was formed on Nov. 9, 1906. The annual meetings (conventions) have been held regularly since then.

In the early years the conventions were held in Toronto. More recently they have been held in different locations around the province with one or more districts serving in the capacity as host. Each year the association publishes an annual report which highlights the activities of its member societies.

The association and its member societies played a prominent role in having the trillium grandiflorum (white) adopted as the floral emblem of the Province of Ontario and have long encouraged tree planting as well as the promotion of horticultural education among the youth in the province.

In 1967, to honour Canada's Centennial, the association distributed 1,000 Royalty crabapple trees.

In 2006 the Ontario Horticultural Association will celebrate its own Centennial - having kept the province's large and small municipalities beautiful for 100 years!

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