



**Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2019
Fonthill Library 7 pm**

This meeting was attended by 32 members. The business meeting followed the speaker presentation.

John Burgener, owner of Dynamic Day Lilies gave us an informative and colorful presentation about his obsession with growing bright and beautiful day lilies. He grows and hybridizes day lilies because they are beautiful, easy to grow from seed and there is an endless variety. John's presentation showed various vibrant photos of day lilies on his property in Beamsville. Unlike most growers who focus on muted and pastel shades, John is after brilliant colours. In his own words "if it isn't something that glows from a mile away, I am not really interested in it." He also aims to grow lilies that are unusual, have lots of flower buds and that bloom from June to October. John purchases many of his day lilies from Florida and then tries, over many generations, to hybridize the plants to thrive in the Ontario climate. Many of the plants photographed in his presentation had been painstakingly bred for seven generations. John recommends visiting his property in early July, as most day lilies bloom then. He kindly offered to host us at his property and serve our group lunch, if we call ahead to book a visit. For more information and to see a selection of his vibrant flowers, visit www.dynamicdaylilies.ca

1. Welcome

Co-President Barb Jaques welcomed everyone, making note of two new members, Rory Petticrew and Karen Goldhawk.

Old Business/Announcements

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were emailed to members, posted on the website and a copy was available on the table at this meeting.

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report from October 15, 2018: moved Heather Carter, seconded by Sharon Roden. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Amber Cuthbertson read the report and is summarized as follows:

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| Advantage Savings | \$3,963.86 |
| Chequing | \$1,520.33 |
| Petty Cash | \$71.00 |
| TOTAL | \$5,555.19 |

Announcements

- The Club received a lovely letter from Alan Daniels, Treasurer for OHA's District 9, who attended our AGM in November.
- The Club received a thank you card from Pelham Cares for our donation in November. The card was passed around to members for viewing.
- Club members were advised of the sad news of Eloise Schumacher's passing on December 17, 2018.

New Business

1) Pelham Home and Garden Show – April 6 & 7, 2019

Carol Empacher announced that the dates of this year's Pelham Home and Garden Show are two weeks earlier this year. The hours will be from 10-6 on Saturday, April 6 and 11-5 on April 7. Set-up for the show will be on Friday, April 5. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Members are encouraged to mark their calendars and to consider volunteering for a couple of hours. We have a great little booth at the show every year. This show is a great way for our Club to advertise and new members often join as a result.

2) Thank you to Carol Empacher, retiring Co-President

Barb asked Club members to join her in thanking Carol for all of her support and camaraderie, as Co-President. Carol will continue to be active in the Club.

3) Diana Knight, Club member

Barb announced that our Club member, Diana Knight was hospitalized after an accidental fall. Club members were advised that, on behalf of the Club, a card and plant was delivered to Diana upon her return home. We wish Diana a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon.

4) Club mugs available

Barb announced that there are only three beautiful Club mugs are available for a purchase price of \$20 each. Please let her know if you are interested.

5) Videos by Joanne Rachfalowski, OHA 2nd Vice President

Barb announced that there is an excellent series of YouTube videos on many gardening topics e.g. gardening zones, container planting, annuals, perennials, created by Joanne.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-xmXXA2oyCKmuTB7_Th3Og

6) New Brochure for 2019

Co-President Lois Lacroix reminded Club members that the 2019 brochure is available for pick-up and reminded members that the Annual Plant and Bake Sale will be held on the long weekend, Saturday, May 18.

7) Pelham Art Festival May 10, 11 and 12

Heather Carter announced that the Club will be looking for volunteers for this annual event. Details of this fabulous show and the types of volunteering opportunities will be available at the next meeting. Members are encouraged to mark their calendars, and to consider volunteering for a couple of hours.

Barb thanked the Refreshment Committee: Johanne Blais, Barbara Botden, Ginette O'Hara and Christine Payeur.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Trish Rybski, seconded by Johanne Blais. Carried.

The Raffle was held and Door Prizes were distributed to the winners.

Lois Lacroix, Co-President

Heather Carter, Secretary

Barbara Jaques, Co-President