

# Trillium

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## 108<sup>th</sup> Ontario Horticultural Association Annual General Meeting & Convention



**At the NAV Centre in Cornwall - July 17 to July 20, 2014**  
(see page 4 for details)



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- ◆ All 2014 competition schedules and permission/release forms

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As winter continues to be with us here in Ontario, it seems like gardening is a long time off. But just wait, the new seed catalogues are on their way and the gardening shows have already begun. What a treat it is to plan and dream during these snowy days with the latest magazine or catalogue. These publications cheer us and inspire us.

I hope your horticultural society meetings have been inspiring and the company has been cheerful. Have you done your part to make it a pleasant time?

Are you having fun at the meetings? Do more of it!! The level of noise in a room before and after a meeting is usually a good indication of how people have enjoyed themselves. The more conversation and laughing faces, the better the meeting! When people enjoy the event they will be more likely to return.

By now, the Society AGM's have been held and in most societies some new people are on the board. And there have been changes to various degrees in the executive. I wish you all good success. To those who have retired, thank you for your time and enjoy your well-earned rest but please don't disappear.

As you begin your new year, I hope a nominating committee has been formed and that you are already keeping an eye out for future board members. It is important not to scare new board members with piles of paper and loads of responsibilities. They will be happier and more productive if they are not thrown into the deep water right off the start. It is important to be patient to let the new people adjust at a comfortable pace.

It takes people of differing talents to make a successful organization tick along. The quiet accountant type is needed as well as the clever computer operator and chatty greeter. Like a very interesting floral arrangement each adds something to the overall design.

Each new board may have something of value to add to the upcoming District AGM. Best practices have changed over the years and in today's fast paced "left clicked" lifestyle people will not sit through long boring meetings. The pace has to be peppy! Please try to get those presenting the announcements "on deck". It is very dull watching them work their way to the front while the audience waits and when one gets to the front be precise and know what one needs to say. Just remember Jacqueline Bisset at the Golden Globe Awards and try for the opposite.

Above all, do enjoy one another's company and share your ideas. The very best gardeners do not have secrets!

Horticulturally yours,  
James Graham  
OHA President 2014

### **PS.....**

To the party that showed me the cone flower with the miniature crowns of green leaves on the head of the blossom, I have since learned that this is a disease similar to aster yellows and the plant should be destroyed.

This spring, we are likely to see fewer impatiens for sale; since the disease affecting them has become very prevalent and will stay in the soil for, as of yet, an unknown length of time.

The new guinea variety is not susceptible to this problem and for the shade garden also consider fibrous and tuberous begonias or coleus.

Today there are many varieties of coleus with varying leaf size, colour and shape.

Be sure to listen for the crows! They are the announcers of Spring!!

## 108TH ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION AGM & CONVENTION

This year's convention will be held at the NAV Centre in Cornwall from July 17 to July 20.

District One consists of seven Horticultural Societies - Cornwall, Martintown, Maxville, Russell, Alfred, Vankleek Hill, and Williamstown will be organizing this event for the first time. Although we are small in number, we are hard at work and determined to host a great event.

As Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words". You will witness proof of this when you see the NAV Centre and the surrounding areas.

The advantage of having the convention at the NAV centre is that all the events will take place under one roof!

Cornwall and the surrounding area have a lot to offer, and some of the wonderful sights that can be found in the southeast corner of our beautiful province.

For more details visit:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/show/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/show/up_conf.php)

<http://navcentre.ca>

<http://cornwalltourism.com>



*Above - NAV Centre in Cornwall*

*Below - Some of the wonderful scenery around Cornwall*



Cornwall is Ontario's easternmost city, located on the Saint Lawrence River, in the 'Quebec City–Windsor Corridor' along Highway 401.

Cornwall lies on the 45th parallel, approximately 100 km southeast of Ottawa, 120 km southwest of Montreal, and 440 km northeast of Toronto. It is named after the English Duchy of Cornwall; the city's coat of arms is based on that of the duchy with its colours reversed and the addition of a "royal tressure", a Scottish symbol of royalty.

*courtesy of [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornwall,\\_Ontario](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornwall,_Ontario)*

## PLENARY, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

### Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

Jim Brownell, Lost Villages Historical Society - "Lost Villages"  
Kathryn Lindsay, District 2 - Judges' Update  
Chris Craig - South Nation River Conservation  
Diane Lunan - Marlin Orchards  
Marcel Beauchamp, Arborist - "Wounded Trees Don't Heal"  
Karen Carriere - "The Best Homegrown Vegetables"  
Heidi Oescheger - Award Winning European Floral Designer  
Ann Jackson - "The Giving Garden"  
Mary Ann Van Berlo, MG - Judges' Update  
Ontario Power Generation - "Dream to Reality"

### Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Carol Dunk, Past Pres. OHA - "A New Kind of Gardener"  
Helen Halpenny, District 2 - Judges' Update  
Dr. Brian Hickey, Scientist - St. Lawrence River Institute  
Alice Proper - "Symphony of Soils"  
Ken Fink, Past Pres. OHA - Workshop - Canning and Preserving  
Ollie Chuckryk - "Dancing Dahlias on the NCC"  
Naomi Anderson- Langlois, Alfred Bog  
Fleurette Huneault, Pres. Gloucester Hort. Soc. - "I Know That Bug"  
Sue Lusted - Workshop - Laptop Computer  
Larry Hodgson, Banquet Keynote Speaker - "Crazy Things Gardeners Do"

### Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Henbest, Historian, Ret'd. MG - "Upper Canada Village"

## BUS TOURS

### Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Special Pre-Convention Coach Adventure\*\* - "Montreal Botanical Gardens"

### Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

*(The four tours offered on Friday afternoon will be repeated on Saturday afternoon)*

**Tour #1** - "Points West" - The Lost Villages & Tolley Gardens-Seven Willows  
**Tour #2** - "Points East" - Cooper Marsh, Glengarry Fine Cheese & Country Gardens  
**Tour #3** - "A Boat Cruise" - Boat tour of the St. Lawrence and Syne Rivers  
**Tour #4** - "City Scapes" - St. Lawrence Power Commission Visitor's Centre,  
Cornwall Highlights and Private Gardens

Last year, District Six held a contest, open to all district members, to choose a district logo. Simple Contest Rules and the enticement of a \$100.00 prize for the winning entry resulted in many entries being received.

The District's Executive made a very difficult decision and narrowed down the entries to a final three. These submissions were sent to a Graphic Designer who computer generated them. Thank you Elyse Ryder!

All 21 societies in the district were emailed the three logos and were given one vote per society to select the winning



logo. The winner was the overall favourite logo and was a unanimous choice! The winning entry was announced during the District's Spring Breakfast Meeting, February 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Sandra Williamson, from the Georgetown Horticultural Society, who designed and submitted the original artwork of a dogwood branch. The entire District appreciates Sandra's efforts and will proudly use this logo. Thanks, Sandra!

Thank you to all district six members who entered this contest. Great work!

*Donna Hussey, DD6*

I was pleased to be invited on Feb 8th, 2014 to share in the 80th birthday celebrations held in honour of Beryl Harris. Her society, Lakefield, held a surprise party for her hosted by Beryl's daughter Jane-Michele Clark at the Marshland Centre.

It was attended by many of her family, fellow members, countless friends which included John Sellers - Past OHA President, Carol Mitchell - District 4 Assistant Director, Dianne Westlake - District 4 Assistant Directors and myself Rose Odell - District 4 Director.

Beryl is a Past Director for District 4, a Master Gardener, along with serving in countless duties over as many years to help her community.

Beryl was presented with certificates from the local mayor, certificates from the Federal & Provincial governments. A highlight was to announce that Beryl is now Lady Beryl Ann Harris through some research done by her daughter.

We all wish her the best for many years to come.

*(With her family, Beryl is wearing the yellow top, seated in the middle)*



## MILTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Annual Plant Sale & Silent Auction

**When:** Thursday, May 15th, 2014  
**Time:** doors open at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Milton Fairgrounds, Halls #1 and #2,  
136 Robert Street, Milton, ON

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Additional info regarding the  
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be found at:

[http://gardenontario.org/abo/  
insurance.php](http://gardenontario.org/abo/insurance.php)

## ETOBICOKE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hello Etobicoke Hort members and friends.

Thank you to the members who braved the cold and came out to our January Annual General Meeting. We covered all the necessary business and then enjoyed a delightful presentation about colour in the garden from Frank Kershaw. It was heart warming - so many of you stayed behind in the lunch room to chat and enjoy the juice and delicious home baked treats. Pay Loy, who brought 2 cakes, commented that if she can't garden she may as well bake! As a fan of home made cakes, I'm all for that philosophy.

I thank the members who renewed their memberships at the meeting and since. There still are some outstanding renewals. Keep smiling!  
Krys

#### AFTER MEETING REFRESHMENTS:

I was amazed at the great feedback from everyone about the baked goods provided by Olive Fullerton and Pay Loy at last month's meeting. A very profuse thank you to you both and to Wendy Edgett for providing the drinks. And speaking of great food! Olive Fullerton has kindly provided her Date Square recipe that everyone raved about last month!

#### Olive Fullerton's Date Squares

2 cups oatmeal (NOT instant  
old fashioned rolled oats)  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup butter (NOT margarine)  
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
1 lb. dates  
1 cup water (perhaps more if filling too thick)  
1 tbsp. lemon juice  
1/4 tsp salt

Cook dates until thick and bubbly. Add a little extra water, if needed - maybe 1/4 cup. Add the lemon juice and salt. Set aside to cool. Blend crumb mixture until crumbly. Divide mixture into 2 parts. Pat one half mixture into a 9 inch square pan. Spread with cooled date filling, and then pat remainder of crumb mixture on top. Use a pastry brush (or your fingers) and spread a light wash of milk or cream on top. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown - approximately 35 or 40 minutes. Place on a rack to cool. Enjoy!!



# A Gardener's Vision

## Art & Photography Show

Presented by  
The East York Garden Club  
www.eygc.ca

March 2 - 28, 2014

**Location:** S. Walter Stewart Library  
Auditorium  
170 Memorial Park Ave.,  
East York  
(416)396-3975

Join us to view art and photography pieces created by members of The East York Garden Club.

Contact the library for information about presentations by members of the EYGC during of March 2014.

**Opening reception:**  
March 8, 2014 - 1:30-4:00pm

**Everyone Welcome**  
**Refreshment will be served**



## Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society

### Garden Competition to Beautify a Trailer Park & Resort

The Bell Haven Park & Resort is a quiet, family-friendly trailer park situated on Pigeon Lake. Each year the owners of the park challenge their residence to participate in the Bell Haven Beautiful gardening competition. The winner of the competition receives a hand carved plaque that is proudly displayed on their trailer.



In early July, two horticultural society members spend several hours judging the planting efforts of each and every unit within the park regardless of how small or large. Our aim is to identify the unit that has exemplified superb gardening through an effective use of a variety of plants and colour; hardiness of the plants regardless of the weather conditions; creativity in displaying plants (in the ground or in planters) and an effective use of garden ornaments that add charm to the plantings.

Once judging has been completed, a report is written on the competition praising the owners of the resort for this wonderful event - encouraging beautification through the annual garden competition. The report includes the winners and all honourable mentions. Our society presents the report to the owners of the resort who notify the winner and post the report for all residences to read. The park owners then set a date for the ceremony to present the hand carved Bell Haven Beautiful plaque to the winning unit owners.



The owners of the resort make a generous donation to our Society as a token of their appreciation for our judging and efforts to support their beautification contest. The picture to the left shows one of the plantings in the 2013 winning unit.

This partnership between our society and the trailer park has inspired the park residence to increase their interest and enjoyment in gardening through the competition which in turn has enhanced the overall beautify of the resort for all to enjoy.



## UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE ONTARIO ROCK GARDEN & HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

**at The Toronto Botanical Garden 777 Lawrence Ave. E. Toronto**  
**Free Admission, Free Parking, Non-Members Welcome**

**March 2, 2014 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

meeting and speaker: Anna Leggatt, passionate gardener, ORG&HPS member  
"Water Feature Ideas with Plants for Our Gardens"  
Members' Showcase: Veronica Callinan "Berge und Burgen"  
Jellitto seed sale

**April 13, 2014 1:30 to 4 p.m.**

meeting and speaker: Panayoti Kelaidis, Director of Outreach, Denver Botanic Gardens.  
Topic: TBA  
Jellitto seed sale

**May 4, 2014 12 noon to 4 p.m.**

Special Plant Sale - Floral Hall at Toronto Botanical Garden

## PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### THE 2014 COUNTY GARDEN SHOW



Almost every summer since the Prince Edward County Horticultural Society got started over 150 years ago, we've put on an annual garden show that's the biggest event in the County's gardening calendar. Once again this year, it'll be held in and around the Crystal Palace, the enchanting 19th-century pavilion on the Picton Fairgrounds. Inside, visitors will find a judged flower show, a lavish Victorian-style tea with home-made goodies, a chance to hear from interesting expert speakers, a raffle for dozens of tempting prizes, and a huge assortment of garden-related art, furniture, plants and gadgets for sale. Outside will be still more vendors and exhibits, offering all kinds of produce, art and crafts. Last year over 500 people enjoyed

Crystal Palace photo by Gary Blakeley  
[www.blakeleyblakeley.com](http://www.blakeleyblakeley.com)

themselves at the County Garden Show; this year it's scheduled for **Sunday, June 29**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission is \$2.00; the silver-service Victorian Tea and the Blue Bird Room Guest Speaker Program are extra. On-site parking is free. And all around is the pretty town of Picton, with its bay full of sailboats, and Prince Edward County, with its wineries and beaches. Come for the weekend and stay for the County Garden Show! We look forward especially to welcoming members of other horticultural societies and garden clubs. Check out the webpage at <http://pechorticultural.org/the-county-garden-show/>



Photo by  
Bert Jenkins

## Nipigon District Memorial Hospital - New Garden Club at Long-Term Care

Twelve months ago I started a Garden Club at the Long -Term Care Residence at the local hospital. The residents enjoy many meaningful and purposeful plant related activities to enrich their lives. Seeds were planted and cared for by the residents until they were transplanted outside.

Last winter a 'magic' Scarlet Runner bean was planted and to our amazement it wound its way 16 feet up the dining room window but only produced one bean.

That was a fun event. We chatted about 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and looked at a short cartoon on UTube about the story. They each poked a magic seed into a big pot then I had them close their eyes and say magic words to see if the seeds were special. It was great seeing the surprise on their faces. It decorated the dining room for months.

House plants were repotted and others were propagated. Hens and Chicks were planted into pots for the courtyard tables. Flower arrangements were made from flowers we picked from our garden.

Garden labels were made to identify the vegetables and flowers

in the raised beds.

Vegetables were harvested and prepared by the kitchen staff. The Kale chips prepared by the residents received mixed reviews.

A basket of vegetables from the garden was on display for Thanksgiving.

Geraniums which were brought indoors to decorate the dining room were subjected to different methods of keeping them over winter.

Many Christmas crafts and evergreen centerpieces were made by the residents and sold at a Tea to earn money to buy Amaryllis bulbs.

These plants continue to excite the residents as they weekly chart their growth to see whose plant will grow the highest or bloom first.

Bean sprouts are grown monthly and consumed.

I believe that the quality of life for these residents is improved by being involved in nurturing plants and participating in seasonal activities.

*Submitted by  
Aili Dampier  
Nipigon-Red Rock*



### 1964-2014

This year the Nipigon-Red Rock Horticultural society will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary. The first event celebrating 50 years as a member of the OHA was a table at a local craft sale. We sold memberships and raffle tickets for a foot bath overflowing with gardening goodies. Photo albums from past years were on display. Shoppers could pick up magazines and free calendars and bookmarks celebrating our 50th year. A lucky person won a jar full of chocolate kisses by guessing the correct amount in the jar. Many other interesting events will be planned throughout the year.

### Seedy Saturday Niagara

Feb. 8 turned out to be a great day.

District 9 and the Master Gardeners of Niagara hosted a successful Seedy Saturday at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines. Over 500 people came through the door. They had the opportunity to enjoy the different speakers, vendors and best of all got the chance to talk with each other and exchange seeds. Activities were available for all ages.

The event also help raise money for Start Me Up Niagara. Plans are already in the works for next year's Seedy Saturday.

## CRAFTS FOR KIDS

One of the goals of the Glen Morris Horticultural Society is to help our young people develop an interest in gardening. To meet this goal, volunteers have been working with students at the Glen Morris Central Public School since 2007.

Students were initially asked to help plant annuals and bulbs in the flower beds at the front of the school. They took pride in watching their work blossom and they continue to help work the flowerbeds.

Three years ago, members started visiting the 4/5 Class to make crafts. Every month or two throughout the school year, students participate in a variety of projects. They have made miniature terrariums, floral arrangements in small pumpkins, pinecones for the birds using peanut butter and seeds, flowers using coloured seeds, hedgehogs, and bird nests. On our latest visit, President Marion Morton is explaining how to make a flower arrangement the students can take home for Valentine's Day. We feel gratified that our youth are inspired by these crafts and have developed a keen interest in gardening as well as a respect for Nature.

Margaret Fleury, Vice-President, Glen Morris Horticultural Society



President Marion Morton

## Wingham Horticultural Society Marks Nobel Prize for Literature

Members of the Wingham and District Horticultural Society were delighted at the news that Wingham native Alice Munro had been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature as “master of the contemporary short story”. Society members quickly produced a congratulatory sign for the Alice Munro Literary Garden to mark the announcement in October 2013. Located in Wingham, the Alice Munro Literary Garden pays tribute to the achievements of the internationally known author.

The literary garden is located in a former parking lot next to the North Huron Museum. Opened to the

public 2002, the Wingham and District Horticultural Society funded the development of the garden. Members are kept busy keeping the garden trim for visitors who wander the “literary” pathway.

Set under a spreading catalpa tree, the garden features a metal archway, plants and statuary reflective of the literary theme. Red tulips and yellow daffodils fill the garden with colour in the spring. As summer arrives, bright yellow day lilies with a backdrop of hostas provide a splash of colour on Wingham's main street. The central metal bower is charmingly draped with clematis. The small garden has a stone

footpath embedded with the book titles and the published year of the 17 books written by Munro. In addition, her other prizes, such as the Man Booker and Giller Prizes, are also acknowledged along the walkway.

The garden is also part of the Undiscovered Gardens of Huron Perth Garden Tour and is open year round for self-guided tours. The Alice Munro Literary Garden is located at 273 Josephine Street on Wingham's main street, next to the North Huron Museum.

*Susan Watson, Treasurer  
Wingham & District Horticultural Society*



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## **RICHMOND HILL GARDEN & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS AND STILL GROWING**

April 16, 2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Richmond Hill Garden & Horticultural Society. A members' only reception will be held at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts to kick-off this special year for our Society. We are the oldest service club in Richmond Hill and have a lot of history to celebrate.

A new hemerocallis "Century Beauty" has been developed especially to commemorate our Centennial. It is featured on the front cover of our 2014 Yearbook and roots will be available for members to purchase this fall.

In July, our Open Gates Water Gardens Tour will allow members and non-members alike to visit some truly fine gardens. Please visit our website for more information on all the events that we have planned for this very special year. [www.RichmondHillGardenSociety.org](http://www.RichmondHillGardenSociety.org)



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## ONTARIO HOSTA SOCIETY 4TH ANNUAL HOSTA FORUM

**Where:** Glencairn Golf Club  
9807 Regional Road 25,  
Halton Hills, Milton

**When:** Sunday, April 6th, 2014  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Non-members - \$60.00  
Members - \$55.00,  
Includes 3 fabulous speakers,  
Silent and Live Auctions!

Breaks featuring selection of Coffee/Tea, Bagels & Cream Cheese with Premium Fruit Preserves, Seasonal Fruit.

Lunch offers a Championship Sandwich Board Buffet and Chef's Fresh Harvest Salad!  
Gift Hosta! Prizes! Great Friends!

*"Voles, Moles and other furry critters... What can we do about them?"* with Carol Brashear. The program will identify the difference between moles and voles, mice and shrews and give many ideas for combatting them in our gardens. Carol's talk includes a power point presentation and many props to help you identify which critter is in your garden! Lots of information to tuck away if you don't suffer voles YET. Carol found the first vole in her garden in 1986 and has been perfecting her defense against them ever since!

*"Hostas from Scratch: Creating New Hostas from Seed"* with Kathie Sisson. Have you wondered how

to create your own new and different hosta seedlings? This presentation will cover the basics of hybridizing, collecting and storing hosta seed as well as how to grow seedlings indoors during the winter months. Kathie will demonstrate many tricks and tips on growing seedlings indoors including recommended supplies, growing medium, labeling, pots, watering hints, lighting, up-potting, & culling.

*"Experiences and Experiments on Moving a Mature Garden - You Don't Have to Say Goodbye to Your Old Friends"* with Olga Petryszyn. Olga is the 2013 winner of the Eunice Fisher Distinguished Hybridizer Merit Award! *H. 'All That Jazz'*, *H. 'Brother Stefan'*, *H. 'Continental Divide'*, *H. 'Dawn's Early Light'* and *H. 'Niagara Falls'*, are among a few of her creations. We all know it's quite the ordeal moving but to move your entire garden, oh my! Olga will regale us with her experiences moving her beloved plants to their new home.

**Tickets:** Send your cheque, payable to Ontario Hosta Society  
OH OHS c/o Heinke Thiessen,  
2460 Council Ring Rd.,  
Mississauga, On. L5L 1E6

Please include your mailing address, telephone number & e-mail address. (Tickets will be mailed)

Visit [www.ontariohostasociety.com](http://www.ontariohostasociety.com)

or email [heinkehosta@gmail.com](mailto:heinkehosta@gmail.com) for more information.

## Russell & District Horticultural Society's Living Locally Fair

Every year our Horticultural Society has an organizational meeting to discuss what speakers, topics, items of interest etc. that we would like to pursue in the coming year. 2008 saw a real interest in sourcing local food, products that would go in or on our bodies and environmentally friendly ways of living. There were so many topics of interest that we could not fit them all into our monthly meetings and so, the idea of having a "One Day Only" event and inviting many people to share their products, ideas etc. was born.

In January 2009 we hosted the Living Locally Fair (named by the staff at the Russell Villager Newspaper) in partnership with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. We asked for the following exhibitors:

1. Local farmers producing and market food locally.
2. Local producers dealing in organic, fair-trade or ecological products even if some of their raw materials come from beyond 100kms.
3. Organizations whose mandate is to provide education, training and advice relevant to "Living Locally".
4. Local public and private service providers that have goods and services that are environmentally friendly and support the environmental and social sustainability of our communities.

We wanted to have a space where people could meet friends, enjoy refreshments and think about the products presented and the speakers that we had invited. Our members brought in home-made soups, stews and chili that was sold for a very reasonable price. This proved to be a very popular aspect of the day.

There wasn't a fee to attend the event but did encourage people to bring a donation for the local food bank.

Our goals for this first Living Locally Fair was to showcase 30 local producers/groups to at least 300 visitors. Those goals were surpassed with 43 exhibitors (21 food producers; 9 non-food producers; the remainder including organizations such as the Township Environmental Advisory Committee, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, South Nation Conservation, and ourselves.) We even had to turn away exhibitors for lack of space. The numbers of visitors attending exceeded expectations with more than 700 visitors coming between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Reusable shopping bags were available for those attending.

Having had a successful, wonderful event in 2009, we have repeated the one day event every year since then.

2014 brought us 130 vendors and 2,300 visitors to the Fair roughly comprised by 50% farmers/food, 25% artisans and 25% community

*Intergalactic visitors from the Capital City Garrison, all volunteer international Star Wars costuming organization in attendance at the Russell & District Horticultural Society's Living Locally Fair*

groups. As well, we had several intergalactic visitors who came from the ends of the universe to attend.

These visitors are the Capital City Garrison, an all volunteer international Star Wars costuming organization. Pictures could be taken with the aliens with proceeds kindly donated to the Children's Fantasy Reading Garden. Approximately \$6,000 was made from this year.

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### *Living Locally Fair continued...*

We have been very fortunate to have a great deal of support from the local area. The Township of Russell has given us, in the early years, some money for advertising and also picks up the necessary tables (150 plus tables) which are loaned to us from the Russell Agricultural Society and delivers them to the high school and then returns them after the Fair.

We have tried many ways of advertising such as using flyers, posters, Internet, radio, TV community events, as well as our "teaser" ads distributed at the Russell Santa Claus Parade, Metcalfe Farmer's Market and the Ottawa Farmer's Markets. The Fair attracted articles in the Ottawa Citizen and the Ottawa Sun. We have our own dedicated website too: [www.livinglocallyfair.ca](http://www.livinglocallyfair.ca).

Speakers on various topics and the cooking demonstrations are always very popular. We have been asked many times to divulge the "recipe" for our success with the Living Locally Fair. You must forge good partnerships with local municipal government, with other community groups and importantly with a large school. We could not begin to run such an event without their support. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, not only provides the locale for the

Fair, it provides the fabulous students, teachers and custodial staff without them this would not be possible.

Exhibitors are sourced by attending local farmers markets. If you run a good event you will soon find that you will have more exhibitors than you can accommodate. One of the hardest things is to remain true to the objectives that are set out at the beginning of the process. Many businesses would like to take part in such a popular event, mistaking the word "Local" for where they live and not for where their products come from

Our Living Locally Fair runs the third Saturday in January, so we have both an Early Bird Fee that runs to the end of November and a late fee with a \$10 surcharge after that date.

Taking place in January people are welcomed into the school and to the Fair, it seems almost to be a homecoming of sorts. Student volunteers, happy exhibitors to talk to, interesting demonstrations or talks to listen to, enticing foods, friends and neighbours to visit with, and artisanal items to purchase. OH, DID WE MENTION THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE!

*By Pegi Holtz and Lindley McPhail*

### **Paris Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 10th, 8 am – 11 am**

Syl Apps Community Centre-Arena,  
51 William Street, Paris, Ont.

Large selection of hanging baskets, perennials, herbs etc. Master Gardener on site. Plant Auction to follow.

Coffee with muffin \$1.00.

Call Carol 519-442-3458 or email  
rboos3918@rogers.com for details

### **Cloverleaf Junior Programme Growing Strong**

This year marks the 10th wonderful year since becoming chair of the Cloverleaf Junior Programme (District 15) and have since been involved with hundreds of its enthusiastic youth gardeners.

With an ever growing passion for gardening with children, seven schools are now involved in youth projects of all shapes and sizes. From a mini terrarium in mason jars with the kindergarten children at Ecole Jeunesse Horizon, to a 20x40 foot raised bed vegetable garden at The Froebel Education Centre. Our major youth program initiative was the "St. Gerard Aboriginal Turtle Garden" (Read more in the May 2014 Trillium).

The Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) District 15 recognized The Cloverleaf Junior Programme in three significant ways this year. 1) The OHA Youth Leader Award was given to me in recognition of our wonderful youth projects. ("Thank you to all participants!") 2) First Place for the OHA Class 10 Youth Scrapbook 2013. 3) Cloverleaf actively participated in an OHA Flower Show Youth Class "Urban Habitat" for the first time, jubilantly earning third place, at the April Annual General Meeting hosted by our Club.  
Kimberly Oly - Chair

### **Canada Blooms** THE FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

*This year's theme*

**Wild!**

March 14 - 23, 2014

Monday - Saturday 10am - 9pm

Sunday 10am - 5pm

Direct Energy Centre

## WHAT DOES A DRUNKEN WOMAN HAVE IN COMMON WITH A LAZY HOUSEWIFE?

By Suzanne Hanna

The answer is, of course, they are both heirloom varieties of seed often traded at seed saving events across North America and overseas. I have had the privilege of organizing Seedy Saturday and Seedy Sunday events here in Northern Ontario for the past seven years and am always delighted by the interest and enthusiasm displayed amongst the participants who travel up to three hours to share their stories and swap traditional, open-pollinated flower and veggie seeds with like-minded individuals.

Thanks to Sharon Rempel who organized the first Seedy Saturday in Vancouver in 1989, these “fun, fast and furious” gatherings will be celebrating 25 years of existence this year. With the support of Seeds of Diversity, Canada now hosts 100+ Seedy Saturdays across our country. That’s amazing!

You might not be aware that Seeds of Diversity Canada (known as SoDC) is Canada’s national organization that provides support, education and resources to encourage gardeners and farmers to propagate, grow, harvest and save open-pollinated and heirloom seeds of plant varieties that are not widely available from seed companies.

If you are concerned about the world’s shrinking food biodiversity and want to make a significant difference, you or your horticultural society might consider adopting a variety in the Canadian Seed Library that this organization maintains. The Seeds of Diversity web site provides a listing of endangered seeds on offer for adoption as well as the current seed collection so you can track the organization’s progress to date. Last year our Seedy Saturday Committee in Sault Ste. Marie raised over \$500 in donations at our event and adopted two seed varieties ‘Pink Banana Squash’ and ‘Mortgage Lifter Pasta Strain Tomato’.

Of course, what I most appreciate about these Seedy Saturdays is that they bring together gardeners, farmers, seed savers, and citizens passionate about gardening, food security and the environment. Imagine the addition of vendors, educational displays and

children’s activities and then toss in free handouts, tasty food and jam packed speaker presentations & workshops and you can understand why I lose sleep in anticipation of such gatherings. The buzz of activity and the hum of satisfaction wafting across the crowded arenas and church basements can be quite intoxicating. Myself, I can’t stop smiling!

According to Ms. Rempel, the essence of these events still lies in the communal seed swap. “It’s an adoption service for seeds. It was and still is an amazing energy swirl. It’s a reminder of a cosmic dance that is bigger than anyone alone; it is a synergy of seed and people coming together in a place to create, nurture and enjoy diversity.”

I make it my mission at these seed exchanges to swap my flower and veggie seeds that I have saved the previous season for a few heritage varieties I do not currently possess. I eat a lot of summer salads and ‘Drunken Woman’ is a really pretty ruffled lettuce that has bright green leaves edged in deep bronze. Described as “definitely a floozy of a lettuce” by The Garden Path, this leaf lettuce is sweet to taste, slow to bolt and matures in 65 days which is a definite plus, considering our hot, dry summers.

Beans have always fascinated me. ‘Lazy Housewife’ is a pole bean that grows about 4 ½’-5’ tall. A variety dating back to 1810, it was favored by the Pennsylvania Dutch because it made an excellent soup bean if left to ripen on the vine. One suspects that it got its name because one does not need to string these beans before cooking them. In any case, this is a relatively hard-to-find bean but so worth the search.

The OHA Community Initiatives Committee strongly encourages districts and societies to promote seed saving and participate in and perhaps even organize these seedy events in their own communities. We hope to have seed saving resources available on the web site by the end of March 2014. For a comprehensive listing of Seedy Saturdays in Ontario, be sure to check out Seeds of Diversity’s [website www.seeds.ca](http://www.seeds.ca).





## *From the Editor's desk - Bernice Green-Whidden*

Hello all!

First, I'd like to send a great big thanks to Linda Hugli for the many years and wonderful issues she has produced. I have big shoes to fill. Also thanks go out to Dianne and Gary Westlake for the Winter 2013 issue, thanks for stepping in. I'm hoping that my 40 plus years in the computer world can be of some value in producing the Trillium newsletter and do it justice.

You may have notice a bit of a different layout. Hope the changes are positive ones. If you have any suggestions for improvements, I'd be happy to hear your comments. Don't forget if you have articles, tidbits, horticultural related announcements, all are welcome submissions.

I've always loved gardening since I was young. There's no better feeling than putting your hands in rich soil, planting these things that will grow to be beautiful work's of art that nature provides us. I usually start out with gardening gloves, but that lasts about 5 minutes, just doesn't have the same feeling. Many of you can relate.

After living in Guelph most of my life, we moved in October of 2012 to a little town called Virgil, part of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Since our new home is in a warmer hardiness zone, it's been very exciting finding different flowers and plants that I wasn't able to grow in Guelph. And we get a longer growing season - how great is that!

Since I've had ponds at my Guelph homes, I needed to have one here. Thanks to the wonderful man in my life - Roy - his strength (literally, there were so many roots to dig up) and his patience (he really didn't see my vision). We began in April and were filling the pond by the end of May. Once the waterfall was done and plants were added, and only once the water was acclimatized the fish were added (a couple dozen goldfish about 2-3 inches long), And my frog catcher Roy, added a dozen small frogs to the pond. After all the long hours and hard work - Roy still married me in August 2013 - with the pond being the backdrop for our wedding ceremony.

By the time late October arrived, the fish and frogs had grown as well as all the pond plants and surrounding ground plants. I'm so excited to have Spring arrive to see how our aquatic life fared over this cold winter and welcome any "new" fish and frogs.

Send your submissions to: [editor@gardenontario.org](mailto:editor@gardenontario.org)

*Top picture is the "before"; middle is during the process and bottom picture is the final outcome. Can you see the sparrows enjoying the waterfall...*



## COMMUNITY GARDEN IN NAPANEE

In the summer/fall of 2009, Steve Pitt, an avid gardener and retired plant expert with the Ministry of Natural Resources, came to me suggesting we have a community garden in Napanee. His idea was to find some land and grow a garden of fresh, locally grown produce for the Napanee food bank. I spoke to Harold Bentley, then the president of the Lennox and Addington Horticultural Society (in District 3), who thought it was a great idea, that fit the mandate of our society.

Having the support we decided to proceed. We held a meeting with representatives from the Salvation Army, who operate the food bank, and members of the municipal council of the Town of Greater Napanee.



Everyone was excited about the idea. The Mayor of Napanee, Gordon Schermerhorn, liked the idea so much he offered up land at his property on the Hamburgh Road just south of Napanee for the garden.

First year was 2010 with lots of gardeners answered the advertisement for volunteers. Many people helped get the garden started, including Harold Bentley, by measuring the area, and generally helping out. Don Vankoughnet, the Mayor's neighbour, arranged for a delivery of manure and came by with his plow to get the ground ready for planting.

We have since added water barrels, which the fire department in Napanee keep filled for us, at no cost. Even though our budget is very low, funding from the Napanee District Community Foundation helped us buy a garden shed last spring. This year we hope to buy garden tools, that will be kept in the shed for volunteers to use when they're at the garden.

Every year the community garden produces many bushels of vegetables - tomatoes, beets, peppers, lettuce, cabbages and beans. Marigolds, zinnias and

sunflowers are interspersed to deter bugs and add a bit of colour.

Volunteers come from all over the area, including members of the horticultural society. We garden for an hour or so early on Monday mornings before the heat of the day. People who want to volunteer but not on Mondays, come by when they have the time and work for a bit. Horticultural Society members Kevin Kell and Kim Hay keep statistics, which are very helpful when we apply for funding.

Members from Lennox and Addington Community Mental Health come to the garden with their peer support group, usually on Wednesday mornings. They have developed a program for their clients, and do general garden work, weeding, hoeing, watering and so on. In return they harvest a few vegetables for their life skills/cooking class. A win/win situation for them, and for us.

Other groups participate in the "plant a row, grow a row" program with produce going to the food bank. For example, J.J. O'Neill School in Napanee planted a small garden at their school last summer. The Allen Macpherson House, a local historical landmark, donated their garden plot to the program. Barbara Gibson, a member of the L&A Horticultural Society, grew



amazing carrots for us, and plans to do it again this year. She also wants to grow turnips for us this year.

Our aim is to volunteer and provide fresh locally grown produce for the local food bank. There is always a need for volunteers to work in the garden an hour or so a week and to participate in the "plant a row, grow a row" program. Thanks to all of our volunteers the garden is a big success.

by Susan Withers

## PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

**April 11 - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**April 12 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**April 13 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd.,  
Peterborough**

The booths are full, the décor is planned, the speakers are booked, the volunteers are ready and all we need is our wonderful visitors!

The Garden Show is proudly presented by the Peterborough Horticultural Society, the Peterborough Master Gardeners and the Northumberland Master Gardeners. We have one paid employee and all the rest is done by volunteers.

This year we have 2 new and exciting events – Horticultural Couture and decorated garden step stools which will be for sale. We have subtitled the Horticultural Couture Posh New Plants and Phenomenal Products on Parade and it will showcase all the latest trends and ideas in horticulture. It will take the form of a garden fashion show with models strutting their stuff on the runway. This event happens Friday evening and again on Sunday afternoon. Sounds like fun, make sure not to miss it.

Our decorated garden/kitchen step stools are just what you need to reach those higher items or to place a plant on. Some of our local high school students and some of our artistic society members are hard at work decorating the stools.

The scissor man is back and will be ready to sharpen all your garden and kitchen tools on Saturday and Sunday. The Children's Garden is looking good with all kinds of garden critters and fun things to do for our budding horticulturists.

Parking is available at the Evinrude centre and across the street at the Canoe Museum for a small donation which will be collected by the Rotary Club. Additional free parking and a free bus shuttle is provided on Saturday and Sunday from the Kinsmen Centre at Sherbrooke and Clonsilla.

Don't want the hassle of driving? Why not organize a bus trip? Joan Harding at [harding@i-zoom.net](mailto:harding@i-zoom.net) or 705 799-5378 will be

glad to assist you and can provide you with advance tickets. Admission is only \$7 and children under 12 are admitted free.

For more information visit [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca) and click on the Garden Show or contact our coordinator, Sandy Spremo at 705 761-9220.

Thanks,

Rachel Burrows, Show Chair

### The Tuxedo

grievous, the sun rises  
staring at the snow lying quietly  
like a sombre cloud that wraps the weeping moon

winter straightens its tuxedo  
smooths the black and white landscape  
drips, it creaks and moves

the sun twirls its hands and cups the face  
of its nasty partner, ignoring a churlish  
word, a savage kick, a sullen gaze

winter rhymes each step around the puddles,  
jumps the muddied stream. avoids the grimy snow  
and does not turn its back on the sun

sun locks its eyes on an icicle stem.  
its jealous partner is gripped by every flash  
of light that tunes its every step in key

crushed, winter falters. bending with a  
crippled knee, then stumbles on  
a slippery leaf pasted on the marathon of ice

the sun lingers on and tests the whimpering  
snow that brushes weakening winter  
as it struggles two more steps

it stops, then pulls a paper from a soiled pocket  
wet. presents a treaty wrinkled to the sun  
it skims the ground unread

the sun still burns each thread and tattered  
winter bleeds in white. it chokes and falls  
then disappears beneath the light

Written By Crystal Trojek February 2014  
St. Thomas Hort, Lambeth Hort., Garden Club of London

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August 2013

