

Oakville Horticultural Society

The society aims to further the knowledge of Horticulture,
stimulating an interest in gardening in our community's youth and encouraging the beautification of
both public and private properties since 1957

June 2015 (Please let there be summer) NEWSLETTER

President's Remarks for June 2015

What can I say, but our volunteers are AMAZING! The new location for our Annual Plant Sale is excellent. Thanks to all your efforts, we sold over \$5500 in plants and netted over \$3,200 for our society. We all had great fun at the sale helping shoppers acquire treasures for their gardens. It was a great morning. Welcome to new members who joined us at that event.

A special note of appreciation must go to Sonja Tessari who has served as chair of our Plant Sale Committee for these last four years. She did a fabulous job organizing the team and getting the word out about the new site. Brava! Sonja will be retiring from this role and has been transferring her knowledge to Veronica Heiderich who will take the lead for 2016. Join this committee and start the planning for next year's sale. Feel the pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment that comes from serving your community.

There are many more opportunities to make a difference:

- Our Garden for Life at the corner of Forsyth and Rebecca was full of painted lady butterflies this last week. They were laying their eggs on the pearly everlasting. It was a wonderful sight to witness and it lets us know this garden is doing its job to protect our local biodiversity. Come out to visit the garden and give your time to help care for it. Contact Margaret Jeffrey and do your part.
- The incredible daffodil displays in our two Fields of Spring gardens have now faded away. Thank you to the volunteers who deadheaded the beds and helped to weed and overseed the newly establishing Eco grasses. It will take a couple of years for the no-mow blend of fescues to get established. Stop

by the Lakeshore site near Sir Colborne Lodge or the Postridge Park site and remove any weeds you see growing. Let Margaret or me know your volunteer hours. Everyone making a small contribution makes a tremendous difference.

- Its time to focus on our **Garden Tour**. Paula Clayton and a small working group are aiming for a tour on Sunday, September 20th. We need you to participate in the planning of this event. Do you have or have you seen an inspirational garden? Would you be willing to help a homeowner get their garden ready? Would you serve as a host in a garden and welcome the public? Get involved and help us explore some beautiful landscapes in Oakville. Contact Paula to join the team - charles.clayton@sympatico.ca
- Still feeling generous with your time and wanting to improve your world? Oakvillegreen Conservation Association is organizing this year's Garlic Mustard pull at Winston Park. So lend a hand on June 11th. There will be two sessions - one at 11 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. (Rain date June 12th).

As we prepare to break for the summer, remember to help promote our Garden Tour. Each member is challenged to sell or purchase two tickets. Direct folks to our website for details in late August. Tickets will be available at the September meeting. Oh one last thing, when you are bringing in some of your beautiful flowers to share in our June show, try to remember to bring a mug for tea or coffee. Let's try and reduce our waste. See you at the OHA Convention in July - great speakers and workshops; great tours; great fun. Register online now at www.gardenontario.org. May you find joy in your gardens and in the gardens of others. We are gardening of life!

Cheers to all,

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and Who is doing What**

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June Meeting: Monday 8 TH

Featuring: Steve Wiersma, Town of Oakville ,
Supervisor of Horticulture for Parks and Open Space

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall Set Up (9:00am)

Mary Rose, Wade Pitman

Clerking TBA

Hospitality Valerie Rughi, Kathie Dick,
John Comber

No Meetings in July or August

Sept Meeting: Monday, 14th, 2015

Our plant sale in pictures

Many thanks everyone who was there



They were lined up early



The men folk are confused



There were lots of quality selections

June 2015 Design Schedule. . . Pan Am Games

1. Class of Distinction Rhythmic Gymnastics a design

2. Chairman's Trophy Discus a design

3. General Javelin a design

4. General Novice Synchronized Swimming a design with the visible use of water

5. Miniature Rhythmic Gymnastics a design in a niche, 5" high x 4½" wide x 3" deep

6. Allium, over 3" in diameter – 1 stem

7. Allium, under 3" in diameter – 1 stem

8. Annual, plant height under 15" – 3 stems

9. Annual, plant height over 15" – 1 stem

10. Annuals, collection of, 3 kinds – 1 stem of each

11. Aquilegia (columbine) – 1 stem

12. Biennial – 1 stem under 18" (see Hort Guidelines pg. 2)

13. Biennial – 1 stem over 18"

14. Branch, Weigela – 1 branch cut to 36" or less

15. Branch, other flowering shrub – 1 branch cut to 36" or less

16. Branch, shrub grown for foliage – 1 branch cut to 36" or less

17. Clematis – 1 branch cut to 18" or less or 1 bloom

18. Dicentra (bleeding Heart) – 1 stem

19. Foliage, mixed, basket of, under 12" in any direction

20. Geranium (cranesbill) – 1 bouquet

21. Hemerocallis (day lily) – 1 stem

22. Heuchera (coral bells) – 3 flowering stems

23. Heuchera – 3 leaves, same cultivar

24. Hosta, green and white – 3 leaves

25. Hosta, other variegated – 3 leaves

26. Hosta, blue – 3 leaves

27. Hosta – 1 leaf of 3 varieties

28. Iris, bearded – 1 scape

29. Iris, Siberian – 3 scapes

September.

30. Iris, any other variety – 1 scape

41. Rosa (rose), hybrid tea – 1 specimen bloom, disbudded

31. Papaver (poppy) – 1 stem

42. Rosa (Cluster rose), floribunda, grandiflora or polyantha – 1 spray or specimen bloom (specimen bloom disbudded)

32. Paeonia (peony), herbaceous, pink – 1 bloom, disbudded

33. Paeonia (peony), other colour – 1 bloom, disbudded

43. Rosa (rose), shrub – 1 spray or bloom

34. Paeonia (peony), Japanese or tree – 1 bloom, disbudded

44. Rosa (rose), miniature – 1 spray or bloom

35. Perennial, plant height under 15” – 3 stems

45. Rosa (rose), climbing – 1 spray or bloom

36. Perennial, plant height over 15”, spike form – 1 stem

46. Rosa (rose), other – 1 spray or bloom

37. Perennial, plant height over 15”, other form – 1 stem

47. Viola (pansy) – 3 stems with own foliage

38. Perennial, collection of – 3 kinds, 1 stem of each

48. Educational exhibit

39. Rhododendron or azalea – 1 branch cut to 36” or less

49. Any other cultivar (AOC) – 1 stem or bloom

40. Rosa (rose) red, 1 specimen bloom.
The first prize in this category will be awarded the Red Rose Tea Trophy if it is deemed worthy by the judge. If the trophy is not awarded in June it may be awarded in

It is with great sadness we report the lost of Two of our well known members

Wayne Curtis. There are no details at the time of this printing. Wayne was well loved and will be missed by all of us who knew him.



and we have also lost Sue Perry

We received a phone call from Dave Ferry today letting us know that Sue passed away on Monday May 25th.

Dave Perry wanted to let us know how much Sue enjoyed participating in our Society. For several years she took care of memberships. He said she was always happiest when she visited the Junior Garden.



Speakers Corner:

This month we will have **Steve Wiersma** who is the Supervisor of Horticulture and Plant Production for the Town of Oakville. This position he has held for the last 3 years having worked for the Town for 11.

He worked in the greenhouses as a high school student and has always been interested in plants. He graduated from Niagara Parks School of Horticulture - Class of 2000. Starting his working life in residential landscaping and estate gardening and now oversees 15 gardeners, 50 summer students in peak season and is responsible for overseeing the production of over 100,000 annuals, 300 hanging baskets and 400 planters. He is responsible for shrub/flower beds, small trees, hanging baskets, planters and median planting within our town.

His presentation will be on Baskets, Planters and Annuals Oakville Style and will cover the process, plants that work together, annuals that are becoming more popular in garden centres, trends and maintenance. Steve has been an incredible resource with our various ongoing projects.



If you enjoyed Lorraine Roberts presentation in May, you may wish to attend this event

Get planting inspiration and fresh ideas at the 8th annual free Delphinium Festival!

This year's Delphinium Festival by Plant Paradise Country Gardens—featuring free botanical garden tours (regularly \$12), local artisans and two exciting guest speakers—promises to enhance everyone's planting know-how.

"We host this event every year because we want to celebrate gardens as places of inspiration, learning and well-being," says Lorraine Roberts, Plant Paradise co-owner, horticulturist and author of *A Recipe for Continuous Bloom*.

Now in its 8th year, the festival is part of the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association's *Fresh & Local Series*. Roberts adds, "What better place is there to learn about planting than the outdoors, surrounded by summer's stunning delphiniums in full bloom?"

Delphiniums may have star power, but festival goers who take the guided tours will be wowed by dozens of other hardy, unique perennials that thrive in Ontario climates.

Roberts shares lots of tips and insights on tours of Plant Paradise's stunning shade, sun and wildflower garden beds, including:

•**New long-blooming plants and plant combinations**

•**Ways to garden without herbicides, pesticides and synthetic fertilizers**

•**The all-natural secret to eliminating weeds**

"In addition to being the only botanical gardens in the region, we are also an organic perennial nursery," says Roberts. All plants featured on the tour are grown on-site—ensuring plant conservation and diversity of species within natural habitats—and available in the nursery. Saturday, July 4 — 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 5 — 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Plant Paradise Country Gardens, 16258 Humber Station Road, Caledon, Ontario
905-880-9090

From our good friends at the Cloverleaf Garden Club

We wish to invite The Oakville Horticultural Society members to join us on our annual bus trip. Cost is only : \$85 Includes motor coach transportation, a hot buffet style lunch, taxes and gratuities. Pick-ups: Mississauga & Milton



We are heading out to the Kitchener/Waterloo area Sat July 18th Last year we opened up our trip to 'Garden Walk Buffalo' and it was well enjoyed by members of 11 OHA societies.

For more info, please visit

www.cloverleafgardenclub.org and click on **Bus Tour**, on the middle of the home page.

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§ [Pfennings Organic Farm](#), packing and distribution centre, New Hamburg.

§ The Higgins property, a private garden by the water, in Wellesley.

§ Lunch at [Schmidtsville Restaurant](#) (a Mennonite run place), in Wellesley. Located 3 short blocks from the Higgins property, a pleasant walk through the town.

§ The [Wunder property](#), a private country garden in Baden.

§ [Meadow Acres Garden Centre](#) in Petersburg.

§ [Rockway Gardens](#) in Kitchener, a 7.5 acre botanical garden managed by the Kitchener Horticultural Society.

For your information here are just some of the exciting events happening soon

We are selling Cookbooks put together by the Streetsville Hort. Society at the June meeting The books are only ten dollars and 5 dollars of that goes to help your Oakville Hort. Society. Please consider buying one. We both win.

Sheridan Nurseries has mailed out cards to new members and or reactivated dormant cards. You should be getting them in the mail soon Most were mailed on May 29th.

June 14 Carnegie Gallery Garden Tour
10:00 am to 4:00 pm Tickets \$20 Includes complimentary Tea at Carnegie Gallery & gardens in Dundas, North Waterdown/Carlisle plus coupons for discounts at many shops & nurseries. Tickets available at: Carnegie Gallery, Brian Prince Bookseller & the Keeping Room (www.carnegiegallery.org)



June 20, 2015 Cloverleaf Garden Tour - 50th Anniversary 10:00am to 4:00pm- Tour Headquarters: St. Francis of Assisi R.C. Church, 2473 Thorn Lodge Drive. Manuela Neto 905-274-8938

Grimsby Lincoln Bus Tour to Whistling Gardens

Date: June 27, 2015 to June 27, 2015

Location: Whistling Gardens

City/Town: Wilsonville , ON

Contact: Wendy Fletcher

Contact Phone: 905-309-4744

Community Care Durham-Uxbridge

hosts its 19th Annual Gardens of Uxbridge garden tour on Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This self-guided tour offers a variety of gardens, from urban to rural. .

Tickets are \$25.00, which includes a delicious homemade box lunch. For Tickets and Event Information:

Chrystal Paisley
(905) 852-7445

June 20, 21, 2015 Hamilton & Burlington Society Annual Rose Show
Royal Botanical Gardens,

Ladies and Gentlemen here is an event not to be missed:

July 3-5, OHA Convention at Redeemer College, 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster

Get involved with the convention by entering one of its many competitions from Art, Creative Writing, Flower Show, Photography, Publications and Youth events.

Contact Cathy or Marie to volunteer at the Convention

Lily Society of Ontario Lily Show
Dalglish Atrium RBG
July 11-12, 2015