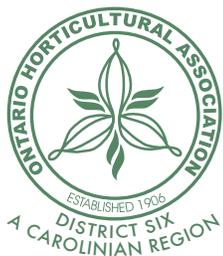




Newsletter



Before the Tour at Janet Taylor's Garden -
(L-R) Joan Paris, Janet, Beryl Lowther & Jean Latham



NEXT MEETING:

Monday, September 9, 2013 7:30 p.m.
doors open at 6:30

Location: Knox Presbyterian,
MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Speakers: Dugald Cameron Garden Import
Topic: Planting a Spectacular Spring
Garden Now

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President's Message

Could it really be September? Well, the mornings are not quite as bright and the evening dusk is coming sooner, and the daytime temperatures have moderated from the earlier cool and hot swings in June and July. The garden is definitely dry so we must be moving into September. But the cicadas are still buzzing away, drowning out the crickets into the evening. And where are the monarch butterflies that herald the approach of September, our Joe Pye Weed is normally covered with butterflies by this time?

Our garden has finally grown into the vision that Sonja had when we first planted those first catalogue ordered plants 25 years ago. The dogwood has doubled in size; the grasses have all hit their full height; the lilies have put on a show; and what a year for our daylily collection. The star has definitely been Dance Ballerina Dance, continuously blooming since the first week of July. Purchased in 2007 from Sandy Carlton of Arcadian Daylilies, this plant took three years before showing a single blossom. It has been well worth the wait.

The cool spring and rain certainly helped the Anderson Parkette. Even the spots where the Town did work this summer seem to have recovered. Margaret and Cathy and their team have done wonders. I hope you take the time to visit if you haven't this summer.

Looking ahead, the OHA annual convention is coming to our district in 2015. Our society will also be hosting the District 6 AGM, which is tentatively scheduled to take place concurrent with the OHA convention. This is a large endeavour and will require upwards of 250 volunteers. Please consider lending a hand in this convention.

And speaking of volunteering, have a look at the upcoming vacancies in our executive and committees on page 4. If you have a special talent or just a simple desire to become more involved please consider donating your time.

And now back out into the garden.

Stuart Gough

Events & Notices

RBG Fall Plant Sale

September 6, 3 to 6 p.m. & September 8, 11 to 4 p.m.

www.rbg.ca

Ontario Daylily Society Fall Classic

September 14, All Day Mississauga

<http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca>

OHA District 6 Breakfast Meeting

September 28 Hosted by Burlington Horticultural Society

For a complete listing of upcoming events please visit our website at www.oakvillehort.org.



Photo S. Gough

Hemerocallis 'Dance Ballerina Dance'

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The Junior Gardener Program - A Fairy Garden Experience



Photo Linda Tock

Early this summer, the Junior Gardeners were invited to visit John and Sue Raynor's garden. Their garden is a very special place, where garden fairies live behind tiny little doors, guarded by whimsical toadstools.

Before the search began for the little doors, Sue set the stage reading from a beautiful book she'd written about her garden fairies that included clues to where the doors might be found in the garden. Then the race was on!

Squeals of laughter and delight were heard all through the garden as each little door was discovered. Refreshments were served by John and Sue and an amazing discussion engaged all of us: Do you believe in garden fairies?

A perfect moment, and lovely memories of an afternoon spent in this very special garden. Thank you John and Sue!

Linda Tock

It's All in the Secret Knock

After we looked at all the fairy doors, Jill came up to me, frowning a little. "I think they're fake," she said "because I knocked, and the fairies didn't answer."

"Yes, but you didn't use the secret fairy knock," I said. "That was the problem."

Catherine Jensen

Hopefully the girls will have their knock perfected on their very own fairy doors they asked to have built that weekend following their magical tour.



Oakville Horticultural Society Executive & Officers for 2014

It is that time when the society must begin planning for the coming year, and list the Executive and Board positions along with any potential vacancies.

Proposed Executive:

President	Stuart Gough	Assistant Treasurer, Publicity
1st Vice President	Christine Lee	Garden Tour
2nd Vice President	Valerie Westwood	Flower Show Assistant
Secretary	Veronica Heiderich	
Treasurer	Fred Teng	

Proposed Directors:

Marie Decker	Flower Shows and Awards
Margaret Jeffrey	Public Planting
Joan Paris	Nominating, Newsletter mailing
Celia Roberts	
Sonja Tessari	Plant Sale
Elizabeth Thompson	Membership
Linda Tock	Junior Program

The following positions are vacant:

Draw table, newsletter, publicity, photographer, program, website.

To volunteer for these positions, please phone Joan Paris at 905-827-2872. As well, Linda Tock would also appreciate an assistant to help with the Junior Program. If interested please contact her at 905-842-6074



A Word of Thanks from Librarian Veronica Heiderich

The OHS Library wishes to thank Wayne Curtis for his generous donation of gently used gardening magazines over the past many months which have in turn been given away for free to other members to enjoy. If you have gardening reading material you wish to clear off your shelves, we welcome it for sharing among members. Come and visit the OHS Library downstairs after membership meetings to borrow books and see what additional donated reading material may be available.

Veronica Heiderich

Design & Horticulture: Flower Design Container Sale

If you have any such vases you no longer need, please bring them to the September meeting where we will put them on display and sell them to our members. Proceeds of the sale will be donated to the OHS general coffers. Also, Merleen Hall has been kind enough to donate some clay pots and flower arrangers' paraphernalia. Members can pick up what they want and if possible give a small donation to the OHS. Be sure to bring something to carry your loot home.

Marie Decker

Due to the shorter format of this current newsletter, please go to our website to find the schedule and guidelines for entering the flower show at: http://www.oakvillehort.org/sMSB_OHS_2013.pdf.

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Veronica Heiderich	Michelle Durrant	Cathy Kavassalis Paula Korzak John Raynor	Mary Cameron Cathy Kavassalis Barbara Phillips-Conroy Valerie Westwood