



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.

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www.oakvillehort.org

December Meeting:

Monday, December 9th, 2013

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting begins at 6:30 P.M.

Location:

Knox Presbryterian,
MacMillan Hall,
89 Dunn Street

Hall Set-up (9 A.M.):

Cathy Kavassalis
David Lewis
Bob Simpson
Larry Urbanoski

Hospitality:

Anne Clark-Stewart
Lillie de Silva
John Raynor
Gail Trenholm

January Meeting:

Monday, January 13th, 2014



PotLuck Supper & Annual General Meeting

Start off the festive season attending the OHS PotLuck Supper and Annual General Meeting.

6:30 Before and punch

7:00 Supper

8:00 AGM and Election of officers and directors

8:30 Awards Presentation

Food wise, each member should bring either a "before", salad, hot casserole or dessert. If you are coming on your own, bring enough to feed four, eight if bringing a spouse or friend. Please mark all serving dishes and utensils with your name. We have members who are very allergic to seafood or nuts so please clearly mark dishes containing these items in the dish or in the sauce. Remember there are no facilities for reheating casseroles.

You will need to bring your own plates, drinking mug and cutlery. Paper napkins, tea, coffee and rolls will be provided.



If the weather is threatening, check with OHS website for potential cancellation.

This evening is a wonderful opportunity to meet new members and renew friendships. We hope that you will enjoy this evening.

Where Gardeners come to flourish

President's Remarks

New bulbs planted, tender bulbs removed, dead foliage safely clipped back. Pots have been emptied and safely stored, the beds have been heavily mulched, and pruning is complete, leaves finally removed from every corner of the garden. Tall grasses have been tied to better withstand the winter winds; the rhodos have been wrapped for protection from the drying winter sun. The fountains have been drained, pumps dried and put away and the backyard furniture is covered waiting the first warm days of spring. The garden tools have been cleaned and hung neatly in the shed. Garlands and wreaths have been hung; the urns have lovely winter themed arrangements to welcome visitors. And now of snow is falling, covering the garden in a thick blanket, finally putting a close to our gardening year.

We are coming to our closing event of the year, our PotLuck Supper and Annual General Meeting. It is a wonderful time for our Society to gather and reflect on the year's events, to enjoy our successes and begin the conversation on new challenges.

Our Society engaged with the Town on Family Day, running flower-arranging sessions for children and adults alike. Abundant colour produced many happy smiles and an invite from the Town to run this program again this coming year.

The Junior Garden program held another successful summer at the Municipal Greenhouse, growing not only wonderful flowers but also many vegetables for their table. It is part of our Society's mandate to create an awareness of horticulture in our children and how better than for the kids to grow and then taste a flavourful sun-ripened tomato, fresh from the vine. Our Juniors also grew a pizza garden at Whole Foods and at summer's end, harvested the toppings for the pizzas prepared by the Whole Foods kitchens.

Our Society was successful in our fund-raising projects this year, involving almost every member



Stuart Gough

in the events. After a slow cold start to the growing season, our Plant Sale still raised over \$3,500; we had sold every plant. The cold did keep some from the plant sale activities, and the threatening rain did not begin to fall until everything had been cleared away. In June our Garden Tour with the help of a wonderfully warm weekend raised over \$3,800. It is great to see all the hard work being so well rewarded.

But even these amounts when combined with the \$1,500 grant we receive from OMAFRA (now known as OMAF) and our membership fees is still not enough to cover all the operating costs of our Society. This year saw the necessary step of increasing our membership fees.



Our Sustainable Garden Fund, created when we held the Evening with Freeman Patterson in November 2010, is being invested in two on going garden projects. The Anderson Bridge Parkette is coming into its own, maturing to the point where the self-sustaining feature of the plantings will require less investment on our part. Our second project garden, the Fields of Spring is now entering a testing phase. This project is to create a field of bright colour in the spring with mass plantings of narcissus (daffodil) and then low maintenance display of Eco-Grass. We are testing various types of narcissus to determine which will perform the best and then in the fall we will begin the mass plantings. We will need everyone to grab a trowel for this.

The Sustainable Garden Fund will not last forever. So it is time to plan for the future. A working group has begun planning a potential new garden project. As the planning and preparation proceeds we will be expanding the working group, till eventually we will all be involved. Funding this project, we will need to stage an event that is out of this world. With a spirit of bold curiosity for the adventure ahead, our society enters the new year.

OHS Financial Audit for year ending October 31, 2013

Revenue:

Bulbs, Plants and Seeds	\$ 370.00
Draw Table	455.25
May Plant Sale	5,326.75
Membership	2,330.00
Interest	577.14
Donations	19.00
Garden Tour	4,042.90
Ontario OMAFRA Grant	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	426.00
Junior Program Registrations	180.00
Non Fund Raising Activities	300.00
Total Revenue	\$ 15,527.04

Expenses:

Social Convenor	\$ 174.02
Bulbs, Plants and Seeds	216.30
Library	41.22
Public Planting	146.89
Membership in other Organizations	1,175.45
Executive	867.40
Draw Table	243.41
Monthly Shows	696.83
Garden Tour Convenor	252.89
Newsletter	1,204.78
Monthly Programs	2,962.77
Junior Program	835.04
May Plant Sale	1,809.94
Miscellaneous	391.12
Total Expenses	\$ 11,018.06
Net Income	\$ 4,508.98

OHS Society's Equity Statement

Assets:

Cash and Equivalents	
Chequing Account	\$ 370.00
Petty Cash	455.25
Savings Account	5,326.75
Total Assets	\$ 51,284.84

Liabilities:

N/A	\$ 0.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00

Equity:

Society's Equity	\$ 51,284.84
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Cash Flow Statement

Assets

Net Income	\$ 4,508.98
Less decrease in Unearned Revenue (Recognized from 2012)	\$ (1,035.00)
Add decrease in Prepaid Expenses (Recognized from 2012)	\$ 606.81
Cash from Operating Activities	\$ 4,080.79
Cash from Investing Activities	\$ 0.00
Cash from Financing Activities	\$ 0.00
Net Increase in Cash	\$ 4,080.79
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year (see note 1)	\$ 47,204.05
Projected Cash, end of period	\$ 51,284.84
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of period (see note 2)	\$ 51,284.84
Variance	\$ 0.00

Notes:

1: Chequing Account	\$ 2,026.05
Petty Cash	1,744.10
Savings Account	43,433.90
2: Chequing Account	\$ 4,014.57
Petty Cash	259.23
Savings Account	47,011.04

We certify that the statements of receipts and disbursements and assets and liabilities of the Oakville Horticultural Society for the fiscal year 2013 are correct and that our examination of the books and records of the Society included tests to ensure:

1. all cash receipts were correctly recorded,
2. all recorded vouchers were accurate and authentic,
3. all investments and similar assets which were reported actually exist.

The OHS Audit is submitted to OMAF (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food), as part of our year-end reports. Our Society, along with all other horticulture societies are governed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Act.

Nominations OHS Executive and Directors for 2014

Officers:

President: Stuart Gough
1st Vice president: Christine Lee
2nd Vice-president: Valerie Westwood
Secretary: Veronica Heiderich
Treasurer: Fred Teng

Directors:

Marie Decker
Margaret Jeffery
Joan Paris
Celia Roberts
Sonja Tessari
Elizabeth Thompson
Linda Tock

Committee Chairs and Co-chairs are as follows:

Committee and Executive Search: Joan Paris
Draw Table: Paula Clayton, Muriel Lee
Flower Shows: Marie Decker, Valerie Westwood
Garden Tour: Christine Lee
Junior Garden: Linda Tock
Library: Veronica Heiderich, Anne Ritchie
Membership: Elizabeth Thompson, Marjorie Bobko
Newsletter Editor: John Comber
Newsletter Mailing: Joan Paris
Plants, Bulbs & Seeds: vacant
Plant Sale: Sonja Tessari
Public Planting: Margaret Jeffery
Refreshment/Hospitality: Kathie Dick
Set-Up: vacant
Telephone Committee: vacant
Web, Publicity: Stuart Gough

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on any of our committees, contact Joan Paris at (905)827-2872. Please consider volunteering for any of these positions, as the OHS cannot continue to operate without your help.

Congratulations

Mary Cameron!

With her recent wins for her wonderful designs in the Oakville Design Division of the our Flower Shows Mary has now earned the honour of being eligible to enter the expert design class "Class of Distinction". Mary, we look forward to seeing more of your designs in the future.

Marie and Valerie, Flower Show Chairs

Coming Events

Holiday Traditions featuring the RBG Train

till January 5, 2014, RBG Centre
Annual holiday season event featuring Canada's best all-botanical model train installation
www.rbg.com

Savage Gardens, Nature's Ninjas

January 18 to April 13, 2014, RBG Centre
The captivating, bizarre, larger-than-life world of carnivorous plants
www.rbg.com

Stratford Garden Festival

February 27 to March 2, 2014
Beyond the Garden Gate...
www.stratfordgardenfestival.com

Successful Gardening Show

March 2-9, 2014, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
OHA Plant and Floral Design Competition Theme: Let's Dance!
www.internationalhomeandgardenshow.ca/the-successful-gardening-show/

Canada Blooms

March 14-23, 2014, Direct Energy Centre Wild...
www.canadablooms.com/

OHA Conference 2014

July 18-20, 2014, Cornwall
A River runs by it...
The 108th OHA Convention, great speakers, design, horticulture and creative competitions
www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php/

OHA Convention 2015

July 3-5, 2015, Ancaster
Summer in the Southern Tier...
The 109th OHA Convention, hosted by our district

The Oakville Horticultural Society Newsletter is published 10 times a year from September to June. Articles and photographs should be sent to the Editor John Comber at
editor.ohs@oakvillehort.org.

Deadline for submission is the 3rd Thursday of the month. All photographs and articles are produced by the Editor unless otherwise noted.

Best Wishes this Holiday Season