



Oakville Horticultural Society October 2017

Date:

October Monthly Meeting

October 16, 2017

Location:

Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center, 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E.

Set-up Volunteers:

Cathy Kavassalis, Paula Clayton and Marie Decker

Hospitality Volunteers:

Margaret Jeffery and Heather Record

Flower Show Clerks:

Marie Decker



Our speaker for October will be Kate Sault and her talk will be entitled, My Dahlia Journey, in which she will take us through her personal experiences and passion for growing dahlias. Kate is a Halton Master Gardener and she started growing dahlias just a few years ago when she retired. She has worked for 40 years at the University of Toronto in a laboratory in the Botany Department.

She is continually learning (through her mistakes!) with the support of the members of the Hamilton Dahlia Society. She is always amazed by the form and colour of the flowers. Her next step is to narrow down a few of her favourites and grow multiple numbers of plants in the hope of successfully achieving best flower for a show.

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President's Remarks ...



It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 60th Anniversary party on Sunday, September 10th. And what a resounding success it was! The weather was lovely, the speakers entertaining, the activities were fun, the gardens were impressive, and the 'high tea' was a hit. We all know that events like these don't happen by themselves, so I want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the following members: Jana Schilder, Florenda Tingle, Cathy Kavassalis, Valerie Rughi, Margaret Jeffrey, Stuart Gough and Cathy Ryan. Thank you for organizing such a fitting celebration.

As a Society, we usually have so much going on in Spring that it can be quite hectic. Luckily the days are long, as there is so much to do. And our members are very good at volunteering for these important initiatives. Then summer arrives and we get a much-needed break to focus on our own gardens, travel, visits with friends and family and just hanging out. Its also a good time to reflect on things and how they may be changing. Paying attention to the all-important pollinators is certainly a positive development. Another trend we're seeing everywhere is the increased Interest in growing vegetables. This takes many of us full circle to our first gardening experiences and like gardening in general, can be a great way to connect with others.

It has been a somewhat cool and unpredictable summer, but I think most gardeners have been pleased with the overall results. I'm looking forward to seeing some of those specimens in the Horticulture show at our next meeting. We will catch up with Society business, learn about Dahlias from Kate Sault and see what members bring to the Design Exhibits. And once again, we'll be at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.

Until then, happy gardening! Paula Clayton

Congratulations on a job well done!

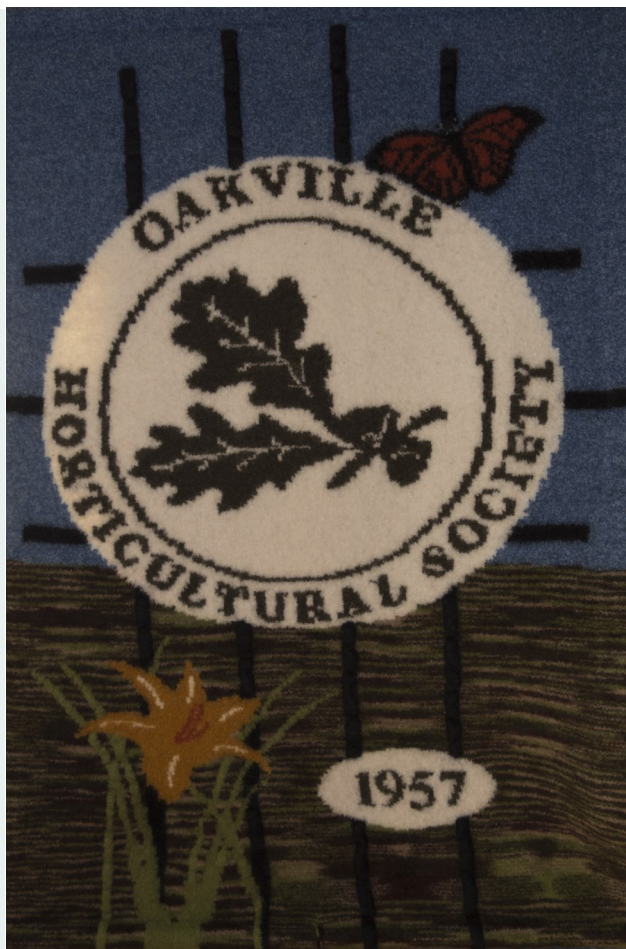


There will be no vases supplied at the October Flower Show. Every exhibitor entering the show must provide their own vases.

Important Notice
Flower Exhibitors



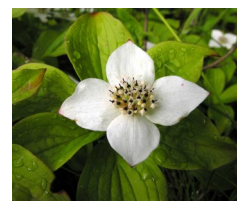
60th Anniversary Festivities



What's the National Flower of Canada? Master Gardeners with help from Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist at Memorial University of Newfoundland, came up with the three choices for a pan-Canadian flower- one that appears in every province and territory but is not already a provincial or territorial emblem. The Winner Is:



Bunchberry (Cornus Canadensis)





LOOKING FOR:

Fun with Flowers Committee Head or Co-Chair

Fun, rewarding work with lots of support from others. Approximately 40 hours of volunteer time required. Contact: Paula Clayton 905-825-2548

Plant Sale Committee Head or Co-Chair

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**All memberships dated 2017 will expire on
October 31, 2017**

Please complete the form on page 12 of the newsletter. Provide your membership number and your name when renewing along with any contact information that may have changed. To comply with the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, the Society requests that you indicate your agreement to receive important information and announcements from our Society, the OHA district and association. Please indicate your acceptance by checking the box "I Agree to receive Society mail..." You may withdraw your consent at any time by sending an email to membership.ohs@oakvillehort.org with "Unsubscribe me" in the subject line along with your complete contact information. We thank you for your continuing support of our society.

Renew your Membership by cash or cheque (made payable to: Oakville Horticultural Society).
Renewal Form located on Page 12.



A unique Christmas gift for all gardeners!

NO BEEKEEPING REQUIRED TO HELP THE BEES!

Many gardeners may not be familiar with solitary bees as most of the news media focus on the honey bee only. However, it is only the honey bee that lives in hives and have a queen; most of the over 20,000 other species of bees in the world live solitary lives and build their own nests. Our Solitary Pollen Bee Nest offers many of these bees a safe place to nest, and provides the gardener an opportunity to participate in bee conservation without actual beekeeping! The nest attracts gentle **native bees** and is easy to use - the result will be abundant crops and lush flowers for the gardener.



**Bring your own mug and get
one free draw ticket at the
door!!!!**



Junior Gardeners Corner.....



Another successful season at the Junior Garden has come to an end. We used our sturdy new trellis, generously donated by the Ferry family last year, to grow peas and cucumbers. The tomatoes were a little slow to ripen but when they did they were delicious. The big winners from all the rain we had this summer were the leafy greens and green onions. The children even managed to grow 10ft tall sunflowers.



Petrie's Quality Topsoil once again kindly donated the soil for our plots. We may have lousy weather but fortunately we never have to worry about our soils.

We were lucky to have Margaret Larson come to our garden and show the children how to make milkweed seed balls. Her passion for the Monarch butterfly was very contagious; the children scoured the milkweed at the garden and found 7 tiny caterpillars for her to raise and release.

Once again we were able to donate our extra produce, mainly green onions and kale, to Foodshare and Kerr St Ministries.

Next year we will be extending the ages of the gardening program - all children over the age of 6 will be welcome to join.

We hope to see you in the garden in 2018! Helen Stephenson



"Give the children an opportunity to make garden. Let them grow what they will. It matters less that they grow good plants than that they try for themselves." - Liberty Hyde Bailey an American horticulturist, botanist and co-founder of the American Society for Horticultural Science.



Soon the seed catalogues will start to arrive, with their bewildering array of plants, many of them new cultivars (cultivated varieties), the result of the breeders and hybridizers art. Some of them are the progeny of native species which occurred in the wild in North America before the arrival of Europeans with new plants from their homeland, but others have their origin in every corner of the world. Did you ever stop to wonder how all these “aliens” arrived in our catalogues? It was through the efforts of an intrepid group of explorers called plant hunters, who travelled the world facing danger, hardship, and the unknown in their single minded quest for new plants.

The first recorded plant hunter was the Egyptian queen Hatchpent who in 1435 BC sent her botanists to Ethiopia to collect the incense trees of frankincense and myrrh.

Fast forward to the seventeenth century when explorers from the powerful maritime nations of Europe were sailing the world’s oceans in search of colonies and trade. The crews often included a botanist whose duty was to find new plants which could be exploited commercially. (Ornamental frivolity was not the centre of attention in those days)

The Victorian era in the nineteenth century saw an explosion of plant hunting activity as interest in ornamental horticulture grew, and botanical gardens such as Kew in London, rich collectors who wanted to have bragging rights to some new plant, and large nurseries who wanted to get an edge over their competition, sponsored botanical explorers to travel the world and bring back new plants.

Of course in the early days there were no cameras to record their findings, much less cell phones to transmit them instantly to their sponsors, so botanical artists often accompanied the explorers. They were essential because it was almost impossible for a flowering plant to survive a long sea journey and seeds, bulbs and tubers, even pressed plants, do not excite the imagination.

The invention of the Wardian Case changed all that. Nathaniel Ward was a London



physician/amateur botanist who discovered that plants in a sealed glass case could survive unattended for long periods because water transpired by the leaves would condense on the glass and re-enter the soil for another cycle . In this way ferns were shipped to Australia in 1833 with minimal losses. In 1848, 20,000 tea plants were smuggled out of Shanghai and sailed to Assam in Wardian cases to establish plantations there. After germination in the greenhouses at Kew, seedlings of seeds of rubber trees from Brazil were shipped in Wardian cases to Sri Lanka (then called Ceylon) and Malaya to establish rubber plantations and break Brazil’s monopoly.



From the end of the sixteenth century, when plant hunting really got underway, the new plants had to travel as seeds bulbs, rhizomes, tubers or dormant roots because the salty air, lack of proper watering or care meant death to almost all live plants. The Wardian case changed all that and there was an explosion of new plants, both food and ornamental, available to commerce and gardeners. Now the plants in our gardens come from all over the world, including the Arctic (poppies and saxifrages) Some strict native plant proponents may deplore this, but take a look at the list. Here is just a small sample.

Europe	Campanula, dianthus, erica, geranium, primula, viola
Africa	Gladiolus, impatiens, lobelia, pelargonium, osteospermum, agapanthus
Mediterranean	Anemone, crocus, tulip, iris, cyclamen, narcissus
India	Begonia, hibiscus, impatiens, paleness
China	Camelia, chrysanthemum, day lily, magnolia, lily, rhododendron, rose, wisteria, primula
Central Asia	campanula, delphinium, geranium, viola
North America	delphinium, lupin, lily, poppy, aster, iris, rhododendron
Central America	Dahlia, marigold, yucca, helianthus
South America	Abutilon, fuschia, amaryllis, nicotiana, begonia



Gardening with David ...

Many of the plant hunters died on, or as a result of , their travels, from starvation, drowning, wild animals, hostile natives, and illnesses such as malaria or the plague. Here is the experience of just one of them.

David Douglas (namesake of the Douglas Fir) (1798 to 1834), was sent to collect seeds from Western North America. In the process he had to escape from hostile Indians, and almost starved several times. On a second visit his canoe overturned in some rapids and all his specimens and equipment were lost. He was washed up half dead on the shore but undaunted, he started collecting again. On his return trip to England he stopped off in Hawaii. Still collecting, he was walking alone in the forest when he fell into a pit trap dug to capture wild cattle. His mangled body was found later - a bull had been in the pit! He was still only thirty five.

Spare a thought for these brave men (and a few women) who are now largely forgotten, when you are in the nursery next year, and don't take for granted the bounteous selection.



Happy gardening, David Marshall.

Vegetable Gardener Patch



The gentleman (pictured in the photo) and his 94 year old father have created and managed this amazing garden. They invited our own Cathy Kavassalis to identify this vegetable. Do you know what it is? Answer: It is not a zucchini but a gourd.

Cathy discovered that the vegetable is not actually a true zucchini, but an edible variety of snake gourd - *Langenaria Siceraria*. They are in the cucumber family and as you have discovered can grow very long. Unfortunately, the current world record for this variety is 11 feet 9.5 inches. You can see more giant cucurbit here: <http://www.panoramitalia.com/en/life-people/profiles/john-seca-s-prize-winning-zucchini-tower-rest/3149/>



CANADIAN TRIVIA

TRIVIA: Canada is known as the home of large animals like the moose and grizzly bear, but did you know it is also home to about 55,000 species of insects and about 11,000 species of mites and spiders?



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- 7 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 13 The Healing Forest: The Ethnobotanical Search for New
- 14 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 19-20 Horticultural Therapy Basic Training **(RBG)**
- 21 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 24 The Right Food for the Right Bird **(TRC)**
- 25 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**

November						
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- 9 A Chickadee's Guide to Gardening **(RBG)**
- 11 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**
- 14 Building Birdfeeders **(TRC)**
- 18 Birding with the Experts with Luc Fazio & Dan Salisbury **(TRC)**

Royal Botanical Gardens - (RBG)

680 Plains Road West, Hamilton/Burlington • 905-527-1158

Plant Paradise Country Gardens (PPCP)

16258 Humber Station Rd, Caledon East, ON 905-880-9090

The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC)

4300 Riverwood Park Ln, Mississauga, ON (905) 279-5878



June Entry:

My mom lives in Toronto and with me being in Oakville, we check in with each other pretty regularly so a typical phone call with her sounds something like this:

Mom: Hi honey. I wanted to see how things are going.

Me: All good. But we just saw each other yesterday. Nothing much going on.

Mom: Oh. Okay. Well, I just like to know what's going on. Let me know if anything exciting happens.

Me: Will do mom. You have a good week.

Mom: Thanks, you too.

While the pallet gardening is going well so far, not much to report so this is going to be a bit of a "mom phone call" this month. In the last article, there was a lot of action...sourcing materials, getting the pallet garden constructed, selecting the plants. As most gardeners are familiar though, next comes....the waiting period. The weeds haven't taken hold yet, the plants are doing their thing and nothing to do but water. Which is one thing I can provide a small update on. Although we've had plenty of rain so far, it does look like the self-watering system is working. I have done a few top-ups though as the plant roots are still fairly shallow and the water from the reservoir does not seem to be making it all the way to the top layer of soil. My preliminary hypothesis is that the use of a bottom reservoir system will work great with deeper rooted plants such as tomatoes, particularly later in the season, whereas it might not necessarily be ideal for shallow rooted items such as lettuce.

I can also report that the dog is completely ignoring the structure, which means my plants are safe from being crushed. A big "check" in my world. She is still escaping into the neighbour's yard by jumping the fence though. I did come up with a solution to that using some of the leftover PVC pipe from the reservoir system I constructed. It works like a roller bar (or, to be more precise, a giant toilet paper roll) that is situated between the two fence posts. When she tries to jump, she falls back as the bar just rolls her off. A bonus "spin off" (get that...a little joke there) from the construction materials. My final note for this month's "lessons learned" – I'm not loving where I placed my garden. It's located with lots of sun and it works, but I've been thinking about putting a shed in and I'll have to tear down the pallet structure and relocate it if I do. While it will be possible, it's going to take more work than it was to construct it so something to keep in mind. Next month, I should have a good opportunity to test the reservoir system. I'm out of town for 10 days in July and I'll be topping it up to see how it works while I'm gone. I may be reporting on my dead plants or, hopefully, on the lush garden that has magically appeared in my absence. I do have a neighbour that will be checking in just in case.

Till the next episode, the Black Thumb signing off.



"I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul, to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow. " ~ David Hobson



September Entry:

All good things must come to an end, and so it is with the summer and my pilot project with the pallet garden. It's been a great experience to be able to share the results with you as the quilt joy of knowing others were counting on regular updates kept me on my toes. Although I may never wok my way up to a true green thumb, I think I can say I have moved up to at least a dark gray this year.

As most people are visual learners, I think these two photos provide a good summary of my gardening experience this past summer. I direct your attention to photo one, displaying a rather sparse array of vegetation being inspected by a dog (the ever-present Stella). This was my "control" plot – my usual attempt at container gardening which generally performs poorly, despite my best efforts. As you can see, this remains the case this year. One of the biggest problems I have is ensuring the plants get adequately watered on a regular basis. Although this was a fairly wet summer, vacations and frequent outings meant my veggies didn't get the attention they needed. I feel container grown vegetables are the plant world equivalent of a Kardashian when it comes to their needs. If you're not watering and weeding and fertilizing and removing pests and staking them (and on and on) each and every day, they throw a fit and refuse to cooperate. Very high needs with little to show for it.



I would now like to bring your attention to photo number two – the "self watering" pallet garden. Notice the differences. First...no dog. Stella had no interest whatsoever in digging or laying down in the pallet garden as it was too high off the ground. The other striking difference is the volume of foliage. While some of this may be due to plant choices (kale...I'm talking about you), I will definitely endorse the success of the watering feature with the gravel bed. Although filling it with water at the beginning of the season took a little while, I only needed to top it up a few times over the course of the summer and of course, a few days of top watering in the beginning until the water started wicking up. Does this mean my gardening was a total success? A resounding no! This would not be in keeping with the spirit of the black thumb approach. Although I planted a few varieties of tomatoes, beans, peas, peppers, cauliflower and kale, as you can see kale took over everything and drowned out most of the others. In this sense, I suppose kale is also a plant version of a Kardashian – hmmm...Kaledashian? Was this the fault

of the pallet garden? It was not. It was my overly ambitious planning and thinking I could grow that many things in a two by four box. So what are the big "takeaways" from the season? Besides bags (and bags) of kale (shout out to my co-worker who took many of them off my hands to turn into kale chips!), I offer the following:

Did it prevent my dog from destroying the garden? Most definitely yes!

Did the wicking bed work as anticipated? Again, most definitely yes! Although it might need more frequent watering in a drier year, it provided consistent water levels and allowed me to have "watering vacations" without compromising the health of the plants.

Did it prevent weeds? Possibly. There were a few weeds that popped up in the beginning but the kale provided a force shield around the entire structure – nothing could get through that once it was established. Unfortunately, this included the other plants I did want to grow.

Did it allow me to cancel my weekly farm box of veggies I usually get each year? Not yet although I am hopeful for next year (sorry Farmer Dave).

Is it something I would do again? Absolutely! Especially if you're just getting started and have to invest in getting a garden set up from scratch, I feel the cost and effort of a raised pallet garden makes it even more of a "slam dunk" over a traditional garden bed. I'm planning to install a few more next year, although I will be paying more attention to location and plant selection for my next project.

With the environmental impact of transporting food, concerns with "factory" farming and the increasing cost of food, growing your own vegetables makes good sense, even if it's only a few plants. Hopefully this series has inspired you to try it out and in the words of one of my favourite authors, "And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.) Kid, you'll move mountains! So...be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Great Places!

Today is your day! Your mountain garden is waiting. So...get on your way!"

Black Thumb signing off.



October 10-11	OIPC AGM and Invasive Plant Conference
	Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, Ottawa. For more Information: www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca
October 14	Halton Forest Festival Public Day
	10:00 am - 3:30 pm The goal of Halton Forest Festival is to educate the Halton community about their local forest ecosystems and the value of the trees and animals that live within them. The Public Day features children's activities, bird and bee house building, cross cut saw demonstrations, a wood working display, chainsaw carving, children's tree climbing, tree id as well as guided hikes through the amazing forest at Rattlesnake Point. Oakvillegreen will be sharing information about our new Backyard Tree Planting Program and teaching you 'How to Plant a Tree'! For more information contact info@oakvillegreen.org
October 16	October Monthly Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center
	Monthly meeting will be held Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd E
October 20-29	Hamilton Fall Mum and Garden Show
	Open daily from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. For more information: www.hamiltoninbloom.ca
October 29	65th Annual Fall Flowers and Bonsai Exhibition
	Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. Location: Kobayashi Hall, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Gramond Court, Toronto Admission: adults \$5.00, children 12 and under free. For more information
November 4	OHA District 6 Annual Fall Dinner
	OHA District 6 Annual Fall Dinner hosted by: Delhi & District Horticultural Society. Date: November 4, 2017. Location: Delhi Hungarian Hall: 71 King Street, Delhi, On. N4B 1X7. Cost: \$30.00 per person. Doors open: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 6:00 pm. Deadline: October 25, 2017. For tickets: call 519-582-4523 (evening only) Email: Donna Hussey at: hussyede@sympatico.ca for more information.
November 4	OCA Youth Stewards Surveying for Invasive Species
	Invasive species have become a threat to our natural lands integrity. Join the Ontario Invasive Plant Council and Oakville green, to survey invasive plants and understand what is growing in our woodlots so we can tackle the problem and preserve biodiversity. Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon. Location: Arbourview Park Reeves Gate, North of Upper Middle, Oakville.
November 16	November Monthly Meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church
	Monthly meeting will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church 89 Dunn Street
November 29	District 6 Judges Update
	Registration deadline November 15, 2017. Max 20 participants. Cost: \$20.00 cheque payable to OHA District 6. Will be covering Hort, Design and Photography. Date November 29, 2017. Time 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Location: Research Station 1283 Blue Line Road, Simcoe, Ontario. Contact: Catherine McGill Contact Phone: 905-765-3515 email: district6@gardenontario.org

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		NOVEMBER 1, 2017 - OCTOBER 31, 2018	
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Here's to all
volunteers, those
dedicated people
who give selflessly
of their time, talent
and treasures.

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FOR MAKING THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE





CANADA 150

OHA District 6 Annual Fall Dinner Hosted By: Delhi & District Horticultural Society

Delhi Hungarian Hall
71 King Street, Delhi, ON N4B 1X7

November 4, 2017



Doors open at 5:00 p.m. - Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

Society and
Individual
Orders will
be accepted!

\$30.00 Per Person

For Tickets Phone Evenings 519-582-4523 or
Email Donna Hussey at husseyde@sympatico.ca

Deadline: October 25, 2017; Sorry No Refunds!

Speaker: Mae Leonard, "The Art of Dowsing; Not Just For Water"

Door Prizes - Family Style Dinner Menu

Gluten free and vegetarian options available

Tossed Garden Salad
Dinner Roll
Chicken & Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Mixed Vegetables

Celebration Cake & Ice Cream
Freshly Brewed Tea and Coffee
Gluten Free & Vegetarian Options

Cash Bar

District 6 Fall Dinner Order Form—Deadline: October 25, 2017
Saturday, November 4, 2017. Delhi Hungarian Hall, 71 King Street, Delhi, ON N4B 1X7

Name of Society/Individual's Society: _____

Society/Individual Contact Person: _____ Ph# : _____

Your pre-paid tickets will be held at the door by Society Name. You will receive a confirmation email when your order form and cheque are received:

Society/Individual Contact Email: _____

Number of tickets required: _____ X \$30 = Total Amount \$ _____

Total Regular Meals: _____ Total Gluten Free Meals: _____ Total Vegetarian Meals: _____

Clip and mail: Delhi & District Horticultural Society, c/o Donna Hussey, 405 Earl Street, Delhi, ON N4B 1W4 along with one Society/Individual cheque payable to: Ontario Horticultural Association District 6

Tickets must be pre-paid — No ticket sales at the door



Lets visit next month.....

Henderson Island
Designated Heritage World Site



DISTRICT 6 Summary of MINI NEWSLETTER

Convention Review:

Richmond Hill, July 21 - 23, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 2018 OHA Convention
Friday to Sunday July 27-29, 2018
Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre, Kingston



OHA AWARDS BOOKLET: Every society is encouraged to read the OHA awards booklet and apply. Make sure you check deadlines as February 1 comes along quickly in the year. The awards booklet is available on line.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT 6 for all of the many awards and achievements:

OHA Award of Merit - Celia Roberts, Oakville

Award of Merit: is given to an individual for notable contributions to the programs of the Association or a Society. Contributions may include special beautification projects, outstanding work in the science or art of horticulture, in organizing shows, floral design, horticultural exhibits or horticulture/floral design photography, in judging shows or training judges, including supporting individuals or organizations in the area of communication. Some examples of other worthy efforts are: contribution towards the advancement of sound horticultural and/or ecological and conservation practices, fostering community gardens, outstanding work in the science or art of horticulture, or leadership of a special project that is within the aims of the OHA.



Congratulations! Celia Roberts who received the OHA Merit Award for her contributions and leadership to the Horticultural Society. On the left, Suzanne Hanna, OHA President presenting the award to Celia Roberts. On the right, Catherine McGill, District 6 Director, presenting the award to Celia Roberts.



Bio: The recipient of the 2017 Award of Merit is a 20-year member of the Oakville Horticultural Society and has served as vice-president, president and past-president. A 12-year member of the OHS board, she has served four years as the chair of the program committee, four years as a member of the Monthly Show Committee and ten years as organizer of the plant sale. She is now serving in an advisory capacity to the present OHS executive. She has been a Garden Clubs of Ontario/Royal Botanical Gardens certified design judge for ten years, a certified judge of Horticulture for four years and also holds a diploma in Landscape Design from Sheridan College. She has judged design and horticulture at a number of Ontario and international flower shows. She is now teaching design with the Garden Clubs of Ontario at the Toronto Botanical Gardens and was co-principal of the Garden Clubs of Ontario 7th



OHA Award of Merit - Celia Roberts, Oakville

Bio:

School for Judges, Educators and Demonstrators. In addition, she has taught design and horticulture classes for the OHA Judges' update programme and has served as OHA Flower Show Chair at four conventions.

She has been an organizer and volunteer for several landscaping and garden projects.

At the District level, she has served as an Assistant Director and Director for District 6 as well as acting as interim Director for District 15.

She continues to work tirelessly to improve volunteerism, encourage youth membership and promote horticulture and education at her Horticultural Society, within Districts 6 and 15 and beyond.

OHA Environmental Award - Margaret Jeffery, Oakville Horticultural Society D-6

Environmental Award: This award may be presented to an individual, organization, municipality, company, school or other educational establishment that, in the estimation of the Awards Committee, has made a significant contribution to environmental preservation including habitat, restoration, and/or improvement.

Because of this year's Environmental Award recipient's efforts, two projects have seen the light of day. Each spring since 2014, the residents of Oakville have enjoyed naturalized fields of daffodils that were planted on two sites with very different growing conditions. The varieties of daffodil were carefully selected with the conditions in mind as well as using Eco Lawn to provide low maintenance grassy areas throughout the year.

The second project, "Garden for Life", involved working with many community partners to replace an existing parkette with a new biodiverse, pollinator garden. Since the inception, our recipient and the Oakville Horticultural Society have been involved with fundraising, designing, and plant selection to installation, and regular maintenance. This garden has provided beauty and an environmentally appropriate site bordering Sixteen Mile Creek.

This garden has been planted twice. In 2016, she organized a full-scale plan removal and later, the return of the plantings to the park that allowed the Town of Oakville to carry out a major sewage and water upgrade in the area. Filled with more than 40 North American native plant species, the garden is designed to thrive without the addition of water or fertilizers.



Congratulations! Margaret Jeffery (center) who received the HA Environmental Award for her dedicated volunteer work with the Horticultural Society - Anderson Bridge Parkette and the Fields of Spring. Catherine McGill (left), District 6 Director and Suzanne Hanna (right), OHA President presenting the award.



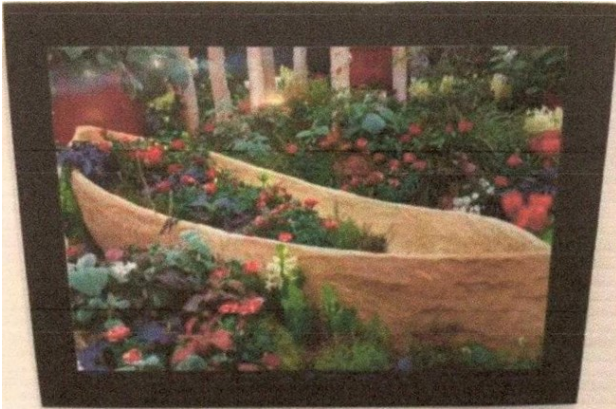
"Whatever community organization, whether it's a women's organization, or fighting for racial justice ... you will get satisfaction out of doing something to give back to the community that you never get in any other way." — Ruth Bader Ginsburg



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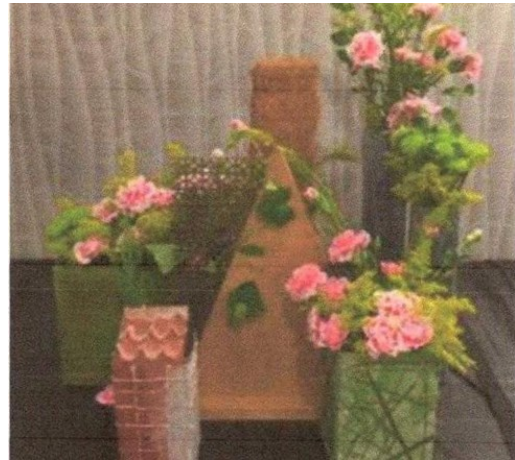
Some OHS members submissions to

***Congratulations to all our members who
submitted their works of art !!!***



Marie Decker, Oakville Horticultural Society

"High Rise"



Mary Rose, Oakville Horticultural Society



Wade Pittman, Oakville Horticultural Society

2nd Place - winning photo: 'Perfect Partners'

Mary Rose, Oakville



The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.

