



## Oakville Horticultural Society June 2017

**Date:**

June Monthly Meeting

June 12, 2017

**Location:**

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

**Set-up Volunteers:**

Cathy Kavassalis, Paula Clayton and Marie Decker

**Hospitality Volunteers:**

Pat Hooper, Sheelagh Rowland and Paula Clayton

**Flower Show Clerks:**

Robert Welsh & Valerie Westwood



Our speaker for June is Kevin Beagle, co-owner of Weir's Lane Lavender and Apiary located in lovely West Flamborough. Kevin with his wife Abigail Payne started their lavender farm in 2010 and opened the farm store in 2011. Currently, Weir's Lavender Farm grows more than 5,000 plants, has 200+ hazelnut trees, and maintains several bee hives. There are 10+ varieties of *Lavandula Angustifolia*

(dubbed True or English) and *Lavandula Intermedia* (dubbed Lavandin or French) families.

Prior to that Kevin worked in the Financial Markets Industry focusing on the technology side of the business. He was educated at York University and resides in West Flamborough Ontario and Melbourne Australia. As well as being Chair of the Board for the Ontario Lavender Association he serves on the Board of the Bay Area Health Trust, The Hamilton Hurricanes Football Club and is the Past President of the Rotary Club of Dundas. Outside of lavender and bees his interests are golf, travel, community service and family activities. Kevin has been heard on radio and TV as well as presenting at libraries, service clubs, church groups, garden clubs and horticultural societies.

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It certainly has been a busy month, with so many members involved in our Plant Sale on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the start of the Junior Program, work in our community gardens, and behind-the-scene preparations for the Garden Tour. Then there is everything we've been doing in our own gardens, not to mention visits to nurseries and plant sales far and wide. It surely is a wonderful, but hectic, time of year.

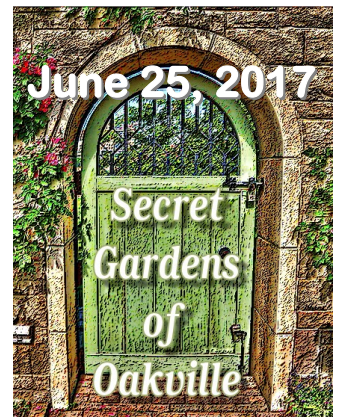


We have every reason to be delighted with the results of another very successful Plant Sale. Kudos to all the great volunteers who donated plants, got the word out, helped with plant rescue, acted as plant depots, drove, loaded and unloaded the truck, showed up early to set up for the sale, served the eager customers, took pictures, baked goodies for us, directed traffic, tallied and took cash, and generally did what we do best – demonstrated to all that the

OHS is where great gardeners come to flourish! Many thanks to all of you who gave your time to this important event.

The next 'big thing' for us is the garden tour, coming up on June 25.

The tickets are now available at 6 outlets around town and the 8 gems of our Secret Gardens of Oakville are getting ready to be unveiled. Like the Plant Sale, this is an important awareness and fund raising event for the OHS, and it takes lots of volunteers to make it happen. We are still looking for people to 'host' in the gardens. This involves spending a few hours checking visitor tickets, helping with traffic flow in and around the garden, answering questions and safeguarding the owners' plants and property. The clipboard will be circulated again at our June meeting next week, so if you haven't done so already, please sign up for this fun activity.



By the time this reaches you, the crops will all be 'in' at the Junior Gardens and another group of 6 to 9 year olds will be learning about the joys of gardening and the satisfaction of growing your own food. For many of us, helping in a vegetable garden is where our life-long love of nature and gardening began.



We have an eventful and interesting meeting planned with a full agenda. We'll get caught up on Society business, take the time to recognize deserving members, have a talk by Kevin Beagle of Weir's Lavender Farm, and get to show/see our best examples from the

garden and members' design creations. The theme is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday, so please bring a fork for Strawberry Shortcake along with your coffee cup! Once again, we'll be at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.

Until then, happy gardening! Paula



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

**Important Notice**  
**Flower Exhibitors**





## Annual Strawberry Shortcake Social



Please join us for the next Oakville Horticultural Meeting to be held on June 12, 2017 at the Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre, followed by a Strawberry Social.

Please bring a fork and a mug.



**What's the National Flower of Canada? Canada doesn't have a National Flower and we want to change that!** Master Gardeners of Ontario think Canada's 150th birthday is the perfect time to launch a campaign to get one! Toronto Master Gardeners with help from Todd Boland, Research Horticulturist at Memorial University of Newfoundland, came up with the following three choices for a pan-Canadian flower—one that appears in every province and territory but is not already a provincial or territorial emblem:



**Bunchberry**  
(*Cornus canadensis*)



**Twinflower**  
(*Linnaea borealis*)



**Hooded Ladies Tresses**  
(*Spiranthes romanzoffiana*)

Read about the three 'nominees' for a National Wildflower at this link:

[http://www.mgoi.ca/news/news\\_files/1bd10c7bb9ca13c65f6e20208c6bc199-4.html](http://www.mgoi.ca/news/news_files/1bd10c7bb9ca13c65f6e20208c6bc199-4.html)

Then vote for your choice at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Z9WDW9>

Voting will close at midnight on June 30th, 2017. Vote now—it only takes a few seconds!



Our Junior Garden is an outdoor classroom — a live exhibit of so much that nature provides. An appreciation, an awareness and respect for the natural world, is an integral part of this hands-on program. Gardens teach meaningful work — so much to do and observe each season. Children cooperate on real tasks with tangible and tasty outcomes.

**Location:** 1100 Cornwall Road, just behind the Municipal Greenhouse.

**When:** The program is held on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 during June and July. June is a key planting month. Special nature presentations are

also scheduled for all two months.

**Cost:** Participation per family, per plot is \$35 for the season.

**Age:** Children must be between 6 to 9 years old. There is a limit of one adult with two appropriately aged children per family per plot. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. Each family is responsible for the care of their garden, including weekly watering and weeding.

Find out more about how you and your child/grandchild can participate in this unique program by contacting Helen Stephenson at: [juniors.ohs@oakvillehort.org](mailto:juniors.ohs@oakvillehort.org)

**See you in the Junior Garden!**

**P.S. They are on the 2017 Oakville Garden Tour!**





## Old Oakville Hospital Plant Rescue



On a cold, blustery rainy day, some of the OHS members met to rescue plants from the Old Oakville Hospital.



## OHS Plant Shopping at Brownridge Nursery



OHS Shopping Crew



The OHS Shopping Crew smiling with their purchases for the Plant Sale. Doug Brownridge reviews the order, worrying what negotiations with the OHS Crew he should expect.



On Friday May, 19th, the Town delivered 3 cu yards of mulch to the Anderson Parkette. Since many of the OHS volunteers were involved with the Plant Sale on the weekend, a call went out to all who were available and willing. On Monday, May 22, Victoria Day morning, a number of OHS volunteers met to rake, weed, move and place the mulch where required and tidy up. Thank you Margaret Jeffery for organizing this event on such short notice and all who assisted you.







Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 4pm

Tickets \$15 each or 2 for \$25

Cash only Please

Available as of May 22<sup>nd</sup> from:

Agram Garden Centre, 2018 Dundas St East (at 9<sup>th</sup> Line)

Ann's Flower Boutique, 1500 Upper Middle Rd West

Bulow Garden Centres, 370 South Service Rd West

and 2667 Lakeshore Rd West

Cudmore's Garden Centre, 3171 Lakeshore Rd West

In 2 flowers, 2530 6<sup>th</sup> Line, Unit 10

Or at the OHS Plant Sale, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Munn's United Church, 6<sup>th</sup> Line  
& Dundas



## CANADIAN TRIVIA

Canada has a lot of great things in abundance, like hockey players, parkas and Tim Hortons franchises. But **did you know we also have more lake area than every other country in the world?** It's true. The Great White North has **563 lakes larger than 100 square kilometres.**





# CELEBRATING

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Oakville Horticultural Society invites all members to join in this Celebration

## Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre

1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd E, Oakville, Ontario

Sunday, September 10, 2017

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Interactive demonstrations from local nurseries and garden suppliers, followed by a group photo, High Tea and an extra large raffle with lots of prizes.



### TOWN OF OAKVILLE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS CELEBRATING OAKVILLE'S 2017 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!

The 16th Annual Oakville Community Spirit Awards recognizes and congratulates individuals and organizations that have been nominated for their dedication and commitment to the Oakville community!

One of these awards is the Senior Award – sponsored by Chartwell Waterford Retirement Residence. This award recognizes a senior individual (65 years and older) who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the Oakville community. One of these nominees is Margaret Larson. On June 7, 2017, the Town will announce the recipient of the award.

In addition, OHA District 6 has awarded the 2016 District Service Award to Margaret Larson for her outstanding work and commitment in the field of protecting and nurturing Monarch butterflies. Catherine McGill, is the new District Director, and will present the award at the June Oakville Horticultural Society meeting. Congratulations, Margaret, on a job well done!



An article in the New York Times by David Brooks reported that the happiest age group is people aged between 82 and 85. When assessing their own wellbeing, people in their twenties rated themselves highly. (big surprise) Contentment declined from there and bottomed out at around 50, and then happiness rose until between 82 and 85 our happiness exceeded that of the youngsters. Psychologists, who of course have a theory for everything, say that this is due to changes in the brain. For example, when shown a picture of a crowd, the young people focus on the threatening expressions, whereas older people see the happy ones. (really?). Older people are more relaxed because they are spared the burden of thinking about the future, so they get more pleasure from day to day activities. In middle age people are confronted by insurmountable problems such as rebellious teenagers, mortgages, and job stresses, whereas older people can choose their challenges, ignore the inconvenient ones, and take a more relaxed view of life. Then there is bifocality, the ability to see the same situation from several perspectives, and choose the one that suits us.

What a load of psychological baffle! We gardeners know that our happiness is because we have become more tolerant of weeds which in our younger days drove us to distraction.

In the olden days I was guilty of the eighth deadly sin of weed intolerance, and have even been known to spray them with, gasp, Killex, Round Up, and other nasties.

Now I have a more benign arsenal, consisting of a Lee Valley border fork, a flat tined hand fork; (why are good ones so hard to find?), a Lee Valley perennial knife, a hoe with a stainless steel blade insert which I keep sharp, sharp, sharp, a carbide tipped laminate cutter, and a propane weed torch.

The secret of using these low tech tools is to use them regularly, at least once a week, and I must confess that despite my best intentions, and even New Year's resolutions, I am basically undisciplined and often miss out.

If you want to use chemicals you can use corn gluten meal as a pre-emergent weed control, though its results are spotty and it does nothing for existing weeds. For those you can use Weed Be Gone, which kills broad leafed weeds by overdosing them with iron. (It works because grass is more tolerant of iron)

On your driveway or patio you can legally use Path Clear, which is simply 6.25 percent acetic acid, or vinegar. This is virtually the same as pickling vinegar which is 7 percent, at a fraction of the price.

Unfortunately you can't use that ( nudge nudge, wink wink), because it is not labelled under the Pesticide Act as a weed killer.

Back to my low tech arsenal. You can hand pull many weeds, but without preparation you risk missing the root. For large clumps of weeds I hold the border fork at its balance point on the shaft, ram it under the roots, and lever up. This loosens the roots, and the whole clump can be pulled with the other hand and composted if they have not gone to seed. For smaller weeds or close quarters I use the hand fork. Small annual weeds I just hoe and leave them to die. For dandelions in the lawn, I push the perennial knife deep alongside the weed and cut it off. I know that they can sometimes grow back, but it takes a long time. I have not had much success with those expensive claw devices which you step on and lever up. I seem to miss the weed as often as I grab it.

On my interlock driveway and patio I simply draw the laminate cutter along the joint and sweep up the debris. It is surprisingly quick once you get the technique right, and as quick as torching which still leaves the dead weed in place..

However I have now reached that magic age of 82, and I can already feel the blissful state coming on. If I reach 85, I probably won't even recognize a weed.

NIRVANA!

Happy gardening dreams, David Marshall





## Convention 2017

### Green From Shore to Shore July 21-23

Come celebrate with us at the 111th convention  
Of the Ontario Horticultural Association from  
Friday to Sunday, July 21 to 23, 2017 hosted by  
OHA District 5.

The venue is the Sheraton Parkway North, Located in York Region,  
at **Highway 7 and Leslie Street.**



More information can be found on our **Registration & Accommodations** page.

#### **\*\*NEW\*\* Information Update, May 2017**

**\*\*\*Please note: The deadline for the pre-registered Design and Special Exhibit Classes in the Flower Show has been extended to June 15<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\***

Please refer to [http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php)

## May 20<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale





## Our Protector of the Vegetable Garden



Last month's article introduced the idea of building a low-cost pallet garden, that would provide a harvest of homegrown vegetables. As the saying goes, the longest journey starts with a single step and, I am pleased to say, the steps have started. Assembling the structure was not nearly as challenging as I expected, although my black thumb in gardening has carried over into the construction realm as you can see from the photo. I'll jump right into lessons learned here and say that while the construction process was fairly straight-forward, having the right tools would have made things a little less painful. I feel cavemen probably had more advanced technology than I do when it comes to tools, which for me consist of a hand saw, hammer, some old paint sponges and jars full of mismatched nails and screws. When I started to plan how I was going to make these pallet gardens, I have to admit I felt a little like I was being asked to create a replica of the Sistine Chapel with some macaroni, gold spray paint and yarn. I am here to tell you

though, it is entirely possible to complete the project with only some basic tools as long as you have a first aid kit handy. In last month's article, I provided a link to a video that was the inspiration behind the pallet garden <https://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/how-build-raised-garden-bed-waters-itself.html>. This proved to be a great resource. For those who want some additional detail, for each raised container measuring about 30"x 30", here's the equipment and supplies you'll need and where you can find it locally.

Used pallets. These are readily available for free along industrial roads such as Wyecroft, North Service and Speers. You'll need two which you'll cut in half to form the four sides of the structure. If you're using it for vegetables, make sure the pallets consist of untreated wood.

Corrugated plastic. Another "freebie" material if you ask around for used election signs. This is used to line the sides of the container and keep soil from falling out.

Plastic tarp. This is used to line the structure and form a waterproof barrier for the gravel you'll be placing in the bottom. If you need to buy some, Dollarama has a good selection for \$4 and under.

If you just stop here, this gives you a basic raised bed which will cost you next to nothing. The feature that really makes these raised beds appealing though, besides the low cost and minimal preparation required, is the incorporation of a wicking bed. This is a water reservoir under the soil that means you'll only need to water your garden once every 1-2 weeks. This is great for the environment, great if you want to take some summer vacation and not come back to shrivelled plants, and great for keeping moisture levels consistent and plants happy. This feature was not difficult to add and I'm really excited to see how this works out over the summer. To make the wicking bed component, here's what you'll need:

Gravel. Coarse pebbles or stones will work great. You can purchase this at a local hardware store for about \$13. Two 30 kg bags did the trick to provide a depth of about 4-6 inches. This will form the reservoir for the wicking bed.

Small PVC pipe (1/2 inch) to act as your overflow drainage. This is also available at local building stores and will require you to place a series of holes to allow water to drain through. About \$1.25.

Larger (aprox. 2 1/2" diameter) PVC pipe that will act as your water intake pipe. About \$6.00.

Burlap or landscape fabric. This is placed over the gravel bed and helps separate it from the soil as well as acting as a wick to move moisture from the gravel reservoir up through the soil to the plant roots.

Soil. This goes over top of the burlap layer, although you don't want to go over 18" as that's about the most water will wick up.





Black Thumb



All together, assembly took a few hours and a glass of wine. The wine did add to the cost but I feel it was an essential step that was sadly left out in the instructional video. The last step was placing the vegetables in the garden. We selected some interesting plants including colourful heirloom tomatoes and broccolini which we'll be anxiously awaiting to see what they look like. What took the longest was assembling the materials and trying to find tools to work with. Honestly...my hard earned lesson to all is clean out your garage. It will save a great deal of frustration on this project. Or...maybe just add more wine. That could also help. In the next installment, I'll be able to report on how the wicking bed is working and whether the raised bed is actually going to prevent my dog from laying in the garden. Until then, black thumb signing out.

**Caution:** some palettes are treated with methyl bromide ... those marked with MB should not be used, those marked with HT for heat treated are safe.



## Highlights

The Third National Invasive Species Forum attracted a diverse attendance of almost 100 participants from across Canada and beyond, including practitioners, provincial invasive species organizations, stewardship groups, invasive species researchers, local, provincial and federal governments. **Presenters** came from as far as the European Union, Michigan, and right across Canada from Prince Edward Island to the Yukon and British Columbia.

## THEMES

The key themes of the Third National Invasive Species Forum were as follows:

- Prevention
- Pathways
- Early response
- Collaboration

**For more information, please refer to: <http://canadainvasives.ca/>**

**GREATER TORONTO WATER GARDEN  
& HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Water Garden Tour**

**on Sunday, 16th July, 2017**

Self-guided tour - Rain or Sun Shine

10 am to 4 pm \$12 per person

For more information please refer to: <http://www.gtwgandhs.org>







## Daylily Weed Control: Tips For Controlling Daylilies In The Garden

By Kristi Waterworth

The orange flowers of the common orange daylily brighten up ditches and old farmsteads across the country, where they were once planted by fanciers in droves. These nineteenth century gardeners

didn't realize how aggressively their orange flowers would grow, or that one day daylily weed control would be a serious pursuit. If you have a daylily problem, you've come to the right place. Read on for tips on controlling daylilies.

### Are Daylily Plants Invasive?

Common orange daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*), also known as ditch lilies or tiger lilies, are extremely invasive and hard to kill once established, but unlike many garden favorites, these daylilies don't need special care to get established, or possibly any care whatsoever. They may spread from a stand started long ago, or from tubers pulled out of other gardens and tossed on the ground in your garden. Many gardeners find their daylily is out of control and panic, but pulling them takes patience; these are not your typical landscape plants.

Although orange daylilies are usually the problem plants, hybrid daylilies have the potential to run amok as well through self seeding, so take care if you replace your orange daylilies with these hybrids. Installing a barrier well ahead of planting season and harvesting any seedpods that may develop on your hybrid daylilies can save lots of headaches down the line.

When you're dealing with daylilies, you're working with something that behaves just like a perennial weed. They emerge from tubers in the soil and your control efforts must take this behavior into account to be successful.

### How to Get Rid of Daylilies

Depending on the size of your daylily problem, you may be able to dig them out by hand and discard them in plastic bags. Make sure to carefully comb the soil of all the little bits of root or tubers and tightly seal the bags you're using for disposal. These plants can easily grow back from sections of root, improper disposal will create a headache for someone else.

Some gardeners have had good luck mowing down daylilies and then smothering them with thick layers of mulch. Apply 4 to 6 inches over the daylily stand, but be prepared to fight with them through the season. Like any perennial weed, the daylilies will continue to try to send new growth up through the mulch. You may need to apply more mulch if any green parts make it through your mulch barrier. Adding a thick layer of newspaper and watering it well before installing the mulch will give the daylilies an even greater challenge.

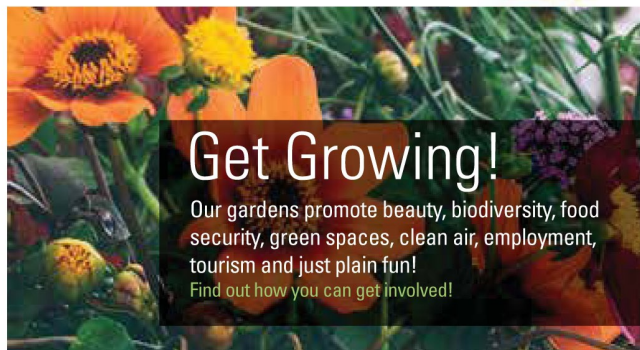
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<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/bulbs/daylily/controlling-daylilies.htm>



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





## Get Growing!

Our gardens promote beauty, biodiversity, food security, green spaces, clean air, employment, tourism and just plain fun!  
Find out how you can get involved!

Week long events!  
For event listings in your area, and gardening ideas, visit

[gardenontarioweek.org](http://gardenontarioweek.org)

## We've strengthened our private tree protection by-law

Trees benefit everyone. They clean the air we breathe, they cool our homes, they add beauty to our neighbourhoods. We've improved our private tree protection by-law to help us protect our community's healthy tree canopy.

If you're making home improvements, consider ways to make your trees part of your plan.

Learn about the town's private tree protection by-law and the new regulations for removing and replacing trees at [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca).

**Every tree counts.**



## Trilliums Rescued

30 pots of Trillium were taken to the new hospital and given into the care of the hospital gardeners, Alyssa and Claire. They will be planted underneath a pair of Serviceberries in the Courtyard by the East entrance.





<b>June 10</b>	<b>Shaw Garden Tour in Niagara-on-the-Lake</b>
	This year's garden tour has been expanded to include beautiful gardens in the nearby village of Queenston in addition to stunning gardens in Old Town Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. All of the gardens are being shown for the first time. Tickets remain a bargain at \$25.00 Purchase tickets at <a href="http://www.shawfest.com/gardentour">www.shawfest.com/gardentour</a> or by calling 1-800-511-7429.
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Healthy Tree Roots and Heritage Trees</b>
	Saturday June 10 10am-12 noon For more and/or to register please go to: Eventbrite using the below link: <a href="#">Cabbage town ReLEAF: For trees to thrive they need healthy roots</a>
<b>June 10-11</b>	<b>Toronto Through the Garden Gate Tour</b>
	30th year for the tour that showcases private gardens as part of the fundraising for the TBG. So the TBG has persuaded 30 homeowners to open their gardens over the two days of the tour in Toronto's North Rosedale and Moore Park neighbourhoods on Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. TICKETS: One-Day Pass: Public \$45 / TBG Members \$40; Two-Day Pass: Public \$65 / TBG Members \$60; Students \$25 (With ID, One-Day Pass Only) Website for more info: <a href="http://www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca">www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca</a> Phone for more info: (416) 397-1341
<b>June 12</b>	<b>June Monthly Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center</b>
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<b>June 18</b>	<b>RBG Pollination Festival</b>
	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hendrie Park. Learn about different pollinators and their favourite plants and why we depend on them for our favourite foods. Free with admission. For more information go to: <a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a>
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Secret Gardens of Oakville</b>
	Sunday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 4:00 pm a self-guided tour of our lovely gardens. Tickets are \$15.00 each, or 2 for \$25.00 Rain or shine join us for a wonderful day visiting the Gardens of Oakville! For more information, please refer to our web site: <a href="http://www.oakvillehort.org">www.oakvillehort.org</a>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Bay of Quinte, 18th Annual Town and Country Garden Tour</b>
	This event is hosted by the Belleville and District Branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), a not for profit organization. All proceeds from the garden tour go to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. Details of the tour and events Please go to <a href="http://www.cfuwbelleville.com">www.cfuwbelleville.com</a>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Burlington Garden Tour</b>
	Advance tickets at Holland Park Garden Gallery, Brant Florist and Connon's.
<b>July 21-23</b>	<b>111th Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association</b>
	111th convention of the OHA from Friday to Sunday, July 21 to 23, 2017 hosted by OHA District 5. Location: Sheraton Parkway North, located in York Region, at Highway 7 and Leslie Street. To register for the 2017 OHA Convention, please visit this site: <a href="http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php">http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/con_reg.php</a>
<b>Sept.10</b>	<b>Oakville Horticultural Society 60th Anniversary Celebration</b>
	Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Oakville Horticultural Society's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 4pm to 8pm at the Joshua Creek Art Centre on Burnhamthorpe Road.



**Reminder: June Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.**





## FLOWER SHOW COMPETITION

OHA (111<sup>th</sup>) Convention

July 21-23, 2017

Sheraton Parkway North, 9005 Leslie St. at Hwy 7  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

Host: District 5 Theme: "Green From Shore to Shore"

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### RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Theme:** This competition is inspired by the convention theme and linked to the other competitions through the class title "Perfect Partners" to explore creative expression and stimulate viewing interest.
  - Eligibility:** The competition is open to members in good standing of a Society/Club (hereafter Society) in good standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA).
  - Entry:**
    - Design and Special Exhibit entries must be **pre-registered by June 1**.
    - Entries can be placed at the Convention on Thursday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.
    - No late entries will be accepted; no exceptions.
- Entries – General:**
- Exhibitors may enter all Divisions. Given the Society Award for highest aggregate points across all adult competitions, an exhibitor should enter with only one Society affiliation.
  - All entries must have an entry tag, giving necessary information including Class Name and Number, Exhibitor's Name, Society and District. Entry tags will be supplied at the Convention by the OHA.  
Note: To make entry easier you may use return address labels in the space for your name. To ensure return of your design container, should you forget to take it home, please put your name and phone number on the bottom of the container.
  - Reasonable security will be supplied for exhibitor's property; however, the OHA assumes no responsibility for loss or damage.
  - Moving Design or Special Exhibit entries, other than one's own, is not permitted. The exhibitor is the only person permitted to move or shift the position of a design or special exhibit. The show committee reserves the right to move Horticulture entries when necessary to accommodate exhibitors or to subdivide in any class.
  - Scarce, protected, or endangered native plants will be disqualified. Refer to Government of Ontario, Ministry of Natural Resources "Endangered Species Act" at [www.ontario.ca/speciesatrisk](http://www.ontario.ca/speciesatrisk)
- Entries – Horticulture:**
- Exhibitors must provide their own containers.
  - Exhibitors are allowed up to two (2) entries per class provided they are different cultivars.
  - Entry tags should include both the common name and the botanical name (if possible).
  - All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must have owned all potted houseplants for at least three months prior to exhibiting. Entries in classes 55 to 61 may have more than one plant in a container provided they are the same cultivar.
  - For Potted Plants (Section D), pot slip covers are allowed but should be unobtrusive.

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If you are attending the OHA 110<sup>th</sup> Convention, you will need to familiarize yourself with the resolutions that are being proposed. Please refer to their website to review such:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium\\_news\\_2017-02\\_summer.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2017-02_summer.pdf)

