



## Oakville Horticultural Society May 2017

<b>May Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b> May 8, 2017
<b>Location:</b> Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center, 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E.
<b>Set-up Volunteers:</b> Rosanne Swalwell , Mary Rose & Wade Pitman
<b>Hospitality Volunteers:</b> Wade Pitman, Mary Rose, Merleen Hall & Rosanne Swalwell
<b>Flower Show Clerks:</b> Robert Welsh & Valerie Westwood

### Garden Experts to Answer Your Gardening Questions

Please email your questions to:  
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Barbara  
Phillips-Conroy



Donna Parker



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President's Remarks . . .

All the gardeners I know are very excited about the great weather we've been having and the head start it has given us in our gardens. It is wonderful news for many reasons. It means we can spend lots of time outdoors and begin to see the results of our fall bulb planting and garden improvements. We can also get those important divisions started for the plant sale on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Luckily, the days are longer because there is so much to do!

There are lots of balls in the air. The 60th anniversary celebration is being planned for late summer (thanks, Jana!). The Junior program has started under Helen's leadership, with more families joining every week. It will be one of the stops on the Garden Tour this year, so it should get lots of attention. Our scholarship initiative is now underway and we're hoping to see applications soon. The member survey results are coming in and will be summarized and shared in the near future. (If you have not completed the member survey, please go to page 15 of this document, print it, complete it and bring it with you to next meeting.)

We have some busy weeks ahead of us in our own gardens, and preparing for the Plant Sale on May 20 and the Garden Tour on June 25. Thanks to all who have already volunteered to help in the many ways we need you. For those who haven't signed up yet, the clipboards will be going around again at our meeting on May 8th.

I think our Question and Answer session with the Master Gardeners should be fun and informative. The timing is perfect for this, as we all become reacquainted with our gardens. I'm also looking forward to seeing the design and horticulture exhibits that everyone brings in.

**And just a reminder that we will be at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre for the May and June meetings.**

Until then, I will be in the garden. I hope you will be too!

Paula



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





David Marshall

David has been gardening for over 75 years, since as a small boy in wartime England he helped (?) his father and grandfather in their big garden and greenhouse. He has been a member of Halton Master Gardeners for 25 years and is a member of Oakville and Bronte Horticultural Societies. He has a Diploma in Horticulture from the University of Guelph, but says that he learned much more from his father and grandfather. He has made more gardening mistakes than most people, but claims that is because he has been at it longer!



Donna Parker

Donna is a retired educator with a background in Environmental Science and has been a Master Gardener since 2000. She has worked with woody plants at Sheridan Nursery and had her own garden design and consultation business in the greater Hamilton area. She volunteers on the gardening hotlines at the Royal Botanical Gardens and for Halton Master Gardeners. Donna gardens in Ancaster and loves the challenge of designing and creating beauty among the wonderful old trees.



Barbara Phillips-Controy

Barbara is a garden designer, consultant and writer. She designs beautiful residential gardens for homeowners and specializes in perennials and shade gardening. She prepares garden calendars for homeowners on how to care for their garden throughout the year. She studied Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Guelph and is a former member of the Master Gardeners of Ontario and the Garden Writers Association. She is the author of the blog "Barbara's Garden Chronicles" which is a journal of the trials and tribulations of a certified plant nut!



Claudette Sims

Claudette is a retired educator and has been a member of Halton Region Master Gardeners since 2004. After serving as coordinator of her group, she was proud to continue working on the Board of Directors for Master Gardeners of Ontario and now as the president. She loves to attract wildlife to her garden and has increasing knowledge and admiration for our beautiful native plants. Her "Fifty Shades of Shade" blog posts support her presentations and appearances on local Cable TV. Other interests include travelling, line dancing, singing, ukulele and most recently trying to learn to play the harmonica.



If you have any gardening questions, please forward them by email to: [info.ohs@oakvillehort.org](mailto:info.ohs@oakvillehort.org)

### STILL LOOKING FOR:

## Plant Sale 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



I wrote in March about Integrated Pest Management, or I.P.M., which is seen as a more environmentally friendly alternative to widespread spraying of pesticides, often derived from petrochemicals and indiscriminate in their effect, to control weeds, insects and diseases.

There have been many spectacular successes, and also failures, so let's visit a few of them. For some reason Australia seems to have a good share of these. One of the most spectacular was the control of



the prickly pear cactus. The problem arose through human error. Although Australia has no native cactus, Australia's first governor, Arthur Phillip, decided that the prickly pear cactus would make excellent fodder and hedging, and he imported some specimens from South America in 1778. The cactus had no natural enemies. That is the problem with many imports, and soon it was spreading at a terrific rate and overrunning grazing land. By 1900 it covered ten million acres and by 1925, sixty million, and unfortunately the animals for which it was intended had no taste for it. Australian scientists searched far and wide for a solution, and eventually discovered that the prickly pear cactus was the favourite food of the larva of an Argentinian moth with the wonderful name of *cactoblastis cactorum*.

By 1930 they had reared three billion eggs, and now there are very few of the cactus left in Australia. The success comes with a downside however. The moth was introduced as a control agent in the West Indies, and it found its way to Florida where it is eating native species, some rare, and may pose a threat to the prickly pear in the American South West, where it has economic value.



Another Australian experiment with mixed success involved the cane toad. This monster can weigh up to four pounds and was introduced from South America in 1935 to control the gray backed cane weevil which damages sugar cane, an important crop in Queensland. There are now an estimated 200 million cane toads, about forty for each Queenslander and there is little evidence of much effect on the target beetle.

Closer to home, purple loostripe, an imported garden plant in the early 1900's, again with no natural enemies in North America, has spread rapidly through the northern states and southern Canada. It has no nutritional or environmental value to wildlife and chokes out anything that does. Mass pulling parties were like tilting at windmills, but now two beetles and a weevil which feed on loos rife which have been imported from Europe show promise of reversing the onslaught.



There are thousands of examples of successes and failures in the attempts to control pests by introducing a counter pest. The problem is, of course, that it is much easier to stop spraying a chemical than it is to reverse a counter pest which has run amok. Given our current sensitivity to the effects of environmental mistakes, we can expect that future biocontrol introductions will be very carefully tested and introduced, and will be very targeted rather than broad spectrum cures.

This is a far cry from the days a hundred years ago when scientists introduced twenty-three different insects into Hawaii to control the invasive Mexican lantana. Remarkably this scatter shot approach worked, but it could much more easily cause unforeseen problems.

When they work, and they usually do, biocontrols are regarded by most people as much preferable to chemical controls but there is still a danger of over enthusiasm and the probability of serious mistakes in the future.

Happy Gardening,

David Marshall



On a personal note, my granddaughter is going to China next March Break with **Craig Keilberger's Me To We Foundation** (she went to Tanzania last year, helping to build a school). To raise funds for her endeavor, I am having a plant sale the first two weekends in May. **Location: my driveway at 2039 Rebecca Street**  
Yawl come now!



Have you ever wondered what the opposite of a green thumb was? I have. A quick google search delivers the insight of the urban dictionary with the following: Black Thumb - A wannabe gardener who kills plants. Opposite of green thumb. Example: "I have killed all the plants in my house. I must have a black thumb." I feel this adequately describes me. What also describes me though is someone who adores homegrown veggies and produce, tries to be environmentally responsible and does not have large quantities of disposable income. Anything here you can identify with? Over the coming months, in the spirit of "if I can do it, you can do it", I will be taking on a project to convert recycled materials into self-watering raised gardening beds that will provide a bountiful harvest for me and my family.

The reasons for growing your own produce are many:

- You can grow items tailored to your needs, including "exotic" ingredients such as Mexican sour gherkins that may not be readily available (or very expensive) at local grocers or you can grow rows and rows of tomatoes if that's your thing.
- The taste can't be beat and fresh means extra nutrients.
- You can impress friends and family. Homemade canning and preserves make great hostess gifts and with a good harvest, the main input is time not cost.
- The environmental cost of large scale farming, coupled with transportation for all but the most local crops is reduced when you simply walk out your back door to get what you need. It also saves you a trip to the grocery store.
- The investment of seeds and starter plants is minimal compared to the results. And with careful planning there are a number of plants that will supply you with food well into the winter.

You probably already know a lot of the benefits already though, right? And you're probably also pretty familiar with the reasons why you're not already gardening:

- I don't have the space.
- My soil isn't good and it will take too much effort to get started.
- I have a dog that will just dig everything up.
- I go away on vacation for a week or two and there's nobody to water the plants then.
- I don't like / can't kneel on the ground for long periods at a time and dealing with all those weeds isn't my thing.
- I don't know what I'm doing / I don't have a green thumb.

Once again, internet to the rescue. After looking at my options, one seemed to stand out – raised bed pallet gardens. Made almost completely out of recycled materials, this seemed to address all the reasons why I wasn't already a vegetable farmer. You can scale them to the size you'd like and make as many or as few as you want; you'll be adding soil and gravel to the raised beds so even if your outdoor space is paved over, not a problem; raised beds mean pets (and hungry rabbits) can't get to your precious crops; a self watering irrigation system means you only need to water once every 1-2 weeks; because the beds are raised you don't need to kneel and weeds are considerably reduced. Finally if you don't know what you're doing and, like me have a "black thumb", I will be your guinea pig over the coming months so you can see what works and what doesn't. If you'd like to see the general design I'll be using, you can check out this link: [www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/how-build-raised-garden-bed-waters-itself.html](http://www.treehugger.com/lawn-garden/how-build-raised-garden-bed-waters-itself.html)

You may want to ignore the musical accompaniment. Next month, I'll let you know how the construction went and maybe there'll even be a few early crops making an appearance. Wish me luck as I dig in and maybe this will be just what you need to get started yourself next year!

Black Thumb



Happy Birthday Canada!  
Historic Sites and  
free for 2017. Order



Admissions to Canada Parks,  
Marine Conservation Areas is  
your discovery pass now.



in the garden of....



One of our world traveler OHS members recommended this interesting park in Lima, Peru. The city of Lima is renowned for its architecture (Viceroyal, Baroque and mid-20th Century), the fascinating Barranco neighborhood (artsy colony), and the Parque El Olivar - Olive Grove Park in the San Isidro district of the city. In 1959, this park was designated as a Peruvian National Monument.

The Parque El Olivar dates from 1560 when Antonio de Rivera brought the first olive plants from Seville, Spain. Three of these plants survived the Atlantic crossing and thrived. Two hundred years later, more than 2,000 olive trees were recorded and in 1821 (Peru became independent), there were close to 3,000 olive trees in El Olivar.

Parque El Olivar or Bosque El Olivar, (the Olivar Woods) was once an olive farm owned by the Count of San Isidro. Due to financial difficulties, the park underwent many ownership changes. In the 1920's, some of the property was subdivided and the San Isidro neighborhood grew around the olive grove Parque El Olivar. Currently, the Parque El Olivar has 1,675 olive trees in the 57 acres of the original olive grove that were incorporated as a park. This park has many attractions: it is an oasis in the city. A community has developed where park patrons enjoy an hour or more revelling in the park; older residents come to sit, walk and talk; a place for families to gather and play, haven for dogs, a place where newly married couples come to be photographed among the olive trees. Birdwatchers are encouraged to search for at least 30 species of birds that make the park their home. The community has also benefited from harvesting the olives and sharing the products with those around them.

The municipality of San Isidro offers free guided tours of the park, "Conociendo el Bosque El Olivar". If you are planning to visit the park in Lima, and desire

more information, please send an email to: [turismo@munisanisidro.gob.pe](mailto:turismo@munisanisidro.gob.pe) or [.turismo@munisanisidro.gob.pe](mailto:turismo@munisanisidro.gob.pe).



Please join us in welcoming our newest members since January, 2017:

*Welcome* →  
Alma and Patrick Kerr;  
Lori and Greg Whibbs;  
Junko Nishimoto; Betty Knapp;  
Oliver Kravis; Trish Bolton;  
Asa Sjoberg.





**May 20 - Plant Sale 8:30-11:30 am Cash Only!**

Location: 5 Dundas St. E. (Munn's United Church)

**June 25 - Secret Gardens of Oakville**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**September - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - more information to follow**

**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.onwatergarden.com/>

**Hot Off the Press!**



**Breaking News**

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, the new Incoming District Director, will present the award at the June's Oakville Horticultural Society meeting. **Congratulations Margaret on a job well done!**

**Garden Ontario Week**  
 June 10-18, 2017



**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)



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



## ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED

**PLANT SALE: May 20 - 8:30-11:30 am Cash Only!**

**LOCATION: 5 Dundas St. E. (Munn's United Church)**

Our plant sale is our main fundraising event. Money raised from this event and our upcoming Garden Tour will help us to cover the costs of running our society and allow us to continue our good work in the community. With your help our plant sale can make a big difference. But it is a big job, so all hands are needed.

### What can YOU do?

**Help us advertise.** Tell your friends and neighbours. Give out bookmarks. Put up posters. Put up a sign in your yard or neighbourhood. We will tell you where and when you can get these at our May meeting or contact Cathy – c.kavassalis@gmail.com.

**Donate Plants.** If you have a garden, spring is a good time to dig and divide plants. This can help your perennials to flourish. For instructions, visit Better Homes and Gardens Dividing Perennials, or come to the May meeting for a demonstration. Your finished potted plant should be attractive. **Put lots of value and love into your pots and make your plants look AMAZING – good enough that you would want to pay \$8 or more for them!** Ideally, potting should be done by May 8<sup>th</sup> to give plants a chance to recover and look their best for our sale on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Use a wooden stick, a permanent marker (no paper please) jot down the plant's name, it's colour or if it grows in sun or shade. Deliver your **labelled** potted plants to the Plant Depots by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Depot Locations

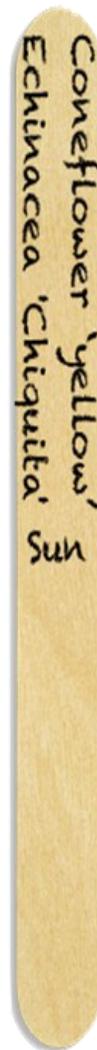
North	Marie & Bob Decker 1285 Gloaming Court 905-844-1837
South East	Sonja Tessari & Stuart Gough 1311 Avon Cres. 905-845-9474
South West	David Marshall

**Help others dig and divide.** Several members and some non-members need assistance to lift and split large plants.

**Give us your time on plant sale day.** Ideally, we need twenty people to set up in the morning (6am); at least ten people to sell plants; six people to tally plant purchases; four people to serve as cashiers; two people to direct traffic; one person to manage the holding area; two people to help carry plants to cars; three people to drive the truck moving plants from depots to church for plant sale day; four people to prepare and or serve refreshments to the volunteers ... You get the idea. **We need YOU!** If you know any students who would like to get volunteer hours, let me know.

**Join the Plant Sale Team.** We could use your ideas and talents. Everyone is welcome.

**Let's all work together to have FUN and make this plant sale a BIG success!**



Plant Sale May 20, 2017....

**PLANTS MOST DESIRED:** Aquatic Plants, Artemisia, Astilbe, Asters, Bellflowers (non-invasive), Black Eyed Susan, Bleeding Heart, Border Pinks, Catmint, Columbine, Coral Bells, Corydalis, Cranesbill, Day Lilies, Delphinium, Ferns (all kinds), Geranium, Groundcovers, Hens & Chicks, Herbs, Hosta (any kind), Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Japanese Anemone, Japanese Spurge (Pachysandra), Iris, Lady's Mantle, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Monkshood, May Apple and Native plants of all kinds, Mums, Ornamental Grasses, Phlox, Primula, Purple Coneflower, Sedum Autumn Joy, Shasta Daisy, Siberian Iris, Solomon's Seal, Sweet Woodruff, Trilliums, Meadow Rue, Rhubarb, Strawberries, Yarrow, Yucca ... to name a few. Shrubs and Trees are also welcomed if they can be reasonably transported. Make sure that late leafing plants like Rose of Sharon show some signs of life, otherwise they are hard to sell.

## Dig and Divide Method



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- 9 Naturescaping (TRC)
- 10 Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 13 Spectacular Plant Combinations (PPCP)
- Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 18 Planting the Garden (RBG)
- 20 Living Wall Gardening (PPCP)
- Pollinator Garden (PPCP)

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- 2 Spring Hawthorn Identification Workshop (RBG)
- 3 Spring Hawthorn Identification Workshop (RBG)
- Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 5 Plants and Techniques for the Shade Garden (RBG)
- 7 Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 10 Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 14 Birding with Experts (TRC)
- 19 Trees and Shrubs for the Home Garden (RBG)
- 29 Grow Your Own Food Garden Maintenance (RBG)

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- 4 Canada the Wild Land: Boreal Forest (RBG)
- 10 Perennials to Consider (RBG)
- 24 Reducing Maintenance in the Garden (RBG)

**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



# Wellspring Birmingham Gilgan House Oakville



Last Fall, some of the OHS members planted over 500 daffodil bulbs at the Wellspring House on 6th line. The pictures of the daffodils attest to our member's drive, compassion and love to create a beautiful garden. Kudos to the team!





Donna Hussey and Catherine McGill cutting the Anniversary cake.

## AGM April 22, 2017 Report

### Pollinator Initiative:

- OHA has established a **2017 OHA POLLINATOR INITIATIVE**
- Each of the 19 District Directors were given a cheque in the amount of \$200. This money is to be used within the district to create the establishment of a pollinator habitat ie: garden, insect hotel, etc.
- OHA will provide proper signage to be posted at the pollinator site - Project is to be celebrated as part of the GardenOntario Week in June

### Top 10 plant pollinators in our area

OMAFRA would like our District to submit our District's top 10 choices for pollinator plants. The OHS has already submitted their list.

**OHA Positions Available:** Both positions come with a stipend of \$1500 per year; apply to OHA Treasurer Kelly Taylor.

**OHA Web Administrator**

**OHA communications Coordinator**

### Gardenontario Website Final Phase

Each OHA Society will update their own web page information before it goes onto the new website.

**District 6 Volunteer Hours:** Total hours volunteered: 44,778 hours DD – 662 ADD'S – 794

**Loan Program:** Banners and Table cloths available by contacting Barb Bell at bbell9335@gmail.com

### District Awards:

- ◆ OHS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award – District Director presented Oakville Horticultural Society the anniversary award;
- ◆ Tree Grants – St. George, Flamborough, Port Dover & Woodhouse, Paris, Brantford, Simcoe;
- ◆ Community Garden Award – Flamborough;
- ◆ Brantford;
- ◆ Increased membership by 39.4%;
- ◆ Delhi – runner-up at 38.9%;



The Old Executive



## District 6 Transition of Directors:

Donna Hussey announced her retirement as District Director and introduced Catherine McGill as the new District 6 Director.



## 112<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention:

- OHA CONVENTION 2017, Green From Shore To Shore, is fast approaching. Please register with our OHA Registrar, Barb O'Malley before the Early Bird Rate is over on June 27, 2017.
- Richmond Hill, July 21-23, 2017
- Early Bird rate \$140 ----- before June 27

District 6

## District 6 Fall Breakfast Meeting

- Sponsored by the Mount Hamilton
- Date: September 23, 2017
- Location: Chedoke Presbyterian Church 865 Mohawk Rd. W Hamilton

## District 6 Annual Fall Dinner

- Sponsored by the Delhi
- Date: November 4, 2017
- Location: to be announced



The New Executive

**The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada has recommended that the Monarch butterfly's status be moved from "Special Concern" to "Endangered" (passing over the "Threatened" category entirely). Claudette Sims & Janet Mackey have recently facilitated Monarch education seminars for Environment Hamilton, and offer this list of host plants to attract and support Monarchs and other butterflies in our gardens.**

A variety of different milkweeds with different flowering times is ideal such as:



- Butterfly Weed
- Common Weed
- Swamp weed



# Calendar of Events

<b>May 6</b>	<b>Paris Horticultural Annual Plant Sale</b> 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Large selection of favourite perennials, vegetables, herbs and annuals for sale. Location: Syl Apps Community Centre- Arena Street Address: 51 William Street, Paris Website for more info: <a href="http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/paris">www.gardenontario.org/site.php/paris</a> Email for more info: <a href="mailto:nanburk@execulink.com">nanburk@execulink.com</a> Phone for more info: (519) 752-8702
<b>May 6 - 7</b>	<b>London Flower Show</b> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Demonstrations 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm <b>\$5.00 Admission charge</b> Location: Civic Garden Complex 625 Springbank Drive, London Website for more info: <a href="http://www.gardencluboflondon.ca">www.gardencluboflondon.ca</a> Email for more info: <a href="mailto:lmhawker@gmail.com">lmhawker@gmail.com</a> Phone for more info: (519) 672-8755
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Geranium, Pelargonium &amp; Fuchsia Society of Ontario Plant Sale</b> 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, at the <a href="#">Toronto Botanical Garden</a> <b>Admission is free.</b> Location: <a href="#">Toronto Botanical Garden</a> Street address: 777 Lawrence Ave E, Toronto
<b>May 8</b>	<b>May Monthly Meeting at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center</b> Monthly meeting will be held Joshua Creek Heritage Art Center 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd E
<b>May 8 - May 14</b>	<b>Halton Compost Giveaway</b> Spring – Monday, May 8, to Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 14, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: Halton Waste Management Site, 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Georgetown Horticultural Society's annual plant sale</b> 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., rain or shine Location: Gellert Community Center 1021 Eighth Line, Georgetown Website for more info: <a href="http://www.geohort.com">www.geohort.com</a>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Oakville Horticultural Plant Sale</b> <b>Plant Sale: May 20, 2017 8:30 am—11:30 am Cash only.</b> <b>Location: 5 Dundas Street (Munn's United Church) Come join us for a wonderful day!</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Rain Barrel Sales</b> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Halton Regional Centre (Parking lots A, B and C. Enter off North Service Road) 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville Refer to <a href="http://www.halton.ca">http://www.halton.ca</a> for other dates.
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Secret Gardens of Oakville</b> Rain or shine join us for a wonderful day visiting the Gardens of Oakville!
<b>July 21-23</b>	<b>112<sup>th</sup> OHA Convention</b> Please register with our OHA Registrar, Barb O'Malley before the Early Bird Rate is over on June 27, 2017. Richmond Hill, July 21-23, 2017 Early Bird rate \$140 ----- before June 27
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**Oakville Horticultural Society**  
*Where gardeners come to flourish*

**Membership Survey**  
*Help us serve your needs.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and or E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

How many meetings do you attend each year? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you share your reasons for not attending?  
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Topics or speakers that you would like at our general meetings or special workshops we should offer:  
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Let us know how you would like to participate in your society.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardening         | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshment Committee              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May Plant Sale Committee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour Committee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Committee               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draw Table Committee        | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Committee                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Programming         | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity and Marketing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Committee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulbs and Plant Sale Committee     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OHS Scholarship Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Members              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events or Garden Contests  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Garden Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops and Educational Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Tour Organization       | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Pot Luck                    |

Do you have an interest or special talent in areas such as floral or garden design, ecology, teaching, event planning, accounting, writing, graphic arts, photography, advertising/PR, etc., that you would like opportunities to employ or develop?  
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Some members have expressed an interest in learning more about design? If you would, too, please specify the level you are interested in.  
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Any other comments or suggestions:  
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Thank you!

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# PLANT SALE

CASH ONLY

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**  
**8:30 - 11:30 am**

**Munn's United Church**  
**5 Dundas St. East,**  
**Oakville**  
**(Sixth Line & Dundas)**

