

Oakville Horticultural Society

The society aims to further the knowledge of Horticulture,
stimulating an interest in gardening in our community's youth and encouraging the beautification of
both public and private properties since 1957

January 2015

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to One and All

Let the new year's planning begin

It is that time, when the snow has fallen and the flowers slumber, that some of the best gardening ideas come to the fore. This is when we rethink the garden. This is when we reconsider that Rose that needs some serious pruning, the sunflowers that are advancing just a little too far into the next garden bed and we wonder what we are going to do with that darn Mint that seemed such a good idea at the time.

We of the society are fortunate to have so many excellent Master gardeners and floral design leaders in the group. These are the members who are willing to give you their vast knowledge so that you may become a better gardener or designer. This all leads me to our guest speaker for January. (Full Bio in this issue)

This month we have a special treat, Our Speaker is Celia Roberts, one of our long serving members, who supports so many of our projects and events with the gift of her time. She is passionate about flowers and plant material with a certificate in Horticulture and is an accredited Floral Design Judge. She teaches, judges and exhibits many times through the year. Her creations can be seen at Canada Blooms, the World Association of Flower Arrangers and at many of our monthly Flower Shows.

We hope you will enjoy the time at our meeting when she will share with us some of her passion and expertise in Floral Design.



*Celebrating Horticulture in Oakville
Since 1957*

*And now Ladies and Gentlemen,
a word from our Co Presidents*

A President's Note – by Marie Decker and Catherine Kavassalis

Winter is upon us and our gardens at rest. While we wait for the bluebells of spring to emerge, there is much to be done. Our society requires your warmth and energy to grow and flourish. Those of you who attended our AGM will know that no slate of officers was presented for election. We were, and are, in need of new leadership as many who have long served in leadership roles are no longer able to continue.

To move our society forward, we have created a shared presidency role. Marie Decker and Catherine Kavassalis volunteered to provide our legacy knowledge. Since the AGM two members have come forward to add their talents to the position. We will meet in early January and present a proposal for a shared presidency to you at our January 12th meeting. We are thankful that Valerie Westwood stood up as First Vice President and delighted that new member, Paula Clayton came forward to fill the Second Vice President's role. Veronica Heiderich graciously offered to continue as Secretary until one of you will come forward to share the load. Returning to the Board, we are grateful for Margaret Jeffery, Joan Paris, Celia Roberts, Sonja Tessari, Linda Tock and Elizabeth Thompson.

We need members to organize our Garden Tour. We need leaders for the Plant Sale. We need We need YOU! This is an organization that relies on volunteers. If you want it to continue YOU need to make it happen.

Any why should you? Our society, in partnership with societies around the province, is charged to Beautify our communities; to Educate the public, to Protect the environment and more. These are important responsibilities. We all need to be engaged and to share our talents to accomplish these important goals. Contact Marie president.ohs@oakvillehort.org or Catherine c.kavassalis@gmail.com to share your ideas. Together we will flourish.

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JANUARY MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

Guest Speaker Celia Roberts

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall SetUp (9:00am)

John Raynor, Helen Stepenson,
Rosanne Swalwell

Clerking there is no show in January

Hospitality

Mary Cameron, Rosanne Swalwell, Florenda
Tingle

February Meeting:

Monday, February 09, 2015

If you missed the December Pot Luck
Supper you missed this:



and this, which was one of my personal favourite
desserts when compared to my cookies



and it could not have happened with out the hard
work by the all volunteer Kitchen staff. Three
Cheers for a job well done



In Other Exciting News

OHS January meeting
January 12 2015
Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street Oakville

24th Annual Dream Garden Conference
January 18th
WRPA Recreation Centre Cambridge

February Meeting:
Monday, February 9, 2015

Stratford Garden Festival
March 5 - 8, 2015
Stratford Rotary Complex
<http://www.stratfordgardenfestival.com/>

March Meeting:
Monday, March 9, 2015

Greater Hamilton Home and Garden Show
March 6-8, 2015
Player's Paradise Sports Complex
<http://www.thehomeshow.ca/sitepages/>

Canada Blooms
"Let's Play"
March 13 - 22, 2015
Direct Energy Centre, CNE
<http://canadablooms.com/>

OHA District 6 Annual General Meeting
April 11th 2015
Halton Region Building
Bronte Rd

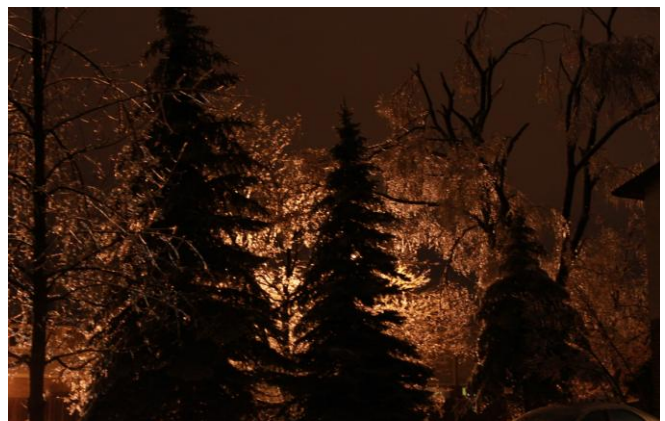
London Spring Home and Garden Show
April 10 - 12, 2015
Western Fair District Agriplex
<http://londonhomeandgardenshow.com>



Here are the meeting dates for 2015

January 2015	Monday, January 12
February 2015	Monday, February 9
March 2015	Monday, March 9
April 2015	Monday, April 13
May 2015	Monday, May 11
June 2015	Monday, June 8
September 2015	Monday, September 14
October 2015	Monday, October 5
November 2015	Monday, November 9
December 2015	Monday, December 14

Was it only a year ago?



Is it almost April Already???

The OHS is in the Spotlight!

This is the year to make ourselves known as a hard-working, forward-thinking, and versatile society in the world of horticulture societies and garden clubs. Our society will play a key role in several events.

First you are invited to attend the District Six Breakfast on Saturday February 21, 2015. This delicious meeting runs from 9am to noon. The location will be announced shortly. The main topic at this breakfast will be our Spring Workshop and Flower Show.

We are hosting this spring event on Saturday, April 11th at the Halton Regional building on Bronte Road just north of the QEW. When we last hosted this meeting, in 2007, we did a "bang-up" job. Let's make this one even better! We have an exciting, inspirational speaker booked; the flower show schedule is written and all the committee heads are in place and working hard. Now we are depending on YOU to fill in the volunteer positions.

We need:

- 2 people to help Cathy Kavassalis with Audio Visual needs,
- 2 people to help Michelle Durrant to decorate,
- 8 people to help us set up and take down the flower show,
- 4-6 people to get grocery store sponsorships (\$25 voucher) to provide condiments and food for the event,
- 20 of you to provide your delicious finger-food baking for the refreshment table,
- 4 people to help take registrations the morning of the event, and
- 2 people to help put up and take down the indoor and outdoor signs.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. but the doors to the Regional Centre do not open to us until 8 a.m. Therefore, we need a large crew to set up quickly. If we have enough willing hands, we can easily accomplish the task on time. There will be a job-specific list circulated at the January meeting so you can fill in the blanks. Let's make this a great event for our fellow societies and get excited for the BIG EVENT.

The 109th OHA Convention will be held July 2-5, 2015, at lovely Redeemer College in Ancaster. All the area societies are working together to make this a great experience. Members of our society are spearheading several committees, but we badly need your volunteer help here too. If you can assist presenters with audio-visual equipment or are available to assist with show entry, classification, clerking, supervision sign-up on the lists that will be shared at the January meeting. If you volunteer at least 15 hours toward the convention you will be able to purchase your registration for \$25 instead of \$125 and you will receive a free tee shirt.

Help the OHS shine and volunteer! Marie Decker mariedecker@cogeco.ca, [905-844 1837](tel:905-844-1837)

Oakville Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday December 8, 2014

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Oakville Horticultural Society held in McMillan Hall on the 8th Day of December, 2014

Directors Present:

Stuart Gough - President
Christine Lee - Vice President
Valerie Westwood- Second Vice President
Veronica Heiderich - Secretary
Florenda Tingle - Treasurer

Catherine Kavassalis - Meeting Chair
Sonja Tessari - Director
Marie Decker - Director
Margaret Jeffery - Director
Celia Roberts - Director
Joan Paris - Director

Invitees:

John Baine - Assistant District 6 Director

Members:

65 of 172 voting members present

Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. It was moved by John Comber that the circulated agenda be adopted. The members consented to it as written.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2013 AGM meeting was made by Celia Roberts and carried.

President's Speech:

Stuart Gough addressed the members and briefed them about the accomplishments of the OHS during the last year. He noted the society's contribution to Family Day, the exemplary Junior Gardener Program, the Plant Sale, and Garden Tour, the Speaker series, the Floral, Horticultural and Photography Shows, and the society's Community Gardens including the *Garden for Life* and new *Fields of Spring* Project. He encouraged all members to become involved in the activities of the society

Treasurer's Report:

The Chair requested that the Treasurer present the audited Financial Report for 2013-2014. Florenda Tingle moved that the financial statement of October 31, 2014 be accepted. The motion carried. The Treasurer then presented the proposed budget for 2015. Bob Decker moved that the Line 4020 Bulbs, Plants and Seeds (Receipts) be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. The budget was approved as presented.

Motion to Revise the Bylaw:

Ann Clarke Stewart moved;

WHEREAS, there is insufficient time to prepare an audited financial statement for a November AGM given the October 31st fiscal year end.

RESOLVED, That the OHS Bylaws, Article 2 - Meetings, Section 2 - be amended to read:
*The society shall hold its Annual Meeting during the month of **December**.*

The motion was adopted.

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Elections:

The chair noted that no volunteers had come forward for the positions of President, Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary prior to the AGM and the society would cease to continue without an executive. Ted Bateman stated that this was unprecedented and noted his disappointment. The Chair invited candidates to come forward. The following individuals presented themselves as candidates: Catherine Kavassalis and Marie Decker for Co-Presidents; Valerie Westwood for Vice-President; Paula Clayton for Second Vice-President; Veronica Heiderich for Secretary and Florenda Tingle for Treasurer. The executive officers were acclaimed and sworn in by Assistant District Director John Baine. The following individuals were presented as candidates for Director: Margaret Jeffery, Celia Roberts, Sonja Tessari, Joan Paris, Linda Tock, and Elizabeth Thompson. The directors were acclaimed and sworn in; a motion was made to accept the slated officers, by Ann Clarke Stewart and carried.

Awards:

The President presented awards for exceptional service to Fred Teng, Florenda Tingle, David Marshall, Jane Hardman and Olga Woroniuk.

Announcements:

Members were reminded to volunteer for and attend the April 11 2015 District 6 Annual Meeting at Halton Regional Building and the OHA Annual Convention held July 3-5 at Redeemer College in Ancaster.

Acknowledgements:

Retiring Executive board members and President Stuart Gough were thanked for their outstanding contributions to our society. The Flower Show Committee Chair position is now open as Marie Decker has agreed to preside as Co-President.

Conclusion:

A motion to adjourn the AGM was made at 9:23 p.m. by Christine Lee and carried.

Catherine Kavassalis - Chair

Veronica Heiderich - Secretary

Celia Roberts
Accredited G.C.O. Floral Design Judge
Accredited R.B.G. Horticultural Judge

Celia Roberts has a certificate in Horticulture and is an accredited Garden Clubs of Ontario Floral Design Judge (06). She is also an accredited Horticultural Judge of the Royal Botanical Gardens School for Horticultural Judges, Instructors and Exhibitors (11).

Her passion for flowers and plant material is evident. Celia has given many design workshops. She teaches at the Toronto Botanic Gardens, the Garden Club of Toronto, and across Ontario to the Ontario Horticultural Association Judging Schools and Judging Update workshops. Celia also demonstrates at many Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies. She is an exhibitor at Canada Blooms and at the World Association of Flower Arrangers. Celia won a Silver Award at the 2014 World Association of Floral Artists show in Dublin Ireland.

She is the Co-Principal of the current Garden Clubs of Ontario 7th School for Floral Design Judges, Exhibitors and Demonstrators at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Celia is also the Committee Chair for the Education Committee for the Garden Clubs of Ontario.

In her role as a Director for the Ontario Horticultural Association for 6 years, she was the Flower Show Chair for the annual Convention. She is also on the Flower Show Committee for Canada Blooms, the Ambiance, Décor and Design Committee for Canada Blooms and is a member of show committees for the Garden Club of Toronto, Oakville Horticultural Society and Cloverleaf Garden Club.