



Newsletter



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Presenting Delicious
Treats



NEXT MEETING:

Monday, November 12th, 7:30 p.m.,
doors open at 6:30

Location: Knox Presbyterian,
MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Speaker: Dave Naylor

Topic: Cacti and Other Succulents

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President's Message - Looking Forward

Flora Niagara 2017 is a 150-day exhibition timed for Canada's sesquicentennial. Imagine 81 cultivated hectares just steps from the Falls and two other satellite sites at Vineland and the Royal Botanical Gardens. Halton Tourism has invited our Society to be part of the Garden Highway that will stretch from Niagara to Toronto. No doubt this is the biggest gardening project in which we will get to play. It is larger in size than both Florales Montréal 1980 of 25 hectares and this year's Floriade 2012 in Venlo of 66 hectares. This event will allow us to present our Garden Tour to potentially 2.3 million visitors. Anyone volunteering their garden? Okay, maybe not that many folks in the garden, but it does give us an opportunity to attach our society and its activities to this world event. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 9th at Halton Region. You can read more at <http://floraniagara.com>.

Planning is also underway for the 2015 Ontario Horticultural Association Annual General Meeting hosted by District 6. Possible locations have been identified as Sheridan College in Oakville, McMaster University in Hamilton, and Redeemer University College in Ancaster. For those who took part in the District 6 Spring Workshop that we hosted in 2007, the OHA Convention is about the same, just bigger. We have a great deal of experience in holding large successful events, so I am sure that we will be well represented in the organization of the convention. Our very own Marie Decker has already volunteered to organize the Flower Show.

Nearer at hand is our coming year. At the November meeting, we will be calling those interested to put their names forward for positions on our Board of Directors. Our society is currently looking to fill the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice President, Program Planner (finding the guest speakers for our meetings), co-chairs of Junior and Monthly shows committees and the Search Committee (helping to identify candidates for roles in the society). Plus, there will be the first round of the popular clipboards circulated for you to volunteer for hall set-up, refreshments, clerking, and Anderson Parkette maintenance. There is always room for more volunteers on any of our Society's committees.

One last thing, don't forget to identify plants that are ready for division for next year's Plant Sale. With just a few divisions, alterations and additions, who knows, your garden may be ready for our Tour - perhaps better next year, than 2017 when we expect 2.3 million visitors!

Stuart Gough

Events & Notices

November 15-17

RBG Auxiliary Christmas Show and Sale
<http://www.rbg.ca>

November 17 - January 6

RBG Train Show

Canada's largest botanical model train installation. See if you can recognize the famous Canadian landscapes.

RBG Centre

November 19

The Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Oakville Public Library

December 3 & 4

Evergreen Design Workshops at the RBG:

Table Design 1 pm and 7 pm (Dec 3)

Door Design 1 pm and 7 pm (Dec 4)

RBG Auxiliary hosting - \$35 per workshop

December 1

Christmas Flower Show Workshop 10 am till noon

Georgetown Horticultural Society

St. Andrews United Church, 89 Mountainview Road

This hands-on workshop will be conducted by Celia Roberts, Floral Design Judge with the Garden Clubs of Ontario and Chair of the OHA annual flower show. Each participant will complete their own Christmas centrepiece. \$40.00 (\$50.00 for non-horticultural society members)

<http://www.geohort.com/christmaswork.html>

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Proposed Budget for 2013

Revenue

Account Number	Description	YTD Balance	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
4020	BULBS, PLANTS, AND SEEDS	208	1,000	500
4022	DRAW TABLE	776	500	700
4024	MAY PLANT SALE	6,694	5,000	6,500
4026	MEMBERSHIP	2,647	2,500	2,500
4027	INTEREST	753	100	700
4028	DONATIONS	20	-	-
4030	GARDEN TOUR	640	1,000	1,500
4031	ONTARIO GRANT	1,500	1,500	1,500
4032	MISCELLANEOUS	629	-	600
4035	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	-	-	-
4040	WORKSHOPS	-	-	-
4045	JUNIOR PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS	75	300	50
4050	NON FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-
4060	SPECIAL EVENTS	-	-	-
Total Revenue:		13,941	11,900	14,550

Expenses

Account Number	Description	YTD Balance	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
5026	PUBLICITY	- 109	- 400	- 300
5032	SOCIAL CONVENOR	- 239	- 400	- 400
5039	BULBS, PLANTS, AND SEEDS	- 130	- 1,000	- 500
5043	LIBRARY	-	-	-
5050	PUBLIC PLANTING	- 95	- 6,500	- 1,000
5054	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	- 24	- 1,250	- 500
5060	MEMBERSHIPS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	- 1,092	- 1,250	- 1,250
5070	EXECUTIVE	- 703	- 1,500	- 800
5078	DRAW TABLE CONVENOR	- 342	- 500	- 400
5084	ANNUAL SHOW CONVENOR	-	-	-
5092	MONTHLY SHOWS	- 1,418	- 1,830	- 1,600
5097	GARDEN TOUR CONVENOR	- 23	- 1,000	- 500
5114	NEWSLETTER	- 1,006	- 2,500	- 1,600
5142	MONTHLY PROGRAMS	- 2,675	- 3,450	- 2,800
5143	PHOTOGRAPHY	-	-	-
5145	JUNIOR PROGRAM	- 776	- 1,200	- 1,000
5152	MAY PLANT SALE	- 2,106	- 2,600	- 2,500
5160	EQUIPMENT/IMPROVEMENTS	-	- 300	- 300
5170	SPECIAL EVENTS	-	-	-
5175	MISCELLANEOUS	- 760	-	- 600
5180	CONTINGENCY	-	-	-
Total Expenses:		- 11,499	- 25,680	- 16,050

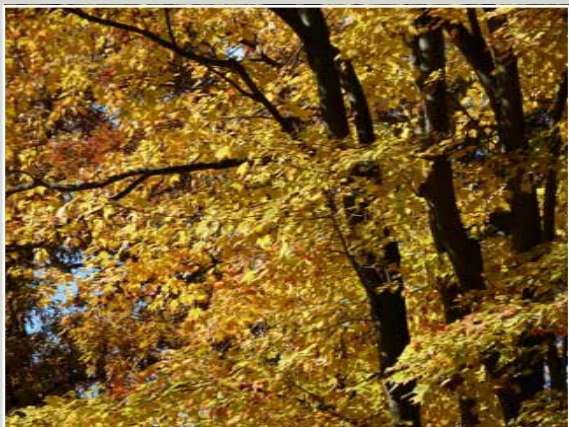
Net Income

2,443 (13,780) (1,500)



Garden Tour
2012

If you have photographs of this year's June Garden Tour, please share them with Christine Lee at lee.christine158@gmail.com



In Memoriam

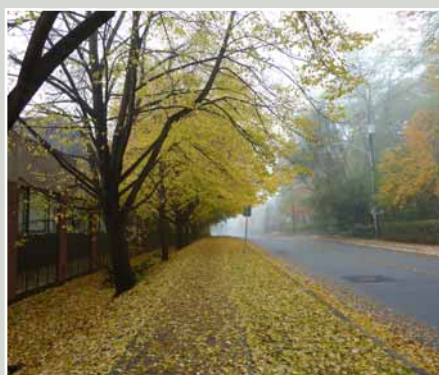
Long-time member, **Nicholas Sampson**, died October 3rd, 2012. A lifelong gardener, Nick held a number of positions at OHS including Official Photographer. He worked on the garden tour with both Sonja Tessari and Renate Rodenburg and his lovely garden on Elmhurst Avenue was part of the tour in 1997. Volunteering was a large part of his life with Meals on Wheels and the St. John's Therapy Dog Program. He leaves his wife Edna of 63 years, daughters Cynthia and Rosemary (James Mather), granddaughter Jennifer, and great grandson Andre.

The Oakville Horticultural Society joins facebook

Be sure to like us and join the discussion. You can read up-to-the minute seasonal garden-related information posted by our members and share your photos and thoughts. <http://www.facebook.com/OakvilleHorticulturalSociety>



Stuart Gough



Fall Clean-Up or Not - What Do You Do?

I was interested to learn what our members do in their fall gardens as far as clean-up goes. So at the last meeting, I conducted a completely unscientific survey to see. Over the years, I've become a much more casual fall-clean-up gal. And, I've discovered all sorts of interesting facts: The hostas I leave in the garden over the winter, while ugly in a non-snowy year, can be removed with the swipe of a glove in spring; and, the leaves I've left around plants over winter have sheltered new growth and pretty winged creatures in their folds. On those really cold winter days, I enjoy seeing birds enjoy the seeds that I've left stand, knowing that I'll find lots of volunteers throughout the garden. But enough about me, here's what our members do:

Leave 1/2 & Cut Down 1/2

86% of us like to see some of our garden through the winter.

What we leave most often:

Plants with seeds for birds 31%
Plants that look good without leaves

Ornamental grasses

Hydrangea

Cone flowers

Sedum

Anything with berries

What we remove:

Anything with disease, mildew

Dog damage

Hosta

Post-frost slimy plants

Prune Rose of Sharon

Coleus

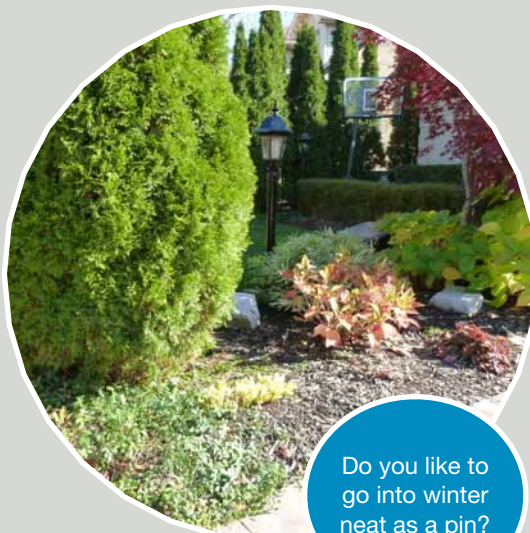
Empty pots

If a good crown is developing, cut back old plant stalks

Leave it All Until Spring

10% of us like to leave it alone and deal with the garden in spring.

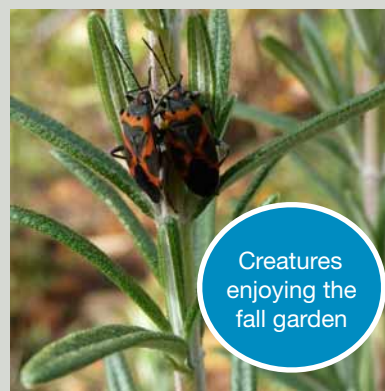
A member confessed, "I'm just lazy."



Do you like to go into winter neat as a pin?

Clean It Up Now

4% of us want the garden to be neat going into winter. One of our members who is in the trade said, "I like to leave things in my garden, but have to cut everything back in those gardens I'm maintaining." A long-standing member, said, "I used to leave a lot, but who knows what shape I'll be in come spring, better tidy it up now."



Creatures enjoying the fall garden



Or, do you let things happen and wait for spring?

OCTOBER



Judges Choice Horticulture

Mary Cameron is peaking out from behind her winning entry: Perennial - Ornamental Grass with 3 stems of *Miscanthus sinensis* 'Zebrinus'

AWARDS NIGHT NEXT MEETING

Trophies and cash prizes for the 2012 Flower Shows will be handed out at the November meeting. The winners names will be published in the December issue of the newsletter.

Photography Schedule for November and March 2013

November is right around the corner and while March still seems a long way in the future, this would be a good time to look at the photography schedule as some of the picture titles have a fall theme.

These titles are from the OHA Convention in Thunder Bay in 2013, Photography Competition and are also available at <http://www.gardenontario.org> under 'Upcoming Convention'. The guidelines for the photography competition are in the 2012 OHS Showbook. Both the guidelines and the new class titles will appear in the 2013 Showbook. See me at the show hall if you need a copy.

November 2012

- Class 1. "Stars of Wonder" (Showcase your 2011 OHA fundraiser Alliums.)
- Class 2. "I Fall to Pieces" (Fall shot showing fall colour.)
- Class 3. "Shades of Amethyst" (Any purple-coloured flower.)
- Class 4. "Flutter By" (Butterfly or butterflies on plant/flower.)
- Class 5. "This Rugged Coast" (A shoreline depicting a rugged scene with horticultural content.)

March 2013

- Class 6. "Kitchen Harvest" (any grouping of veggies and/or herbs that you use together e.g.: salad makings of lettuce, tomato & cucumber.)
- Class 7. "Two for One" (two related horticultural photos in one 5" x 7" matting, put together by computer. Not in colour; can use black, white or sepia.)
- Class 8. "Our Green inheritance" (the "wonder and worth" of plants in the natural world.)
- Class 9. "Up North and Down to Earth" (depict your vision of the North and/or your impression of the Convention theme "Up North, Down to Earth".)
- Class 10. "O Christmas Tree" (decorated LIVE Christmas tree, indoors or outside.)

Judging Scale:

Horticultural Value	40%
Photographic Value	40%
Appearance & Impact	20%

Marie Decker

The World of Nature Presented by Gail Trenholm Junior Gardeners



Photographs Linda Tock

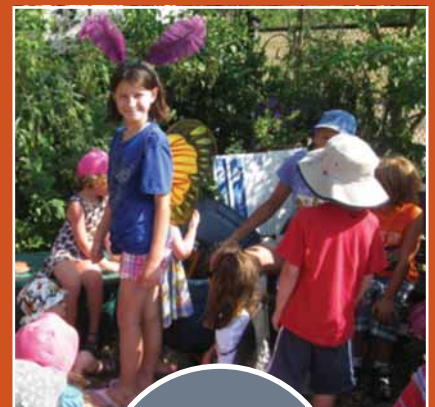
For the last two summers, Gail Trenholm has delighted the Junior Gardeners with her passion and extensive knowledge of the natural world. Our outdoor classroom buzzed with excitement during the months of May and June, when Gail did her wonderful presentations. Topics like water conservation, soil, birds and butterflies take on a whole new dimension. Gail is incredibly animated – a class act – even if it is pouring rain or tropically hot in the garden. She brings artefacts, costumes, and one of a kind treasures including her most treasured bird – Sydney – a Bare Eyed Cockatoo. Thanks Gail – you're amazing.

To learn more visit Gail's website at www.naturevisits.com

Linda Tock



CREATURES ABOUND



Butterfly or
moth - which
one are you?



MASTER GARDENER CORNER

Do you have a gardening question?

Send them to Subject Line
"Help Me Master Gardener"
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Cathy
Kavassalis at
Harbourside
Organic Farmers
Market at Whole
Foods



Why won't my Hydrangeas bloom?

The reason is the flower buds have either been removed, destroyed or weren't able to form.

Different types of hydrangea form flower buds at different times of the year. *Macrophyllas* and *quercus* (mopheads and oak leaf) produce flowers on old wood (not current year's growth). They should be pruned in the spring. Remove dead and diseased branches and remaining old flowers. If the plant is overgrown, remove one third of the stems at the base of the plant to help it regenerate. Remember, these are not plants to be 'shaped' into cubes - the flowers are produced at the tip of the stems.

Paniculata and *arborescens* types (Peegees and Annabelles) are marvelous performers. Peegees require that dead and crossing branches be pruned out, but little else. Annabelles can be pruned to the ground at any time except spring. Should you decide to leave them for winter interest, you must prune them before they

start their spring growth. If they're too floppy, you can leave selected branches to bulk up in their second year to help support the newer ones. There are varieties of *arborescens* (Endless Summer) that bloom on 1st year and old wood. You're bound to have some bloom on these great varieties providing you don't cut everything down after it's started to grow.

When in doubt as to the type of hydrangea you have, prune to just above the live buds in late spring. If after several years, it hasn't bloomed, you may have a plant that is too tender to grow in your garden. My advice is: dig it up and get rid of it. Then, get in the car and go to the nursery to buy a fabulous new variety that will be suited to your garden's growing conditions.

Cathy Kavassalis recommends this site to learn more:

<http://www.hydrangeashydrangeas.com/pruning.html>

NEW MEMBERS	LIBRARY	CLERKING	SET-UP 9:00AM	REFRESHMENTS
Please welcome new members Nathan Faux Lioudmila Golochtchouk Geoff & Bobbie Hill Awadh & Rani Jaggermath	Veronica Heiderich	Michelle Durrant Rob Welsh Linda Tock (Photography)	Don Dusha Sheelagh Rowland-Brown Donna Scott	Marjorie Bobko Ellie Cooper Julie Douglas Kathy Graham