

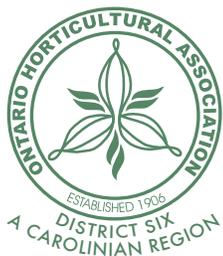


# Newsletter



Fred Teng poses with his winning roses at the Hamilton & Burlington Rose Show RBG June 2013

Elizabeth Schleicher Photo



### NEXT MEETING:

Monday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.  
doors open at 6:30

Location: Knox Presbyterian,  
MacMillan Hall  
89 Dunn Street

Speaker: Kevin Kavanagh  
South Coast Gardens

Topic: Pushing the Zones, Growing  
Magnolias, Rhodos & Azaleas  
in Ontario

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## President's Message

It is time to prepare the garden for the winter season. This year I intend to have everything cleaned up and put away in time for the Grey Cup, the official end of the gardening season according to John Bradshaw. While he may have written that in 1961, it still applies to this day.

October marks the end of one year and the start of the next for our society: There's our last monthly show counting toward the awards; a new show book for 2014 will be available at our next meeting; budget preparation is underway; the Anderson Parkette is being put to bed for the winter; and we're all dividing our perennials and potting them up for next year's sale to make room for some of Dugald's bulbs.

2014 memberships will be sold at the October meeting. The renewal forms are on our website. Please have your renewal forms filled in — only complete the address portion if your address has changed in the past year. For those of you who receive this newsletter by Canada Post, you'll find one in your envelope. As a reminder, if you're able to switch to the electronic version, we'll be able to save on printing and mailing costs.

October also marks the renewal of our society's executive and committees. As listed in the September newsletter, we have a number of openings for the board of directors next year. All members of our society are invited to stand for any of these positions. As well, starting **immediately**, we need someone to fill in at the draw & bulb tables; Barbara's last newsletter will be the **November** issue, so we need someone very soon; and in **January** we hope to find a volunteer for programs - the speaker coordinator. If you have a special skill, talent, or just a desire to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. This society is run by its members for its members. I can tell you from my experience, the more I've become involved, the more I've enjoyed my membership.

Enough for now, I'm off to pot up some grasses that didn't make this year's plant sale. I look forward to seeing you in October.

Stuart Gough

## Events & Notices

### Hamilton Fall Garden & Mum Show 2013

October 25 - November 3 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m

[www.hamiltonmumshow.com](http://www.hamiltonmumshow.com)

### District Six Annual Fall Dinner Meeting

November 2, 2013 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Paris Fairgrounds

*For a complete listing of upcoming events please visit our website at [www.oakvillehort.org](http://www.oakvillehort.org).*



*Rudbeckia 'Cappuccino' at Gairloch Gardens*

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# Design & Horticulture Schedule

## Design Division: Autumn Textures

1. Class of Distinction Fiery Finale  
A design on pedestal: 42" tall with a 12" square top, white in colour
2. Chairman's Trophy, Open Class Fruits of the Field  
A design incorporating fruits and/or vegetables
3. General, Open Class Funky, a design
4. Novice Pumpking Fun, a design
5. Miniature, Open Class Little Critters  
A design in a niche: 5" high x 4-1/2" wide x 3" deep

## Horticultural Division

### Flowers & Woodies

6. Annual coleus - 3 stems
7. Annual, plant height under 15" - 3 stems
8. Annual, plant height over 15", spike form - 1 stem
9. Annual, plant height over 15", other form - 1 stem
10. Annual, collection of - 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
11. Branch showing fall colour, cut to 36" or less
12. Branch, flowering, cut to 36" or less
13. Branch, fruited cut to 36" or less
14. Bulb, corm, tuber, other - 1 stem
15. Chrysanthemum - 1 bloom or spray
16. Dahlia - 1 stem or bloom, disbudded
17. Grass, ornamental - 3 stems
18. House plant grown for flowers or fruit
19. House plant grown for foliage
20. Perennial, other, plant height under 15" - 3 stems
21. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", spike form - 1 stem
22. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", other form - 1 stem
23. Perennial, collection of 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
24. Rosa (rose), hybrid tea - 1 specimen bloom, disbudded
25. Rosa (rose), floribunda or grandiflora - 1 spray or bloom (bloom disbudded)
26. Rosa (rose), shrub - 1 spray or bloom (includes Austin roses)
27. Rosa (rose), climbing - 1 spray or bloom (bloom disbudded)
28. Rosa (rose), miniature - 1 spray or specimen bloom (bloom disbudded)
29. Rosa (rose) other, 1 spray or bloom (bloom disbudded).

30. Rosa (rose) hips - 1 spray
31. Sedum - 1 stem
32. Seed heads, decorative - 3 stems
33. Seed pods - at least 3 specimens

### Fruits & Vegetables

34. Berries or small fruit - 1/2 pint
35. Fruit, large - 1 specimen
36. Tomato, cherry - 1 truss or 5 specimens, calyx left on
37. Tomato, over 2" - 3 specimens, calyx left on
38. Vegetable, large - 1 specimen, e.g., squash, turnip, pumpkin, cabbage, cauliflower
39. Vegetable, small - 3 specimens, e.g., leeks, beans, beets
40. Fall craft, inspired by the garden, made by the exhibitor, not previously shown
41. Educational exhibit
42. Any other cultivar (AOC)



David Lewis shows off his 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winning hosta at the September meeting



Florie Abbess' Judge's Choice Design prize for her Shades of Brown entry.

## The Garden Tour 2013

This year's garden tour was a tremendous success. We projected revenue of \$1000 in the budget, but made just over \$4,000. In addition to ticket revenues, I'd like to thank our generous sponsors who helped us bring our expenses down to less than half of our \$500 budget. The double-page spread in the Oakville Beaver featuring the Taylor Garden and offering the enticement of 6 other beautiful gardens was donated by The Incorporators. No doubt this publicity was key in letting those passionate garden-tour attendees know that our tour should be at the top of their list.

Plans are underway for 2014, so if you know of a garden that you think would be interesting to include, please let me know. It doesn't have to be an enormous garden with every bell and whistle, we take pride in showcasing diverse gardens of all sizes. Nor do the gardeners have to be members, only three of the seven gardens featured in 2013 belonged to OHS members. It may be a little daunting to open up your garden to the public, but our owners this year, as in the past were completely positive saying, "We met great people and thoroughly enjoyed the experience!"

In closing, I'd like to offer my thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success: the owners, gardeners, Master Gardeners, stores who offered to sell our tickets, hosts, guests, and Mother Nature. We couldn't have asked for a better day for a tour. Thank you all for your support - I look forward to working with you again next year.

The Taylor Garden



Christine Lee



Ed & Heather Burcher



John & Sue Raynor



Peter & Nicolette van Dijk

# Through the Garden Gate 2013



Nancy Levasseur & Steve Bicknell

The Hayward Garden

## One More Tour Garden & A Lesson on Extending Garden Colour Into Fall

You may have noticed one of the seven gardens was missing on the previous pages: the beautiful garden belonging to Jacqui and David Lewis.

After hosting at Janet Taylor's and rushing around to see all the other gardens, I found myself at the far end of town with not enough time to make it back to take photos. So last week, at the Lewis' invitation, I stopped by and was delighted to discover their wonderful fall garden - and wanted to point out a few of their great ideas so you can use them in your own garden:

**#1** Just because it's September - don't stop gardening. Keeping your garden weed free and deadheaded are key to a good fall look.

**#2** Plant Dahlias and Sunshine Impatiens. Big flower heads with bright colour are a cheerful way to add excitement to the late season garden.

**#3** Tropicals and grasses make showy friends.

**#4** Splurge on one or two late-blooming perennials like *Actea* 'Black Beauty'

**#5** Chartreuse lightens up the darkest of areas and blends well with reds, purples and blues

**#6** Autumn clematis *C. ternifolia* adds a blanket of white and scent to a dark corner.

**#7** New varieties of old favourites add colour from July through October - look for new *Hydrangea*, *Buddleia* & *Phlox paniculata*



## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE - WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE ON THE LIST

Every meeting, the duty clipboards are sent around the room for sign up. Barbara asked me if I might explain to our new members what's involved if you volunteer to bring refreshments.

On the month of your sign-up duty, you will receive a phone call a few days prior to our meeting from one of us - Jane, Wendy, Valerie, Olga or myself. We will remind you that you've volunteered to bring treats and ask you to bring a pan of squares, cookies, cake, etc. (ideally home baked). If it is special occasion like Christmas or Valentine's Day, themed baking is always welcome.

You deliver your baking to either the basement or upstairs kitchen. We have at least 4 volunteers bringing things plus what we bring, so hopefully we will have a fine array of baked delights. So far so good.

After the meeting, if you're able, we always appreciate it if two or three of the volunteers to come down help pour tea, coffee and clean up. Clean up takes about 10 minutes.

In case you were wondering, the tea and coffee are always decaf. We usually have juice too. Also as some may have dietary restrictions, volunteers may bring fruit in bite size pieces, which is especially welcome in warm weather. At the end of the meeting, all that's left to do is pick up your plate and leftovers, if there are any!

Kathie Dick

## INVASIVE ORCHID *EPIPACTUS HELLEBORINE*



At a late May meeting, Master Gardener Sharon Paradis gave me a plastic bag containing a mystery plant with an impressive root system. I showed it to several other of our garden gurus, who said, "Oh yes, I've got that too. It's everywhere. Be sure to let me know what it is." Even David Marshall said, "I don't know what it is, but it is sure is nasty." Well, it is *Epipactis helleborine*. It is a non-native weedy orchid. It prefers to grow in the shade, but also seems to grow in full sun and in just about any type of soil. And even if we could use chemical controls against it, none work. It simply continues to spread by rhizomes and dust-like seed.

When I first found it, I thought it was quite remarkable to have a hardy orchid growing in my garden. Today when I find it growing where I don't want it, I pull out my shovel and start to dig. I have found roots growing about 40 cm deep. No doubt they were still deeper, but like a squirrel who will hunt only so far for tulips, I too have better things to do with my life. And once I've got a nice big hole, I'm thinking about planting something new. So, it's unlikely I'll be completely rid of it any time soon.



Bob Clarke Photo

## Out on a Limb

Last week I was on the hunt for gardens and plants that are still looking good after our unusual summer. I visited the trial gardens at Landscape Ontario and closer to home, several municipal gardens designed and maintained by our very own Town of Oakville. I was curious after volunteering earlier in the year at the Municipal Greenhouses transplanting and filling the greenhouse benches to see what performed best. Tim Rivers and Galina Tchouprikova of the Town of Oakville Greenhouse were kind enough to sit down with me to tell me about their favourites that we might want to try in our own gardens next year.

## Oakville's Top Garden Performers

Number one for comments was *Lobularia* 'Snow Princess' featured in the Bronte baskets. It's a vegetative (not from seed) plant that makes a spectacular white show whether grown in the ground or in baskets. It is a Proven Winners selection.

Next on the list were the begonias: The downtown baskets of Red Dragon Wing; the tropical looking Gryphons; and the Whopper series from Ball Seed all did spectacularly well. The last one is the perfect replacement for impatiens. Just remember they need to be planted a little closer together, otherwise your garden will look like polka dots rather than a wave of colour.



Other bright lights included *Salvia* 'Victoria Blue', *Angelonia*, *Vinca* 'Jams & Jellies Blackberry', Trailing *Vinca* Mediterranean and Marigold 'Marvel', a big bold brush double.

I was just about to leave, when Galina came running back into Tim's office saying there was one more - and she liked it so much, she wanted to grow it at home. It's *Gaillardia* 'Oranges and Lemons'. A couple of years ago it was sold as a perennial - big mistake, it's not. At least not here, but as an annual - it's just gorgeous. They bought small plants and grew them in beds at the rose garden at Gairloch. I couldn't believe how good they still looked.



G. 'Oranges and Lemons'



'Victoria Blue'

Tim said that the some of the most important plants in the display gardens are tropicals: Perfect for the home gardener whether you've got acreage or just a balcony. Year in, year out, tropicals can grace your patio and then in the winter keep you company while you read your seed catalogues. Truly a perfect sort of plant.



Growing bananas at Gairloch Gardens

So, until our next meeting - happy gardening!

LIBRARY	CLERKING	SET-UP 9:00AM	REFRESHMENTS
Veronica Heiderich	Mary Cameron Elizabeth Schleicher	Ted Bateman	Paula Clayton Lillie de Silva Margaret Jeffrey Linda Tock