

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.*

OCTOBER 2014 Newsletter

October's Guest Speaker: *Shade Gardens with Barry Vanderveer*

What started as a series of weekend walks in the 'darkling woods' of Lambton County has grown into a life long obsession with all things shady. I have gardened on a very small, postage stamp sized property in Fergus, Ontario for the past 18 years and during that time have had the privilege of working for who I consider to be one of this provinces best woodland garden designers and all around plantsmen - I speak of Larry Davidson of Lost Horizons fame. My short tenure there introduced me to the more exotic woodland plant material, and I have gone on to my current position as perennials, tree and shrub specialist at Cedar Spring Nursery in Elora, On.

...My garden is my life. I tend to get along better with plants than I do people, hence you will often hear me referring to them as my children. I am all about causing a stir in the garden - not me myself, but by cleverly utilizing the full spectrum of rare and unusual perennials, trees and shrubs that are becoming more and more increasingly available, if you know where to look.



The sun-drenched and shady Garden 4 on the Garden Tour

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October Meeting:

Monday, October 6, 2014

Doors open 6:30pm

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall

89 Dunn Street

Hall SetUp (9:00am)

Christel Mahncke,

Larry Urbanoski

Clerking

Norma Kirkpatrick, Jean Latham

Hospitality

Margaret Jeffery, Linda Tock

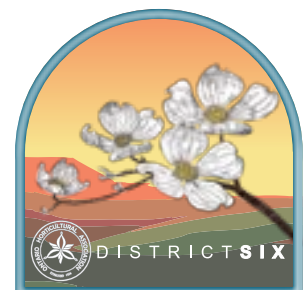
November Meeting:

Monday, November 10, 2014



Membership Renewal

A quick reminder that the membership year is coming to a close as of October 31. You can use the handy enclosed/ attached membership renewal form to keep your membership current. Please see Elizabeth Thompson with your renewals at the October meeting.



President's Message

October is the month that signals the beginning of the end of our garden season. Time to take stock of how well our gardens have performed. Which of the new plants has shown promise, how well did others recover from the past winter damage? What needs moving, what needs trimming, and what steps will be taken to protect those special plants.

October also marks the year-end for our Society. Year-end reports will be prepared, volunteer hours tallied and planning for the coming year is begun. In this edition, the proposed budget for the coming year will be presented. Your executive spent the better part of the last meeting going through budget, looking at last year's spending and how to go forward. Recommendations were made that should aid in the understanding of the budget process.

Also in this edition are the two changes to our Society's Constitution and bylaws.

October also marks the beginning of the process for determining the executive and board positions for the coming year. Changes in the Society's leadership present an opportunity for all members to take an active role in their Society. One can volunteer in so many rolls, each very important to the successful operation of the Society. We all have special talents and skills that can be useful to the Society. I urge you to consider putting your name forward.



On a lighter note, allow me to explain the image that accompanies this President's Message. It is, of course, a photo of the leaves and nuts of the butternut tree.

The butternut can be found throughout Oakville and southern Ontario. It is a rather special tree, now listed on the endangered species lists in Ontario. A fungus that has severely reduced their numbers threatens the trees. The nuts are about the size of lemons, hard as a baseball and tend to fall to the ground rather forcefully, thankfully with a good deal of noise as they crash through the canopy. As this year's garden tour was coming to a close, a group was standing near the edges of a magnificent example when one of the nuts came whistling down, nearly striking the author. I picked up the nut and then proceeded to identify the tree to the gathering, calling it a beechnut. Dubious looks from

Joan Paris and Carol Gordon caused me to wonder about my certainty, but I stuck to my original identification. That night, I checked and well, I stand corrected. Taking this photo, I was almost struck again. The butternut has it out for me.

There is always more to be learned out in our gardens, and shared with others. Hopefully, these warm sunny days will last a good while longer, keeping us outside enjoying all the wonders of nature.

Stuart Gough

OHS Executive and Officers for 2015

It is that time when the society must begin planning for the coming year, and list the Executive and Board positions along with any potential vacancies. To volunteer for these positions, please phone Joan Paris at 905-827-2872.

The following Executive positions are vacant:

President, Secretary

The following committee positions are currently open:

Garden Tour Convenor, Newsletter Editor, Programming, Publicity, Website Master

If you are interested in knowing more about any of these positions, please talk with Joan Paris, Veronica Heiderich or myself. There is a good deal of support for anyone new to a position.

Proposed 2015 Executive:

President: *vacant*

1st Vice President: Christine Lee

2nd Vice President: Valerie Westwood

Secretary: *vacant*

Treasurer: Florenda Tingle

Proposed 2015 Directors:

Marie Decker -- Flower Shows and Awards

Margaret Jeffrey -- Public Planting

Joan Paris -- Nominating, Newsletter mailing

Celia Roberts -- OHA Ambassador

Sonja Tessari -- Plant Sale

Elizabeth Thompson -- Membership

Linda Tock -- Junior Program

Constitution and By-Laws Update

From time to time our Society Constitution and Bylaws require minor updates to keep current with the guidelines offered by our parent organization, the Ontario Horticultural Association. Reviewing our Constitution has revealed one item that needs clarification and one that needs a simple update. Any changes to our Society governing documents must be presented to the membership in October, discussed and revised through the October and November meetings, and then voted on at the Society's Annual General Meeting.

The first item deals with the actual date of our AGM. Our bylaws currently list November as the month the AGM will be held.

ARTICLE 2: MEETINGS

Section 2:

The society shall hold its Annual Meeting during the month of November at which time:

- The Executive Committee shall be elected and installed
- The President shall present a report of the activities and the accomplishments of the Society during its preceding year
- The Treasurer shall present the audited financial statement for the preceding year, and the budget for the current year, for approval by the Membership.

In order to bring our bylaws in line with our actual practice, the motion that we would like to be considered is as follows:

"The Society shall hold its Annual Meeting during the month of December at which time:"

The reasoning for this change from November to December for the AGM is simply one of practicality: completing all of the year-end reports and especially the completion of the financial audit often is not done until mid November, past our November meeting date. Changing the date of the AGM to December in our By-Laws would then officially recognize the date we have actually been holding our AGM. You may recall that in 2010 revision to our by-laws changed the date for the AGM from December to November.

The second item deals again with our AGM, and what constitutes a quorum for the meeting to take place. Currently there is no set definition in our By-Laws to state what constitutes a quorum for our AGM. As our Constitution and By-Laws reflect the OHA's constitution and by-laws it might be worthwhile to consider the OHA's position on Annual Meeting Quorums.

The motion that we would like to be considered is as follows:

"The Oakville Horticultural Society maintains our present method of voting by attendance at the AGM, and write into the constitution a definition of quorum based on OHA definition for a quorum which is 1/5 of total voting membership."

This motion, if approved, could be entered into our By-Laws as an addition to ARTICLE 2: MEETINGS

Section 3

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20% plus one of the total-voting members in the society. At the AGM, every question shall be decided by a majority vote of those voting members in attendance. In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Up until now our Society has held the Annual Meeting, passing resolutions, elected the Executive approving the coming budget and approved the financial statements based upon the majority of those in attendance at the meeting.

Recently there have been regulations brought into effect for not-for-profit and charitable organizations regarding defined quorums for meetings. At this point in time there is no official need to alter our by-laws. Guidance from the OHA indicates that at such a time when a defined quorum must be part of a Society's by-laws, notice and direction from OMAF and OHA would be provided.

These motions will be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting in December. If you have any comments or concerns, please address these at either our October or November meetings. If you would care to read our Constitution, it can be downloaded from the OHS web site; just point your browser to the Membership page and click on the cover of the Constitution document.



Constitution and Bylaws



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October 2014

Proposed Budget for November 1, 2014 – October 31, 2015

		Year Ending	Year Ending		
		31-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	2014	2015
	Account	(Projected)	Actual Budget	Variance	Proposed Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$
RECEIPTS					
4020	BULBS, PLANTS AND SEEDS	983.45	1,000.00	(16.55)	1,000.00
4022	DRAW TABLE	371.25	400.00	(28.75)	360.00
4024	MAY PLANT SALE	5,186.85	5,000.00	186.85	5,000.00
4026	MEMBERSHIP	2,280.00	2,500.00	(220.00)	2,300.00
4027	INTEREST	459.08	400.00	59.08	600.00
4028	DONATIONS	-	-	-	-
4030	GARDEN TOUR	235.00	2,000.00	(1,765.00)	1,000.00
4031	ONTARIO GRANT	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
4032	MISCELLANEOUS	361.88	600.00	(238.12)	300.00
4033	Introduction to Gardening Workshop	-	-	-	-
4034	Family Day	-	-	-	-
4035	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TOTAL	-	-	-	-
4040	WORKSHOPS	-	-	-	-
4045	JUNIOR PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS	370.00	100.00	270.00	360.00
4050	NON-FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	-	-	-	-
4060	SPECIAL EVENTS	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,748	13,500	(1,753)	11,920
EXPENSES					
5026	PUBLICITY	(26)	(500)	474	(250)
5028	Refreshments	(194)	(250)	56	(250)
5029	Annual meeting - Pot luck	(140)	(150)	10	(150)
5032	SOCIAL CONVENOR TOTAL	(334)	(400)	66	(400)
5037	BULBS, PLANTS AND SEEDS	(737)	(1,000)	263	(1,500)
5040	Library books	-	-	-	-
5041	Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
5042	Miscellaneous library	-	(100)	100	-
5043	LIBRARY TOTAL	0	(100)	100	(100)
5045	Plantings (Fields of Spring)	(2,087)	(3,500)	1,413	(500)
5046	Anderson Parkette	-	(500)	500	(500)
5050	PUBLIC PLANTING (Sustainable Gardening)	(2,087)	(4,000)	1,913	(1,000)
5051	Introduction to Gardening Workshop	-	(250)	250	-
5052	Family Day	(23)	(250)	227	-
5054	COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	(23)	(500)	477	(250)
5059	MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	(1,209)	(1,250)	42	(1,250)
5061	Education	-	-	-	-
5062	Convention	(150)	(400)	250	(400)

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		Year Ending	Year Ending		
		31-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	2014	2015
	Account	(Projected)	Actual Budget	Variance	Proposed Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES	<i>continued</i>				
5063	Donations	-	-	-	-
5065	Misc. Printing, copies, supplies	(55)	(75)	20	(75)
5066	Sunshine Fund	-	(50)	50	(50)
5067	Executive Rental	(581)	(600)	19	(600)
5068	Other Miscellaneous executive	(326)	(125)	(201)	(350)
5070	EXECUTIVE TOTAL	(1,111)	(1,250)	139	(1,475)
5078	DRAW TABLE	(112)	(300)	188	(300)
5085	Work Shops	-	-	-	-
5086	Trophies and Prizes	(612)	(800)	188	(800)
5087	Judges	(630)	(700)	70	(700)
5090	Miscellaneous monthly shows	-	(100)	100	(100)
5092	MONTHLY SHOWS TOTAL	(1,242)	(1,600)	358	(1,600)
5095	Advertising	-	(250)	250	(250)
5096	Miscellaneous Garden Tour	-	(250)	250	(250)
5097	GARDEN TOUR TOTAL	0	(500)	500	(500)
5114	NEWSLETTER	(684)	(1,600)	916	(1,000)
5138	Speakers	(1,100)	(1,500)	400	(1,500)
5139	Rent/Cleaning	(1,700)	(1,700)	0	(1,700)
5140	Miscellaneous monthly programs	-	-	-	-
5142	MONTHLY PROGRAMS TOTAL	(2,800)	(3,200)	400	(3,200)
5143	PHOTOGRAPHY	-	-	-	-
5145	JUNIOR PROGRAM	(678)	(1,000)	322	(1,000)
5146	Materials	(940)	(1,000)	60	(1,000)
5148	Transportation and rent	(494)	(600)	106	(600)
5150	Advertising	(284)	(800)	516	(800)
5151	Miscellaneous plant sale	(213)	(600)	387	(600)
5152	MAY PLANT SALE TOTAL	(1,931)	(3,000)	1,069	(3,000)
5130	EQUIPMENT/IMPROVEMENTS	-	(600)	600	(600)
5170	SPECIAL EVENTS	-			
5175	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	(270)	(600)	330	(400)
5180	CONTINGENCY	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-13,243	-21,400	8,157	-17,825
	NET INCOME. Gain or Loss -	-1,496	-7,900	6,404	-5,905

The Projected Revenue and Expense figures are current as of September 26, 2014. Finalized reports are pending from Plants, Bulbs & Seeds and Garden Tour.

Proposed Budget: Notes and Considerations

Overall, this has not been a bad year for the OHS. Through careful monitoring our spending, we have achieved savings on the expense side. Some programs have proven to be less expensive than anticipated. On the revenue side, we have missed projected earnings on some accounts. At this point, we are projecting a loss on the year of about \$1,500, versus the budgeted loss of \$7,900.

For the coming year, the proposed budget amounts have been adjusted to reflect the past year's results. Membership revenue has been reduced to take into account the lowered number of active memberships in our Society. This also results in a lowering of the expected Ontario OMAF grant. This year we will be reporting a total voting membership short of 200, which lowers our grant from the province. If in the coming year we sign up an additional 30 members, that will in the following year see us back at the top of the allowable grant.

Still on the Revenue side, a brief explanation of the Miscellaneous account (4032). This account is used for recording either monies coming into the Society on a temporary basis (such as pre-paying for tickets to OHA events) or for refunds. Going forwards, the refunds, such as for cancelled meetings at the Library, could be recorded under account 4050 - Non-Fundraising Activities.

On the Expense side, a big cost increase that was not anticipated was recorded in 5068 Other Miscellaneous Executive Expense. In years past, the Bonding of our Treasurer was \$40. This year the new insurance company raised the Treasurer Bonding to \$189.

Expense account 5075 Miscellaneous is the account associated with revenue account Miscellaneous. It shows an expense of \$270. This is a payment to the District Six for our members attending the Fall Dinner in Georgetown, that had been prepaid to the OHS by the individuals,

Wrapping up, we come to the Sustainable Garden Fund. This fund was created when the Society held a special fundraiser, An Evening with Freeman Patterson. Each following year, the expenses against this fund are recorded in the account Public Planting (Sustainable Gardening). At the beginning of this year (Nov1, 2013) the balance stood at \$7,561. With maintenance of the Anderson Parkette and the new Fields of Spring we budgeted this year spending up to \$4,000. At the time of this newsletter, we had spent only \$2,087. As the plantings of the bulbs will be taking place after this newsletter is printed, there may be some incidental expenses and even a minor refund for the trays the bulbs were shipped in. For a full review of the Sustainable Garden Fund, I refer you to the OHS Newsletter, January 2014. A copy can be downloaded from our website.

OHS Garden Tour

Once the morning rain downpours were over, the Gardens opened for visitors. This year's tour featured eight gardens, with four of the gardens belonging to members of the OHS. We are grateful to all the garden owners who have kindly opened their gardens for this tour.



October Flower Show Schedules

Design Schedule - At The Movies

1. Class of Distinction **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner** - a functionable table
2. Chairman's Trophy **On Golden Pond** - a design with the visible use of water
3. General **Some Like It Hot** - a mass design
4. Novice **Gone With The Wind** - a parallel design
5. Miniature **Madame Butterfly** - a design in niche 5"h x 4½"w x 3"d

Functional Table: A Show Table on which components are placed in a logical and utilitarian manner for the actual service of food. No cutlery should be included.

Horticultural Schedule

6. Annual coleus - 3 stems
7. Annuals collection of 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
8. Annual, plant height under 15" - 3 stems
9. Annual, plant height over 15", spike form - 1 stem
10. Annual, plant height over 15", other form - 1 stem
11. Branch, flowering cut to 36" or less
12. Branch, fruited, cut to 36" or less
13. Branch, showing fall colour, cut to 36" or less
14. Bulb, corm, tuber, rhizome, other than Dahlia - 1 stem
15. Chrysanthemum - 1 bloom or spray
16. Dahlia - 1 stem or bloom, disbudded
17. Grass, ornamental, under 4', 3 stalks
18. Grass, ornamental, over 4', 3 stalks
19. House plant, grown for flowers or fruit
20. House plant grown for foliage
21. Perennials, collection of 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
22. Perennial, other, plant height under 15" - 3 stems (see Hort Guidelines pg. 2)
23. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", spike form - 1 stem
24. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", other form - 1 stem
25. Rosa (rose), hybrid tea - 1 specimen bloom, disbudded
26. Rosa (Cluster rose), floribunda, grandiflora or polyantha - 1 spray or specimen bloom (specimen bloom disbudded)
27. Rosa (rose), shrub - 1 spray or bloom (includes Austin roses)
28. Rosa (rose), climbing - 1 spray or bloom
29. Rosa (rose), miniature - 1 spray or specimen bloom
30. Rosa (rose), other - 1 spray or bloom
31. Rosa (rose), hips - 1 spray
32. Sedum - 1 stem
33. Seed heads, decorative - 3 stems
34. Seed pods - at least 3 specimens

Mass: a design with a large quantity of plant material arranged in a closed silhouette with few or no voids.

Exhibitors are allowed three entries in each section/division, provided each specimen is a different cultivar/variety/species.

When a height limit is specified for an annual or perennial, this refers to the growing height of the plant not the cut length of the specimen.

Educational Exhibit: This exhibit will be scored out of 5 points; points will count toward trophies. Educational exhibits are designed to instruct the viewer in some aspect of horticulture (e.g., plant propagation, environment, endangered plant preservation, etc). The exhibit must contain plant material and should include both botanical and common plant names. Also mention plant origin, habitat, culture (how it is grown), usage and history. The exhibit will also be judged on clear, concise presentation, attractiveness, quality and condition of plant material, originality and creativity. (O.J.E.S. pg. 76) .

Fruits & Vegetables

35. Berries or small fruit - ½ pint
36. Fruit, large - 1 specimen
37. Tomato, cherry - 1 truss or 5 specimens, calyx left on
38. Tomato, over 2" - 3 specimens, calyx left on
39. Vegetable, large - 1 specimen, e.g., squash, turnip, pumpkin, cabbage, cauliflower
40. Vegetable, small - 3 specimens, e.g., peas, beans, carrots, beets, onions, potatoes
41. A fall craft, must have some horticultural content, made by the exhibitor, not previously shown
42. Educational exhibit ²
43. Any other cultivar (AOC) ³ - 1 stem or bloom

AOC: Any Other Cultivar, means any other cultivar/variety/species not listed in the schedule.



New Members

Please welcome new members:

Aileen Bruce
Judith Dickie
Genevieve Lee-Loy
Anne Marie Lee-Loy
Sian Lee-Loy

And renewing members

Lorne & Elaine Sparrow

Be sure to introduce yourself at our coming meetings and help our new members feel like a long term member.

Events

Harvest Moon Feast & Garden Party

Saturday, October 11, 2014

RBG Centre

Join us for a special harvest moon feast inspired by local ingredients, many of which were grown in our very own Veggie Village. Celebrate the connection between southern Ontario farmland and the locally grown food we love. Music and dancing under the light of the moon make to celebrate the bounty of the garden together.

Tickets are limited, to order online visit www.rbg.ca/moonlight

ORLS Annual Lily Show

October 5, 2014

RBG Centre

Ontario Regional Lily Society offer hard to get lily bulbs, as well as common types at great savings to you.

<http://www.orls.ca/events.htm>

OHA District 6 Annual Fall Dinner

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Hosted by Georgetown Horticultural Society

Guest speaker: Lizzie Matheson "Inspired By..."

Tickets \$27, choice of Roast Beef or Vegetarian StirFry

If you will be attending, please bring your ticket money to the October meeting

94th Annual Hamilton Fall Garden & Mum Show

October 31–November 9, 2014

Gage Park Tropical Greenhouse, Hamilton

OHA Convention 2015

July 3–5, 2015, Ancaster

Summer in the Southern Tier...

The 109th OHA Convention, hosted by our district

A closing note: This will be the last newsletter that I will be editing/writing. I hope that you have found the newsletter to be readable and enjoyable. It has been a rewarding experience producing the newsletter over the years and I look forward to enjoying the next editor's newsletter...

Cheers, Stuart Gough