

Oakville Horticultural Society

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

NOVEMBER 2014

NEWSLETTER

November's Guest Speaker: *A New Kind of Gardener with Carol Dunk*

A New Kind of Gardener reminds gardeners that as keepers of a great amount of land in North America we have a responsibility to garden for the good of our local environment and the planet. This is a culmination of Carol's environmental journey.

Retiring from a career in education, both in public schools and at Georgian College, Carol found time for her favourite pastime: gardening. She trained and became a Master Gardener in 1999. Carol has taught gardening courses at Georgian College and often speaks at local horticultural groups about her gardening experiences, gardening ideas, soil care and reduction of pesticides and pollinators. In 2003 and 2004, she was a seminar speaker at Ontario Horticultural Association Conventions.

In 2004, Carol was also one of the plenary speakers at the OHA convention in London. For two years, Carol did noon-hour sessions on a local television channel and from those shows became known around Simcoe County as Master Gardener Grandma Dunk!

Carol is an emeritus member of the Simcoe County Master Gardeners and has served on the provincial Master Gardeners of Ontario Board as a Zone Director, Treasurer, and Chair of Education. Carol is also past-treasurer and past-president of *Barrie's Garden*.

Carol become part of the Ontario Horticultural Association, and served as District Director of District 16(Simcoe County) and as the President of the OHA in 2011.

While on the OHA Board, Carol created and published a booklet on Rain Barrels and another one on my pet project, Pollinator Patches. I also initiated a tree-planting project to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth.

This year I am working with the City of Barrie and a citizens group to create a pollinator corridor along one of the trails in the City

November Flower Show Schedules

Design Schedule

November 2014 . . . Crisp Days and Nights

1. **Class of Distinction** *Icy Roads*
..... A design
2. **Chairman's Trophy** *Frosty Days*
..... A design
3. **General** *Cozy by the Fireplace*
..... A design
4. **General Novice** *Comforts of Home*
..... A design, to include an accessory
5. **Miniature** *Last Flower of Fall*
..... A design in a niche,
..... 5" high x 4½" wide x 3" deep

Horticulture Schedule

For November 2015

The Oakville Horticultural Society's **2015 Guidelines for Entering Flower and Photographic Shows** schedule is now available. If you missed picking up a copy at the recent meeting, click on the cover to download your copy now.

Horticulture

6. Annual - 1 stem
7. Annuals, collection of - 3 kinds, 1 stem of each
8. Branch showing fall colour, flowering cut to 36" or less
9. Cactus, holiday - 1 pot

10. Chrysanthemum - 1 bloom or spray
11. Dried Flowers - 1 bunch grown and dried by the exhibitor
12. House plant, grown for flowers or fruit - 1 pot
13. House plant grown for foliage - 1 pot
14. House plant trailing or climbing - 1 pot
15. Perennials, other - 1 stem
16. Rosa (rose), red - 1 spray or bloom
17. Rosa (rose), other - 1 spray or bloom
18. Grass, ornamental, over 4', 3 stalks
19. Vegetable - 1 specimen or bunch
20. A craft item, must have some horticultural content, made by the exhibitor, not previously shown
21. Educational exhibit ²
22. Any other cultivar (AOC) ³ - 1 stem or bloom

Special Exhibit

23. A Dish garden or indoor planter, not to exceed 18" in any direction
(see OJES Book pages 74, 95, 103)

PHOTOS

November 2014:

A Study in Black and White

Succulents

Class 24 ... *Growing For The Community*
A Community Garden

Class 25 ... *Aquatics*
Favourite Water Plant

Class 26 ... *Cinquefoils*
A Potentilla

Class 27 ... *Ancaster History*
Purple Iris

Guidelines:

Only one entry per exhibitor is permitted in each category or section, for which the exhibitor is eligible and must be made by the exhibitor.

Unless otherwise stated, materials may be obtained from any source.

Judges follow the "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication 34 / 2003," (O.J.E.S.) published by the Ontario Horticultural Association and Garden Clubs of Ontario. Judges may disqualify entries that do not follow the guidelines. A copy of Publication 34 can be found in our Library or you may purchase a copy from the Society.

For complete guidelines, please refer to the Oakville Horticultural Society's 2015 Guidelines for Entering Flower and Photographic Shows schedule

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Treasurer: Florenda Tingle

Website: www.oakvillehort.org

November Meeting:

Monday, November 10, 2014

Doors open 6:45pm

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall

89 Dunn Street

Hall SetUp (9:00am)

John Raynor, Helen Stepenson,

Rosanne Swalwell

Clerking

Mary Cameron

Elizabeth Schleicher

Hospitality

Mary Cameron, Rosanne Swalwell,

Florenda Tingle

December Meeting:

Monday Dec 8th

November Events of Note

Niagara Parks Annual Chrysanthemum Display
till Nov 26, 2014

Floral Showhouse, Niagara Falls

<http://www.niagaraparks.com/niagara-falls-events/event.html?evid=1960>

RBG Christmas Show and Sale 2014

Nov 13 -15, 2015

RBG Centre

<http://rbg.ca/events>

RBG Holiday Traditions

Nov 15 - Jan 4

Annual holiday celebration featuring the famous RBG Train Show

<http://rbg.ca/events>

RBG Evergreen Design Workshops

Dec 2-3

\$35 per workshop, register in advance

<http://rbg.ca/events>

Stratford Garden Festival

March 5 - 8, 2015

Stratford Rotary Complex

<http://www.stratfordgardenfestival.com/>

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/>

London Spring Home and Garden Show

April 10 - 12, 2015

Western Fair District Agriplex

<http://londonhomeandgardenshow.com/>

A Work In Progress

Work in Progress - an Insect habitat in the Children's Garden !

A Hibernaculum

As we say goodbye to another amazing gardening season with our youngest gardeners and their families, we are looking ahead to Spring, to see how we can build on the educational aspect of the OHS gardening program ! Last season, Gail Trenholm, our in house naturalist, did an amazing presentation on the importance of bees as pollinators.



The children now know that without insects like bees, moths and butterflies, our gardens cannot produce our fruits and vegetables. One third of the food we eat depends on pollinators. Although Honey bees live in large hives, most of Canada's 800 plus species of active bees are "solitary" and therefore not prone to stinging, they aren't trying to protect a hive and most are too small to sting humans

They nest in the ground or in small cavities in dead wood or dying trees. In our pollinator friendly garden, we are now in the process of building a bee house – with Gail's guidance. Our native bees are extremely efficient pollinators and they need our help to continue their important role in our environment. The mason bees are known for their role in pollinating fruit trees. With little effort we can provide them with everything they need: flowers, hollow stems, a little mud and shelter. Let's give bees a chance !

Our house is also being constructed to provide a hibernation spot for other insects such as butterflies, Lady Bird Beetles, and any other insect that needs protection from the coming winter weather. Come visit our hibernaculum. In the meantime, have a close look at the photo, taken in Gail's backyard. It is exactly what you'll see in the Junior Garden this Spring ! Linda Tock

Ladies and Gentlemen: Please read this because this is important.

It is these people listed below who make your society run as efficiently as it does. They work to insure that all the many things the society does go flawlessly. As an added bonus they have a lot of fun doing it.

However, there is always room for new faces and new ideas

SO!.

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.

If you would care to take your involvement to a higher level you will not regret it. You will gain a new respect for those who have worked diligently on your behalf and enjoy the camaraderie of like minded people.

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, Stuart Gough. 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

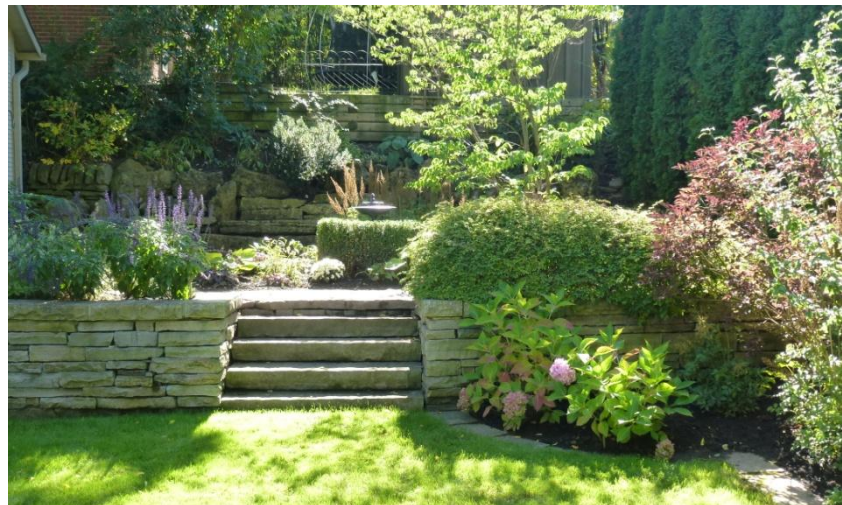
Elizabeth Thompson -- Membership

Linda Tock -- Junior Program

Please consider how your talents could benefit the society

In other news

The Fall Garden tour was on a picture perfect day The gardens were spectacular to see and it is amazing what can be found just a few blocks from the hectic bustle of the Down Town core. Here are a few pictures from one of the Gardens that was included on the tour



The Oakville Horticultural Society is pleased to welcome

Karen Despond and Frances Maizen as new members. Please welcome them to our group. I am sure they will find the speakers and events that take place to be to their liking. I believe we shall soon see the fruits of their labour in our monthly contests.

and speaking of new members

A quick reminder that the membership year has come to a close as of October 31. If (like me) you have not yet renewed your membership. You can use the handy enclosed/ attached membership renewal form to keep your membership current. Please see Elizabeth Thompson with your renewals at the November meeting.



OAKVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2015 MEMBERSHIP

NOVEMBER 1, 2014 - OCTOBER 31, 2015

Oakville Horticultural Society, Box 69605, 109 Thomas St., Oakville, ON L6J 7R4

Membership Number: _____ Name: _____

Renewing membership? Only complete address/c contact changes.

- New Membership
- Renewing Membership
- Single Membership \$20
- Family Membership \$30
- Cash
- Cheque
- Newsletter: via email
- Newsletter: via post

Mail Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

I agree to receive Society mail to the following email address

Email: _____

Please make cheques payable to Oakville Horticultural Society

2015

As winter ever so slowly draws nearer a Gardener prepares their Garden for the long sleep ahead. They will pour over seed catalogues and design books to see what can be done next year. Mostly however they will think of spring and the flowers to come flowers like these beauties



We received this note from the Applewood Garden Club
Annual Special Evening featuring Mark Cullen
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Future of Gardening

Everybody's favorite garden communicator will be discussing what today's new garden looks and feels like, and will offer tips on how to design, grow and maintain yours.

"Gardens are changing fast," Mark says, "and the changes have a lot to do with food. Just watch our youngest gardeners — they're leading the way."

For ticket information go to www.applewoodgardenclub.org

Tickets \$15.00

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

7pm

Lakeview Golf Course, 1190 Dixie Road, Mississauga

From John Comber, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am the first to realise that this is not a newsletter of the standard you have been accustomed to. I regret that and take full responsibility for it. When I offered to be the News letter Editor in October of 2013 I was unaware of how much I did not know about creating one. I would like to say "Thank You Very Much" to the outgoing President Mr. Stuart Gough. Stu has been instrumental in making sure over the past year, that you have received a Newsletter that was both informative and of high quality. I have learned a great deal from him and realise that there is still very much more to learn.

I will point out that the position of Newsletter Editor is available to be filled for the coming year. I would ask if there is anyone in the Society that has experience in creating newsletters and has some knowledge of Graphic Arts that you consider taking on that position.

I think Stu has enjoyed contributing to the society in this way and through his many photographs that have adorned this publication. However at this time he is moving on to other very important projects in the coming year. I know he has always been willing to lend a hand and advise me as I struggle to live up to the standard you have become accustomed to. I find all those I ave met in the Society are like Stu They have been there to lend a hand and give words of encouragement. That is the nature of Gardeners. They have but one Goal To make the world a more beautiful place for all to see. I will leave you with these words from The Bard

“I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,
Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,
Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,
With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine.”

— [William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*](#)