

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

April 2015 (Out Like a Lamb) NEWSLETTER

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President's Remarks for April 2015

Welcome to April.

As I write this, it is +21 degrees F in Calgary, +11 in Regina, -2 in Winnipeg, and in Elmira where we attended the Maple Sugar Festival this morning, it was -10. Br-r-r-r! Wish I were in Calgary with my grandkids.

But keep up your good spirits and

- Watch for blooms to soon appear in our "Fields of Spring."
- Come out to the District 6 Spring Workshop and Flower Show at the Halton Regional Centre on April 11 and purchase your new spring shrubs from David Marshall and crew. Enter the flower show. We need both horticulture and design entries. No pre-registration is required for horticulture.

If you happen to have some free time between 3 pm and 5 pm on Friday April 10, come to the Halton Regional Centre and help us set up for the District AGM and Flower Show to be held the next day, April 11.

- Visit the Conservatory at the Town of Oakville Greenhouses on Cornwall Road. Meet Galina and admire the lovely spring show and wonderful fragrance.
- Get a jump on the 2016 OHA Convention to be held just down the 401 in Waterloo, District 19. In this newsletter you will find the Photography Schedule for 2016. Print it, and carry it in your

pocket this spring, summer, fall, and winter and snap all those pictures you will need to enter the photo competition next year!

- And finally - volunteer to help with the plant sale at Munn's church on May 16, and the fall garden tour.

Would you like to have your garden on the fall tour? Let us know!

Bring on spring! *Marie*

Because it is never too early to take pictures for the 2016 OHA convention

Photo Competition Classes 2016 “Experience the Grand”

CLASS 1: “Monet’s Garden” - Your interpretation

CLASS 2: “Fairies” - A Fairy Garden

CLASS 3: “Harvest Time” – Crops being harvested

CLASS 4: “My Friend Herb” – Your favourite herb

CLASS 5: “Waterloo Glads” – A Gladiola

CLASS 6: “Fantastic Ferns” – Ferns in the garden or wild

CLASS 7: “Patterns in Black & White” – Patterns created by plants (Black & White class)

CLASS 8: “Woodland Landscape” - Woodlands

CLASS 9: “Your Grand River” – Photo of your local river (must include vegetation)

CLASS 10: “Wilmot Rose” - A single red Rose

CLASS 11: “Wellesley Holleyhocks” - Holleyhocks

Youth Classes

CLASS 12: “Ribbit” - a frog of course a) 6-11 b)12-17

CLASS 13: “I Grew That!” – a plant or vegetable that you grew a)6-11 b)12-17



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April Meeting: Monday 13TH

Featuring: Very Special Guest
Lorraine Roberts co-owner of
Plant Paradise Country Gardens, Caledon

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall Set Up (9:00am)

Larry Urbanowski Ted Bateman
Lorne Sparrow

Clerking Florrie Abbess, Marie Decker,
Rob Welsh

Hospitality, Linda Tock, Beryl Durrant,
Karen Despond

May Meeting: Monday, 11th, 2015

Soon to be announced
The Fall Garden Tour Team!
And the good news is
There are still a few positions available!

Ladies and Gentlemen I present to you a rare and exciting opportunity. This year the OHS is looking for a team of volunteers to organize the Garden Tour for the fall of 2015.

You will be part of a well-organized group of dedicated and essential volunteers.

Your mission will be to find gardens worthy of our attention. By searching out the Gardens of Oakville, both near and far, you will realize just how many spectacular gardens there are. As you narrow down the choices you will get new ideas for your own garden. You will see spectacular tress, grand sweeps of wild flowers and magnificent plantings or both common and rare plants.

You will then have a few words with the owners of these gardens and tell them of the many advantages of having the OHS members tour their property. They will happily nod their heads and agree to the honour of hosting us.

When that is arranged all that is left to do is sell tickets to the demanding throngs, and find a few members who sit and relax at the garden sites ready to welcome the guests as they arrive. You may then accept the compliments of the visitors, the adulation of the OHS members and sit back and bask in the glory of a job well done. I am surprised we still have openings. Don't delay; sign up today. The easiest way is to contact either Marie or Cathy at

President.ohs@oakvillehort.org and they will get you on the path to happiness and fulfillment.

Announcing the new Greenhouse manager

Saddened as we are with the retirement of Mr. Tim Rivers from his position at Oakville's Greenhouse (see the detailed article in this newsletter) the Society would like to welcome and congratulate **Galina**

Tchouprikova as the new head honcho in charge.

We wish Tim all the best in his future endeavors and hope we do not scare Galina too much, too soon. I am sure she will amaze us all.

OHS April 2015 Design Schedule

Spring Awakening

1. Class of Distinction

Burgeoning (growth flowers etc.) a design

2. Chairman's Trophy: Pastels a design

3. General: Love is in the Air a design

4. General Novice: Bulbs Bursting Forth

a design

5. Miniature Small Inspiration a design in a niche, 5" high x 4½" wide x 3" deep

Horticultural Schedule

6. Bouquet of spring flowers in exhibitor's container, under 10" in any direction

7. Branch, forced, under 36"

8. Bulbs, forced – minimum 5 bulbs in bloom, 1 pot

9. Chionodoxa or scilla – 6 stems

10. Crocus – 3 stems

11. House plant grown for flowers or fruit

12. House plant grown for foliage

13. House plant, trailing or climbing – there may be more than one kind of plant in the container

14. Narcissus, trumpet/large cup – 1 scape

15. Narcissus, multibloom – 1 scape

16. Narcissus, other cultivar – 1 scape

17. Perennial, plant height under 6" – 3 stems (see Hort Guidelines pg. 3)

18. Saintpaulia (African Violet) – single crown

19. Seedlings, 1 cultivar, minimum 6 plants – 1 box or tray

20. Spring flower, any other – 3 stem

21. Tulipa (Tulip) – 1 stem

22. A piece of jewellery; mainly horticultural content, made by the exhibitor, not previously shown

23. Educational exhibit

24. Any Other Cultivar (AOC) – 1 stem or bloom

Special Exhibits

25. Plants and Flowers not to exceed 18" in any direction. (see O.J.E.S. pg. 75

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

Please Note:

All show entries -- design, horticulture, -- must be in place in the upstairs hall by 7:20 pm, prior to commencement of judging.

OHS and District 6 Events

April 11, OHS is hosting our District 6 Workshop & Flower Show 8AM - 1PM Halton Region Centre. We need you here!

April 12, Annual Hosta Forum Sunday, 2015
Glencairn Golf Club 9807 Regional Road 25,
Halton Hills, ON \$55.00/Member & \$60.00/Non-Member
Contact Sandra Shrieve-Mahoney at 1-866-742-7155

April 13 Regular OHS meeting

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June 20, 21, 2015 Hamilton & Burlington Society Annual Rose Show
Royal Botanical Gardens,

July 3-5, OHA Convention at Redeemer College, 777 Garner Road East, Ancaster
Get involved with the convention by entering one of its many competitions from Art, Creative Writing, Flower Show, Photography, Publications and Youth events. Contact Cathy or Marie to volunteer at the Convention

There is still time to have your very own OHA District 6 Day Lily The Southern Tier Belle. They are 15.00 Please speak **and soon** to Marie Decker Call her at 905-844-1837 or email mardecker12@gmail.com

The OHA is having a Bulb fund raiser:
There are 3 types of Tulips, 2 types of Narcissus and 2 types of Muscari. You need to contact Marie Decker at 905-844-1837 or email her at: mardecker12@gmail.com She will give you all the details.

News From Around the World

The Cdn. Peony Society is holding their Annual Seed Sale! There are over 170 different kinds of Peonies. They are 1.00 per packet. There are some common, some rare and some exotics species. There are rules about purchasing seeds but you do not need to be a member to participate. If you would be interested drop Mr. Bill Wegman a line at bill_wegman@hotmail.com for details. I am sure he would be pleased to assist you.

April 2 to 4th Peterborough Garden Show
Evinrude Centre www.peterboroughgardenshow.ca

Sunday May 24th Aurora Garden Show Aurora Town Park 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

June 14 Carnegie Gallery Garden Tour 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Tickets \$20 Includes complimentary Tea at Carnegie Gallery & gardens in Dundas, North Waterdown/Carlisle plus coupons for discounts at many shops & nurseries. Tickets available at: Carnegie Gallery, Brian Prince Bookseller & the Keeping Room (www.carnegiegallery.org)

Spring is here. This means it will rain. Many of our members are considering investing in Local and Native plants. Here are a few books on just these topics you could consider while you wait for the sun to arrive.

Lorraine Johnson: (Our special Guest speaker in April) The New Ontario Naturalized Garden Grow Wild! 100 Easy to Grow Native Plants

Douglas W. Tallamy: Bringing Nature Home

Douglas W. Tallamy and Rick Darke: The Living Landscape Native

Brooklyn Botanical Garden: Alternatives to Invasive Plants

Thank you Tim Rivers

From our Also President: Cathy On March 19th, representatives of Oakville Horticultural Society gathered to celebrate the retirement of Senior Greenhouse Operator, Tim Rivers. Marie presented Tim with a President's Award and gift card to thank him for his years of service. In addition, Veronica Heiderich created a beautiful card to express the gratitude of our society. We shared a festive green and white cake and reminisced about our many shared projects. We look forward to a continued beneficial relationship with the Town Greenhouse under the direction of the new manager: Galina Tchouprikova.



Marie presenting Tim with the President's Award



The Society gave Tim a thank you card handmade by Veronica Heiderich

Speakers Corner: Lorraine Roberts

Creating a Perennial Garden of Continuous Bloom. By Margaret Jeffery

Our April speaker, Lorraine Roberts is a horticulturist, landscape designer, life-long organic gardener, co-owner of Plant Paradise Country Gardens and is the author/photographer of the book, "A Recipe for Continuous Bloom".

As a speaker at Canada Blooms and many gardening events, Lorraine's presentations are always enthusiastic, entertaining, inspiring and filled with spectacular photography. From early spring until late fall, the plant choices are limitless and there will always be a new plant or cultivar, but Lorraine recommends hardy perennials they have grown in their Zone 5 botanical gardens at Plant Paradise Country Gardens. Continuous bloom in the perennial garden is achievable with the right plant choices and Lorraine's presentation is your guide to getting there.

She is a perennial specialist and plantaholic that grows thousands of perennials every year and is dedicated to sharing her knowledge on environmentally sustainable gardening practices. Lorraine and her husband, Robert, are owners of Plant Paradise Country Gardens which is an award-winning botanical garden, organic perennial nursery, and destination garden centre located in Caledon, Ontario, on 24 acres. It features extensive botanical display gardens of continuous bloom that showcase the thousands of plants they grow and sell. Plant Paradise Country Gardens has been awarded a Certified Backyard Habitat designation from The Canadian Wildlife Federation and has been featured in the magazines, Escarpment Views, Caledon Living, In the Hills, Ontario Gardener and most recently Garden Design

Lorraine's book will be available at a special price of \$24.95 (+GST 5%). Cash is preferred but Visa and Mastercard will be available if needed.

Canadian Cancer Society 10th Annual Spring Garden Tour Sunday, May 31, 2015 Mineola area of Mississauga

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario - May 31, 2015

Homeowners in the Mineola West Area have graciously agreed to open their beautiful spring gardens to the public for viewing on Sunday, May 31 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in support of the fight against cancer. Mineola is located south of the QEW and north of Port Credit

New this year, we are having a plant sale, to help you get ready for your summer gardens. The tour will surely serve as inspiration. Volunteers will also be selling “Mystery Bags”, filled with garden related items. In addition, to further enhance visitors’ experience, local musicians will perform instrumental music in selected gardens throughout the day.

Tickets: Advanced \$15

Available in April at the following locations:
Battaglia’s Lorne Park Marketplace, 1150 Lorne Park Rd.

Cousin’s Market, 1211 Hurontario St., Port Credit
Crafted Decor, 232 Queen St. S. (Streetsville)
Herridge’s Fruit Market, 780 Southdown Rd.
Impressionable Gifts, 74 Lakeshore E., Port Credit
Canadian Cancer Society, 2227 South Millway

Tickets: Day of tour \$20

Available in parking lot of Cousin’s Market

For further information please contact the Canadian Cancer Society, 2227 South Millway, Suite 202 Mississauga, ON. L5L 3R6 (905) 608-8411
Contact person is:

SAbdullah@ONTARIO.CANCER.CA or please check the Canadian Cancer Society web site at:

<http://www.cancer.ca/en/get-involved/events-and-participation/find-an-event-near-you/?region=on>



<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississauga-Annual-Spring-Garden-Tour/824065917658846>



<https://www.pinterest.com/gardenforgood/>

All proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Events of interest in Oakville

Lisa Seiler, who is the Program Coordinator of Halton Green Screens, wanted to let us all know that their Thursday May 14 event in Oakville will be a showing of "Flight of the Butterflies." Halton Green Screens is a member group of the Halton Environmental Network. Halton Green Screens shows environmental films followed by discussions or workshops. This screening will be followed by a workshop to make seed bombs with native plant species. The workshop will be run by Oakville Green Conservation Association.

You may also enjoy this

Katarina Simcisko, who works as an Environment Policy Assistant at the Town of Oakville, wrote to us and let us know of a rather interesting event she is planning. The Town of Oakville is hosting a **Keep Calm and Adapt: Emergency and Extreme Weather Preparedness**. This will be taking place during Emergency Preparedness Week. The event will consist of exhibitors, such as The Oakville Horticultural Society, among many others. There will be giveaways, a presentation by Special guest **Chris St. Clair** from The Weather Network, along with fun activities for the public of all ages. This will be presented with a focus on emergency and extreme weather preparedness. Given recent weather over the past few years this may be an event worth attending. It may sound a bit dire but when you are prepared it is just another day in your life



The editor ponders the true meaning of vigorous.

Flowers are fun??? Who knew??

On Feb 16th a group of smiling volunteers from the OHS descended on the Iroquois Ridge Centre to bring a smile to children's lives.



With the help of (in Alphabetical order) Ada's Flowers of Oakville, Flower Deco, Fortino's, Longo's, All three Metro's, Sobey's, Whole Food's and Wayne Curtis the OHS was provided with a Fabulous assortment of flowers, tins and Oasis .

It was Fun With Flowers Day!!!



The look on the children's faces as they created their very own bouquet was a sight to behold.



For many it was their very first experience at Arranging Flowers.



The parents were often more surprised than the kids at how quickly something so beautiful could be made so "easily". With guidance from the members of the Oakville Horticultural Society a fun day was had by all.

