

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

March 2015

(In like a Lion)

NEWSLETTER

President's Remarks for March 2015

Fields of Spring

Here we are more than half way through winter and looking forward to spring. This spring will be a special one for us, as we will have two lovely, naturalized daffodil fields to greet us. One is at the park beside the Colborne Seniors Centre. The other is in Postridge Park in northeast Oakville. These soon-to-be seen daffodil fields exist because of the dedicated work of several persons with an incredible vision.

The "Fields of Spring" were the brainchild of Margaret Jeffery. She had the vision, came up with a viable plan and budget, and proposed the plan to the OHS and the Town of Oakville.

Once the proposal was enthusiastically accepted, Margaret worked with the Town to locate suitable sites. She developed a plan and researched the varieties of bulbs that would best suit the chosen sites. Margaret and her husband Gilbert then purchased transported and sorted the bulbs. Margaret, Gilbert, and Cathy, we enthusiastically thank you for all your diligent work and your vision.

The Town of Oakville prepared the land - not an easy job in Oakville's stony southern soil and the red clay in the north.

Margaret and Cathy marked out the planting grid and invited members of the Oakville Horticultural Society and the Bronte Horticultural Society to join forces to plant the over 4000 daffodil bulbs. This turned into a wonderful opportunity for getting to know our fellow Bronte gardeners better. We hope this will be the first of many opportunities for the OHS to join with Bronte and other garden clubs in future joint ventures. Many sincere thanks go out to all our planters.

Once planted, Margaret and Cathy raked and seeded the plots with eco-lawn grass seed. The Town of Oakville will be responsible for the watering and care of the naturalized sites over the next two years until the sites are well established. OHS members, under Margaret's guidance, will deadhead and weed the plots and over seed as needed. We are very grateful to the following for their assistance and guidance in helping us realize our dream:

Suppliers and Test Bed Supporters: Garden Import, President Dugald Cameron, Vanhof & Blokker, Ferdinand Ottawa Van Noort Bulbs Co., Dennis Fallat

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Project Supporters: Town of Oakville, Parks, and Open Space, Jane Arnott, Senior Manager ,
Operations Steve Wiersma, Supervisor of Horticulture

Region of Halton: Kathy MacAlpine-Simms, Water Efficiency Program Manager,
Donna Doyle, Town of Oakville, Senior Environment Policy Analyst

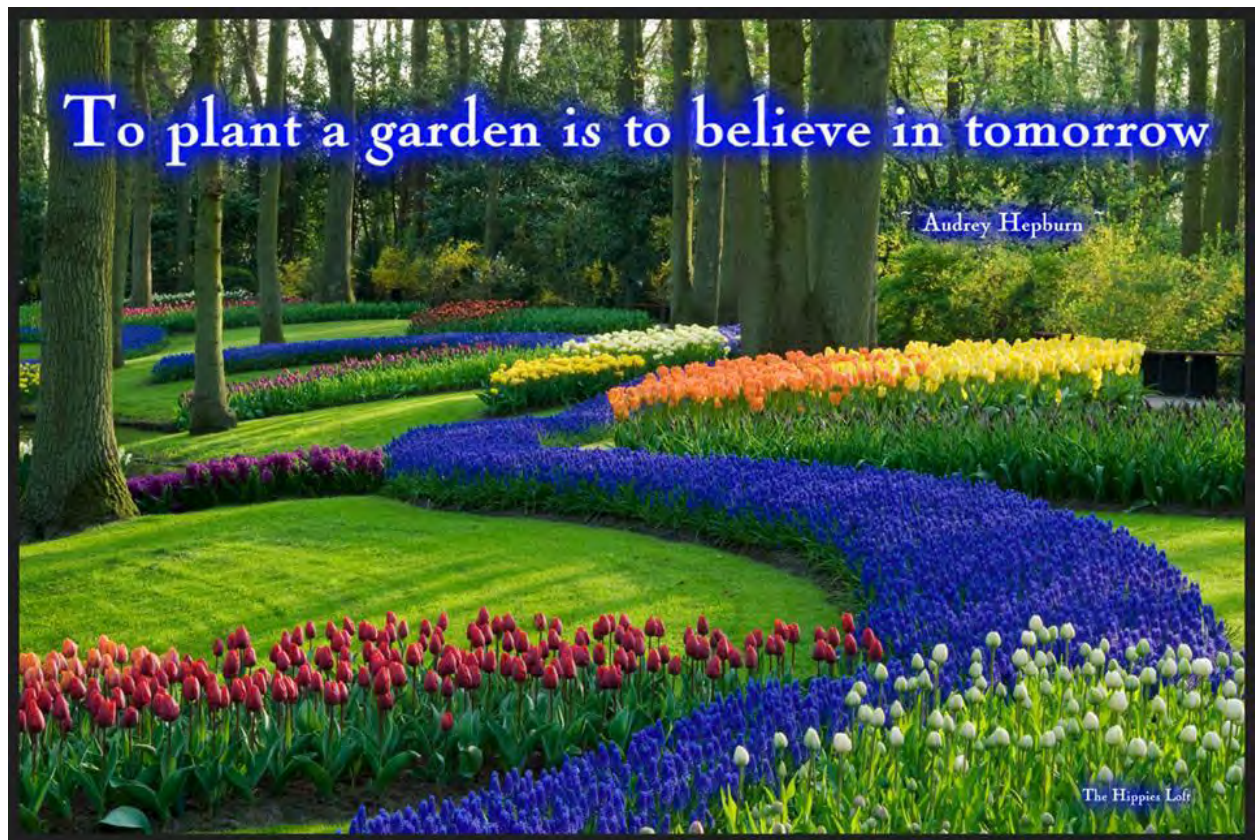
Members of the Oakville Horticultural Society

Members of the Bronte Horticultural Society: who joined us for the two planting sessions.

The final step is for all Oakville and Bronte residents to see and enjoy the spring drifts of daffodils that will grace our park landscapes and make our hearts delight in the colours and fragrance of spring.

Marie

One quick personal note. Please take note of those suppliers who supported this project. If you find yourself in need of bulbs take a moment to search out their products. It is the least we can do as gardeners for what they have done for us. Thank you, John Comber



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March MEETING MONDAY MARCH 9TH

Featuring Very Special Guest

Cathy Kavassalis**Location**

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall Set Up (9:00am)

David Lewis, Gilbert Jeffery

Clerking

Michelle Durrant
Veronica Heiderich
Photography John Comber

Hospitality

Paula Clayton, Wendy Schmidt,
Mila Golochtchouk

April Meeting: Monday, 13th, 2015

Guest speaker
Lorraine Roberts, co-owner Plant Paradise
Country Gardens in Caledon

**The OHS is proud to present
Cathy Kavassalis speaking on:
Herbs – from the savoury to the
sensual to deadly poison**

We all know Cathy is passionate about her plants. What you may not know is that her first garden was a tiered herb garden filled with plants of historic importance and interesting chemistry, including Agatha Christie's favourite poisonous plants. In addition to being your co-president, she is a Master Gardener serving with the Halton Master Gardener Group. A scientist, educator and inspirational speaker, Cathy endeavours to stimulate interest and awe in the living world.

Come and learn how you can enjoy the heady aromas of herbs in your garden or on your windowsill. Whether for culinary delights, calming infusions or causing calamities, there are hundreds of herbs that are easy to grow. The seductive perfumes of a "Damask Rose" will delight any gardener, while the beautiful "Monkshood" cloaks her deadly poisons in regal shrouds. Whatever your bent, there is an herb for you. Join former chemist, Cathy Kavassalis, and learn about the joys and perils of herb gardening.



flower show for March 9th 2015

1. *March 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.

Design Schedule

1. *March 2015 . . . Something New*

1. Class of Distinction *New Design Style*

..... A design

2. Chairman's Trophy *Time to Dream*

..... A design

3. General *Something New*

..... A design

4. General Novice *New Baby in the House*

..... A design, to include an accessory

5. Miniature *New Beginnings*

..... A design in a niche,

..... 5" high x 4½" wide x 3" deep

Horticulture Schedule

6. Bonsai

7. Branch forced, under 36"

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

9. Cactus or succulent

10. Gesneriad, including African violet - single crown

11. House plant, grown for flowers or fruit - 1 pot

12. House plant grown for foliage - 1 pot

13. A craft item, must have some horticultural content, made by the exhibitor, not previously shown

14. Educational exhibit ²

15. Any other cultivar (AOC) ³ - 1 stem or bloom Special Exhibit

16. Pot-et-Fleur, not to exceed 18" in any direction (see OJES Book pages 75, 103)

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

Please Note:

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

Guidelines:

All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.

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

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. Where 3 specimens of the same cultivar are asked for, the specimens should be uniform, free of disease or insect damage and at an appropriate stage of maturity

Educational Exhibit: This exhibit will be scored out of 5 points and the 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. It should 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)

AOC: The "Any Other Cultivar" class has been added for plants that do not fall into any other show category. (O.J.E.S. pg. 90)

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.

This March we are Presenting !!

OHS District 6 and OHA Events:

March 5-8, International Home and Garden Show, Metro Convention Centre

March 5-8, 15th anniversary of the Stratford Garden Festival, Stratford Rotary Complex

March 9th OHS regular meeting

March 13-22, Canada Blooms, Direct Energy Centre

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

May 16, Plant Sale Saturday, 9AM to 11AM at 454 Rebecca St. St. Paul's.

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

OHA District 6 is holding a Day Lily Fund Raiser to help offset costs at the OHA 2015 Convention in Ancaster in July, .

The Day Lily, has been named "The Southern Tier Belle" in honour of our convention. . If you are interested in having your very own Day Lilie in your garden you can order it at the March OHS meeting. Please speak to Marie Decker at the meeting, call her at 905-844-1837 or email mardecker12@gmail.com

Gardens of Summer

It is truly amazing what one determined volunteer can achieve. Imagine a team of volunteers all dedicated to one cause; they would be unstoppable. We need such teams in the OHS to keep our practices new and vibrant. There is an opportunity for a team of 5-6 persons to get together and plan a garden tour for the year 2015. The garden tour this year could be made up of member gardens as we have some incredible gardens and gardeners in our midst. What fun you could have visiting member gardens, choosing the gardens to be on the tour, and enjoying the hospitality of our members as you visit their gardens. And, the team gets much larger.

Once we have a slate of gardens to visit, we can then start looking for members to volunteer to host in the gardens.

Having done this many times, I can attest that hosting in a garden and getting to know the garden owners well has been one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done and I have acquired some incredible new friends through the process.

We encourage you to become part of the base team to plan and help organize a garden tour in 2015.

You will find that once you get started you will have no lack of volunteers to help you.

The OHS needs to fund raise and a garden tour is a lovely way to start. Please seriously consider joining your gardening friends and make this happen! We know you have the talent and the drive to succeed!

**The big day is drawing ever closer
DISTRICT 6: Spring in the Southern Tier
Hosted by Oakville Horticultural Society**

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Spring Workshop & Flower Show (AGM) Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Flower Show Entry at 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Meeting starts at 9:45 to 1 p.m. Guest Speaker: Eric Davies, University of Toronto. Topic TBA Pre-register: ekthompson@cogeco.ca

\$12.00/person

Start Date: April 11, 2015

End Date: April 11, 2015

Time: 09:00am to 01:00pm

Location: Halton Regional Municipality Bldg. 1151 Bronte Road (North-east corner of QEW & Bronte Rd) Oakville, ON

Contact: Marie Decker Contact Phone: 905-844-1837 Contact Email: mardecker12@gmail.com



**The Good Times Just
Keep On Coming
2015 Ontario Horticultural
Association Convention Report**

We are now into the home stretch but there is still plenty of work to be done. There will be an update at the District 6 Spring Workshop and Flower Show on April 11.

After that, the planning meetings will be back at Redeemer College.



You will be able to see the site first-hand when you attend those meetings.

If you still wish to volunteer please let me know or contact Lianne Krane or Barb Bell directly at:

l.krane@vehiclepathcanda.ca

bellpepper@sympatico.ca

If you have already volunteered, please send me your volunteer hours. When you reach 15 hours, you can register for the convention at the special reduced rate.

There is a special volunteer registration form available. Ask me for a copy. Once you have reached your 15 hours, fill out the form, and send it directly to Lianne Krane or to Barb Bell. Use this form to sign up for convention meals, college accommodation, or bus trips. If you have signed up for a bus trip go to the gardenontario.org web site. Find the convention registration form, download the bus trip waiver (bottom right-hand corner of the registration form), fill it out and send it to Lianne or Barb with your registration form and your cheques, one for bus trips, one for everything else.

See you at the Convention *Marie*





OHA Carolinian District 6 Spring Workshop & Flower Show

Spring in the Southern Tier



Saturday, April 11, 2015

Halton Regional Municipality Building

1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, L7M 3L1

(North-east corner of the QEW and Bronte Road)

Admission \$12

Information: mardeckerl2@gmail.com 905-844-1837

Spring in the Southern Tier

Spring Workshop & Flower Show

Saturday, April 11, 2015

District Director: Donna Hussey

Master of Ceremonies: John Comber

- 9:00 am Regional Centre doors open, Coffee and Muffins, Plant Sale
- 9:00 - 9:45 Flower Show Entry, judging starts at 10:00 sharp
- 9:45 - 10:00 Program begins in main gymnasium
Welcome (OHS), Housekeeping
Introductions: Mayor Rob Burton
OHA Representative: (TBA)
In Memoriam
- 10:00 - 10:30 District 6 Annual General Meeting: Donna Hussey
- 10:30 - 10:45 Convention up-date
- 10:45 - 11:15 Break
Visit plant sale, Flower show
Convention volunteer sign-up opportunity with Lianne Krane
- 11:15 - 11:30 Awards
- 11:45 - 12:35 Speaker: Eric Davies,
Doctoral Student, Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto
"Rewilding our Native Plant Diversity: The Role of Horticulturists"
- 12:35 - 1 pm Close of meeting, Flower show removal

FLOWER SHOW

FLOWER SHOW GENERAL RULES

1. Competition open to any paid-up District 6 Society member.
2. All entries judged according to the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication 34, 2003 Edition.
3. All entries must be placed between 9:00 am and 9:45 am.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for completing an entry tag for each entry and for correct placement of their entries. Entry cards will be provided in the niches for all classes in Division I and Division III.
5. Entries are to remain in place until the close of the show.
6. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibitors' property, but the Oakville Horticultural Society will not be responsible for loss or damage.
7. The decision of the judges is final. Ribbons will be awarded on merit.

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FLOWER SHOW GENERAL RULES (continued)

DIVISION I - DESIGN RULES

8. Fresh plant material may be obtained from any source.
9. No artificial plant material or cut fruit is allowed.
10. Accessories and dried plant materials are permitted as allowed by the schedule.
11. Only one entry per exhibitor is permitted in any design class.
12. All classes must be pre-registered.

DIVISION II - HORTICULTURE RULES

13. The exhibitor is permitted two entries per class, provided they are of a different cultivar.
14. Potted plants must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to the show.
15. Exhibitors must provide their own containers.
16. Classes will be staged on white tables 30" from the floor.
17. Classes may be sub-divided at the discretion of the show chair.

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS RULES

18. Class must be pre-registered.
19. Special exhibits are judged for both horticultural perfection and design.
20. Plants must have compatible cultural requirements but with variations of colour, form, texture, and pattern for visual effect.

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

DIVISION I - DESIGN

All design classes to be pre-registered with show chair, Marie Decker at 905-844-1837, mardecker12@gmail.com

- Class 1. "Flush of Colour" - a small design, no larger than 10" in any direction in a 12" x 12" x 12" black niche. 6 entries.
- Class 2. "Spring by the Lakes" - a water-viewing design in a space 30" wide x 30" deep, height unrestricted, with a grey block wall background. 6 entries.
- Class 3. "Carolinian Landscape" - a design in a space 30" wide x 30" deep, height unrestricted, with a grey block wall background. 6 entries.
- Class 4. "Early Spring Beauty" - a miniature fresh plant material design in an off-white niche 5" high x 4 1/2" wide x 3" deep. 8 entries
- Class 5. "Preserved Beauty" - a miniature dried-plant material design in an off-white niche 5" high x 4 1/2" wide x 3" deep. 8 entries

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FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE (continued)

DIVISION II - HORTICULTURE

Please provide your own containers.

Class 6: Collection of small spring flowers, minimum of three cultivars, named

Class 7: Hyacinth - one stem

Class 8: Narcissus/Daffodil - collection of three cultivars, one scape of each

Class 9: Narcissus, other than miniature - one scape

Class 10: Narcissus, miniature - three scapes, same cultivar

Class 11: Tulip - one stem, any colour

Class 12: Tulip - collection of at least three cultivars, one stem of each

Class 13: Any small bulb (e.g., chinodoxa, scilla, muscari), three stems, same cultivar

Class 14: Perennial - three stems, same cultivar

Class 15: Houseplant grown for flowers or fruit - one pot, one plant per pot

Class 16: Houseplant grown for foliage - one pot, one plant per pot

Class 17: Any other Cultivar - one stem

DIVISION III - SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Special Exhibit class to be pre-registered with with class convener, Mary Cameron at 905-632-4092, lcameron12@cogeco.ca

Class 18: "Nature's Palette" - A dish garden no larger than 15" wide x 15" deep. See definition in OJES, page 74. 4 entries.

