

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

September 2015 (not quite ready for fall) NEWSLETTER

President's Remarks for June 2015

Welcome back from your summer; hope it was grand!

As you probably all know by now, the Ontario Horticulture Association Convention, held in early July at Redeemer College in Ancaster, has been proclaimed by the OHA Board, and several societies around the province, to have been a resounding success. As you, our OHS members, were a major part of ensuring the success of the convention, Cathy and I wish to once again say a sincere thank-you to all of you.

District 6 had decided that there would be no further District events in 2015 to give District members a rest from all the Convention work. Therefore there will not be a Fall Breakfast Meeting or District Dinner this year. Our next District event will be the Spring Breakfast Meeting in February of 2016, to be held in Glen Morris. For me, the Convention was a format where I got to know and appreciate so many more people across the District. I am sure many of you experienced the same thing. It would be great if Oakville sent a large contingent to Glen Morris next year so we can continue our improved networking. To the same end, I hope many of you are considering, and looking forward to attending the OHA Convention in Waterloo next year. More information on both those events to come. Following the close of the convention, I headed west to spend several weeks with my grandchildren in, and around, Calgary.



We visited relatives in the beautiful town of Golden, nestled in the Columbia River Valley between the Kicking Horse and Columbia rivers in British Columbia. The Kicking Horse is a gorgeous aqua colour (note the colour in the picture) as it is a glacier-fed river.



With my daughter and her family, I visited famous "Nose Hill" in Calgary to pick Saskatoon berries (enough for five pies), spent a whole day in Heritage Park where we rode a real antique train,



rode on the paddlewheel steamer



visited an authentic blacksmith shop, grain, elevator, pool hall, post office and many more buildings. All the buildings and signs have been recovered and moved to the heritage park site. This includes an amusement park of authentic rides from years past. We attended the Canmore Folk Festival, visited some lovely Calgary gardens, and experienced Calgary weather. We ran the gamut from torrential rain storms with major flooding, one inch hail stones, heavy tornado-like winds and, in between, perfect sunny days. I have to give credit to Calgary gardeners as their flower and vegetable gardens were impressive and that is no mean accomplishment as Calgary has the shortest growing season in all of Canada, barring The North of course.

It is nice to be home in Ontario and back in the swing of things. My "jungle" now looks like a garden again. The roses are blooming their heads off - what an exceptional year for roses!

I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting. I will be bringing along the dedication tree plaque (from the April District 6 Workshop) for you to see. Another great event that was successful thanks to all your hard work. *Marie Decker*



*Celebrating Horticulture in Oakville
Since 1957*

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and Who is doing What**

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Sept Meeting: Monday 14th

Featuring: Colin Cassin
Speaking on Invasive Species

Location

Knox Presbyterian, MacMillan Hall
89 Dunn Street

Hall set up

Diana Wright

Oct. Meeting: Monday, 5 th, 2015

Upcoming things of interest

Our hard working member **David Marshall** wanted me to tell you that he will have a good selection of spring bulbs at very attractive prices at the September meeting. I am not sure what he has but he always brings interesting plants you often do not find anywhere else

Sept 11 and 12 Kerr Village Fest

The Kerr Village BIA and Budd's BMW are having a festival to show off their many shops restaurants and other attractions. There will be a classic car display and things for kids of all ages.

Our own Michelle Durrant will be at the new Kerr Village House with a selection of plants, vases and other accoutrements to help with flower arranging or just brightening up the home. For more information go to

<http://www.kerr-village.ca/events/upcoming-events/budds--kerrfest-2015>

The Windsor Orchid Society called to tell us they are having their 3rd annual Show and sale

The Show will take place on October 25th and 26th, 2015 at the Columbus Centre, 2401 Columbus Drive, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The theme for the show is:

"Falling for Orchids"

Come out and view beautiful Orchid displays that will be judged professionally by American Orchid Society accredited judges. Bring your camera, take pictures of the wide array of gorgeous orchids, have lunch and then treat yourself at the Orchid Market Place. The sales area will be packed with thousands of Orchids for sale from outstanding vendors from as far away as Ecuador! <http://www.windsororchidsociety.ca/orchid-show-2015.html>

Tom Robertson would like you to know he still has some space available for his Cuba Garden/Culture tour - March 5 to 19, 2016 All tour details can be found at www.cubaltours.com (click "special interest tours"). If are interested, please contact him ASAP as space is limited to twenty people and this tour sold out last year.

From the desk of Cathy Kavassalis

I got a nice call from Barry Catley yesterday (Bronte Hort). He is working on digitizing the history of the Bronte Hort Society with the Oakville Library. In working on the project, he came across a note that our two societies had donated a tree in Maple Valley Park in memory of R. Eldon Perkins (<http://news.oakville.halinet.on.ca/3087202/data?n=84544>). When he went to visit the site, he discovered no trace of the oak. To make a long story short, the Town has now replaced the tree (now a sugar maple) and the plaque with a dedication as it was to BHS and OHS.

Barry is going to write this up for their newsletter and I asked him to share the story when he is done so we could share it with our members. But thought it was interesting and you (and the Board) might like to know.

Perhaps we might consider adding our history to the digital library? Barry has now traced the roots of BHS to an early garden club established in 1904, well before the creation of OHA. They officially became part of OHA in 1925. OHS broke off as members on the east side of Oakville wanted to travel a shorter distance and the group split in 1957.

Anyway, sounds like a fun project.

Cheers, Cathy

Eldon Perkins
Maple Valley Park
Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)



September 2015

Design Schedule . . . Out of the Town

1. Class of Distinction

Cocktails

a synergistic design

2. Chairman's Trophy

Corsage

a lapel or wrist corsage

3. General

Top Hat

a black and white design

4. General Novice

Dressed to the Nines-

a design

5. Miniature

Disco Dancing

a design in a niche, 5" high x 4½" wide x 3" deep

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. Begonia, tuberous – 1 bloom or spray

12. Chrysanthemum – 1 bloom or spray

13. Clematis – 1 branch cut to 18" or less or 1 bloom

14. Dahlia – 1 stem or bloom, disbudded

15. Flowering branch, cut to 36" or less

16. Flowering vine, other than clematis, cut to 18" or less – 1 stem or branch

17. Fruited branch, cut to 36" or less

18. Ornamental grass – 3 stems

19. Perennials, collection of 3 kinds, 1 stem each

20. Perennial grown for foliage – 3 stems of one cultivar

21. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", spike form – 1 stem

Horticultural Schedule

6. Annual Coleus – 3 stems

22. Perennial, other, plant height over 15", other form – 1 stem

23. Perennial, other, plant height under 15" – 3 stems (see Hort Guidelines pg. 2)

24. Rosa (rose), hybrid tea – 1 bloom, disbudded

25. Rosa (Cluster rose), floribunda, grandiflora or polyantha – 1 spray or specimen bloom (specimen bloom disbudded)

26. Rosa (rose), shrub – 1 spray or bloom

27. Rosa (rose), climbing – 1 spray or bloom

28. Rosa (rose), miniature – 1 spray or bloom

29. Rosa (rose), other – 1 spray or bloom

30. Sedum, Autumn Joy (or similar type) – 1 stem

31. Sedum, other – 1 stem

Fruits & Vegetables

32. Stone fruit – 3 specimens

33. Other fruit – 1 specimen

34. Berries or small fruit – ½ pint

35. Cherry tomatoes – 1 truss or 5 specimens, calyx left on

36. Tomato over 2" – 3 specimens, calyx left on

37. Leaf vegetable – 3 specimens, may be displayed in a container of water

38. Small Root vegetable – 3 specimens, e.g., carrots, beets, radishes, potatoes, onions

39. Large Root Vegetable – 1 specimen, e.g., turnip, squash, pumpkin

40. Small vegetable – 3 specimens, e.g., peas, beans

41. Other vegetable – 1 specimen or bunch

42. Vegetable collection, at least 3 types, displayed on exhibitor's tray, not exceeding 14" by 20"

43. Collection of cut herbs – minimum 5 varieties

44. Educational exhibit

45. Any other cultivar (AOC) – 1 stem or bloom

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

Please Note:

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

Pg 8 brings you a contest and some interesting offers

Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation

Photo Contest

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, the Professional Photographers of Canada, and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection are holding a photography contest to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Ontario's Greenbelt! Take your camera—either traditional or your mobile phone's—and snap photos of the diverse people, scenic places, and irreplaceable wildlife of the nearly two million acres of the world's largest permanently protected Greenbelt. Submit your photos for a chance to have your entry exhibited at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, home to artwork of some of Canada's most well-known artists, and to be taken on tour across the Greenbelt in early 2016. submit until 15th of October

http://www.greenbelt.ca/photo_contest?utm_campaign=aug_news_15&utm_medium=email&utm_source=greenbelt

From Ms. Liza Drozdov I'd like to introduce you and your members to Hortus TV--a new service I've just launched in Canada. HortusTV truly is Television for Gardeners. Like many gardeners I was frustrated by the complete lack of gardening

series on broadcast or cable television, so I came up with the idea for HortusTV. It is a video streaming service—similar to Netflix—which allows viewers to stream garden videos.

HortusTV is subscription-based and free of advertising. Currently the library has over 300 episodes of garden shows from around the world; some are vintage series you'll know and love and others have never before been seen in Canada.

The Hortus TV library will be adding more content all the time to keep up with subscribers' appetites and interests.

There is a 7 day free trial, with absolutely no obligation. After that, if the service appeals to you, you are able to subscribe for 6.99/ month Thank you for your time and I hope you will try out HortusTV.

Liza Drozdov President, HortusTV

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Last but not least

From Ms. LINA LEVESQUE I would like to introduce you to our Bee and Butterfly Bulb Mixture. This particular bulb mix developed by one of our Dutch exporter consists of varieties of bulbs whose flowers are attractive to the bee and butterfly populations. The Bee and Butterfly Mix has been a great success in the Netherlands and other municipalities throughout Europe. The mix is endorsed by the Dutch Bee Association.

Our bulbs have no neonicotinoids or other system pesticides for we want to bring back the bees and butterflies and other pollinator's. The bee mixture consists of – Crocus Ruby Giant, Chionodoxa, Anemone Blue, Tulip – Linifolia, Muscari, Allium. The Butterfly Mixture is a beautiful mix of Allium's. Bulbs are quite often the first flowers to appear in Spring, which attracts the Bee's and other pollinators. Please contact me for a catalogue or view our website: www.tradewindsinternational.ca \ **Tradewinds International 7 – 370 Britannia Road East Mississauga, Ontario L4Z 1X9 905-890-9098 (Phone)**