



## Oakville Horticultural Society Newsletter October 2016

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**DesignMyGarden.ca™**



After graduating from the University of Guelph with a combined horticulture and agriculture degree, John wanted to start his own horticulture-related business and so he launched [Design-MyGarden.ca](http://DesignMyGarden.ca) in the spring of 2015.

He had noticed that land and property values were both appreciating in value very rapidly, yet the houses with impressive landscaping were few and far between, even in affluent Oakville, Burlington, Milton, and Mississauga.

The purpose of garden design is three-fold: first, to add to your enjoyment of your property; second, to complement the architecture of your home; and third, to increase the value of your home.

John uses his knowledge of garden design and horticulture to design a garden that makes the most of your site, regardless of its size, with due respect for your neighbours.

John's garden designs can be planted either by the homeowners themselves or he can recommend landscapers to take care of it.

It all starts with a bold vision, which is what John brings to your garden design project.

John's talk to us will be: **How to design a great garden**

John will share his more than 10 touchpoints for designing a great garden. This depends upon the property size, orientation, the architectural style of the house, existing trees and fixtures. It also takes into account the homeowners preferred garden style and favourite colours, the selection of plants and trees, and the final planting plan.

Plus, he will walk us through an example of a garden design for a Toronto client using "Before" and "After" photos.

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## Speaker's Corner

### October

**Flower Show Clerks:** Judy Bridges and Kathie Dick

**Hospitality Volunteers:** Margaret Jeffery, Elizabeth Scheicher, Leaela Lock, and Liz Lloyd

**Set-up Volunteers:** George Gordon, Gilbert Jeffery, Ted Bateman, Marion Campbell

**Next Meeting: October 3, 2016**

**Location Change: MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street**



*I thought maybe I could become like the next Van Gogh. I bought a sunflower and painted it, and it looked like the work of a 6-year-old. Takeshi Kitano*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

What a wonderful time of year. As the evening air begins to cool and days grow shorter, it is time to bring in houseplants that spent the summer soaking up rays of sun. Some of mine will need splitting for they are bursting out of their pots. (I will bring a few variegated lobster claws to the October meeting, as they will not all fit in my home.) Remember that our October meeting is one week early. It will be on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Knox Church.

Marie and I want to apologize to those of you who were in the dark after our meeting at Joshua Creek Art Centre last month. We forgot to turn on the outdoor lights for the parking lot. When we go back for our May meeting, we will remember to brighten it up.

We have a lot happening to brighten up this October. You are needed to help prepare the Anderson Parkette 'Garden for Life' for its winter rest. It is time to tidy it up and spread mulch. Please sign the volunteer sheets to help. Also the 'Fields of Spring' garden at Colbourne Senior Centre is getting some new bulbs. We will need a crew to work some magic there.

We have decided to discontinue the eco-grass trial at Postridge Park. The clay soil, hot sloping southern aspect has not been kind to the grasses or the daffodils. Weeds have taken hold and considerable effort would be needed to maintain the area. Trials are learning experiences and we have learned that those conditions do not support the particular blend of plants we chose.

A new project will replace it. We have purchased over 2000 daffodil bulbs to fill the front garden at Wellspring Birmingham Gilgan House, a community-based support centre for people living with cancer and those who care for them. We are coordinating our planting with Steve Wiersma, (Supervisor of Horticulture and Plant Production at Town of Oakville) and Well-spring staff. We anticipate planting in late October or early November. Let us know if you would like to be part of the team to give this gift to the community.

Marie is holding a Wreath-Making Workshop on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church (26 Stavebank Road, Mississauga). Bring \$40 to cover materials and sign up at our October meeting if you would like to make a wreath for your home or a gift for a friend. Also bring \$35, if you would like to join Marie and I at the District 6 Fall Dinner. It will be held on the evening of November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Teatro Conference and Event Centre in Milton. Sean James will be the speaker for the evening.

October is our year-end. We will shortly be sending our books to the auditors and are looking for new members to the Board of Directors. The Board asked Myroslawa Lukiwsky and Jana Schilder to fill in vacancies left by retirements this year. They kindly agreed to offer their services and will stand for election at our AGM in December. If you would like to participate on the executive, the Board or on any of our committees, please let Marie or I know. It is rewarding and fulfilling volunteer work ... and fun. We are grateful to all who volunteer and keep our society vibrant and allow us to make a positive difference in our community. Plants keep our world healthy, make our community beautiful and bring us joy. Happy Thanksgiving to All! Cheers, Cathy Kavassalis



*Autumn is the season of change. Taoist proverb*



# OHS Budget Review 2016-2017

Revenue and Expenses for 2016 were reviewed and proposals made for 2017 at a Budget meeting held on August 29<sup>th</sup> and further discussed by the Board of Directors meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting revenues for 2016 were reported as **\$18,016.12** and expenditures at **\$11,534.46**, giving us a net income of **\$6,481.66** for this fiscal year. (Our fiscal year runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.) This is a very positive result thanks to the generosity of our community and hard work of our volunteers.

Below are charts and explanatory notes summarizing our Revenues and Expenditures for 2016 and Proposed Budget for 2017. In the charts below, Column C reports revenue so far this year; Column F shows the budget set out for next year.

Revenues: Nov. 1 2015 – Oct. 31, 2017					
A	B	C	D	E	F
Account Number	Description	2016 YTD Balance	Budget 2016	Variance 2016	Proposed 2017 Budget
4020	Bulbs & Plants	859.00	1,000.00	(141.00)	750.00
4022	Draw Table	988.50	800.00	188.50	900.00
4024	May Plant Sale	7,028.34	5,000.00	2,028.34	5,000.00
4026	Membership	2,070.00	2,300.00	(230.00)	2,300.00
4027	Interest	219.13	450.00	(230.87)	400.00
4028	Donations	579.38	-	579.38	-
4030	Garden Tour	4,830.85	1,500.00	3,330.85	3,000.00
4031	Ontario Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
4032	Miscellaneous	73.50	-	73.50	-
4035	Community Programs	-	-	-	-
4040	Workshops	157.42	1,500.00	(1,342.58)	500.00
4045	Junior Program Registration	210.00	360.00	(150.00)	60.00
4050	Non Fund Raising Activities	-	-	-	-
4060	Special Events	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue		18,016.12	13,910.00	4,106.12	13,910.00

## Revenue Review Notes:

- 4020 **Bulbs Plants and Seeds:** David Marshall recommended the revenue be \$750 with expenses \$1000. The reduction from \$1500 reflects the reduced membership. The Society will continue to subsidize the program in accordance with the motion passed by the members at the 2016 AGM.
- 4022 **Draw Table:** Revenues reported in this category also include the Silent Auction Revenues from the AGM. Due to a generous donation of books by Wayne Curtis, revenue from that auction was significant. Another Silent Auction is planned for 2017 although we cannot anticipate a similar donation. Projected revenues reflect expected silent auction revenues of \$150. Projected revenues from Draw Table are expected to remain strong, so anticipated revenue for 2017 was set at \$900.
- 4024 **May Plant Sale:** 2016 was very successful due to unanticipated plant donations and great weather. \$5,000 revenue was set as the 2017 target.



Please be advised that David Marshall will have bulbs for sale at the October meeting at **very good prices**, lots of daffodils, plus alliums, crocus, dutch iris etc. No tulips because of the squirrels ! **Cash only!**



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- 4026 **Membership:** Revenues were down for 2016 and efforts must be made in 2017 to improve this. Rather than lowering expectations, a target of \$2,300 was set. It is necessary to increase our membership by ten members to meet this objective.
- 4027 **Interest** earned on Bank saving in 2016 was lower than projected. \$400 is a more reasonable expectation for 2017.
- 4028 **Donations:** are always welcome but cannot be anticipated.
- 4030 **Garden Tour:** 2016 tour returns exceeded expectations. Planning for the 2017 tour is underway. A 400-visitor target (and cap) would return revenues around \$3,600. (The two for \$25 tickets were mostly sold).
- 4031 **Ontario Grant:** The 2017 grant is expected to remain at \$1000.
- 4032 **Misc.:** There are no anticipated revenues in this area.
- 4035 **Community Programs:** There are no anticipated revenues in this area.
- 4040 **Workshops:** Several workshops were planned for 2016 that did not occur. We anticipate repeating our Teacup Workshops and a Wreath Making Workshops. Both Sunrise Senior Living and Dell Manor are interested in the Tea Cup Workshop. Marie will offer a Wreath Workshop on October 29<sup>th</sup>. These workshops are expected to be revenue neutral. \$500 is set aside for materials.
- 4045 **Junior Program:** There was some confusion about how Junior Program revenues should be catalogued. The \$30 fee includes membership – so as we have it now the program is free to members and we are subsidizing the program. Program revenue reflects 12 participants. Note: \$30 was lost and the Board moved \$30 from Misc. to cover that loss. We propose a \$5 per family registration fee in addition to the membership for 2017.
- 4050 **NonFund-Raising:** No revenue is anticipated.
- 4060 **Special Events:** No revenue is anticipated.

### Revenue for 2017 is projected to be \$13, 910

#### Expense Review Notes:

- 5026 **Publicity:** Webhosting payment is due in November. The last payment was made in November, 2014 - \$199.50 for server hosting from Nov 03, 2014 to Nov 02, 2017 plus domain renewal (oakvillehort.org) for 3 years plus DNS management for \$43.94 for a grand total of \$243.44. In 2017, we will also explore purchasing a pull-up sign to display at OHS events and work sites. A budget of \$500 is set aside for these items and webhosting.
- 5028 **Annual Meeting Social Convener:** While the expenses this year were less than anticipated, bulk purchases of cups and coffee can be expected. The expenses were kept at 2016 levels at this time.
- 5039 **Bulbs, Plants& Seeds:** As noted above under revenues, expenses were reduced to \$1000 at the recommendation of David Marshall.
- 5043 **Library:** This remains \$0. The disposition of the library will be discussed at the AGM.

*Of all the seasons, autumn offers the most to man and requires the least of him. Hal Borland*





**Expenses: Nov. 1 2015 – Oct. 31, 2017**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2016 YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Number</b>		<b>Balance</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
<b>5026</b>	<b>Publicity</b>	-	<b>500.00</b>	<b>(500.00)</b>	<b>500.00</b>
5028	Refreshments	26.74	250.00	(223.26)	250.00
5029	Annual Meeting	148.26	150.00	(1.74)	150.00
<b>5032</b>	<b>Social Convenor</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>(225.00)</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>5039</b>	<b>Bulbs, Plants&amp; Seeds</b>	<b>999.84</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>(500.16)</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
5040	Library Books	-	-	-	-
5041	Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
5042	Miscellaneous Library	-	-	-	-
<b>5043</b>	<b>Library</b>	-	-	-	-
5045	Plantings (Fields of Spring)	-	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
5046	Anderson Parkette	-	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
5047	Invasive Species Stewardship	-	-	-	500.00
<b>5050</b>	<b>Public Planting (Sustainable Gardening)</b>	-	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(1,000.00)</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
5051	Introduction to Gardening Workshop	-	-	-	-
5052	Family Day	56.95	250.00	(193.05)	250.00
5055	Workshops	107.42	900.00	(792.58)	500.00
<b>5054</b>	<b>Community Programs</b>	<b>164.37</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>(985.63)</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>5060</b>	<b>Memberships - Other Organizations</b>	<b>887.40</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>(362.60)</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
5061	Education	-	-	-	-
5062	Convention (OHA Registration)	-	600.00	(600.00)	600.00
5063	Donations	100.00	-	100.00	-
5065	Misc. Printing, Copies, Supplies	116.14	200.00	(83.86)	200.00
5066	Sunshine Fund	-	50.00	(50.00)	50.00
5067	Executive Rental	116.39	-	116.39	250.00
5068	Other Miscellaneous Executive	-	50.00	(50.00)	50.00
<b>5070</b>	<b>Executive</b>	<b>332.53</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>(567.47)</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>
<b>5078</b>	<b>Draw Table Convenor</b>	<b>156.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>(194.00)</b>	<b>350.00</b>
5085	Work Shops	-	-	-	-
5086	Trophies and Prizes	652.52	800.00	(147.48)	800.00
5087	Judges	420.00	500.00	(80.00)	420.00
5088	Show book	51.56	50.00	1.56	60.00
5089	Entry Cards, Award Stickers, Supplies	136.38	150.00	(13.62)	100.00
5090	Miscellaneous Monthly Shows	-	-	-	-
<b>5092</b>	<b>Monthly Shows</b>	<b>1,260.46</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>(239.54)</b>	<b>1,380.00</b>
5095	Advertising	206.48	500.00	(293.52)	500.00
5096	Miscellaneous Garden Tour	584.86	500.00	84.86	600.00
<b>5097</b>	<b>Garden Tour Convenor</b>	<b>791.34</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(208.66)</b>	<b>1,100.00</b>
<b>5114</b>	<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>149.37</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(850.63)</b>	<b>300.00</b>
5138	Speakers	1,400.00	1,500.00	(100.00)	2,000.00
5139	Rent and Cleaning <sup>1</sup>	1,360.00	1,700.00	(340.00)	1,700.00
5140	Miscellaneous Monthly Programs	-	75.00	(75.00)	75.00
<b>5142</b>	<b>Monthly Programs</b>	<b>2,760.00</b>	<b>3,275.00</b>	<b>(515.00)</b>	<b>3,775.00</b>
<b>5143</b>	<b>Photography</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>5145</b>	<b>Junior Program</b>	<b>1,732.35</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>732.35</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
5146	Materials	947.06	1,500.00	(552.94)	1,500.00
5148	Transportation and Rent	374.72	300.00	74.72	400.00
5150	Advertising	535.22	800.00	(264.78)	800.00
5151	Miscellaneous Plant Sale	153.87	100.00	53.87	100.00
<b>5152</b>	<b>May Plant Sale</b>	<b>2,010.87</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>	<b>(689.13)</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>
<b>5160</b>	<b>Equipment/Improvements</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>5170</b>	<b>Special Events</b>	-	-	-	<b>500.00</b>
<b>5175</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>114.93</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>14.93</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>5180</b>	<b>Contingency</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>11,534.46</b>	<b>17,625.00</b>	<b>(6,090.54)</b>	<b>17,855.00</b>

**The Budget Report**

# OHS Budget Review 2016-2017

## The Budget Report

### Expense Review Notes:

- 5050 **Public Planting** (Sustainable Gardening): Margaret Jeffery anticipates funds will be needed this year and next to ensure the gardens are maintained. The Town has not yet presented us with a bill for fall bulbs. Due to inclement weather and work, moneys will be needed to restore both Fields of Spring and Anderson Parkette gardens. It was noted that these moneys come from our Sustainable Gardening Fund. An additional \$500 will be spent on trees and shrubs for site restoration in 2017 for invasive plants. The membership voted to provide bulbs to Well-spring Hospice beginning in the fall of 2016.
- 5054 **Workshops Community Programs:** Family Day funding of \$250 will be continued but only \$500 is anticipated needed for workshops.
- 5060 **Memberships- Other Organizations:** Memberships in OHA, D6, HEN, CORE and RBG will continue in 2017.
- 5070 **Executive:** This category includes a variety of items necessary for the function of the society.  
\$600 is recommended for Convention Registrations. Claims are expected for 2016 and will be reported in November.  
Miscellaneous expenses include a variety of printing costs for new members name badges.  
Sunshine fund has not been used in 2016. Stu recommended a donation be made in memory of Hank Rodenburg given his significant history with our Society.  
Executive rental for 2016 reflects the cost of our mailbox.
- 5078 **Draw Table Convener:** Donations of items lowered the anticipated costs for this program in 2016. The expense budget for 2017 reflects the projected costs for the Program in the absence of donations.
- 5092 **Monthly Shows:** In 2016, participation in the March Show was low. Marie recommends removing the March Flower Show while retaining the March Photography Show. This would reduce show expenses slightly as a judge would not be required and prize money would be reduced.
- 5097 **Garden Tour:** The 2016 Tour was managed efficiently, with expenses \$208.66 below projected. \$1000 will be made available for 2017.
- 5114 **Newsletter:** Costs for the newsletter have dramatically reduced with less than 20 members now receiving hard copies. Cathy K. printed four issues in 2016 further reducing expenses. With monthly printing, envelopes and stamps, a target of \$300 seems attainable for 2017.
- 5142 **Monthly Programs:** Expenses are predicted to increase in 2017. Margaret Jeffery reports that speakers are now charging between \$200 and \$250 (up from \$150). While we were fortunate to have many speakers donate their fees in 2016, expenses for 2017 will increase to reflect the new cost. Our rental fee will remain the same for 2017 due to the generosity of Knox Presbyterian Church and Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre.
- 5143 **Photography:** There are no expenses projected for this category.
- 5145 **Junior Program:** While costs for 2016 exceeded projected expenses, this was due to the erection of two trellises and plaques in memory of Sue Ferry. A Donation covered these additional expenses. Thus expenses for 2017 are projected to be no greater than \$1000.
- 5152 **May Plant Sale:** Under \$1000 of plant material was acquired in 2016. Due to plant donations this was adequate, however, more material may be needed in 2017. The expenses are projected to remain the same for 2017.



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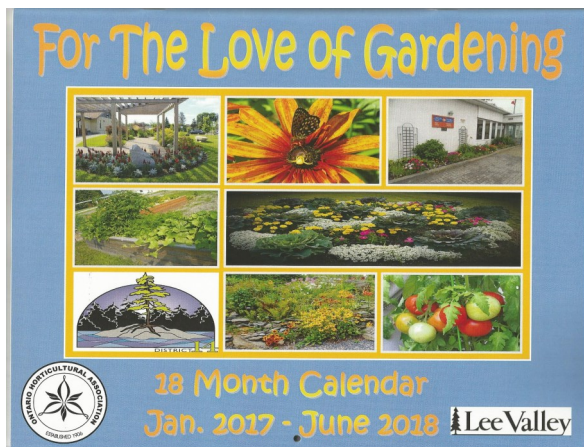
## Expense Review Notes:

- 5160 **Equipment/Improvements:** No equipment or improvements are required at this time.
- 5170 **Special Events:** Since 2017 is our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, OHS will mark the year via a party or event planned for the summer of 2017 around Garden Week or in September in lieu of the monthly meeting. \$500 is suggested as a reasonable expense.
- 5175 **Miscellaneous:** Expenses included an accounting adjustment entry and membership badges for a total of \$114.93. \$100 is recommended for 2017.
- 5180 **Contingency:** If contingency funds are required, a Board Meeting and/or General Meeting will be needed to request funds.

Expenses projected for 2017 are expected to be \$17,855.

## Assets:

<b>Chequing Account</b>	<b>\$12,758.47</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$ 108.09</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$44,301.31</b>
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 340.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,507.87</b>



District 6 Garden

At the District 6 meeting last week, the members presented OHA Fund Raiser - 18 Month Calendar. Each calendar month shows pictures of one District. The order of the pages was chosen based on the photo competition to create the calendar. They are selling for \$20 each. The deadline is Oct 10. If you are interested in supporting this fund-raiser please bring \$20 to the October 3. Please see Marie to place an order.



# Calendar of Events

October 3, 2016	<b>Monthly Meeting at MacMillan Hall 89 Dunn Street</b>
	Monthly meeting will be held once again at Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre
October	<b>Anderson Parkette Clean-up</b>
	It is that time of year to weed the garden and mulch it for winter. Margaret is looking for volunteers to assist her. Please contact Margaret if you are interested.
October	<b>Daffodils for Wellspring Project</b>
	Over 2000 bulbs have been purchased and are ready to be planted in the Wellspring Garden. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Kavassalis.
October 15	<b>Buckthorn Removal and Native Species Restoration</b>
	Buckthorn Removal and Native Species Restoration on the Nipigon Trail 9:00 am to 12 :00 noon. Help OHS with this woodland restoration initiative. Contact Larry Urbanoski if you are available to help - <a href="mailto:info.ohs@oakvillehort.org">info.ohs@oakvillehort.org</a> .
October 20 and October 21	<b>The Pumpkin Trail at the RBG</b>
	Being held at Hendrie Park, it's a magical evening on the Pumpkin Trail ! Hundred of jack-o-lanterns light your way along our garden and South Bridle Trail. Enjoy live entertainment, face-painting and pumpkin themed activities and games. Registration required. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a>
October 21 - October 30	<b>Hamilton Fall Garden and Mum Show</b>
	October 21—October 30, 2016. Open Daily 9:00 am—7:00 pm Enjoy the heart melting fragrance, spectrum of colours, divine atmosphere (themed Mardi Gras), at the Hamilton Fall Garden and Mum Show being held at the Gage Park Greenhouse. Admission: Adults \$6.50, Seniors and Children \$5.50. Children 5 years and younger <b>FREE</b> . Family Day \$20.00 (Saturday, October 29, 2016). Please note that the Tropical House is part of the display. Lots of free parking! For more information. Call 905- 546- 2489 or visit the website <a href="http://www.hamiltoninbloom.com">www.hamiltoninbloom.com</a>
October 29	<b>OHS Wreath Making Workshop</b>
	Wreath-making Workshop Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Location: Trinity St. Paul Church, 26 Stavebank Rd. Mississauga Cost: \$40.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact: Marie at 905- 844-1837
November 19	<b>Fall District 6 Dinner hosted by Milton &amp; District Horticultural Society</b>
	District 6 Fall Dinner hosted by Milton & District Horticultural Society. Key note speaker: Sean James. Dinner is being held at the Teatro Conference and Event Center located at 21 Chisholm Drive, Milton. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Cost \$35.00 per person. Deadline: November 5, 2016. No Refunds. For tickets, please contact: Lianne Krane 905-875-8722 or by email: <a href="mailto:lkrane@freshstart.pro">lkrane @freshstart.pro</a>



*I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze. The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves. Ann Drake, 2013*

