



Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 27 Years

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APRIL 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we planned our Cayman Island trip, we thought it would be timed just right to return to pleasant spring weather. Not to be. And although the sun is strong it doesn't seem to be enough to clear the frozen snow banks on my deck. I have not seen a robin (March 28th), and I think that's some kind of a record. I did see a forlorn blue heron wistfully looking at his reflection in a frozen pond west of Hagersville. There were lots of happy looking heron in the Caymans. I think the one I saw here must be like me, one who enjoys the changing seasons and especially the vagaries of our spring, knowing that better things are just around the corner.

I did not get to visit the Queen Elizabeth Botanic Garden in the Caymans as anticipated. The choice was to either do this or to take my granddaughter snorkeling. And the choice wasn't all that hard since the literature for the Botanic Garden cautioned against visiting in the heat of the day. Not being a heat lover, I was content to lounge under a palm tree and read a book on the Island's flora and fauna.

As to the fauna, there were plenty of iguanas and geckos scampering around. These creatures feed on the abundance of little fruits that are found on the great variety of flowering shrubs that are everywhere. Hibiscus and bougainvillea grow wild and in a riot of colours. Small bantam hens and roosters roam freely completely on their own as they seem to have no natural enemies. A very persistent rooster was my alarm clock and wakened me every day at 5:30 in time to see the morning come in over the ocean. A submarine trip to the island's coral reef provided a breathtaking vista of undulating shapes and fantastic colours. It was hard to believe that what looked like a garden out of a science fiction scene was really a colony of living breathing creatures. But now I'm home and ready to deal with the realities of an Ontario spring and Haldimand clay!

The Caledonia Home and Garden Show was a good way to get back in the gardening mood. The Haldimand Horticultural Society was there and had a good response from the visiting public. Thank you to those who set up and took down the booth, to those who arranged for the draw and who volunteered at the booth for the three days and sold memberships. This was a great way to keep our society in the public eye.

The products from Van Noort will be here in time for the April 28th meeting. If you have ordered material please try to be there to pick it up. For those of you who ordered perennial plugs, this will give you time to get them potted up and growing on in time for a summer display.

Happy Spring,

Dawn Suter, President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Don and I are getting ready to start off on our spring vacation.

This year's trip will be to Hungary, Austria and Germany. We start off by heading to Buffalo for a Park, Sleep and Fly package; and that evening we will be going to the HSBC Arena to see the Buffalo Sabres play against the Philadelphia Flyers (can you tell? - this first stop is Don's idea).

Then we are off to Hungary on a very long flight. We are booked on a Uniworld Riverboat Cruise - 'Enchanted Danube' - starting in Budapest, Hungary, going to Vienna, Austria and ending in Passau, Germany. We will visit the Castle Hill area in Budapest and be given a City tour. We will listen to a classical music performance of Mozart and Strauss in a Vienna concert hall, and tour the Ringstrasse in Vienna in the evening. In Vienna we will visit the Austrian National Library which has been referred to as 'the most beautiful library room in the world'. We will visit the Hofburg Palace complex and the Schonbrunn Palace. In Melk we see Wachau Valley for a tour of the Austrian wine country; and we will tour Melk Abbey. In Salzburg, Austria, we will see the Mirabellgarten, featured in the film The Sound of Music. In Passau Germany we will see St. Stephen's Cathedral.

We will then say 'auf wiesersehen' to our riverboat; and will then be met by our private land tour guide from 'European Castle Tours Company' for a 7 day land tour of the Bavarian Castle Region in Germany.

Don loves the artistry of the European architecture and is very keen to tour the elaborate Castles of King Ludwig in the Bavaria region of Germany. I love the history of the places we visit and learning about the people who lived in the long ago times. We will see many Castles in Bavaria - Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau and Linderhof and Herrenchiemsee and Nymphenburg Palaces. Spring gardens should be in bloom and we are especially keen to see the flowers.

We will be back for the April General Meeting and we will be sure to have stories to tell and pictures to share!

Susan Reeder,
Editor

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THIS MONTH'S HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 7:30 p.m.

at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Orkney Street in Caledonia .

Our Guest Speaker - Linda Crago - will be talking to us about Vegetables. Linda is from Tree and Twig Heirloom Vegetable Farm. Check out her website at www.treeandtwig.ca

We hope that you can come out and join us to hear Linda Crago.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A DELEGATE AT THIS YEAR'S ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION?

Your Haldimand Horticultural Society will sponsor your attendance at this Convention in the amount of \$200.00 for each delegate attending.

This year's Convention is titled "A Growing Experience – From the Ground Up". The Convention is being held July 15th – 17th, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury, Ontario. There are many interesting seminars, workshops and bus trips at this Convention.

Several members of the Executive will be attending. If you would like to join them in attending this Convention, please talk to Karen Foster to have your registration submitted with the events that you want to participate in.

FREE TRIAL ISSUE OF A NEW GARDEN MAGAZINE:

Order on-line at www.gardening.com/trial. For a new magazine "Gardenmaking" from Niagara on the Lake. Receive one free trial issue and if you like it, receive 4 additional issues (a full year) for a total of 5 issues for \$19.95.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDARS WITH THESE GENERAL MEETING DATES

7:30 pm

St. Paul's Anglican Church on Orkney Street in Caledonia

Thursday, May 26th, 2011

Thursday, June 23rd, 2011

Thursday, July 28th, 2011 – BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 25th, 2011

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011

Thursday, October 27th, 2011 @6:00 pm – Annual Dinner & Awards Night

Thursday, November 17th, 2011 – 3rd Thursday and Annual Meeting and Installation of New Executive

No meeting in December

Rice Road Greenhouse and Garden Center,
1361 Rice Road, RR2, Welland, ON, L3B 5N5

www.millionplants.com

is holding their 2011 Horticultural Day on

Tuesday, May 10th, 2011

Just present your Horticultural Society Membership card and you will receive 25% off all plant material at the Garden Centre.

UPCOMING MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES

APRIL 2011

Design Section

(a) Royal Wedding – Small Design in a tea cup – 13.9-25.4 cm (5-1/2-10") max

(b) The Easter Bunny was here! – Design of choice, may use artificial, dried, natural flowers or a combination of any of these.

Specimen Section (must be grown by exhibitor for minimum 3 months)

- (a) Saintpaulia (yup! Its an African Violet) – 1 crown in pot
- (b) Forced Bulb – your choice, in bloom

Craft Section (made by Exhibitor)

- (a) Jam or Jelly – 1 jar, homemade (this may be opened)
- (b) Tomatoes – 1 jar, homemade (will not be opened)

MAY 2011

Design Section

- (a) Spring! – Water viewing design
- (b) Mother Love – A miniature design – Max dimensions of 12.7 cm (5") in any direction. Refer to OJES, pg 101 for requirements

Specimen Section (must be grown by exhibitor for minimum 3 months)

- (a) Geranium – 1 pot or 1 stem
- (b) Collection of spring bloom

Photo Section (must be taken by the exhibitor)

- (a) Bugs of the garden – Photo of insects you may find in a garden. Photo need not be framed..

For those who are interested in putting an Arrangement/Design in the Monthly Competition and are not sure of the "rules", we do have copies of the "OHA Ontario Judging and Exhibition Standards", Publication #34 available. The cost is between \$6.00 and \$8.00 and is well worth the purchase. See Catherine McGill. For a full 2010 listing of Monthly Competition Categories – see Catherine McGill

GREEN THUMB COMPETITION 2011

As you start to select your plants for the upcoming gardening year, why not plan a "Theme Garden" so that you can enter the Green Thumb Competition this year.

As you scan the seed & plant catalogues and gardening magazines, give some thought to what theme you want to create.

There are also 2 other categories in this year's Green Thumb Competition:

- (a) Curb Appeal (ie front entrance)
- (b) My favourite place to sit in my Garden!

This year's Green Thumb judging will take place on **July 26th with a rain date of July 27th**

Our Judge is looking forward to what our Society Gardeners will come up with!! See Christine Mickeloff for more details and application forms.

The Entry Form is included in this month's newsletter.

March 2011 Monthly Competition

Winners

Design Section:

(a) St. Patrick's Day is Here – Design of Choice – green plant material only

- 1st Don Reeder
- 2nd Coby Osinga

(b) Spring is officially here – Landscape Design – using minimum of 1 spring flower

- 1st Coby Osinga
- 2nd Don Reeder
- 3rd Ans Vaarkamp

Specimen Section *(grown by exhibitor for minimum 3 months):*

(a) Orchid

- 1st Doris Thomson
- 2nd Carol Jones
- 3rd Doris Thomson

(b) Any plant grown for foliage – 1 variety in pot

- 1st Coby Osinga
- 2nd Carol Jones
- 3rd Carol Jones
- 4th Don Reeder

Photo Section (one entry per exhibitor – must be taken by exhibitor)

(a) "Wow" look at what Mother Nature can do – winter scene – need not be framed

- 1st Doreen Gordon
- 2nd Don Reeder
- 3rd Doris Thomson

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES AND THE OHA TRILLIUM?

If you receive The Blooming News electronically, we can also forward to you the newsletters of other Societies, the OHA Trillium and other horticultural news that comes to our website.

If you would like to receive this additional material (only by email – sorry), **please send an email to the Editor – susan.reeder@optionsdsl.ca** and we will put you on the list to receive this extra material.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

May 26, 2011

Japanese Flower arranging

June 23, 2011

Mary Ann Robinson on Peonies

July 28, 2011

Annual Bus Trip (details to follow)

August 25, 2011

Denis Fallat from Van Noort Bulbs

September 22, 2011

Paul Knowles

October 27, 2011

Pot Luck and Awards Night

November 17, 2011

Speaker TBA – Annual General Meeting and installation of new Executive

December 2011

No meeting

January 26, 2012

Rob Howard, garden writer, The Hamilton Spectator and organizer Open Garden Week

HERE'S A GREAT GARDEN TIP FROM OUR COMPETITION JUDGE CATHERINE MCGILL:

When rooting a leaf or cutting in water, cover the jar with foil or use a dark coloured container. Roots grow better when they are in the dark.

VAN NOORT ORDERS ARE COMING IN APRIL

If you were one of those lucky people who were able to sign up for the limited number of bulbs and tubers and plant plugs coming from Van Noorts at the wholesale cost, your orders will be ready for your pick up at the April meeting.

There may still be some plants to select from at the April meeting.

This is a great plant opportunity as all of these plants are considerably more expensive from the garden catalogues. Also most of these plants cannot be purchased at our local Garden Centers.

For details see Dawn Suter or Doris Thomson.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMPETITION JUDGE

This is an all call for anyone with an artsy flare! The OHA 105th convention has a great line up of categories for those who Paint, oil, acrylic, watercolour, draw, even on rocks! Do you Quilt? Stain glass? Collage? I will have the class list at the meetings and will get it up on our website www.haldimandhorticultural.org. Think about it, you do not necessarily have to go this summer, (July 15-17) your work could travel with those that are planning a great time away (Sudbury). This also applies to any youth of your families as there is a great lineup of categories just for them!

Catherine McGill

Open Garden Week: June 25th – July 3rd, 2011. Consider opening your Garden. Email Rob at rhoward@thespec.com on dates and times that you want to open your garden. Include a short description

of your garden. Your garden will be advertised in the Spectator Open Garden Listing.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!!

April 8,9,10, 2011

Peterborough Garden Show at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough – sponsored by the Peterborough Horticultural Society and the Master Gardeners – Admission \$6. per day – for more details – www.peterboroughgardens.ca

April 16, 2011

District 6 AGM hosted by Bronte at Colborne Seniors Centre, Oakville – pre-registration required – see Coby Osinga, HHS, to register

May 3-5, 2011

Milne House Garden Club presents 'Art Takes Root' – 2011 Flower Show Wednesday, May 4th from 10 am – 5 pm and Thursday, May 5th from 10 am – 3 pm. Held at Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto – Admission is \$10.

Thursday, May 5 and Saturday, May 7, 2011

9 am to 12:30 pm – RBG Auxiliary Plant Sale – held at the Arboretum – for plant details see www.rbg.ca

May 6-8, 2011

Grand Opening – Avalon Perennials – 5573 5th Line Minto, Palmerston – April 28 – October 10 – Thursday – Monday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more details visit their website at www.AvalonPerennials.ca

May 7 -8, 2011

60th Anniversary London Garden Club event "Joie De Vivre" Flower Show, Civic Garden Complex, 625 Springbank Drive, London. For more details on all of the Club's upcoming events, contact Stella Sinclair, Publicity Convenor at 519-652-0775 or by email to inquire@friendslcgc.com

Saturday, May 7, 2011

8:00 am to noon – Paris Horticultural Society Plant Sale – Syl Apps Arena – Directly following the plant sale there will be an AUCTION to sell off any unsold plant material

- For more info call Anne at 519-442-3458 or Sandy at 519-442-4630

May 14 & 15, 2011

McKinnon Park High School Plant Sale in the School Green House

May 21/22, 2011

Dr. Virginia Hildebrandt, our March speaker on Micropropagation is holding an Open Garden and Hardy Plant Sale. Hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. – 'Perennials for shade and sun; Alpine & Rockery treasures; shrubs, trees and orchids' – located at 4075 Victoria Road South, Puslinch. Note: she will recycle pots/trays.

Saturday, May 28, 2011

Haldimand Horticultural Society Plant and Bake Sale – held at McKinnon Park High School Greenhouse. 8:00 am to noon. See more details in this letter. **We need your help!!!**

June 4-5, 2011

Paris Horticultural Society Garden Tour 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – 7 beautiful gardens - \$8.00 – includes free refreshments and draw prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the Springtime in Paris Booth in Lion's Park on the 4th and 5th – Garden related items will be available for sale in Lion's Park – For more info call Anne Saunders 519-442-3458 or Sandy Pearce 519-442-4630

Saturday, June 18, 2011

RBG Used Bulb Sale – 9 am – 12:00 noon – Arboretum

Sunday, June 26, 2011

10 am to 4 pm – Carnegie Gallery in Dundas 18th Annual Secret Gardens Tour - \$20. includes admission to 8 gardens in the Dundas area plus a complimentary tearoom at the Carnegie Gallery, 10 King St W, Dundas and 10% discount on Gallery purchases until July 31st. Tickets available at Gallery (905-627-4265); Bryan Prince Booksellers (905-528-4508); Donn Zver Pottery (519-647-2216)

Saturday, July 9th, 2011

Paris Horticultural Society 25th Anniversary Flower Show and Luncheon – Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver Street, Paris 10:00am – 3:00 pm Morning Speaker is James Graham and the Guest Speaker is Ken Brown (Toronto Zoo) on "Garden Seduction". Door prizes and demonstrations will be part of the celebration. Tickets are \$15. a person, advance tickets only, none sold at door. For tickets contact Pat Hasler at haslerrp@bis.on.ca

July 22-24, 2011

The Ontario Horticultural Association Annual Convention held at the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury. HHS members who wish to attend will be funded for \$200.00 towards the cost. See Karen Foster if you wish to attend. Karen will work with you to get you registered, your accommodation selected, your workshops and sessions decided on.

This Convention is a great experience – a really enjoyable horticultural vacation.

About 5 members of the Executive are already planning to attend and car pooling could be an option – Karen can help you on this as well.

July 22-24, 2011

Daylily Festival weekend – We're in the Hayfield Now Daylily Gardens, 4704 Polland Road, Orono 10 am – 4 pm For more details see www.hayfield.ca

October 22, 2011

OHA District Fall Dinner being hosted by Ancaster at the new Ancaster Fairgrounds at Merritt Hall. This is the 50th anniversary for the Ancaster Society and the event will be marked by the development of a new day lily for Ancaster. The Society is hosting a 'Name the Lily' contest.

The University of Guelph Arboretum hosts many workshops throughout the year. To see what they have to offer, visit their website at www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HERBS?

Heritage Line Herbs is located in Aylmer, Ontario at 53442 Heritage Line. Check out their website at www.heritagelineherbs.com for store hours, workshop information, tearoom schedule and recipes. This is an annual shopping trip in the spring for us. We select and purchase all of the herbs I plant in our herb garden. The plant quality is excellent and the varieties of herbs give you plenty to select from.

(Editor’s Note☺

I harvest herbs in the fall by cutting the stalks, tying them and hanging them in the sunroom. When they are dried, I give them a final good dry by baking them in a low temperature oven just until they are crisp. Then using a very large bowl I crinkle the herbs. I discard the harder stalk pieces. I then add garlic salt or powder and put the mix in jars for the upcoming year. I use this mix in all kinds of dishes – for making dips, for sprinkling on roasts, with roasted potatoes, or soups in the crock pot.)



SOME MORE FACTS ABOUT CUCUMBERS

(Thanks for the information Catherine McGill)

- Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache.
- Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explorers for quick meals to thwart off starvation.
- Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don’t have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.
- Out of WD40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!
- Stressed out and don’t have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water. The chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

- Just finished a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.
- Looking for a 'green way' to clean your faucets, sinks, or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean. Not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.
- Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing. Also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls.

2012 Garden Tour in Cuba – if you are looking for something different from a visit to Cuba – look at the Tom Robinson website for a Special Event Tour. For details visit www.cuba1tours.com

EARTH DAY HAMILTON RAIN BARREL SALE

April 16th – Earth Day Hamilton is holding a Truckload Rain Barrel sale to support their free environmental programs for students. Where: Pick up at Lime Ridge Mail SW parking lot 9:30 am-1:30 pm. To order your rain barrel go to : <http://rainbarrel.ca/earthday> Details of the rain barrels are at the website – cost is \$50. per rain barrel and must be pre-ordered. There will also be a rain barrel auction featuring a barrel painted by E. Robert Ross.

PLANT AND BAKE SALE – HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – SATURDAY, MAY 28TH, 2011 WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

A note from Nancy Spellen, event organizer:

“Our Plant Sale is **Saturday, May 28th 8:00 am – noon** at McKinnon Park High School Greenhouse in Caledonia. We would prefer plants to be delivered Friday evening 5-7 pm if possible but will certainly take them Saturday morning as we will be there at 7 am.

Baked goods should be delivered Saturday morning. We could use volunteers to sell plants and baking. We will be raffling off hanging baskets again, so we need someone selling tickets for that. This is our big fund raiser for the year and every year we have less and less plant materials donated.

If members could please dig up plants to donate, pot them and label kind and colour – they would be greatly appreciated!!!!

If you can't get them to us, I have a van and will gladly come around and pick them up in the evening through the week. If anyone has extra pots please let me know and I can pass this information on to someone who is looking for pots.

I can be reached at 905-765-2826 or mgm_nancy@hotmail.com – note there is an underscore symbol after mgm.”

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DRAW PRIZE WINNERS AT THE CALEDONIA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW:

1ST PRIZE – SHEPHERD'S HOOK AND PLANTS – MARY TROUT

2ND PRIZE – TRICYLCE WITH PANSIES AND CHOCOLATES – JAMIE PICKETT

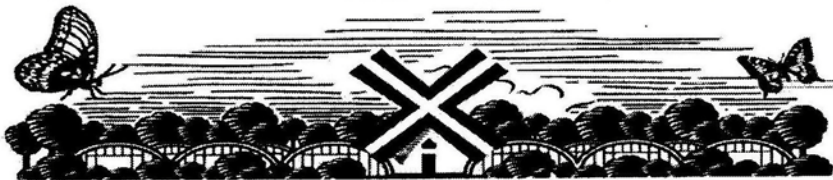
Dear Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs:

Humber Nurseries would like to again extend our "Exclusive Perennial Coupon" to members of Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs in Ontario.

This coupon can be used on any day during the 2011 calendar year. Unfortunately, leftover coupons from 2010 are no longer valid.

Note to President: Please authorize the coupon for your members by signing in the bottom right corner. Feel free to cut and paste the coupon for your newsletter or make copies for your members. Humber Nurseries makes a great destination for group tours. Just call, fax or email your request.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all the best in 2011.



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(Your email address will not be sold, shared or in any way be used without your consent)

Office Use Only

Date: _____	Cashier: _____	Purchase Amount: _____
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ATTENTION: Garden season is fast approaching. Your 2011 membership card provides you with a discount at area Garden Centres. If you have not renewed for 2011, the April 'The Blooming News' newsletter will be your last issue.

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2011

It's that time of year again! We hope that you enjoyed your membership benefits for 2010 and that you renew your membership for 2011. Perhaps you know someone who would enjoy becoming a member as well – maybe as a Christmas gift?

Benefits of membership:

- ❖ As a member of the Haldimand Horticultural Society, your membership card* entitles you to a 10% discount off regular priced garden supplies at:
Caledonia Area: Caledonia Garden Centre, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire (not all items), Home & Hearth, Coach House
Cayuga Area: Kinnear Greenhouses
Dunnville Area: The Potting Shed
Hagersville Area: Home Hardware, Mohawk Garden Market
Hamilton/Mount Hope Area: Hamilton Sod, Rainbow Acres, Daylily Farm, Ed Ciardullo Garden Centre, Sharples Nurseries, Mountain Garden Centre
Renton: Eisings Greenhouse and Nursery
York: Mallord Farms
*You must show your card prior to purchase for discount
- ❖ Annual Meetings – Gardening and Planting tips; Guest Speakers; Monthly Competitions; raffles and prizes
- ❖ Monthly Newsletter containing gardening advice; upcoming events from your Society and community events; quotes and humour; and great articles contributed by our members

What does your Society do in a year:

- ❖ We look after some of the public garden beds in Haldimand County such as the Hagersville Hospital, Caledonia Bank of Nova Scotia, the Cenotaph, the Dam, the Caledonia Reading Library
- ❖ We plant memorial trees to honour past members of our Society
- ❖ We hold an Annual Green Thumb Competition
- ❖ We participate in the Caledonia Fair
- ❖ We hold a Plant and Bake Sale at McKinnon Secondary in May
- ❖ We hold a Flower and Vegetable Show at the Riviera Retirement Lodge in September
- ❖ We offer an outstanding Bus Trip in July
- ❖ We offer wholesale bulbs and plants at our meetings
- ❖ We participate in the Caledonia Garden Show
- ❖ We teach you design techniques by practice; and recognize your accomplishments through our monthly competitions
- ❖ We share refreshments at the end of each meeting where you have a chance to chat with other gardeners in your area

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HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2011 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

First Name(s) _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone No. _____

Annual Membership Fee is: Single \$8.00 Family \$12.00 Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail to: Haldimand Horticultural Society, P.O. Box 2078, Caledonia, Ontario N3W 2G6

**HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
GREEN THUMB COMPETITION
'DAHLIA AWARDS'**

The Haldimand Horticultural Society annually presents awards to property owners who have pleasing gardens, personally landscaped.

THIS YEAR'S CATEGORIES ARE:

1. My Favourite Place to Sit
2. Curb Appeal (for in town)/Front Entrance Garden (for country garden)
3. Theme Garden – your choice

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY JULY 22, 2011

JUDGING WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH, 2011

Country residents will be judged separately from Town residents. Entries must be within the Haldimand area and/or a member of our society if outside the Haldimand area.

Per category entry fee: \$2.00 Horticultural Society members \$5.00 Non members

Awards and certificates will be presented at the Haldimand Horticulture Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 27th, 2011

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Circle category(ies) 1. 2.(T)(C) 3. Entry free enclosed: _____

Detach and mail your entry form and cheque to:

GREEN THUMB DAHLIA AWARDS

c/o Christine Mickeloff

310 Caithness St E, Caledonia, Ont N3W 2J5

Please indicate if you are interested in membership of the Haldimand Horticultural Society:

Yes___ No ___

Membership: \$8.00/person \$12.00/family

For more information call (905) 765-9987