



Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 26 Years

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has certainly been a great summer for gardens. We have had lots of great growing weather and just enough rain to keep things green. The weeds, especially, have done well! There should be lots of material for our flower show coming up September 11th. The HHS has another important date - September 25th - when we will be hosting the 21 Societies in District 6 at a breakfast meeting held at our regular meeting site. Catherine McGill is Head Chef for this event and she will be speaking to members and asking for their support.

Earlier this month, five of our members traveled to Barrie to take part in the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention held at Georgian College. Joining me at this event were Karen Foster, Susan McFarlane, Christine Mickeloff and Nancy Spellen. I include here Christine and Nancy's views of the Conference:

By: Christine Mickeloff

The Convention was quite the experience. There was a lot to see, a lot to do, and a lot of new faces to meet. For me, it wasn't just about long drawn out meetings; it was about learning how to live with bugs, good and bad in your garden, and how to make an elegant floral arrangement or one that looked like a cake. Yes, they supplied us with enough coffee to get us through the serious parts of the meetings and then enough smiles to make you feel like you found a new friend. Some of us heard how to make our roses grow and others learned about their vegetables. We had a chance to take a boat ride to see gardens from the water and others saw how to make a backyard hill into a masterpiece. There was plenty to see and do and if you were bored, then you only had yourself to blame.

The biggest thing that I walked away with was the friendships that I made. Since joining the Horticultural Society I have come to the monthly meetings, chatted with everyone there and then gone home. Because daily life doesn't stop a lot, and we don't get a chance to smell the roses, going to this convention was just that. I had the chance of really getting to know three wonderful people. We all come from different backgrounds and are for the most part different in age but those things didn't matter when we were in a huge room with a hundred people or more or in a dorm room with just three of us. We talked like we have known each other for years and better yet, got to know one another better.

Another thing that came out of this weekend was that when I stood up looking over the heads of all the people in that large room, for the most part, it was like looking at a sea of grey. Now, you can take this different ways. I thought of all the knowledge of years in that room and thought that it was great to see that as we age we can make a difference in our communities and that we don't have to sit in a rocking chair and wait for something good to happen. These people are great role models. The other way I looked at it is that we need to encourage more of the younger generation to take part. We all have busy lives with jobs, families and commitments. We need to slow down and enjoy the sounds of water in a waterfall or take a look at how a bee moves from flower to flower. If we were to do that, then more of us would be doing something good for the environment as well as ourselves.

Sudbury is the next Convention and as for me, I will be there as long as life doesn't get in the way. I hope that my fellow co-horts will be with me, sharing stories, shopping and laughing about the coffee and cookies.

By: Nancy Spellen

I have never attended a convention before but was pleasantly surprised by the options offered. The reason I joined the Hort. Society was to gain knowledge about having a better garden. The last couple of years, having attended several garden tours, have been evident of the different styles of gardening. It's a very personal thing. Each garden to me is an expression of each individual's connection with nature.

The theme of the convention was everything old is new again; this to me seemed like getting back to the organic way of treating this world. The one guest speaker spoke about the importance of bees. We certainly take them for granted - but without them we are nothing. The balance of nature is so fragile and we as humans need to respect the privilege of walking this earth.

I took a boat cruise the Friday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed it. Not knowing anyone on the tour I sat listening to conversations around me. There was talk of master gardeners. The one man must have been well educated in horticulture but refused to be labeled a master gardener. He explained that knowledge of gardening never stops, we never stop learning. It made me feel better about my own garden. It is truly a work in progress, but by the sounds of it all gardens are works in progress as is everything in nature.

So tread lightly, stop and smell the roses and any other cliché that applies. Welcome to the garden of life.

The three ladies: Christine, Nancy and Karen are relatively new members of our Society, but in the short time that they have been with us, have contributed so much. They have jumped in with both feet and are always willing to take on an assignment. Being together at the Conference seems to have cemented this relationship. We are so grateful to have this team working on behalf of our Society.

Cheers,

Dawn Suter, President

Reminder: If you have any containers, paper milk boxes, tin cans, or any disposable container that would hold small flowers, I would appreciate receiving them at the August meeting. These are needed to get flowers to Hamilton for the floral carpet for the anniversary celebration at Christ's Church Cathedral in September.

JULY BUS TRIP WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following:

50/50 Draw: Trudi Lindemann \$84.50

Bus Quiz:	1 st	Dawn Suter
	2 nd	Madeline Hagan/Monica Ward
	3 rd	Tie: Donna Kaye/Dorothy Lambert & Roz Rumball
	5 th	Irene Veldhuis/Bev Slofstra
	6 th	Bernadine Tompkins/Catherine McGill
	7 th	Sharon Slack/Bernice Meen

2011 BUS TRIP

Yes, Gord is already planning another great bus trip for us for 2011. Gord tells me that he has some exciting news about next year's bus trip. So, come on out to the August meeting to hear what Gord has to tell us.

Thank you Audrey Derii for taking the lovely pictures of our Bus Trip locations contained in this edition of the Newsletter!



The Greeters in Mae Leonard's Garden



One of the paths through Whistling Gardens



The Butterfly Gardens



The beautiful pergola at Whistling Gardens



Mae Leonard's Garden



Rustic home at Whistling Gardens

GENERAL MEETING DATES FOR 2010

Mark your calendars

7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church
on Orkney Street in Caledonia
6:00 p.m. for Annual Meeting in November

Thursday, September 23rd

Thursday, October 21st

Thursday, November 18th – Annual Meeting

No meeting in December

COME AND SEE OUR SOCIETY PICTURE ALBUM!!

Karen Foster continues her good work of taking pictures of Horticultural Society activities and posts them in our Picture Album.

Please take some time to select pictures of your garden that you would like to share and have them included in our album.

Karen will put the album out at each meeting so that we can all enjoy the gardens and pictures of our activities.

Check it out – you might just be in some of the pictures!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR AUGUST 26TH MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN CALEDONIA – OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE

MAE LEONARD

(ONE OF THE GARDENS VISITED ON THE BUS TOUR) AND SHE WILL BE TALKING TO US ABOUT ORGANIC GARDENING.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2010

Sept 23 – Paul Knowles – Down the Garden Path, Back to the Future

Oct 21 – Green Thumb Awards – Pot Luck Supper & Awards Night

Nov. 18 – Jim Ray – Floral Decorating for Christmas & our Annual Meeting
Dec – No Meeting

UPCOMING MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES

AUGUST 2010

Design Section

- a) Found it! – Design using found item, either for the container or as an accessory! (Clean up that garage)
- b) Fireworks abound – Design using large blooms

Specimen Section

(must be grown by exhibitor for minimum 3 months)

- a) Dahlia – 1 bloom, decorative
- b) Dahlia – 1 bloom cactus
- c) Dahlia – 1 bloom, single
- d) Collection of dahlias displayed in a suitable container

e) Perennial – 3 stem named

f) Annual – 3 stem, named

Vegetables in this section will be displayed on a paper napkin

- g) Tomato, 3, any variety
- h) Beans, 3 any variety
- i) Any other vegetable not named here

September 2010

Design Section

- (a) A,B,C's – Design in a mug for the teacher
- (b) Grandparents day – Design with an old fashioned feeling

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

- (a) Dahlia – 3 stem – over 5"
- (b) Dahlia 3 stem – under 5"
- (c) Dahlia – collection suitably displayed in container
- (d) Collection of vegetables suitably displayed
- (e) Collection of perennials
- (f) Collection of annuals

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

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2010

9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. – RIVIERA RETIREMENT LODGE, ARGYLE STEET, CALEDONIA (ACROSS FROM MCDONALD'S)

Show Chair: Catherine McGill – cmcgill@mountaincable.net

This year's show will be set up on Friday, September 10th from 6:00-7:00 pm

We would appreciate your help if you are able to come and help set up.

Entries may come Friday between 7:00-8:00 pm and on Saturday, September 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Entry cards will be available on the morning of the show or any monthly meeting.

Staging must stop promptly at 9:45 am and judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

*Exhibits are not to be removed before 4:30 pm

Please read the Show rules carefully.

We have:

- Men's Only Division
- Youth Division (Youth may be split according to age groups if necessary)
- Resident Only Division

This show is open to everyone who loves Horticulture and there is

NO CHARGE TO ENTER OR VIEW THIS SHOW

50/50 tickets available at the door

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:00 am – 9:45 am	Enter exhibits
9:45 am	Staging closed. No more exhibits are to be entered
10:00 am	Judging
1:30 pm	Show Open to the Public
4:00 pm	Awards Ceremony
5:00 pm	Dismantle the Show

PLEASE ENTER AND MAKE OUR SHOW A SUCCESS!!

ENTRY PROCESS:

1. An entry card must accompany each exhibit with the name of the exhibitor. All plant material should be named by type, and, where known, by cultivar as well.
2. All entries are to be staged Friday 7-8 pm and 8-9:45 am on the morning of the Show. Late entries will not be permitted. Entries are not to be removed before 4:30 pm
3. Entry cards will be available on the morning of the show 8-9:45 am, or at any monthly meeting.
TIP: Return address labels are a quick way to fill in the Entry Card. Better yet, pick up your cards and fill them out ahead of time.

GENERAL RULES:

The following rules govern the Haldimand Horticultural Society's Annual Show:

Judges follow the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication 34/2003, 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 may be purchased from the Society.

1. There are two main divisions at this show: Horticulture (garden or houseplant specimens, grown by the exhibitor) and Design (floral arrangements, for which material may be obtained anywhere).
2. Each exhibit must be accompanied by an entry tag. Entrants are encouraged to use botanical names whenever possible.
3. To facilitate judging, show conveners, at their discretion, may move entries, or subdivide or combine sections.
4. The decision of the judge is final. An entry will not be awarded a prize if the judge considers it lacks sufficient merit, even if it is the only entry in the class.

HORTICULTURE TIPS:

Although part of the Horticulture schedule, baskets are judged according to the principles of design.

The basket should be arranged for viewing from all sides.

When selecting your specimens to exhibit, remember that this show lasts all day. Select young, fresh plant material that will not be wilted by the end of the Show. Remove lower foliage cleanly and make a slanting cut at the end of stem to maximize water intake. For best results, cut your entries the night before and condition them by placing them in a deep bucket of warm water over night.

DESIGN DIVISION GUIDELINES:

1. Unless otherwise stated, materials may be obtained from any source.
2. An exhibitor is permitted only one entry in each Design class. It must have been made by the exhibitor.
3. Unless otherwise stated, any type of plant material may be used, including fresh-cut or potted flowers, fruit, branches, decorative wood, dried flowers, dried or treated wood, and foliage.
4. A judicious use of painted material is permitted, but no artificial material other than simulated grapes is allowed.
5. Wiring of flowers is allowed but wire and other mechanics must not be visible unless they form part of the design.
6. Accessories (for example, drapes, candles, pebbles or stones) may be used to enhance the design unless stated otherwise.
7. Entries must conform to any size constraints stated in the show schedule. They should attractively fill the table space or niche. Because arrangements larger than the allowed size may be disqualified, careful measurement is important.
8. Entries in the miniature class are to be displayed in a niche 5" square.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION GUIDELINES:

1. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
2. The Society does NOT provide containers except where specified in the schedule.
3. Specimens must be shown with their own (attached) foliage only.
4. Where a definite number of specimens are specified, that number must be adhered to.
5. For best presentation, blooms should be one-half to two-thirds open. Buds showing colour are considered blooms. If a spray is requested, not all buds need be open.
6. 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 (except for shrub and tree branches).
7. Plants should be clean and well groomed. Insect-infected or diseased plants will be removed from the show.
8. More specific guidelines for judging are given in Publication 34/2003 Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Designing.

DESIGN SCHEDULE

THEME – 26 YEARS

1. *Paper for 26 years!* – Design of choice
2. *Hit Song 'Owner of a Lonely Heart'* – water viewing design
3. *Top 10 Movies 'The Natural'* – a Landscape design
4. *Top TV shows 'Dynasty'* – miniature designs displayed in 5" square niche (see rule 26-31)
5. *Academy Award 'Amadeus'* – Cascade design
6. *Number 1 album 'Foot Loose'* – Youth only – Design of choice
7. *Top 10 movie 'The Terminator'* – Men only – Abstract design
8. *'Do they know it's Christmas'* – Resident only – Design in a mug

HORTICULTURAL

SECTION A – BASKETS

1. Basket/Pot of mixed plant material grown for foliage – maximum container diameter 12"
2. Basket/Pot of mixed plant material grown for flowers – maximum container diameter 12"

SECTION B – ROSES (SINGLE ROSE SPECIMENS SHOULD BE DISBUDDED)

3. Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora – any other colour – 1 bloom
4. Shrub Rose – 1 bloom or spray
5. Climber – 1 bloom or spray
6. Miniature – 1 bloom or spray
7. Rose to be judged for fragrance – 1 bloom or spray – specify type of rose and, if known, the cultivar
8. Rose floating in a glass container (container supplied by exhibitor)

SECTION C – ANNUALS

9. Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) – 3 spike or spray
10. Aster – 3 blooms
11. Cosmos – 3 sprays
12. Fibrous Begonia – 3 stems, foliage attached
13. Grasses, annual – 3 stems of 1 cultivar
14. Helianthus (sunflower) – 1 stem
15. Pelargonium (Geranium) – 3 stem. Foliage attached or unattached
16. Petunia – 3 sprays
17. Salvia – 3 spikes
18. Solenostenum (Coleus) – 3 stems
19. Tagetes (Marigold) – single – 1 spray or 3 blooms
20. Tropaeolum (Nasturtium) – 5 blooms, foliage attached or unattached
21. Zinnia – 3 blooms
22. Any other named annual(s) – 3 stems, spikes or sprays of 1 cultivar
23. Any other names annual, plant height over 12" – 1 stem, spike or spray
24. Collection of Annuals – Named – Youth Only (minimum 5 varieties)
25. Collection of Annuals – Named – Men Only (minimum 5 varieties)

SECTION D – PERENNIALS AND BIENNIALS

26. Achillea (Yarrow) – 1 stem
27. Biennial (ie Malva zebrine, Digitalis, Wallflower, Gaura) – 1 stem
28. Chrysanthemum – 1 spray
29. Clematis – 1 bloom
30. Coreopsis (Tickseed) – 3 stems
31. Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1 stem
32. Grasses, perennial – 3 stems of 1 cultivar
33. Hemerocallis (Daylily) – 1 stem

34. Hibiscus – 1 stem
35. Hosta – less than 3" wide – 3 different cultivars
36. Hosta – 3"-5" wide – 3 different cultivars
37. Hosta – over 5" wide – 1 leaf
38. Sedum – 3 stem of 1 cultivar
39. Hydrangea branch – cut to no more than 30"
40. Liliium (Oriental Lily) – 1 stem
41. Phlox – 1 stem
42. Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan) – under 3" diameter – 1 spray or 3 blooms
43. Other named perennial(s), plant height under 18" – 3 stems, spikes or sprays
44. Other named perennial, plant height under 18" – 3 stems, spikes or sprays
45. Perennial grown for foliage – 3 stems, named
46. Any other perennial cultivar – 1 spray, spike or bloom
47. Collection of perennials – named – Youth Class only (minimum 5 varieties)
48. Collection of perennials – named – Resident Only (minimum 5 varieties)

SECTION E – BULBS, CORMS, RHIZOMES AND TUBERS

49. Dahlia – 1 bloom (single dahlia specimens should be disbudded)
50. Dahlia – 3 blooms – same cultivar
51. Dahlia – largest bloom – 1 bloom
52. Dahlia – collection of blooms
53. Gladiolus – 1 spike
54. Tuberous Begonia – 1 bloom, foliage attached or unattached
55. Any other bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber – 1 spike or spray

Note: The Hugh Shipway Trophy will be given to be "Best Dahlia in the Show"

SECTION F – VEGETABLES AND HERBS

56. Bean – 3 specimens
57. Pepper – sweet – 3 specimens
58. Carrot – 3 specimens topped to 1"
59. Cucumber – 2 specimens
60. Onion – 3 specimens
61. Squash – any cultivar – 1 specimen
62. Tomato – up to 3" diameter – 3 specimens, calyx attached
63. Tomato – over 3" diameter – 3 specimens, calyx attached
64. Tomato – cherry type – 1 truss or 5 specimens – calyx attached
65. Any other named small vegetable ie peas – 3 specimens, 1 cultivar
66. Any other named large vegetable (ie turnip, pepper, corn – 1 specimen
67. Herb(s) grown outdoors in a container, not freshly potted for the show
68. Vegetable of choice – 3 specimen – Men Only
69. Vegetable of choice – 3 specimen – Youth Only

SECTION G – HOUSE PLANTS

70. African Violet – single crown
71. Any other gesneriad (ig gloxinia, streptocarpus)
72. Plant grown for foliage – 1 cultivar
73. Plant frown for flowers or fruit – 1 cultivar
74. Cactus – 1 cultivar – no grafted cactus
75. Houseplant – any cultivar – Residents only

ATTENTION: RIVIERA RESIDENTS – THERE ARE CLASSES IN THE FLOWER & VEG SHOW JUST FOR YOU!!! See the Poster in the Riviera with all the details

CONGRATULATIONS TERESA BORODYN!!

A lovely picture of Teresa was featured in the Hamilton Spectator on Friday, August 20th in an article by Paul Wilson about the Town of Dunnville. Teresa is a caring community gardener who tends to the weeds around the Wingfield Park plaque and for the veterans at the Cemetery. Paul Wilson noted that 'she saw it needed doing, so she does it'.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE PLANTS FOR SALE FROM THEIR GARDEN DIVISIONS

– if you would like to promote your plant sales, send the Editor an email with details.

MARIA NUNES has a good selection of iris for sale. She charges \$3.00 for a 1 gallon pot. Maria has a number of other hardy perennials for sale – all in 1 gallon pots and

all for \$3.00 each. Maria lives on Concession 2 in Cayuga. Give her a call at 905-772-6032 and she would be glad to show you her selection of hearty plants.

THE CALEDONIA FALL FAIR IS COMING

September 30-October 3, 2010

Lena Atkinson is co-ordinating the Haldimand Horticultural Society's entry this year. Lena will be talking to us at the August General Meeting about her design plans.

This year's theme is "From Earth to Table" Lena needs our assistance to bring in articles to go in the display.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2011 TO LOOK AFTER THE SIMS LOCK GARDEN

If you live in the Sims Lock area and have some time to work on planting and tending the Sims Lock Garden – please let one of your Executive know.

ARE YOU PLANNING AN OUTING TO THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS?

The Haldimand Horticultural Society is a Society member of the RBG. As a member you can use the HHS free pass and free parking voucher.

If you would like to borrow these passes for your outing, see Karen Foster at one of our meetings and make arrangements.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!!

Friday, September 10 (3-6pm) and Sunday, September 12 (11am-4pm)

The RBG Auxiliary Fall Plant Sale will be held at the Arboretum. The ad says 'All items are half price! Before you put your gardens to bed, give them one last makeover. Rare perennials, new stock of woody plants, ornamental grasses, ferns, spring bulbs and more. We accept MasterCard, Visa, cheques and cash. Prices include taxes'. For more information check out the website at www.rbg.ca.

Saturday, September 25th, 2010

The Haldimand Horticultural Society is hosting this year's Ontario Horticultural Society Fall Breakfast Meeting. Catherine McGill is our Head Chef and organizer and will be giving us details at our August and September General Meetings.

Volunteers to help out for this day will be welcome and HHS members are encouraged to come out and enjoy the meeting.

Saturday, September 25th (11am-5pm) and Sunday, September 26th (9am-5pm)

The Central Ontario Orchid Society Show and Sale is being held at the Cambridge Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road, Cambridge. Admission is \$6.00. For more details email John Boers at jboers@rogers.com

October 29-November 7, 2010

Hamilton Fall Garden & Chrysanthemum Show will be held at the Gage Park Greenhouses in Hamilton. This year's theme is "Hamilton – Capital of Waterfalls".

Thursday, November 25th to Saturday, November 27th, 2010 from 10am-5pm

The RBG Auxiliary Christmas Show and Sale will be held in the RBG Centre.

Check out the website at www.rbg.ca over the next few months for more details

Tuesday, Dec.7 (1pm or 7pm) Table Design AND Wednesday, Dec.8 (1pm or 7pm) Door Design

The RBG Auxiliary will be conducting Evergreen Design Workshops – Table Design and Door Design as above. Cost is \$30 which includes the container, mechanics and fresh greens. They ask that you bring a garbage bag, wire cutters, scissors and secateurs. Tickets go on sale September 1st and available online at 222.rbg.ca or 905-57-5577