

# Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 27 Years

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## MARCH 2011

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The only thing that makes this terribly cold weather bearable is that I am at this moment packing my bags for a trip to the Cayman Islands. I'm sure the highlight of the trip for me will be a visit to the Queen Elizabeth Botanical Gardens. I know I will have to pass on the cuttings but I will probably manage a few seeds in the pocket!

At the last meeting I talked about the Colcasia plants – better known as Elephant Ears or Taro. These tropical plants have monstrous sized leaves and add a tropical look to a water garden. They are quite happy growing in a pot although they require a lot of watering.

You will find these tubers in many garden catalogues and they have various forms. Garden Import features several varieties including one that has black leaves and black stems as well as some variegated forms. They are always very pricey, usually in the twenty dollar range. And they are slow growers so it may take more than one growing season to get a plant the size shown in the catalogue.

I have been told by a Master Gardener correspondent that these plants grow from the very same tubers that can be found in an Asian market where they are known as taro. When cooked and mashed they are known as Hawaiian poi. This lady found hers in Cosco for about three dollars a tuber. I have seen them in a Simcoe Supermarket that features many tropical imports to serve the large number of off shore workers who come into that area to work on farms.

I have had my tubers for several years and they have multiplied. I grow them in large pots that I bring into a cool basement in fall and take them out in March to start to grow again. They are slow to sprout and don't really put on any growth spurt until they get heat. And the best part is that I now know that I have an emergency food supply in the basement. But I do have the feeling that the taste for poi is probably an acquired thing!

I would like to remind members about the Annual General Meeting of District 6 which will be held in Bronte on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This promises to be a good horticultural experience. We need to pre-register so if you would like to attend please see Coby Osinga at the March meeting.

It is time now to start some seed. Generally speaking, the smaller the seed the earlier it needs to be planted. That means seeds like petunias can be started now, but hold off on tomatoes for awhile. They grow so quickly and get long and leggy before it is warm enough to plant them in the garden. I did read today that the cherry blossoms are about to bloom in Washington. Can spring be far away!

Dawn Suter, President

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

**on THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Our Guest Speaker - Virginia Hildebrandt - will be talking to us about Micropropagation.** Virginia started her career as a medical technologist in Bacteriology. After starting a family she went back to school and did a BSc in Biochemistry and then a MSc and PhD in Plant Physiology. For 10 years, Virginia worked at Stoke Seeds in the Research and Seed analysis section of the Company. She then set up her own business of micropropogating and she cloned plants for 12 years. She worked with hostas, roses, hakenochola, daylilies, viburnum, etc.

Virginia has been a lifelong gardener and currently gardens full time when the weather permits. She is Chair of the Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society and on the Board of the Ontario Eastern Bluebird Society.

**We hope that you can come out and join us to hear Virginia Hildebrandt.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

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

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.millionplants.com)

is holding their 2011 Horticultural Day on

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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

## Some helpful tips from our President on what a Landscape Design is all about

On the Schedule for this month's competition table is a Class calling for a Landscape Design.

In the floral arts world, a landscape design is thought of as a panoramic view of nature. You create a natural landscape or a vignette of a garden scene composed of cut flowers, branches, foliage, ground material such as sand, moss, wood fibers or chips, stone, etc. These are secured in a water holding medium such as "oasis". These materials are placed as they would grow in nature.

Proportion is very important. For example, if you use a branch to represent a tree in your landscape, then the flowers used at the base would need to be quite small. A gerbera for example would be completely out of proportion.

All materials selected must grow in the same environment so don't mix cacti with maple branches. They should also be of the same season. So, don't mix spring blooms with fall blooms.

Landscape designs are often one sided and are often designed in a low container (see diagram A) although we sometimes see more stylized interpretations such as a vertical depiction of a garden scene (see diagram B).

The key is that in a landscape design everything looks natural and compatible together.

I am so sorry that I will not be at the March meeting to see these designs.

Dawn Suter, President



## UPCOMING MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES

### MARCH 2011

#### Design Section

- (a) St. Patrick's Day is here! – Design of choice – green plant material only!
- (b) Spring is officially here? – Landscape Design – using minimum of 1 spring flower.

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

- (a) Any plant grown for foliage – 1 variety in pot
- (b) Orchid – any variety

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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **February 2011 Monthly Competition Winners**

### **Design Section:**

#### **(a) Love is in the air – line design**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Reeder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Vaarkamp
- 4<sup>th</sup> Coby Osinga

#### **(b) Small dreams – miniature design**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Coby Osinga
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Doris Thomson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ans Vaarkamp
- 5<sup>th</sup> Don Reeder

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

#### **(a) Forced branch – not to exceed 24" in length, showing developed leaf and or flower buds**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Reeder
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Reeder
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lena Atkinson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Doris Thomson

#### **(b) Antherium – 1 pot any colour no entries**

#### **(c) Succulent – 1 variety, potted**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Vaarkamp
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coby Osinga
- 4<sup>th</sup> Doris Thomson
- 5<sup>th</sup> Betty Ballinger

#### **(d) Cactus – 1 variety, potted**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ans Vaarkamp
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coby Osinga

### **Craft Section (item must be made by exhibitor)**

#### **(a) Fruit (canned 1 jar any size – will not be opened)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Coby Osinga
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Reeder

#### **(b) Jam or Jelly (canned, 1 jar any size)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Doris Thomson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Reeder
- 4<sup>th</sup> Betty Ballinger

#### **Schlumbergera bridesii (Christmas cactus)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Coby Osinga
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Jones

#### **(c) Chlorophytum Comosum (Spider Plant)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Jones
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Reeder

#### **(d) Branch out – a collection of branches**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Don Reeder

### **Photo Section**

#### **(a) Proof I grew it!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Audrey Derii
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Reeder

#### **(b) Christmas Card**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Audrey Derii
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Reeder

## **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](mailto:susan.reeder@optionsdsl.ca)** and we will put you on the list to receive this extra material.

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

#### **June 23, 2011**

Mary Ann Robinson on Peonies

#### **August 25, 2011**

Denis Fallat from Van Noort Bulbs

#### **January 26, 2012**

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

## **HERE'S A GREAT GARDEN RECYCLING TIP FROM CATHERINE MCGILL:**

Save the plastic mesh carry bags that you get when buying oranges. Fill with some small travel soaps – like the ones you get in hotels – and hang outside in the garden. This serves as a scrunchie to wash your hands after finishing in the garden.

**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 coming from Van Noorts at the wholesale cost, your orders will be ready for your pick up at the April meeting.

There is still a chance for others to sign up for these great deals at the March meeting. Gord Roberts will be announcing a few extra plants that can be ordered as well.

**WORKSHOP – CALEDONIA HOME AND GARDEN SHOW – APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011**  
The Haldimand Horticultural Society will be working with members of the Caledonia Fair Board to present a workshop called “A wreath for all reasons” where registrants will create a decorative piece that can be adapted for many occasions. The cost of the workshop will be \$20.00, materials supplied, and also covers admission to the show. This is to be considered a fund raiser for the Fair Board. Watch for further information in the local press.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMPETITION JUDGE**

This is an all call for anyone with an artsy flare! The OHA 105<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

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**Tips from Rob Howard, Garden Writer with the Hamilton Spectator**

At the February meeting, Rob Howard gave us tips on what he learned in other people’s gardens and how to make a great garden:

- ❖ Have a focal point
- ❖ The little touches make the difference
- ❖ Think about colours
- ❖ Plan around shades, shapes and textures (shades of all green can be very effective)
- ❖ Why so serious? – Indulge your sense of whimsy
- ❖ Contain yourself – containers work in every garden

- ❖ Plant for the light and the seasons
- ❖ Create a garden one step at a time
- ❖ Stealing (ideas) is good
- ❖

**Open Garden Week:** June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Consider opening your Garden. Email Rob at [rhoward@thespec.com](mailto: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.

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**TIPS ON COMPOSTING**

A recent article in the Hamilton Spectator gave some good comments from the City of Hamilton’s “master recycler”. Lena Atkinson sent this article to me to share with our members.

This master recycler describes composting like making lasagna – alternating a layer of nitrogen rich greens with a layer of carbon-rich brown material.

The green layer includes grass cuttings, coffee grounds, tea bags, plants, raw fruit and vegetable scraps.

The brown layer includes dry leaves, dead grass and plants and spent flower blossoms.

This method requires giving it a stir about once a week. A garden fork will work

Thanks Lena!

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!!

### March 15-20, 2011

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Canada Blooms"

### Sunday, March 27, 2011

Ontario Hosta Society in conjunction with Royal Botanical Gardens presents a one-day Hosta Forum – held at the RBG

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm

Price: \$55. Includes 5 fabulous speakers, a light lunch, coffee/tea/juices/water/home baking! Prizes!

For more information or to purchase your tickets, please contact Cindy Deutekom @ [cindydeutekom@netscape.ca](mailto:cindydeutekom@netscape.ca) or 905 986 4363.

### March 31-April 3, 2011

Successful Gardening Show (OHA Flower Show), International Centre, Mississauga  
[www.homeshow.net/successfulgardening](http://www.homeshow.net/successfulgardening)

### April 2-3, 2011

Niagara College Open House – check out their website at <http://inyourbackyard.wordpress.com> for more details.

### 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 5 pm and Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rbg.ca)

### May 14 & 15, 2011

McKinnon Park High School Plant Sale in the School Green House

### May 28 & 29, 2011

Haldimand Horticultural Society Plant and Bake Sale – held at McKinnon Park High School Greenhouse.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets available at Gallery (905-627-4265); Bryan Prince Booksellers (905-528-4508); Donn Zver Pottery (519-647-2216)

### 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 your Executive members if you wish to attend.

### 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](http://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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum)

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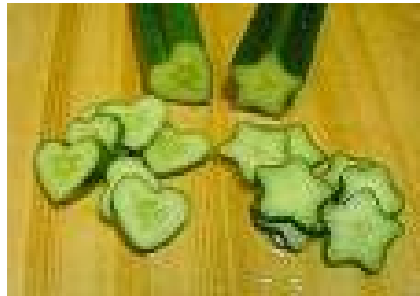
### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HERBS?**

Heritage Line Herbs is located in Aylmer, Ontario at 53442 Heritage Line. Check out their website at [www.heritagelineherbs.com](http://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.)

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### **SOME FACTS ABOUT CUCUMBERS**

(Thanks for the information Catherine McGill)

- ❖ Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day, just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium Iron, Magnesium Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.
- ❖ Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
- ❖ Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror. It will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa like fragrance
- ❖ Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.
- ❖ Looking for a fast and easy way to remove cellulite before going out or to the pool? Try rubbing a slice or two of cucumbers along your problem area for a few minutes. The phytochemicals in the cucumber cause the collagen in your skin to tighten, firming up the outer layer and reducing the visibility of cellulite. Works great on wrinkles too!!

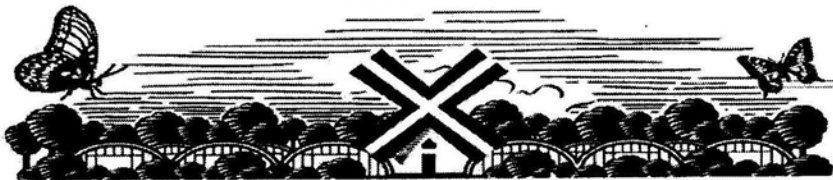
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This coupon can be used on any day during the 2011 calendar year. Unfortunately, leftover coupons from 2010 are no longer valid.

**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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**ATTENTION: Garden season is fast approaching. Your 2011 membership card provides you with a discount at area Garden Centres. Also -- 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