



Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 27 Years

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MAY 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Considering the terrible weather, this really is a great spring! It is especially so for those of us with large perennial gardens. The ground is soft if not soggy and most perennials don't mind the cool weather and so have emerged to mark their place in the border. And so have the perennial weeds. This is an excellent time to get these out. The dandelions that we missed last fall are now in their full glory and relatively easy to remove root and all. Unless you get at least the top portion of the root they will sprout new growth the minute your back is turned. It is the grasses that are the real bane of the perennial garden. It is absolutely essential to get these out now. Once the warm weather returns they will have established such a vigorous root system that it will be a major job to get them out. Right now they come out fairly easily but make sure to get all the root system. This is especially important when dealing with quack grass. Grass invasion is particularly disastrous to iris plantings. The roots of the grass get so intertwined with the iris roots that there is really no other way except to lift the iris, remove the grass and replant the iris. Right now, while the ground is so soft, you can use a pronged fork; gently lift the iris just a little, so that you can remove the grass root and firmly press the iris root right back into the soft soil.

While you are out there weeding, keep an eye out for perennials that are becoming overgrown for their spot and would benefit from dividing. The HHS plant and bake sale held at McKinnon Park High School is coming up on May 28th, and we will be grateful for these potted up extras from your garden. The plant sale is our major fund raiser for the year and a few donations from each member would put us over the top and will be most appreciated by Nancy Spellen who is in charge of this event. If you could put a little of your family baking aside in the freezer between now and the 28th, Karen Culp, in charge of the bake sale table, would be very happy to receive your donation. Be sure to note if peanuts are part of the product.

A note to those who may have purchased Russian Sage, "Little Spire" or any of the grasses from the Van Noort order. Both of these items are very slow to emerge. Be patient. Don't throw them out thinking they are dead. Been there, done that! The Russian Sage may not emerge until June.

Cheers, even a rotten spring is a lovely time!

Dawn Suter, President

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

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH AT 7:30 p.m.

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

Our Guest Speakers- Jay Campbell and Terry Uchida of the Hamilton Ikenobo Ikebana

On the Topic of: **Japanese Flower Design**

We hope that you can come out and join us!!

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, 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

PUBLICITY CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

Do you have a bit a time to devote each month to notifying the local media of the upcoming events for the Haldimand Horticultural Society?

No meetings required.

If you are interesting in taking on this task, please talk to any of the Executive Committee members.

'Come, gentle Spring, ethereal mildness, come'

James Thomson, Scottish poet

UPCOMING MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES

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.

JUNE 2011

Design Section

- (a) Father's Day – A Design for a centerpiece (remember it is viewed all round)
- (b) New Life – Design of choice with theme in mind!

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

- (a) Annual – 1 stem/spray, NAMED
- (b) Perennial – 1 stem/spray, NAMED
- (c) Rose – 1 bloom
- (d) Rose – 1 spray
- (e) Seedling of choice – 3 of a kind in individual pots – labeled

JULY 2011

Bus Trip month – no meeting

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.

There are 3 categories in this year's Green Thumb Competition:

- (a) Curb Appeal (ie front entrance)
- (b) My favourite place to sit in my Garden!
- (c) Theme 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 for the Green Thumb Competition is included in this month's newsletter.

April 2011 Monthly Competition Winners

Design Section:

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

- 1st Ans Vaarkamp
- 2nd Don Reeder

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

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

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

(a) Saintpaulia – African Violet – 1 crown in pot

- 1st Doris Thomson
- 2nd Carol Jones
- 3rd Doris Thomson
- 4th Carol Jones

(b) Forced Bulb – your choice, in bloom

- 1st Coby Osinga

Craft Section (made by exhibitor)

(a) Jam or Jelly – 1 jar, homemade

- 1st Carol Jones
- 2nd Doris Thomson
- 3rd Don Reeder
- 4th Coby Osinga
- 5th Ans Vaarkamp
- 6th Roz Rumball
- 7th Lola Timson

(b) Tomatoes – 1 jar, homemade

- 1st Roz Rumball

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!

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:

June 23, 2011

Mary Ann Robinson on Peonies

Thursday, July 28, 2011 OR Saturday, July 30th, 2011

Annual Bus Trip (see details in newsletter)

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

VEGETABLE GARDEN TIP:

At our April meeting with Guest Speaker Linda Crago – Audrey Derii, one of our members offered the following gardening tip:

“Plant basil amongst tomato plants to ward off bugs”

VAN NOORT PERENNIALS

There may be a limited number of perennials available for purchase at the May meeting. Be sure to come out and see what is offered. Remember that these products are sold to our members at wholesale cost – a substantial savings. As well, most of these plants are not available in local garden nurseries.

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 rhoard@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. Requests are in the Spectator now to list your Open Garden by emailing Rob. This is a great way to share your garden and meet fellow gardeners!

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!!

May20-23, 2011

The Warkworth Lilac Festival.

For more detail check out the website at www.warkworthlilacfestival.com

May 21, 2011 9:00 a.m. (May 21-27 – by chance)

Bill Yeager Plant Sale – 75 different types of perennials – most items \$1-\$3. some are 50 cents. #139 Culver Road, off Highway #3 East (an 1880 stone house) – just 3 minutes from Simcoe – beside University of Guelph Horticultural Research Station, only ½ km north of Hwy 3 East

May21/22, 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.

May 21/22, 2011

Linda Crago of Tree and Twig Farm, our April Guest Speaker on Vegetables, will be holding her annual Tomato Plant Sale at her farm in Wellandport. Check out her website at www.treeandtwig.ca

****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 newsletter. **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

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

A note from Nancy Spellens, 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.”

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Susan Reeder

We are back!! Bavarian Germany, Austria & Budapest in April were magical – the crystal clear lake waters, towering mountains, fabulous Castles and Cathedrals, delicious food, the cafes, the riverboat meandering calmly down the Danube and the people we met and shared time with. We had a marvelous vacation!



This is a picture of Don and I beside a beautiful Bavarian lake on our way to see Neuchwanstein Castle near Fuessen in Germany. The lake water was crystal clear - undoubtedly because the water originates in the Alps and is ice cold.

April in Europe was about a month ahead of us. The grass was green and the spring flowers were in full bloom. We admired the streetscape of lush planters abounding with tulips and daffodils and pansies. Don was particularly impressed with the magnificence of the Baroque Churches and the many Castles built by King Ludwig of Bavaria.

Imagine our surprise when we arrived back to Haldimand County to find the weather to be cold, rainy and hurricane winds. And, it hasn't seemed to get much better these last days, especially this past weekend. Like most of you, we had a lot of wind damage to our willow trees and this weekend we even had our flag pole fall over. Our lower rock garden flooded worse than in past years, and Don even had to get out the pump to get rid of the water. Spring is not being kind to us.

Nonetheless, it is still a delight to get around the garden and admire the beautiful spring flowers that we purchased last fall from Van Noort bulbs. The Angelique tulips are just coming into bloom and they are lovely. So – we will be glad of what comes our way. At least the extra rainfall is making our Haldimand clay workable for pulling weeds and garlic mustard!!

ATTENTION: Garden season is underway now. Do you know someone who has not renewed their 2011 membership card or would like to be a member? The April 'The Blooming News' newsletter was the last issue sent to 2010 members. Members also receive a 10% discount at local garden centres. This membership discount more than pays for the membership cost.

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.

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

HARVESTS OF HALDIMAND

Haldimand County Farmers' Markets
NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Hagersville Farmers' Market

Opening Day – Wednesday, May 18th
Every Wednesday until Christmas
7:00 am to 1 pm
Located in the Market Square
(behind the Post Office)

Dunnville Farmers' Market

Opening Day – Saturday, May 28th
Every Tuesday and Saturday until
Christmas
7 am – 12 pm
Located beside the Arena
Entrance off Main St. E.

Caledonia Farmers' Market

Opening Day – Thursday, June 16th
Every Thursday until the end of October
3 pm to 7 pm
Now located in the Canadian Tire Parking Lot
365 Argyle Street South

NEW MEMBERSHIP SPONSOR

GreenPark Nurseries
2990 Main Street North
Jarvis

When you shop at GreenPark Nurseries, tell
Them you belong to the Haldimand
Horticultural Society. At season end,
GreenPark
Nurseries will donate 8% of the total sales
back
To our Society

CATALOGUE AND MAGAZINE SHARING

Do you have magazines and horticultural catalogues that you no longer want?

Why not bring them to the General Meetings and place them on the front table.

Anyone in attendance is then welcome to take what they wish.

OHA DISTRICT 6 FALL DINNER

Ancaster is hosting this year's Fall Dinner on October 22nd. This year Ancaster is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. They are planning a very special event.

One of the events is a Lily naming Contest to name a newly developed Day lily in Ancaster's honour.

This event will be held at the new Fairgrounds in Ancaster.

The Fall Dinner is open to all Horticultural Society members and is always a very enjoyable evening!

Coby Osinga, our Treasurer will be collecting names for those who wish to attend. Please see her if you plan to attend. Payment of your dinner tickets will be collected closer to the time. Coby submits our ticket request with one large order (this is the preferred ticket ordering).

ALLIUM BULB FUNDRAISER

The Ontario Horticultural Society is hosting an Allium Bulb Fundraiser (details at May mtg)

This is a fabulous savings for the purchase of these often very expensive allium bulbs.

Time to order is limited.

Orders must be placed – and paid for no later than Thursday, May 26th, 2011 at the next General Meeting