



Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 27 Years

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OCTOBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Very busy planting bulbs. Very!!! ... In between the showers.

Tip for those with dahlias to dig. Cut off the tops to about 8" and leave them in the ground for a time. I like to leave them for about 10 days before digging. This allows the eyes for next year's buds to form and makes it much easier to cut the tubers into viable pieces. Each individual section should have at least one eye. I wash and lay them on a rack to dry. It's great if you get a sunny day for this. I then wrap them individually in plastic wrap and place all tubers of the same variety into a labeled bag. The purpose of this is that if one tuber rots, (and this sometimes happens), it doesn't go through the whole bag. There are many other ways to store dahlia tubers and if you have one that works stick to it. I have tried various ways and individually wrapping them works best for me.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the Pot Luck Supper on Thursday, October 27th.

Cheers, Dawn

THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 6:00 p.m.**

Note the earlier start time as this is our Annual Pot Luck Supper Evening.

Bring a dish of your favourite recipe and your own plate, cup and cutlery.

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

Our evening entertainment is a Slide Show of this year's Green Thumb Competition entries and Awards presentations.

Bring a design to be used on the tables. The category is: (a) Boo-centerpiece in Halloween themed container (viewed all sides!) The top winner of this category gets a special prize!!

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

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

No meeting in December

7:30 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church

Thursday, January 12

Thursday, February 9

Thursday, March 8

Thursday, April 12

Thursday, May 10

Thursday, June 14

Thursday, July 12

Thursday, August 9

Thursday, September 19

Thursday, October 11

Thursday, November 8

Thursday, December 13 - Social

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED THEIR 2012 CALENDARS AND LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD, THESE ARE THE 2012 GENERAL MEETING DATES:

(Fourth Thursday of each month, with exceptions as noted - 7:30 pm (6:00 pm for October Pot Luck) - no meeting December; no meeting in July and Bus Trip instead - St. Paul's Anglican Church, Caledonia)

Thursday, January 26

Thursday, February 23

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 24

Thursday, June 28

Thursday, July 26 - BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 23

Thursday, September 27

Thursday, October 25 - 6:00 pm - Pot Luck

Thursday, November 15 - 3rd Thursday (4th Thursday is Caledonia Light Up Night) - AGM and Awards Night

No meeting in December

'RECREATING EDEN' TV SERIES SEASONS 4 AND 5 ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD

For more information on purchasing these seasons - refer to these websites:

www.recreatingeden.com

OR

www.meritmotionpictures.com

September 2011 Monthly Competition Winners

Design Section:

(a) Back to School - Design of Choice

No entries

(b) Grandparents day - Art Nouveau Design

1st Dawn Suter

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

(a) Dahlia- 3 stem - over 5"

1st Doris Thomson

2nd Doris Thomson

(b) Dahlia - 3 stem - under 5"

No entries

(c) Dahlia - collection - displayed in container

1st Doris Thomson

For those on the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - the following are the Executive Meeting dates:

(d) Collection of vegetables suitably displayed

No entries

(e) Collection of perennials

1st Carol Jones

2nd Doris Thomson

(f) Collection of annuals

1st Carol Jones

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:

November 17, 2011

Speaker is Lizzie Matheson – a floral demonstration based on a Christmas theme* (note that arrangements made by Lizzie will be raffled off at the meeting)
– 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

'THE BEST OF GRACE – THE SOUP EDITION'

Grace United Church, Caledonia has published a Soup Edition Recipe Book.

What can be more comforting than a soup made from fresh produce from your vegetable garden!!

Don and I enjoy our homemade soups from our garden produce and I have been looking for recipes for Squash Soup for awhile. This great book has a number of recipes for this soup and I am looking forward to growing squash for our fall and winter enjoyment!

Cost of this tantalizing Cookbook, with a wide variety of excellent recipes from Church members, is \$10.00.

This book has been so popular that a second print was run.

Copies are available from Audrey Derii or at the Church office on weekday mornings.

A second recipe book on 'Holiday Entertaining' is in the works and we look forward to the published release date.

VAN NOORT BULBS AND PERENNIALS

It's not too late to plant bulbs. There will be a selection of fall bulbs for purchase at the October meeting.

Remember that as a Horticultural member, you are able to purchase these products at wholesale cost and small fundraiser amount for the Society.

A NEW FEATURE AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS IS A 'FREE-HELP YOURSELF TABLE'

The Secretary will place magazines, plant catalogues, and flyers received in the Society Mail on a Table – free to anyone who wishes to take them.

Do you have magazines, plant catalogues, and flyers about horticulture that you would like to share with other gardeners??

Bring them along to each meeting and place them on this table. This is a great way to save unwanted landfill and share gardening information.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!!

October 21-30 – Hamilton 91st Fall Garden and Mum Show – Gage Park Greenhouses – 10 am – 8 pm daily – Admission is \$6.00; Seniors \$5.00 For more details – see www.hamiltonmumshow.com. This year's theme is 'Fire'.

November 1st – Chrysanthemum sale – 8 am to 5 pm – Cash only – while quantities last

February 4, 2012 – OHA Spring Meeting – Hosted by the Glen Morris Society – Centennial Hall, Dunbar Street, Glen Moris – more details will follow

March 16-25, 2012 – Canada Blooms – Direct Energy Center, Toronto.

April 12-15, 2012 – 20th Successful Gardening Show – International Centre, Toronto

April 21, 2012 – OHA Annual General Meeting – Hosted by the Delhi Society – Delhi District Secondary School – more details will follow

August 17-19, 2012 – OHA 106th Annual Convention – Theme is 'Gardening Then and Now – 1812 – 2012' – Hosted by District 9 Niagara

Fall 2012 – OHA Fall Breakfast Meeting – Hosted by the Brantford Garden Club – more details will follow

November 3, 2012 – OHA Fall Dinner – Hosted by the Port Dover Society – Port Dover Community Centre – more details will follow

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.

The University of Guelph now offers on line horticulture, turf and landscaping courses starting this Fall. Check out the details at www.horticulturecertificates.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS!

The **Hagersville Farmers' Market** is open Wednesdays 7am to 1pm in the Market Square behind the Post Office

The **Binbrook Farmers' Market** is open Saturdays 8 am to 12 noon at the Binbrook Fairgrounds

The **Caledonia Farmers' Market** is open every Thursday from 3-7 pm in the Cdn. Tire parking lot

The **Dunnville Farmers' Market** is open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 7 am – noon in the Arena – entrance off Main Street East

GreenPark Nurseries, 2990 Main Street North, Jarvis (formerly Verrips) will provide a donation to the Haldimand Horticultural Society based on a percentage of purchases made by Horticultural members. Be sure to mention to them that you belong to the Society. They will tally your purchase amount into the amount of the donation they give to the Society

Are you interested in **learning more about Japanese Flower Design**? Contact the Ikenobo Society of Hamilton, 8 Greeningdon Drive, Hamilton at 905-389-7406 about lessons.

MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES

OCTOBER 2011 (Pot Luck Dinner)

Design (a) will be used on the tables and top 1 to receive special prize!

Design Section

(a) Boo-centerpiece in Halloween themed container (viewed all sides!)

(b) Fall is in the air - Interpretative Design

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

- (a) Perennial, 1 stem, stalk or spray
- (b) Annual, 1 stem, stalk or spray
- (c) Collection of mixed annual/perennial in a suitable container
- (d) Hosta - collection of 3 leaves, different varieties, in suitable container
- (e) Gourd/Squash - 3, need not be the same variety

NOVEMBER 2011 (note date change for this meeting - 3rd Thursday and not the 4th Thursday)

Design Section

- (a) Winter is in the Air - Design of choice
- (b) Company's Coming! - create 2 place markers for the holiday table. Need not be the same but should be co-ordinated. May use any type of materials. Display with accessory of choice.
- (c) Gone for now - Dried arrangement made from your garden

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

- (a) Amaryllis
- (b) Schlumbergera bridesii (Christmas Cactus) in bloom
- (c) Chlorophytum Comosum (Spider Plant) - 1 pot

Photo Section

(a) Did you see that! - Photo of interesting object/plant/item you saw outside this summer - need not be framed.

(b) Christmas Card - Card you have made with photo you have taken suitable for the holidays

DECEMBER 2011

No meeting for the holidays

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

JANUARY 2012

Design Section

(a) New beginning - Design of choice

(b) Colours of a New Year - Mass Design of choice

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

(a) Forced bulb of choice

(b) Potted plant of choice

(c) Cactus Garden - 4 variety minimum

Photo Section - one entry per exhibitor

(a) It came upon a midnight clear - Night photo - need not be framed.

FEBRUARY 2012

Design Section

(a) Love makes the world go round - Biedermeier design

(b) What I love - design of choice (remember the title!)

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

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

(b) Antherium - 1 pot any colour

(c) Succulent - 1 variety, potted

Craft Section - item must be made by exhibitor

- (a) Fruit - canned - 1 jar any size - will not be opened
- (b) Jam or Jelly - canned - 1 jar any size - may be opened

FOR A MORE DETAILS AND GUIDELINES; AND A COMPLETE LISTING OF THE MONTHLY COMPETITIONS, SEE OUR WEBSITE OR TALK TO CATHERINE MCGILL AT THE MEETING OR AT 905-765-3515

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMPETITION JUDGE - CATHERINE MCGILL:

Hello from the monthly competition!!

We have had a great year with some of the best entries I have seen in my travels as a judge/judging student! Great job pushing yourselves to improve and nurture your artistic eye. Well - I received my pin from Dawn Suter this month so it is official - I am a Horticultural Judge!! And have enjoyed judging each month at our meetings and out in the 'real' world, and believe me when I say congratulations to everyone who has been competing 'Job well done' You Rock!!

Challenge to everyone coming to the Pot Luck:
Bring a small fall themed arrangement for your table to help decorate. I have some small containers that you could use or use your own. HELP!!

Reminder: The dinner starts at 6:00 pm next month - October 27th - mark it on your calendars!!

It has been very enjoyable working with our Executive on many projects of the year with an extra smile that the Oasis bed, Cenotaph and the Hagersville Hospital garden are being revamped - finally! Well - 2 of the 3 got finished and we will see the Oasis bed started this year and finished next Spring.

I do hope that members will step up and join the Executive this next year, as we have a couple of openings that need filling and new blood brings new ideas. If you do not speak up then, do not complain when you do not get heard. You learn what is going on behind the scenes of our Society and the bigger picture of what is happening in District 6. The time requirement is 1 ONE extra Thursday night a month and you can find and help with whatever committee

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency continues to warn us about the spreading of the emerald ash borer. They caution us to:

"Buy it locally. Burn it on site. Never bring it back home. A single piece of firewood can destroy millions of trees."

interests you. The work load is shared and as the saying goes: 'many hands make light work'. We have a couple of executive who are having medical problems in their families this coming year and it is going to be very hard to replace them; but may be they will stay if we could get new members to help lighten the load.

Please consider and give any Executive member a call; and let us know that you will step up and help make the Haldimand Horticultural Society even better.

Catherine McGill

GREEN THUMB COMPETITION - WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Christine Mickeloff, Co-ordinator of the Green Thumb Competition announced the Winners of the Green Thumb Competition at the August General Meeting.

A slide show presentation of the gardens and the presenting of the Awards will take place at the October 27th General Meeting and Pot Luck Supper at 6:00 pm

COUNTRY GARDENS:

*** judges comments noted in quotes**

My Favourite Place to Sit:

1st Don Reeder 'Ideal location to enjoy the fruits of your labour'

2nd Betsy McBurney 'Enjoyable place to sit for birdwatching. Saw hummingbirds and finches.

The Front Entrance:

1st Don Reeder 'Good entrance for large lot'

Theme Garden

1st Betsy McBurney - Birds and butterfly - 'large border anchors the pool and allows nature to come closer'

2nd Don Reeder - Shaded Rocks - 'perfect place for a summer dinner party. Seems magical with the 'wild' plants in the space'

APARTMENT GARDENS:

My Favourite Place to Sit:

1st Bernice Meen - 'very good use of balcony space for personal pleasure'

Theme Garden

1st Mary Hubert - Passionate Pink - 'petunia supertina, raspberry blast spectacular'

TOWN GARDENS:

My Favourite Place to Sit:

1st Audrey Derii - 'lots to look at, but unfolds calmly and peacefully'

2nd Florence Jarvis - 'tidy, clipped and clean. Great container maintenance'

3rd Pat & John Hussack - 'pleasing to sit and enjoy the view'

4th Sharon Slack - 'water features are a nice focal point'

Curb Appeal:

1st John & Diane Bouman - 'beautiful in the street scape'

2nd Pat & John Hussack - 'plants richly coloured (healthy)'

3rd Sharon Slack - 'plants, sidewalk and driveway have old fashion charm'

3rd Audrey Derii - 'well maintained and an asset to the street'

Theme Garden:

1st Pat & John Hussack - View from my Neighbours window - 'The neighbours must love this view'

2nd Audrey Derii - Walnut Tree Survivors - 'harmonious and an inspiration for people plagued by walnut trees'

3rd Sharon Slack - Days of Wine and Roses - 'adds a nice surprise to a larger garden'

Christine noted:

"I want to thank everyone who entered this year. We realize it is a lot of work getting and keeping your gardens prepared for judging. This is why we have made suggestions to those that have entered the green thumb competition to open their gardens on a day that is convenient for them; and let other members enjoy what has been created. As a society it is not about who wins and who is a Master Gardener. It is about the enjoyment we get out of our gardens and our attempts at creating something beautiful. I saw some beautiful sights that day, as well as interesting ones. It is also great to see that gardening can be enjoyed by everyone regardless of age and gender as well as space. I, for one, hope that you enjoyed preparing your gardens as much as I enjoyed visiting them.

Congratulations to everyone on a job well done! Thank you"

PLAN TO VISIT THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS COURTESY OF YOUR HALIDMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES.

If you would like to plan a day's outing to the RBG, contact Karen Foster. You will be able to borrow 2 free passes, and 2 free parking passes to enjoy the day - courtesy of one of the benefits of being a Haldimand Horticultural Society member.

13 DAY FULLY ESCORTED GRAND GARDEN TOUR WITH CARSON ARTHUR MAY 13 - 25, 2012

Destinations are to: Keukenhof, Floriade 2012, Chelsea Flower Show, Amsterdam, Maastricht, Brussels, London. Cost per person based on

double sharing is \$4,975.00 Cdn. For more

information see www.thetravelbroker.ca or email jpychel@thetravelbroker.ca

OUR LOSSES

Submitted by Catherine McGill

It has been tough of late on our emotions, as two very good people have left our sides to start new gardens upstairs with God.

Our first loss was Warren Eastman, a past member, and past executive of the society who gave so much of himself to everything he did. Warren was very active with the Senior Support groups in Haldimand and with his Church - Grace United, Caledonia. While with the Horticultural Society, Warren was membership chair and helped out with many other events. We had not seen a lot of Warren the last few years, as he took on the challenge of looking after his 80 year old mother and father by having them move in with Laurie and himself. Warren fought a long battle with cancer, and unfortunately it won. Loved that man's smile and welcome no matter where you met him.

Our latest loss was Wendy Roberts. Who cannot but smile when you think of that classy British lady. She was always there with a hug and a kind word. Wendy worked on the Executive of the Horticultural society for many years; and every time you open a set of minutes you must think of Wendy. We still use the same layout that she put together as Secretary for so many years. We will miss her presence on the bus trips that she and Gord put on. It will not seem right for her not to be there. I will miss her floral designs. You could look at an arrangement and know it was Wendy's - always English. She could do the most beautiful designs in teacups! It sure brings home that old saying that you have to live for today, as tomorrow may not come. Wendy had only retired a few years ago; and I am glad she had a trip back home to England and got to enjoy some retirement with Gord before this fight was lost. Gord and Wendy came to the August Flower and Vegetable Show; and that was the last time that many of us got to see that lovely lady. Her fight was not long, but she found hard. We will miss her dearly.

2012 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

2012 Memberships will be available for purchase at the October General Meeting. Why not consider purchasing a membership for a friend or a family member - as a Christmas gift - or just because it is a great way to share the many opportunities that membership provides

MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2012

It's that time of year again! We hope that you enjoyed your membership benefits for 2011 and that you renew your membership for 2012. 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

Delhi: The Flower Shop

*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 advise; 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

**HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
2012 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:

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