



# Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society  
Celebrating 25 Years

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**DECEMBER 2009**  
**JANUARY 2010**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we wind down 2009 and welcome 2010, it is rewarding to look back on the year of activities of the Haldimand Horticultural Society under the guidance of President David Jarvis. Dave has been co-ordinating a major project, the renovation of the flower bed at the bridge in Caledonia, commonly referred to as the "Oasis" bed. This has been a difficult task. A lot of options have been explored and although we are anxious to have it finished we want to do it right and create something that will be a noteworthy landmark. So this will continue to be a focus for our work for 2010.

A high light of the year was our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration held in November. Gord Roberts convened this event that was held in the Anglican Church hall and an excellent turkey dinner was catered for us by the ladies of the church. Gord charmed the ladies into agreeing to serve homemade pie and ice cream for dessert! Among the 70 guests present were charter members Doris Schaeffer and Chester Hyslop who both have served as treasurer and Mary Doyle who is a past president of the society. The evening was a great success and so we add this to the long list of contributions Gord has made to the HHS in 2009.

The weather in November was such a bonus for gardeners, which was a welcome event after the somewhat questionable summer we had. Even so, I was still planting on December 8<sup>th</sup> when I put the last of my bulbs into the garden. Had to chip through the shallow frozen crust and snuggle them into the soft soil underneath and then mulch them with a good covering of leaves to give them a little extra TLC. It bothers me no end to see bags of leaves put out at the curb to go to a landfill when they are such a bonus to have in the garden. I gather as many as I can and either work them into the soil or compost them for next year.

I am just now completing the Van Noort bulb and perennial order for 2010. Hope to have some interesting plants for sale including some new hostas which are just being introduced this year. On behalf of the Haldimand Horticultural Society executive, our very best wishes as we start into the New Year. We look forward to meeting with you on January 28<sup>th</sup> as we begin 2010 and another growing year together.

Cheers,

Dawn Suter

Thank you to the following Society members who have volunteered to take on leadership roles for 2010:

### **2010 Executive of the Haldimand Horticultural Society**

Dawn Suter, President

Catherine McGill, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Susan Reeder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Secretary

Coby Osinga, Treasurer

Directors: Dave Jarvis, Don Reeder, Karen Foster, Christine Mickeloff, Lena Atkinson, Nancy Spellen

Honourary Directors: Irene Baxter, Audrey Derii, Gord Roberts, Donna Murray, Doris Thompson

### Committee Chairs for 2010

Public Plantings	Karen Culp
Hagersville Hospital Gardens	Marilyn Sutor, Dawn Suter
Cayuga Gardens	Darlene Miskelly-Kinnear
Caledonia Gardens: Bank of Nova Scotia	Lena Atkinson, Loretta Jones, Mary Hubert
Caledonia Gardens: Cenotaph	Irene Veldhuis
Caledonia Gardens: Dam	Jim and Coby Osinga
Caledonia Gardens: Oasis (Special Project)	Dave Jarvis, Gord Roberts
Caledonia Gardens: Reading Library	John Bouman
Caledonia Gardens: Wigton and Renfrew Streets	Jen Adams
Caledonia Gardens: Sims Locks	Dave Jarvis
Planting of Memorial Trees	Gord Roberts, Dave Jarvis, Jim Osinga
Archives	Nancy Spellen
Fixed Assets	Nancy Spellen
Library	Karen Foster
Greetings/Condolence Cards	Audrey Derii
Green Thumb Competition	Christine Mickeloff
Program – Guest Speakers	Gord Roberts
Publicity	Irene Baxter
Photography	Karen Foster
Ways and Means	Karen Foster, Nancy Spellen
Social Events	Christine Mickeloff
Executive Nominating Committee	President (Dawn Suter); 1 <sup>st</sup> VP (Catherine McGill); 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP & Secretary (Susan Reeder); Treasurer (Coby Osinga)
Canada Day Float	
Caledonia Fair Exhibit	Lena Atkinson, Irene Veldhuis
Plant and Bake Sale	Nancy Spellen, Donna Murray, Karen Culp
Membership	Don Reeder, Karen Foster
Blooming News Editor	Susan Reeder
Blooming News Mailings	Karen Foster
Ontario Horticultural Association Web Update	Catherine McGill
Webmaster	Donna Murray
Monthly Competitions	Catherine McGill
Competition Judges	Catherine McGill
Flower and Vegetable Show	Catherine McGill, Susan & Don Reeder, Karen Foster
Annual Bus Trip/Excursions	Gord Roberts
Awards Committee and Outstanding Contributions	Dawn Suter, Susan Reeder
Constitution and By-Laws and Policy	Susan Reeder, Dawn Suter
Auditors	Helena Gould, Gord Roberts
Mayor's Golf Challenge Grant	Executive Members
Bulb, Seeds and Plant Sale Convenor – Van Noort	Dawn Suter, Doris Thompson, Betty Ballanger
Bursary Committee	Susan Reeder, Donna Murray
Caledonia Garden Show	

**ARE YOU INTERESTING IN HELPING OUT ON SOME OF THESE COMMITTEES? PLEASE TALK TO THE CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES. THEY WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR HELP.**

## GENERAL MEETING DATES FOR 2010\*

\*mark your Calendars

7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Orkney Street, Caledonia

6:00 p.m. for Annual Meeting in November

Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Meeting – Bus Trip

Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, November 18<sup>th\*\*</sup> - Annual Meeting

No meeting in December

\*\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month to not conflict with the Caledonia Light Up Night

## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships for 2010 are now DUE. The 2009 total membership was 164 and naturally we would like to do better this year.

Think about registering your spouse or partner or even the neighbour next door. Memberships can be purchased at all general meetings. A 2010 registration form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership in the Society gives you \*10% discount off regular price garden supplies at:

**Caledonia Area:** Caledonia Garden Centre, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire (not all items), Home & Hearth, Coach House **Cayuga Area:** Kinnear Greenhouses, 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 **Ohsweken:** Sweet Grass Gardens **Renon:** Eisings Greenhouse & Nursery **York:** Mallord Farms

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## GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2010

Jan. 28	Monica Dempster	Selecting and Caring for your Indoor Plants
Feb. 25	Margaret Bosnyak	Drying your favorite Plants and Flowers
Mar. 25	Darren Heimbecker	The Story behind Whistling Gardens
Apr. 22	George Pagowski	How to get the best out of your Roses
May 27	Bob & Ann Granatier	Trails End Iris
June 24	Jack Kent	Hostas
July 22	Bus Trip	
Aug 24	Mae Leonard	Organic Gardening
Sept. 23	Paul Knowles	Down the Garden Path, Back to the Future
Oct. 21		Pot Luck Supper & Awards Night
Nov. 18	Jim Ray	Floral Decorating for Christmas & our Annual Meeting
Dec.	No Meeting	

## MONTHLY COMPETITION WINNERS – NOVEMBER 2009

- Design Section**
  - Joy to the World (1<sup>st</sup> Sheri Toupin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson)
  - Please Be Seated (1<sup>st</sup> Sheri Toupin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson)
  - Deck the Halls (1<sup>st</sup> Sheri Toupin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monica Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lena Atkinson)
- Specimen Section**
  - Final Bow – Roses (1<sup>st</sup> Lola Timson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roz Rumball, 3<sup>rd</sup> P. Thais)
  - Final Bow – Collection (1<sup>st</sup> Glen Cawker)
  - Final Bow - Any other Specimen (1<sup>st</sup>. Roz Rumball, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lola Timson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Derii, 4<sup>th</sup> Lena Atkinson, 5<sup>th</sup> Audrey Derii)
- Special Exhibit**
  - 1<sup>st</sup>. Lena Atkinson
- Photo/Craft Section – one entry per exhibitor in each class**
  - I'm Missing the Colour- (1<sup>st</sup> Loretta Jones)
  - A craft item (no entries)

## **2009 AWARD WINNERS**

### **GREEN THUMB COMPETITION:**

Front Garden: 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Mickeloff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzie Hartwick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie – Donna Kaye and Pat Hussak

Back Garden: 1<sup>st</sup> Suzie Hartwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Mickeloff, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sheri Toupin

Container Garden: 1<sup>st</sup>. Suzie Hartwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheri Toupin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Audrey Derii, Honourary Mention: Don & Susan Reeder

Butterfly Garden: Don & Susan Reeder

### **FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW**

Top Youth: Meaghan McGill

First Overall: Carol Jones

Second Overall: Coby Osinga

Third Overall: Jim Osinga

Best Dahlia Entry in Show: Carol Jones

### **MONTHLY COMPETITION OVERALL FOR 2009**

1<sup>st</sup> Audrey Derii

2<sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Osinga

4<sup>th</sup> Roz Rumball

5<sup>th</sup> Doris Thompson

### **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Karen Foster

Irene Veldhuis

### **SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S AWARDS**

Christine Mickeloff

Susan Reeder

Gord Roberts

### **JANUARY 2010 MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES**

1. **Design Section**

- a). Winter Rhapsody - a design of your choice.
- b). Sweetheart Serenade- a design with a strong line element

2. **Specimen Section**

- a). A Plant I Am Proud Of - a houseplant that has been in the care of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
- b). A pot of bulb(s) grown by the exhibitor.

3. **Craft Section** one entry per exhibitor

- a). Craft article made by the exhibitor, floral theme, any medium.  
(An article not to have been previously shown at Hald. Hort. Society)

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.

## **FROM OUR MAILBOX**

### **Upcoming Garden Shows and Events to mark in your Calendar**

Saturday,

February 6

District 6 Ontario Horticultural Society President's Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. to noon – St. George's Arena

March 4-7

Stratford Garden Festival (All proceeds directly benefit the Lung Association)

Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

Cost - \$8.00 at the door

More details on the web at [www.stratfordgardenfestival.com](http://www.stratfordgardenfestival.com)

March 17 – 21

Canada Blooms Garden Show – Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto \$18.00 at the door

- March 18-21 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Successful Gardening Show & 22<sup>nd</sup> International Home & Garden Show – International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Toronto – Free parking – Adults \$14.
- April 24 District 6 Ontario Horticultural Association Annual General Meeting – hosted in Milton
- April 22-24 Ontario Horticultural Association Spring Garden Show – held at the Royal Botanical Gardens
- August 13-14 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario Horticultural Association Conference – Georgian College, Barrie – Theme “Everything Old is New Again”. – more details to follow

VERRIPS GREENHOUSES AT 2990 MAIN STREET NORTH IN JARVIS [WWW.VERRIPSCOUNTRY.COM](http://WWW.VERRIPSCOUNTRY.COM) offers our Society a Rewards Incentive Program. When you purchase from Verrips ask them to note your net purchase amount to the Haldimand Horticultural Society record. Verrips remits to us 8% of total net purchases. For purchases made between April – Dec. 2009, the Society received a cheque in the amount of \$115. Verrips opens for the 2010 season on March 26<sup>th</sup> and closes December 24<sup>th</sup>. Check out their new web site for updates and happenings.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 P.M. AT ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH IN CALEDONIA  
 GUEST SPEAKER IS MONICA DEMPSTER TALKING TO US ON “SELECTING AND CARING FOR YOUR INDOOR PLANTS”. MONICA IS FROM SHARPLES NURSERIES AND WILL BE BRINGING PLANTS TO SELL!

The Haldimand Horticultural Society has always had a booth at the Caledonia Garden Show. The Show is coming up soon. This year we will try to get a booth on the floor and we need help in getting our booth set up and people to work during the Show. This is a great time for encouraging new members to come and join us and for us to promote what we do for our community. Please let any of the Executive members know if you can help out. We will be asking for volunteers at the January General Meeting.

#### CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Ken Beattie, “Canada’s Favourite Gardener” from Winnipeg, Manitoba was quoted as saying

“Your garden is like a work of art in progress. Some will sing its praises and others will criticize. It is most important to please yourself. Bear in mind that there will always be next year, and the snow covers a great many mistakes.”

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010  
YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW DUE\***

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**HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
2010 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION**

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.C. \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Fee : Single \$8.00 Family \$12.00 Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to: HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 2078, Caledonia, ON. N3W 2G6**

***WE NEED YOUR OPINION:***

***In light of often bad weather in the winter months – would you be in support of not having January and February General Meetings?***

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**Is there any other month of the year where a meeting might not be held? (Note: that December there is no meeting and July is the bus trip instead of a meeting)**

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**Do you have any other comments to assist your Executive in planning?**

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**Send or bring your comments along with your membership renewal OR  
Email us at [haldimand@gardenontario.org](mailto:haldimand@gardenontario.org) and let us know what you think.**

\*February is the last newsletter if you do not renew for 2010. Don't forget to renew!!