



Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 26 Years

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Weather reports told us that we should be expecting a hot summer but no one mentioned a hot spring! Really! Not even the 21st of June yet, and the heat today, (June 10th) is making it difficult to get the planting done. Early morning and early evening gardening seems to be the way to cope. We are now putting together the Van Noort bulb order. That must mean fall is just around the corner! If you have a particular type of tulip or other bulb you are interested in, let me know at the next meeting.

I haven't seen all the flower beds about town that are planted by our members but it has been reported that in Caledonia, Jim and Coby Osinga have planted the bed at the dam, Irene Veldhuis has done the bed at the Cenotaph, Lena Atkinson has finished planting the bed beside the Bank of Nova Scotia, Jen Adams, the Wigton bed and Marilyn Sutor has planted annuals and perennials in the flower bed at the Hagersville Hospital. These plantings are a great asset to the town and we certainly appreciate the work these people do for our society and for the community.

At our May meeting, I had the special privilege of presenting Gord Roberts with the Ontario Horticultural Association Service Award. This is an award given to a person who has done exemplary service for the horticultural society and to the community. Any of the 21 societies in District 6 can put forward the name of a member that they feel is worthy of this award, and from those entered, two are selected. We were thrilled to learn that Gord was one of the two persons selected from the nominations. Gord is always there ready to give a helping hand but he is perhaps most appreciated for the work he does in organizing our annual bus trip to gardens and nurseries. He has a great one planned again for this year!! There are still a few spaces left on the bus. Contact him at the next meeting if you are interested in taking part in this activity on July 22nd.

Happy Gardening,
Dawn Suter

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR OUR
THURSDAY, JUNE 24th, 2010
GENERAL MEETING
At 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican
Church, Orkney Street, Caledonia
Guest Speaker: Jack Kent from The
Potting Shed, Dunnville on the
Subject of Hostas
There will be hostas and plants for
sale**

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, July 22nd – No meeting – BUS TRIP

Thursday, August 26th

Thursday, September 23rd

Thursday, October 21st

Thursday, November 18th – Annual Meeting

No meeting in December

SHARE YOUR GARDEN PICTURES! A VISUAL TOUR! Karen Foster is putting together a photo album of the gardens of our members. 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.

BUS TRIP NEWS FROM GORD ROBERTS

Here's a recap on the great program that Gord and Wendy have prepared for our July 22nd Bus Trip:

"This year's Bus Trip will be on Thursday, July 22nd. The bus will leave from the usual parking lot at the rear of the Post Office in Caledonia no later than 8:30 a.m. Please try to be there for 8:15 a.m. so that everyone can get seated and comfortable before we leave.

Our first stop will be the gardens and nursery of Whistling Gardens in Wilsonville. You may have been at the presentation Darren Heimbecker gave to the Society earlier this year. He has a very good selection of plant material for sale. Not that we want to fill up the bus too early! He is still working on his gardens. It's an ongoing thing with Darren as you know, and you are welcome to walk around his 56 acre property. Please don't get lost!

We next take a 30 minute bus ride to Otterville and the Gardens of Mae Leonard. Of any gardens we have seen in the past, surely Mae's have to be some of the best. She has about 1-1/2 acres that she looks after with just a little bit of help. Look for the many natural fish ponds around the property and also the box wood caricature's standing guard at the entrance to her greenhouse.

After leaving Mae's we will be heading to the Breslau and Cambridge area. On the way we will stop for lunch at Dean Michael's Griddlehouse just south of Woodstock. Dean has told me we won't be disappointed with the food and we won't leave hungry. There will be 3-4 choices of food you can select, and also with your choice of sides. If you have already signed up for the trip you will need to see me at either of the next 2 HHS meetings to let me know your choices. You can check out his food at www.deanmichaels.ca/the-food/. Barb's Garden, a quiche, will be one of the choices.

After lunch we will be heading to Cambridge and Wings of Paradise Butterfly Conservatory. We visited here many years ago when the conservatory basically consisted of two hoop houses. They have since gone more hi-tech. They have 2000-3000 live

free-flying butterflies on exhibit year round, over 12 species of exotic birds that fly freely in the conservatory. There are more than 80 different species of tropical plants showcased and of course this wouldn't be complete without the collection of live bugs.

Our last call before heading home will be at the Belgian Nursery just a few minutes away from Wings of Paradise. They carry an extensive range of plants, statuary, pots and an amazing cactus house. There should be something for everyone here. Belgian Nursery is the Kitchener area equivalent of Humber Nurseries.

To keep you amused on the bus trip we will be having the usual 50/50 draw, a multiple choice quiz and one other competition which will be a bit of a surprise. And of course, prizes for the winners. Yes – it could be you!

The cost for all of this will be \$65.00 per person, which covers everything from lunch to the driver's tip. You will only need spending money.

Like other bus trips in the past, we would like you to have a fun and enjoyable day. We currently have 31 people signed up for this trip. If you would like to come with us, see me at either of the next 2 meetings, or call me at 905-765-6645.

Finally, remember that you are responsible for the items that you take with you on the bus, and remembering to take them all with you when we get back. If you forget yours plants – they could finish up in my garden."

Gord Roberts

There is still room on the bus. Contact Gord. Also, if you have not paid for your spot yet, see Gord at the General Meeting or call him to get his mailing address.



GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2010

July 22 – No meeting – Bus Trip
Aug 24 – Mae Leonard – Organic Gardening
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

MONTHLY COMPETITION WINNERS:

May 2010

Design Section

- (a) Spring – Line Design (1st Lena Atkinson, 2nd Don Reeder)
(b) Mom's the Best! (1st Ans Varrkamp, 2nd Don Reeder, 3rd Lena Atkinson)

Specimen Section

- (a) Geranium (1st Carol Jones, 2nd Don Reeder, 3rd Don Reeder, 4th Margaret Meyer-Smith)
(b) Forced bulb (no entries)

Photo Section

- (a) Spring is in the air – photo of spring flowers
(1st Lousia Thain, 2nd banne Deboer, 3rd Don Reeder, 4th Karen Foster, 5th Lena Atkinson, 6th Carol Jones)

**26th Annual Haldimand Horticultural Society
Annual Flower and Vegetable Show – September
11, 2010 – Riviera Retirement Lodge, Caledonia.
Mark your calendars – See our website for the
categories list and ask Catherine about any
questions you have.**

FROM OUR MAILBOX

Upcoming Garden Shows and Events to mark in your Calendar

- July 22 **BUS TRIP – Haldimand Horticultural Society** – See notes from Gord in this newsletter.
- July 23,24,25 10 am to 4 pm – **Open Garden Weekend – We're in the Hayfield Now Daylily Gardens**, 4704 Pollard Road, Orono ON – plants and seedlings for sale – refreshments and lunch available – for more details visit the website at www.hayfield.ca
- August 13-14 **104th Annual Ontario Horticultural Association Conference** – Georgian College, Barrie – Theme "Everything Old is New Again" – check out www.ontariogardening.org for details
- September 25 **OHA Fall Breakfast** – hosted in Caledonia by Haldimand Horticultural Society
- Oct 29-Nov 7 **Hamilton Fall Garden & Chrysanthemum Show** – Gage Park Greenhouses – this year's theme is "Hamilton – Capital of Waterfalls"

MONTHLY COMPETITION CATEGORIES JUNE 2010

Design Section

- a) Father's Day – A design for a centerpiece (remember it is viewed all around)
b) Summers on the way! – Water design of choice

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

- a) Annual – 1 stem/spray, NAMED
b) Perennial – 1 stem/spray, NAMED
c) Peony – 1 bloom
d) Iris – 3 stems
e) Rose – 1 bloom N
f) Rose – 1 spray

NO MEETING IN JULY – BUS TRIP

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

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

Do you have some gardening successes to share? – A humorous story? – Some tips on what works in your garden? Some tips on what didn't work in your garden and lessons learned? We would love to hear from you!!

Contact Susan Reeder, The Blooming News Editor at susan.reeder@optionsdsl.ca with your comments.

Don't worry about being a great wordsmith – with your approval I will put your story together from what you tell me and I'll ask you to OK it before it goes to print.

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 YEARS CATEGORIES ARE:

1. Vegetable Garden
2. Rose Garden
3. Theme Garden - your choice

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY AUGUST 16, 2010.

JUDGING WILL BE THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2010.

RAIN DATE: FRIDAY AUGUST 20, 2010.

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
Thursday October 28, 2010.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

Circle category(ies) 1. 2. 3. Entry fee enclosed: \$ _____

Detach and mail your entry form and cheque order 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 Horticulture Society: Yes ___ No ___

Membership : \$8.00/person \$12.00/family

For more information call (905)765-9987