



OHA District 7

Newsletter #3

August/September 2023

Another growing season is quickly passing by and we are soon looking to fall weather. For the Societies, it will be time to wrap up another year and to plan for the next one. I hope everyone has had a successful year. I really don't know where the time has gone. Since our District 7 AGM on April 29th in Arthur, the months and weeks have gone quickly. It was nice to see so many at the AGM. I had hoped to get to many Societies over the summer months. This did not happen. Many Societies have their meetings on the same night as my own Society or a night that I work – making it difficult to juggle.

Please share the information about the upcoming Fall meeting in Guelph. Further information below.

OHA Raffle Prize winner of 50-50 – March - Sally Drummond of the Erin Garden Club won \$5,670 – the largest pot to date. One happy member!!!



To buy tickets for the September 16, 50-50 Raffle Draw go to:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha> Good luck!!

******CHANGES IN TPON******

Important information for the **Society member(s)** completing the OMAFRA report. TPON – go in and create your MYACCOUNT login/password ASAP (if you have not done so already) It is highly recommended that a second person has the logins/passwords for the Society and District systems to ensure you have a redundancy plan.

****** Websites content ******

Please review your Society websites/content to ensure that you have express permission on items contained on the pages/newsletters. Do not copy articles, cartoons, without permission!!!

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting – planted on Earth Day–April 20, 2023 Thank you to Fred and Lesley Mallett Fergus & Elora H.S., Jude Dowling of Elora & Fergus H.S. and District Board Director, Toni Ellis of Neighbourwoods and Green Legacy for providing the Sugar Maple.



April 20, 2023



August 27, 2023

OHA 115th Convention – July 21 – 23

It was hosted by District 2 – in Ottawa (Kanata). 16 Delegates from District 7 attended the Convention and for those that did – it was a great time to meet with others and enjoy the comradship with your own members too.

As we are hosting along with District 8 next year in Guelph, we gave an official invite as shown below. More info. will be provided at our Fall meeting.



Grand Valley Society members actively participating on Friday night.



D7 & D8 members paddled and flew in with our chant to the tune of



When the Saints Go Marching In
We're District 7 and District 8
And we can hardly even wait
For you to come, next year, to Guelph
We know that you'll enjoy yourself.

District Directors – Karen Redmond (8) and
Kathy Bouma (7)

Save the Date - District 7 Fall Meeting – Saturday October 21

Hosted by Guelph Horticultural Society at the Trinity United Church – 400 Stevenson St. North, Guelph

Meeting - 9:30 – 12:30.

Speaker – Victoria MacPhail on the **Overview of Pollination Guelph, History and Current Projects.**

Demonstration by Kiki Alwan – **Creating a Terrarium.** She will have Terrarium kits available for sale as well.

Fall 2023 District 7 Flower Show

Trinity United Church, Guelph - Entries must be placed from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

Division 1- Design **Points- 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd -4** **Prizes- 1st-\$7, 2nd- \$5, 3rd- \$3**

- Class 1. **Beauty without Bloom** - a foliage design
- Class 2. **Autumn Glory** – a small design in a pumpkin or gourd
- Class 3. **Self-titled** – a modern line design *
- Class 4. **Sunset** – your interpretation
- Class 5. **“Boo!”** – a carved or painted pumpkin, accessories permitted
- Class 6. **Good-bye Summer** - a 4"x6" photo mounted on black card stock to be 5"x7" (not matted).

Judge’s Choice- Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society- \$10.00

Division 2- Horticulture** **Points- 1st-6, 2nd-4, 3rd -2** **Prizes- 1st-\$5, 2nd- \$3, 3rd- \$2**

- Class 7. **Any Annual Flower** - 1 stem/spray, named
- Class 8. **Any Perennial Flower** - 1 stem/spray, named
- Class 9. **Saintpaulia (African Violet)** – 1 plant
- Class 10. **Seed Heads**– 3 stems, one cultivar, named
- Class 11. **Herbs** – 3 cultivars, named, in separate containers
- Class 12. **Stored for Winter**– a display of 3 or more cultivars (standard entry***), not to exceed 18" / cm.

Most Points in Horticulture- Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society - \$10.00

* Line Design – Modern – Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards (2019), Page 144

“A design in which line direction is dominant, characterized by a minimum of plant material and other (optional) components. Line is strongly defined and either vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Lines may extend from more than one area of interest, and in different directions. Plant material used to form the line has bolder forms than that used in Traditional Line Design. Focal area should not destroy the stronger linear thrust.”

** Two entries per class are permitted in Horticultural division only but must be from different cultivars. House plants and garden plants must have been cared for by exhibitor for at least three (3) months or have been grown from seed or a cutting by exhibitor. Judging in accordance with Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, 2019. Substandard entries may not necessarily receive a prize.

*** See Page 108 OJES for full list. – For example: Entry of 1: pumpkin, winter squash, turnip; Entry of 3: apples, beets, carrots, garlic, gourds, onions, potatoes; Entry of 5: Brussel sprouts

Upcoming September meetings – Check Society Websites or GardenOntario for locations and speakers for one of the local Societies. You may want to check out September flowers shows or just attend another meeting this month. Visiting members are always welcome.

Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director

