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- Mount Forest
- Orangeville & District
- Shelburne & District

1309 members as of 2024

District 7 Newsletter September 2025

Once again, summer is over too quickly. I am sure we have all created lots of great memories with friends, families and gardens.

- **Page 1** See below for Information Meeting Sept 22 and Fall District meeting October 18 information
- **Page 2** Highlights from the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association was on July 19th and I appreciate all who attended to help us reach quorum. An Annual Meeting is required for our Association, and it is a way for all of us to be part of the decision making within it. Please note that ONCA requires that it be called an Annual Meeting instead of an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- **Page 2** How to apply for your 1500-dollar grant from OMAFA for your Society being 100 years old or more.
- **Page 3,4,5** contain details of the Fall District Meeting and flower show
- **Page 6** You may recall our speaker in April of 2024, **Bonnie Sitter, co author of the book Peach Fuzz and Onion Skins. A FARMERETTES DOCUMENTARY** will be screened in several places, but for us, the closest is Alma on September 27. Tickets \$20 from Eventbrite.
- **CONVENTION & AM 2026 is July 24, 25, 26, 2026 in Oshawa.** A reminder to start working on, or at least planning, your competition submissions as per the schedules on the Garden Ontario (OHA) website. Besides the floral design competition, remember there are Art, Creative Writing and Photography competitions. The Convention theme is Gardening For Life.
- **CONVENTION & AM 2027** will once again be virtual. I have the pleasure of sitting on the Competitions Committee and we are working on virtual competitions for that year!

Have a wonderful Fall/Autumn season in your garden. There are many plants just coming into their prime. Enjoy them all!!

Doris cassandoris@hotmail.com

We're starting these up again!

UPCOMING DISTRICT 7

INFORMATION MEETING

Monday September 22, 2025 7 pm

Via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81566553838>

Please try to have two people attend to represent each society

Change of Location!!

UPCOMING DISTRICT 7

MEETING

October 18, 2025 Fergus

Melville United Church

300 St. Andrew St.

9:30 am to approx. 12:30 pm

See page 4,5,6 for details and flower show schedule.

2025-26 DISTRICT 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Have you ever considered being on the District Board? Talk to us!

	Position	Society Membership
Doris Cassan	District Director	Arthur, Moorefield
Jude Dowling	Secretary	Elora and Salem, Fergus
Liz Doherty	Treasurer	Mount Forest
Kathy Bouma	Director	Fergus, Elora and Salem
Cheryl Yuill	Director	Fergus
Connie Bienia	Director	Hillsburgh, Erin
Sally Andrade	Director	Harriston



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Quorum was reached, with 385 votes on the floor. Resolutions 1 through 8 were all passed with some amendments.

Due to lack of time, Resolutions 9 through 14 will be discussed at a Special Meeting in November. Please be ready to join that meeting (or proxy your votes) to help form a quorum.

Welcome to the new officers for the OHA

- Vicky Culbert is President
- Sandra Mazur is Vice President
- Catherine McGill is 2nd Vice President

Do you know that the Ontario Horticultural Association is a group of **25,965 members** in **266 societies** across Ontario? No wonder our province is so beautiful, with all these 51,930 hands planting, weeding and designing our community outdoor spaces.

Remember that one of the goals of OHA is to “Develop and support programs for all ages encouraging gardening, community beautification, environmental enhancement, and conservation.”

OMAFRA grant for Societies at 100th anniversary

Any society that in this year or in past years, has reached their 100th Anniversary, is eligible for a \$1500 grant from OMAFA if a *permanent commemorative structure or plaque* has been or will be installed in recognition of this milestone. You should have received an email from OMAFA if you are in this category, but in case it went to your Spam/Junk mail file, here is the information.

If you wish to apply for this grant, please email AHOA.Admin@ontario.ca with the details of how your society celebrated their 100th year and a photo of the type of structure.

GARDENONTARIO SWAG!!!

Did you know that you can buy Garden Ontario branded gear? Tee shirts, mugs, aprons, backpacks, sweaters + more.

<https://gardenontario.ourproshop.ca/>



DISTRICT 7 FALL MEETING 2025

OCTOBER 18, 2025



Hosted by Fergus & District Horticultural Society
Melville United Church, 300 St. Andrew Street West, Fergus N1M 2W7

9:30 am to 12:30 \$10 per person

Register through your society... Societies see page 2 for registration form

Speaker

Barry Vanderveer
Perennials, Trees
& Shrubs
Specialist

LittleTree Garden Market, Fergus



Sharing Activity

**Be prepared to use your thinking cap to answer
a question that will be assigned to your table!**

Flower Show

please place entries between 8:30 and 9:15
see page 3 for show schedule

Each Society to bring a door prize value of approx. \$25

Morning coffee and mid-morning coffee break provided by hosts



District 7 District Meeting
Society Registration

Date of Meeting _____ October 18 2025 _____

Society Name _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Email _____

Attendee Name	Payment

Total Number Attending _____ x \$10 = _____ Pay at the door.

Cash or cheque made out to District 7 Ontario Horticultural Association

Please email Doris Cassan with registration names and numbers cassandoris@hotmail.com

Fall 2025 District 7 Flower Show - October 18, 2025

Fergus Legion – 500 Blair St. Fergus

Entries must be placed from 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.

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

- Class 1. **Dahlia**, under 10cm (4") -1 stem
- Class 2. **Any Perennial Flower** - 1 stem/spray, named
- Class 3. **Potted Pelargonium (annual Geranium)** – 1 plant
- Class 4. **Hydrangea** – any variety, 1 stem or branch
- Class 5. **Herbs** – 3 cultivars, named, in separate containers
- Class 6. **Stored for Winter**– a display of 3 or more cultivars**, on a tray,
not to exceed 45.7cm/18"

Most Points in Horticulture

Prize donated by Guelph Township Horticultural Society - \$10.00

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

- Class 7. **Hayride** - design using mostly grasses
- Class 8. **Rich** – Centrepiece, using dried material, under 30cm/12"
- Class 9. **Dahlia Delight** – a design using mainly dahlias
- Class 10. **Fall Glory** – landscape design ***
- Class 11. **Herb Mania** – a bouquet of fresh herbs
- Class 12. **NOVICE ONLY **** First Try** – your interpretation

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

* 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.

** **Standard Entry** - 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, beans, cherry tomatoes

*** **Landscape** - A design capturing a moment from nature. It may be completely naturalistic with plant material organized as it grows, or stylized. The scale can be reduced, and plant material can be used to suggest a real scene, e.g., a branch can suggest a tree; moss can suggest woodland.
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**** **NOVICE ONLY** – less than 2 years of showing.



WE LEND A HAND

The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes

A documentary film that tells the extraordinary story of 40,000 teenage girls who volunteered on Canadian farms and helped win the Second World War

DETAILS & BUY TICKETS



WATCH TRAILER



SAT, SEP 27, 2025 @2:00pm- ALMA COMMUNITY CENTRE
WELLINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - WWW.WCHS.CA

For those who do not have a QR scanner, use these links.

Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ImJcqxbZgs>

Tickets <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/we-lend-a-hand-the-forgotten-story-of-ontario-farmerettes-tickets-1554655218609?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>