

# *The GardenShed*

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## From the Editor

December seems to be a time for reflection for many people, myself included. I've been looking back through my first year of GardenShed newsletters, and thinking about how much I've enjoyed the experience of putting them together, how much I've learned and how much there is still to be learned in future. I've also been reflecting on how much I enjoy being a part of Cramahe Hort in general, and how happy I am that my life has crossed paths with you, my fellow Cramahe Hort members.

And I have especially been reflecting on just how much our President, Sharron MacDonald, is responsible for the fact that The Cramahe Horticultural Society continues to exist at all in our community. Sharron is now going into her third term as President of our organization, not because she's power-mad or looking for more to do, but simply because no one else has stepped up to the plate. Without a President and a Vice-President, we do not fulfill the constitutional requirements of the Ontario Horticultural Society and our group would be forced to fold. So far we've been lucky – Sharron cares too much to let that happen – but there must come a day when she tires of the responsibility, and then what?

As President, Sharron moves constantly behind the scenes, identifying and filling gaps in the work that needs to be



done. She is always the first to arrive and the last to leave. For many years, Sharron has also single-handedly run the Garden Shed Marketplace at the Apple Blossom Tyme Festival as a fund-raising activity for Cramahe Hort. Her work has put thousands of dollars into our account to be used for our various activities. Now she is deeply involved in the development of our Community Garden project, which she is determined to see to fruition.

Upon reflection, I know that without Sharron's boundless work and commitment to this organization, I might never have met all of you, or learned how to grow stately delphiniums, or known the pleasure of working communally on the Ecology Garden ... or had the opportunity to try my hand at editing this newsletter. So, thank you, Sharron. And Happy Holidays, one and all! See you in 2016.

~ Lorelyn



## President's Message

Well, I find it hard to believe that it is the middle of December and we are still having such great weather! Except for a very brief cold spell, we have been blessed with wonderful weather so far this winter. Did I say winter? It really has been great for getting those last minute chores done around the garden, and who wouldn't be happy putting up Christmas lights and decorations in their shirtsleeves? We can only hope that we continue to experience good weather for the rest of the season.

We had a lovely potluck dinner on November 17th and I think everyone enjoyed having it at Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Many of us remember when we used to hold our Horticulture meetings there and new members thought it was a nice change from the Keeler Centre. Our AGM was also held that night and we installed the Executive and Board for the coming year. Thanks go to Dennis Myluck, a Director from District 4 (and Brighton Hort president) for doing the investiture.

I am very happy to say that we have filled all the positions and a big thank you to everyone who stepped up to either return to the position they had or in some cases, to take on a new position. It is wonderful to have some new faces on the board and as directors. John Sellers has taken on the role of Vice-President and Trish O'Brien has taken on the responsibility of Secretary (Clare Phillips will remain on to give Trish a helping hand). Clair Breton has now taken on the role of Treasurer, and Carol McArthur will fill in while Clair is in sunny Florida. Carol has also taken on the job of Advertising and Publicity and Karen Prins

will be our Member-at-Large. Debbie Russo has taken on the job of Librarian, Bea Fredenburgh has taken on Telephoning and Marg Pafford has taken on the "very important" job of providing the gifts for the Door Prizes! And not to be forgotten, I am staying on as President...no one seems to want that job, lol.

We also gave out the trophies for the Flower and the Photography Shows at the AGM. The following awards were given out: Arthur & Marjorie Rutherford Trophy for most points in show – Peggy Howden; Hoselton Studio Trophy for Novice – Clair Breton; Joan & Harold Harnden Silver Rose Trophy for most points in Decorative – Lenna Broatch; Amy Gresham Memorial Trophy for most points for Flower of the Year – Peggy Howden; 25th Anniversary Trophy for most points in Potted Plants – Kris Rahn; CIBC Rose Bowl for most points Roses – Peggy Howden; Photography most points – Peggy Howden. 2015 Certificates of Appreciation went to Sue Campbell, Lesley Blake, Clair Breton, Lenna Broatch, Beatrice Fredenburgh, Peggy Howden, Kris Rahn, Len Salvati, Jill Sellers and Joanne Titus. Congratulations to all the winners and participants....well done!

It was also my pleasure to present two President's Awards that evening and the recipients were Len Salvati and Clair Breton. Both Len and Clair have put in countless hours preparing our submission for the Ontario Trillium Grant. Nobody has any idea of how much work is required to submit the grant until you actually sit down and start to figure out exactly what you will need to get the Community Garden up and running. Lots of midnight oil was burned at their house, copious amounts of coffee consumed, many hours of hitting the road





to check out prices, numerous phone calls to contractors, excavators, etc. and Clair had the OTF office on speed dial because we had so many questions about the grant. Needless to say, the grant would never have been submitted without their efforts and I am very grateful for their help.

I also had another pleasurable job on November 17<sup>th</sup> – I had three Life Memberships to present. John and Jill Sellers have been members since 1994 and between them they have served on many committees and on the Board. The other Life Membership has yet to be presented as this member was not at the AGM, but I will be pleased to present it to Irene Osborne at our next meeting.

All in all, it was a fitting end to our current year and we will have lots to look forward to in 2016, when we celebrate our 50th

anniversary. Our speakers' list is complete and the new yearbook will be available in January. I am sure you will enjoy the presentations that have been chosen to highlight our meetings. Hopefully we will soon hear back about our grant application and then we can get our community garden underway. There is much to do and with the help of the executive, board and membership, I know we will have an exciting year ahead of us.

All the blessings of the season to each and every one of you. May your holidays be merry and bright. I hope that you get to spend time with family and friends. After all....."There is no place like home for the holidays!"

~ Sharron

## Annual General Meeting & Pot Luck





2016 Executive and Directors, Back row, L to R: Len Salvati, Barrie Wood, Leeanna Good, JoAnne Titus, Lorelyn Morgan, Debbie Russo, John Sellers. Front row, L to R: Bea Fredenburgh, Clair Breton, Marg Pafford, Clare Phillips, Carol MacArthur, Trish O'Brien, Karen Prins, Sharron MacDonald, Installation Officer Dennis Miluck



Peg Howden is congratulated by Lenna Broatch after being awarded the Arthur and Marjorie Rutherford trophy, the Amy Gresham Memorial trophy, the CIBC Rose Bowl and the Photography trophy.



Kris Rahn is awarded the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trophy for potted plants by Lenna Broatch.

All photos by Barrie Wood.







Clair Breton receives the Hoselton Studio novice trophy from Lenna Broatch.



Clair Breton and Len Salvati receive the President's Award from Sharron MacDonald in recognition of their work for the society.



Lenna Broatch is awarded the Joan and Harold Harnden silver rose bowl by Sharron MacDonald.



John and Jill Sellers become Life Members of the Cramahe Horticultural Society. (Also awarded life membership was Irene Osborne.)



Suzie and Fred Kurtz celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the pot luck.



Recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation for participation in 2015 flower shows: L to R: Jill Sellers, Bea Fredenburgh, Kris Rahn, Peg Howden, JoAnne Titus, Lenna Broatch, Len Salvati, Clair Breton, Sue Campbell.



*OHA News*

**Spring Get-Together  
(District 4)**

**March 12, 2016**

**Peterborough  
Auburn Bible Chapel,  
911 Armour Road**

**AGM (District 4)**

**April 2, 2016**

**Ennismore**

**Celebration Event & Awards  
(District 4) Theme: English Tea Time**

**June 8, 2016**

**Peterborough  
Naval Club**

**OHA Convention 2016**

**Dates TBA**

**Waterloo**

**Fall Seminar (District 4)  
Photo competition:**

**Oct. 29, 2016**

**Bobcaygeon**

- An open and shut case
- An icy landscape
- My favorite 'pest' garden visitors

**OHA Convention 2017**

**Dates TBA**

**Cobourg**

*~~ Recognizing John Sellers ~~*



L to R: Bev Silk, District 4 Secretary, Diane Westlake, District 4 Director, John Sellers, Rose Odell, OHA Vice President and Cramahe Hort member.

On November 2, a group of Cramahe Hort and OHA District 4 members and the OHA executive board gathered at the Town Hall garden in Castleton to honour John Sellers with the planting of a serviceberry tree and a beautiful plaque created by Hoselton Studios. John is a past Director of District 4 and Past President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, and has been a member of Cramahe Hort since 1998.




*From One Gardener to Another*


Winter decorations for your planters, urns and baskets don't have to be costly. You may have some material on your own property. Maybe you can get more from a friend, or possibly from some wild areas when you drive around the countryside. All dried plant material can be left completely natural as it has its own intrinsic beauty. Add a colourful bow and you are done! When the season is over, put away the bow for next year and return the plants to the earth. No waste!

Usually I leave things natural but this year I decided to go with traditional red, green and white. I used some cedar branches as a kind of 'skirt', or first layer, around the rim of the pot. Then I used some tall white pine branches in the centre and some medium lengths around and in between. Next I used red-twig dogwood and sumac berry clusters for their red colour. I had cut a few branches of crab apple so put them in too. Next I went for branches of the beautiful green kerria. I grow this shrub specifically for its extraordinary green colour in the winter. If you grow snowberry you can use it too- for its big white berries – although after they've been frozen they turn brown and don't look as attractive.

From my field, I cut a few stalks of milkweed pods and pulled out the rest of the seeds. I let them go to their destiny on the wind. After the pods dried indoors for a couple of days, I spray-painted them my chosen colours and put them in the display.

I also cut some stems of goldenrod with galls, dried them and painted them too. I noticed the stems and seed heads from goatsbeard and snakeroot were interesting so cut them and added them, too. I left them natural. As a finishing touch I added some red butterflies I had found at a craft store.



Really, the sky is the limit! Use whatever looks interesting to you – Christmas ornaments, pine cones, candy canes or branches from curly willow. Most years this has to be done before the soil freezes in your pots, but as this is an exceptionally mild year, I think there is still time. Have fun!

Season's greetings to all. See you next year!

~ Peg Howden





## Executive Doings



FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2015

I want to pass on only one story today that arose from our meeting in November, because it's an important one, and by the time of our Annual General Meeting and delicious Pot Luck Dinner, it hadn't become completely finalized.

It is that our (returning – thank you, Sharron!) President, will no longer be the Coordinator for the Garden Shed Market Place at Apple Blossom Tyme Festival, as of now. Which means that Cramahe Horticultural Society no longer has any stake in the ABTF, since Sharron was IT!

Some background: yes, the Garden Shed Market Place was a large money earner for Cramahe Hort for years, and we were happy to have Sharron do all the work while we got the money. And even though more Cramahe Hort members got involved in some of the grunt work last year, it really was all Sharron. After taking over the Market project from the ABTF (because they didn't want to deal with it and weren't doing it particularly well), Sharron steadily built it up over several years and gained many new vendors, turning it into an event that they loved attending.

Recently, the ABTF Committee indicated that they wanted to take back control of the Garden Shed Market. So, after many years of hard work, Sharron felt it was time to simply step away altogether. The Cramahe Hort Executive Board unanimously supported that decision. Consequently, Sharron tendered her letter of resignation

at the last ABTF Committee meeting, effective immediately.

This will take a big load off Sharron's very crowded Presidential Desk, where she continues to sit for a third term, to help the Hort Society stay afloat; so in a way it's a good thing to make that job less onerous.

It is important to note that the name "Garden Shed Market Place" is the market as run by Cramahe Hort, and as such, that name will not be used in future years by ABTF. We will continue with our Plant Sale, and indeed that becomes more important, revenue-wise; but we will be just another vendor, like anyone else.

But onward we go, and now we need to make the Plant Sale bigger and better, and come up with some new fundraising ideas as well. So let's all keep that in mind as gardening plans float through our winter daydreams.

Best to all of you as we head into 2016.

~ *Barrie Wood*



## Community Garden



The second funding application was submitted on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Fingers crossed.

~ *Len Salvati*


**Over the Garden Fence**
  
*(Neighbouring Horticultural Societies)*

**Brighton Horticulture** meets at King Edward Community Centre, 81 Elizabeth St. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Next Meeting: Jan. 26

**Cobourg Horticulture** meets at Cobourg Columbus Community Centre, 232 Spencer Street East (D'Arcy), 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Next Meeting: Jan. 6

**Grafton Horticulture** meets at St. Andrews United Church, 137 Old Danforth Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Next meeting: Jan. 12 at 5:30 **"Pictures of Members Gardens" slide show, and Chili Dinner**

**Omeme Horticulture** meets at Trinity United Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Next meeting: January 18

**Port Hope & District Horticulture** meets at the Ruth Clarke Centre, 81 Mill St. S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm. Next Meeting: Dec. 15, **"Christmas Display Design"** with member Barbara Bone, plus Christmas Flower & Photography Show


**Upcoming Garden-Friendly Events**


March 11 – 20, 2016 **CANADA BLOOMS** Canada's largest flower and garden festival  
 Will once again co-locate with the **National Home Show** (2 events for 1 admission)  
 At the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto  
 Admission \$20 at the door  
 \$14 each for groups of 20 or more, booked in advance  
[www.CanadaBlooms.com](http://www.CanadaBlooms.com)

April 8 – 10, **FOR THE LOVE OF GARDENING** Peterborough Garden show  
 At the Evinrude Centre on Monaghan Road in Peterborough  
 Admission \$8 per day, \$12 weekend pass, free for children under 12 (with adult)  
[www.peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://www.peterboroughgardenshow.com)



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... or at a meeting - on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Keeler Centre, Colborne.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
At 1:30 p.m.

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*Growing our community ...  
One garden at a time.*

