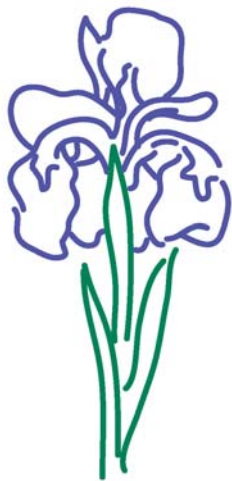


**Bolton & District
Horticultural Society**



Grow & Bloom With Us

Annual Report 2012

Annual General Meeting

20 November 2012

BDHS 2012 Statistics

Membership: 51 including 4 Life Members & 5 new members

Community Planting Projects: 5

Funds raised for tree planting: \$22,308

In-kind donations: \$19,500

OHA Convention 2012 attendance: 1

Volunteer hours (approximate): 3,000

BDHS Board 2012

Directors

Chair - Brenda Heenan

Vice-Chair - Emma Ivancic

Secretary - Janet Manning

Treasurer - Karen Hollingshead

Environmental Projects—Richard Hunt

Auditors

Ron Clayton

Sheila Simpson

Committee Chairs

Budget: Karen Hollingshead

Environmental Projects: Richard Hunt

Flower & Photo Shows: Emma Ivancic

Membership: Kathy Mills

Plant Sale & Garden Tours: Lorraine Feast

Programme: Carol Good

Publicity: Bonnie Mactaggart

Website: Brenda Heenan

Yearbook: Michele Drenters



Member—Ontario Horticultural Association District 15

Chair's report

Submitted by Brenda Heenan

BDHS is completing its 17th year of operation. Membership for 2012 was 51 members, down 19 from 2011. Monthly attendance at our meetings and events averaged 30 members and guests. Due to increased costs, BDHS membership fees increased for 2012 to \$20 per person and \$30 per family. As in the past, BDHS membership entitled members to discounts at local nurseries.

BDHS maintained its membership in the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). OHA membership provided the society with low cost General Liability Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability coverage along with other benefits such as free hosting for our website www.boltonhort.info. OHA membership dues are based on the number of members in a society from the previous year—for BDHS, this worked out to be approximately \$6.85 per member based on a membership of 70 in 2011.

Publicity remained a concern and local newspaper coverage of BDHS meetings was spotty. In contrast, media coverage in the local newspapers for BDHS planting events



and projects was excellent. Photos of Girl Guides & BDHS members participating in the Sunkist Woods plantings were published in the Caledon Enterprise (spring - left) and SNAP Caledon (autumn -right).



The BDHS website www.boltonhort.info continued to be the main communication tool for the society in 2012. The website was awarded 2nd prize in the annual OHA convention Website competition. This is the 3rd year in which the website has been recognized in the OHA's top 2. In addition to website updates, emailed notices were sent regularly to members to let them know about upcoming meetings, reminders and opportunities.

The BDHS Board held 4 Board meetings in 2011/2012 and organized 8 general meetings including the AGM. Directors took care of business by phone & email between meetings. Society board business involved fulfilling the duties and responsibilities for Directors of corporations and charities. These duties included making required reports to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Charity Directorate and the OHA.

Several members from outside the Board helped to make this year a success:

- ❑ The Educational Speaker Program was organized by Program Coordinator Carol Good who booked 8 informative speakers to talk about various topics of horticultural interest.
- ❑ Publicity Coordinator Bonnie Mactaggart made a valiant effort to overcome the publication block BDHS has experienced with a few of the local papers. To her credit, there was an improvement in media coverage of BDHS events.
- ❑ Hospitality Coordinator Ruth Hunt arranged for refreshments at the general meetings.
- ❑ Plant Sale & Garden Tour Coordinator Lorraine Feast organized 3 plant sales hosted at members' homes. Guided tours of the hosts' gardens were included for a modest entry fee.
- ❑ Yearbook 2012 was designed and published by Michele Drenters. This 44 page booklet with a full colour illustrated cover included information about the Educational Speakers program and the 2 Flower Shows. For the first time, the flower show schedule for the Bolton Fall Fair was included and several BDHS members participated in all 3 flower shows.

Funds were raised through various means. Nincompoop Mulch was sold to members and delivered to Glen Echo Nurseries in Caledon East to be picked up from that location. The OHA conducted an Allium bulb sale and a portion of the receipts was refunded to the society.

BDHS was the recipient of several grants. BDHS Past President (1999) Mary Sasiela applied for the CIBC Employee as Ambassador Grant and was awarded \$500. TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation was approached for funds to support the Albion Hills Community Farm children's learning centre projects in Bolton and Palgrave. TD FEF granted BDHS a total of \$7500 for the 2 projects which will be undertaken in spring 2013. In addition, several organizations and individuals supported projects with generous donations.

Tree planting projects remained the focus of our civic improvements in 2012. BDHS has begun working with the Albion Hills Community Farm group to install pollinator gardens at their community garden sites. Several members have vegetable plots at the current site at Albion Hills Conservation Area. BDHS will work closely with the farm group when they open the 2nd site on Bolton's North Hill in 2013.

On behalf of the Board members, thank you all for your support during the past year. It has been my pleasure and a great privilege to be Chair of the BDHS Board in 2011/2012.

Brenda Heenan

BDHS Membership Report

Submitted by Kathy Mills, Membership Secretary

The total membership for 2012 is 51. This number includes 10 families and 5 new members.

Nomination Report

Submitted by Brenda Heenan, Chair

As per the BDHS constitution, a minimum of 5 Directors and 2 Auditors will be elected at the November AGM. The Directors will appoint the Officers from amongst themselves or others after the election. The following people have agreed to accept nomination to the Board for 2013.

Directors: Carol Good, Brenda Heenan, Richard Hunt
Emma Ivancic, Janet Manning, Kathy Mills

Auditors: Ron Clayton, Sheila Simpson

2012 Environmental Projects Report

Submitted by Richard Hunt, Director, Environmental Projects



Bolton Dick's Dam Park Planting & Celebration

This spring 2012 planting was the third phase of our Park Environmental Rehabilitation Project where BDHS, to-date, has planted more than 150 large calliper native trees.

A Project Celebration Event, which included the unveiling of a Donor Recognition / Appreciation Plaque (left), was held in April 2012 during which all 2010, 2011 & 2012 Project Funders and volunteers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

In addition, BDHS is partnering with a number of other local groups and agencies by providing 12 large calliper trees for the new "Peace Park" in Dick's Dam Park that will be completed in 2013.

Sunkist Woods Spring and Fall 2012

Tree & Shrub plantings

Community volunteers, including Bolton Girl Guides and their family members, assisted in hand planting and mulching 300 native trees and shrubs which were funded by Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

TRCA, Girl Guides and MARS Canada contributed a very generous supply of refreshments and treats which were enjoyed by all.



Garden Tour & Plant Sales report

BDHS held 3 "OPEN GARDEN & PLANT SALE" events in spring and summer 2012 with a gate fee of \$2 per visitor. Plant divisions from members' gardens were sold to the general public at the tours. Buyers were able to view the mature, mother plants in a landscape setting and learn tips from the host on planting & caring for the divisions. Members Kathy Mills, Linda Steele and Bob & Carol Edwards were the gracious hosts in 2012.

Educational Programs & Speakers 2012

In 2012, BDHS members learned more about horticulture through meetings, lectures, workshops, friendly competition, field trips and fellowship with other gardeners in the community. The 2012 educational program included the following guest speakers:

Month	Topic	Speaker
Feb	History of Kitchen Gardens	Lynne Sullivan, Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners
Mar	Gardening with Mychorrizae	John Renaud, Halton Master Gardeners
Apr	Plants that Attract Beneficial Insects	Lorraine Roberts, Plant Paradise
May	Gorgeous Gardens with less Water	Charlie Dobbin, Garden Solutions
Aug	Let's Talk Lilacs	Bruce Peart, former curator RBG
Sept	There are no Houseplants	Ken Brown
Oct	Native Plant Gardening	Cynthia Brown, TRCA Healthy Yards Coordinator
Nov	Holiday Decorating Workshop	Win Mellor Hay

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BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**Income and Expense**

November 2011 through October 2012

	<u>Nov 2011 - Oct 2012</u>
INCOME	
DONATIONS	
Gifts from other charities	1,000.00
Gifts in kind	19,500.00
Non-receipted gifts	3,000.00
Tax receipted gifts	437.00
Total Donations	<u>23,937.00</u>
FEEES	
Guest Fees	14.00
Membership Fees	837.00
Total FEEES	<u>851.00</u>
FUNDRAISING	
Garden Tours, Plant & Other Sales	442.00
Non government grants	8,000.00
Nincompoop mulch	1,161.00
OHA Allium Bubs	139.00
Total FUNDRAISING	<u>9,742.00</u>
GRANTS - OMAFRA	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	<u>79.02</u>
Total Income	35,609.02
EXPENSES	
ADMINISTRATION	
General Meetings	144.76
Office & Other	241.14
Total ADMINISTRATION	<u>385.90</u>
BANK FEES	25.45
CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	
Dick's Dam Park	9,808.92
Bolton Mill Park	5,000.00
Sunkist Woods	7,500.00
Total CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	<u>22,308.92</u>
FUND RAISING EXPENSE	
Administration	95.54
Nincompoop mulch	774.00
OHA Allium Bubs	120.00
Total FUND RAISING EXPENSE	<u>989.54</u>
HST EXPENSES	140.46
ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION	
District 15	116.40
Insurance	207.00
OHA fees	156.85
Total OHA	<u>480.25</u>
PROGRAMS	
Educational meeting - Rent	403.84
Educational Meetings - Speakers	1,100.00
Flower & Photo Shows	90.00
Other Programs	20.00
Total PROGRAMS	<u>1,613.84</u>
PUBLICATIONS	<u>27.00</u>
Total Expense	25,971.36
Net INCOME	9,637.66

BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Balance Sheet


As of October 31, 2012

	<u>Oct 31, 2012</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
TD Bank current account	11,575.65
TD Bank GIC 06	4,093.80
Petty Cash	233.00
	<u>15,902.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>15,902.45</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	0.00
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
Equity	
Retained earnings	6,274.79
Net Income	9,637.66
Total Equity	<u>15,902.45</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>15,902.45</u></u>

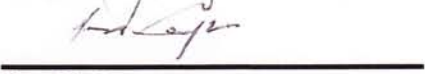
EXAMINERS' REPORT

We have examined the financial records of the Bolton & District Horticultural Society
for the year ended October 31, 2012.

This statement is an accurate reflection of the recorded transactions.



Sheila Simpson



Ron Clayton

November 13, 2012

Date

November 11, 2012

Date