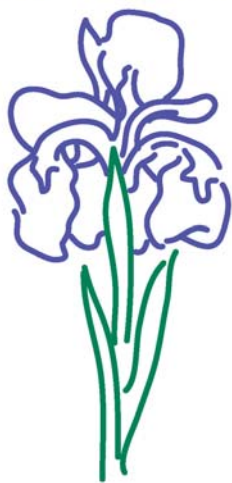


**Bolton & District
Horticultural Society**



Grow & Bloom With Us

Annual Report 2013

Annual General Meeting

19 November 2013

BDHS 2013 Statistics

Membership: 50 including 4 Life Members & 10 new members

Community Planting Projects: 7

Funds disbursed for environmental projects: \$32,925

Donations including in-kind: \$26,461

Grants: \$4,750

OHA Convention 2013 attendance: 1

Volunteer hours (approximate): 1165

BDHS Board 2013

Directors

Chair - Brenda Heenan

Vice-Chair - Emma Ivancic

Secretary - Janet Manning

Treasurer – Kathy Mills

Environmental Projects—Richard Hunt

Program – Carol Good

Auditors

Ron Clayton

Lesley McCrimmon

Committee Chairs

Budget: Kathy Mills

Environmental Projects: Richard Hunt

Flower & Photo Shows: Emma Ivancic

Membership: Janet Manning

Plant Sale & Garden Tours: Lorraine Feast

Program: Carol Good

Website: Brenda Heenan

Yearbook: Michele Drenters



Member—Ontario Horticultural Association District 15

Chair's report

Submitted by Brenda Heenan

Bolton & District Horticultural Society (BDHS) is completing its 18th year of operation.

A highlight of the year was the announcement that BDHS was awarded the Town of Caledon Environmentalist of the Year award, presented by the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC). BDHS was presented with its award at the Town's Volunteer and Citizen Achievement Awards ceremony on April 22, 2013 and was inducted into the CEAC Stewardship Grove on the Trans-Canada Trail in Caledon East on June 26, 2013.

Photo L to R: Rob Mezzapelli- Area Councillor Ward 5, Adelle Leaney East - CEAC Chair, Brenda Heenan - BDHS Chair, Carol Good, BDHS Program Director, Richard Hunt - BDHS Director Environmental Projects, Patti Foley, Regional Councillor Ward 5



Additionally, the Bolton & District Horticultural Society was given the honour of directing a \$500 Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award to their favourite Caledon-based environmental stewardship project. The project selected was the Children's Learning Garden at the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCf). The CEAC grant will be used to purchase crab apple trees to add to the pollinator garden planted by BDHS and AHCf volunteers in the Children's Learning Garden.

The proposed 2nd site for AHCf garden plots in Bolton did not get started in 2013 because the Highway 50 site was chosen as the preferred location for the new Bolton fire hall. It has been suggested that the 2 uses are compatible, so while this means the community garden may eventually be located at the site, for the time being, the project is on hold. Because the Bolton AHCf project did not proceed as planned, BDHS will refund the \$5000 TD FEF grant we received in 2012 to support the project.



Tree planting projects remained the focus of our civic improvements in 2013. Details are in the Environmental Report on page 4.

A celebration recognizing Donors & Volunteers was held in Bolton Mill Park in October where a plaque was unveiled. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to organizations and individuals in recognition of their valuable contributions towards the completion of very significant Environmental, Safety and Historical projects in this Park over a 15 year period.

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 \$7.49 per member based on a membership of 51 in 2012.

The BDHS website www.boltonhort.info continued to be the main communication tool for the society in 2013. In addition to website updates, emailed notices were sent regularly to members to let them know about upcoming meetings, reminders and opportunities.

The website was awarded 1st prize in the annual OHA convention Website competition. This is the 4th year in which the website has been recognized in the OHA's top two – 3 times awarded 1st prize.

The BDHS Board held 4 Board meetings in 2012/2013 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.

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 a summer 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. BDHS was awarded \$5000 from the Town of Caledon Green Fund - \$3750 of this grant was used during the fiscal year and the balance of \$1250 will be used next year. In addition, several organizations and individuals supported projects with generous donations.

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 2012/2013.

Brenda Heenan

BDHS Membership Report

Submitted by Janet Manning, Membership Secretary

Membership for 2013 was 50 members including 4 Life Members. This number includes 10 families and 10 new members. BDHS membership fees were \$20 per person and \$30 per family. As in the past, BDHS membership entitled members to discounts at local nurseries.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of 2 Life Members, Michael and Jean Tuckett, who died within days of each other in late August and early September. Both were Directors of the society during its formative years, always willing to share their knowledge and lend a hand. The Tucketts were keen horticulturists, who shared their love of gardening by hosting many tours of their Cherry Lane property for various horticultural societies and charitable causes. They will be missed by all who knew them.

The BDHS Board has adopted an In Memoriam policy related to Life Members. A \$50 donation will be given to a charity or organization as per the wishes of the family of the deceased. In memory of Michael and Jean, donations were sent to the Canadian Lung Association and to Christ Church Anglican.

Publication Report

Submitted by Brenda Heenan, Chair



Yearbook 2013 was designed and published by Michele Drenters. This 48 page booklet with a full colour illustrated cover included information about the Educational Speakers program and the 2 Flower Shows.

The flower show schedule for the District 15 AGM and Bolton Fall Fair was included and several BDHS members participated in all 4 flower shows.

Flower Show Report

Submitted by Emma Ivancic, Vice-Chair

Results for	June 18th 2013		August 20th 2013	
MOST POINTS DESIGN	Brenda Heenan	17 points	Emma Ivancic	5 points
MOST POINTS CULTURAL	Emma Ivancic	24 points	Emma Ivancic	30 points
MOST POINTS IN SHOW	Brenda Heenan	37 points	Emma Ivancic	35 points
GRAND CHAMPION DESIGN	Brenda Heenan			
BEST CULTURAL	Brenda Heenan		Pat Oliver	

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 2014.

Directors to be elected:

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

Auditors: Ron Clayton, Lesley McCrimmon

2013 Environmental Projects Report

Submitted by Richard Hunt, Director, Environmental Projects

2013 Environmentalist of the Year Award

BDHS was honoured to receive the 2013 Caledon Environmentalist of the Year Award by the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) during a presentation at Stewardship Grove on August 28th 2013.

This prestigious award was to acknowledge 18 years of Environmental initiative & stewardship that BDHS has performed in Caledon in partnership with like-minded local volunteer groups, governments, businesses, Service Clubs, Authorities and Funding Agencies.

The major Humber River Watershed Environmental Projects initiated by BDHS were Bolton Mill Park, Bolton Dick's Dam Park, Sunkist Woods, Taylorwood Valley & Columbia Creek, during which they raised funds and recruited community volunteers to plant approximately 2,500 native trees & shrubs.

Albion Hills Community Farm Children's Learning Garden (AHCFLG)

BDHS donated the \$2500 grant we received from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to AHCFLG towards purchasing equipment, tools and learning materials. Volunteers started a pollinator garden plot in late summer 2013.

Albion Hills Community Farm Pollinator Garden (AHCFFG)

November 2013 - BDHS donated the \$500 grant it received from CEAC to AHCFFG to fund four large calliper crab apple trees for their Pollinator Garden. BDHS was awarded this grant as a result of being selected as Caledon's 2013 Environmentalist of the Year.

Bolton Mill Park Project

October 2013 - BDHS funded \$10,000 towards the planting of 25 large calliper trees in this Park. Donors were Town of Caledon Green Fund, Rotary & Kinsmen Clubs of Bolton, Mary Sasiela on behalf of CIBC, TRCA and the Foley & Hunt families.

Bolton Mill Park Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Event

October 2013 - BDHS hosted a Celebration Event during which a plaque was unveiled and "Certificates of Appreciation" were awarded to the following organizations and individuals in recognition of their valuable contributions towards the completion of very significant Environmental, Safety and Historical projects in this Park over a 15 year period.

The Town of Caledon and Allan Gaines donated \$4,400 towards the plaque.





Donor award recipients were Town of Caledon Community Green Fund, Toronto & Region Conservation, Bolton & District Horticultural Society, Bolton Community Action Site Committee, Rotary Club of Bolton, Kinsmen Club of Bolton, Mary Sasiela on behalf of CIBC, Green T Environmental Awareness, Allan Gane, Patti & Len Foley and Ruth & Richard Hunt.

Volunteer award recipients were Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association, Albion Bolton Historical Society, Bill Wilson, Jerry Gorman, Heather Broadbent, Brian Baird, Gary Wilkins, Brenda Heenan and Richard Hunt

The Environmental & Safety improvements and Historical projects in this Park were the Queen St (Hwy 50) Pedestrian Underpass to the east entrance of Bolton Mill Park, Wetlands that is fed from a spring on top of the hill, 300 mixed variety of both large & small calliper native coniferous & deciduous trees & shrubs, 3,000 wildflowers, Fishway and the notched dam that now allow salmon to swim upstream into the headwaters of the Humber River to spawn, McFall Lookout on the south side of the Humber which contains plaques of historical photos and details of this section of the Humber River.

Columbia Creek Watershed Project

May 2013 - BDHS funded \$7,500 towards the planting of 30 large calliper trees in the valley which extends from Columbia Way, behind Taylorwood & Longwood, through Bolton Camp into Cold Creek then into the Humber River. TRCA donated the funds to BDHS.

Peace Park Project

September 2013 - BDHS funded \$7,000 towards the planting 16 large calliper trees (8 as a back drop & 8 spaced among the park benches for shade). Donors were BDHS & James Dick Construction. BDHS is not included on the large plaque currently in place but we will be recognized on a plaque that will be installed in a spring 2014 at an event during which BDHS will be recognized for its major contributions.



Sneath Bridge trail entrance off Old King Road

September 2013 - BDHS funded \$2,450 towards the planting of 9 large calliper trees. Donors were Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association (HVHTA) via a grant from the Town of Caledon's Annual Golf Tournament and Region of Peel Chairman Emil Kolb's staff to commemorate Emil & Beryl Kolb's 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Sunkist Woods Spring and Fall 2013 Projects

May & October 2013 - BDHS & TRCA funded \$4,500 towards the planting of 250 trees and shrubs hand planted by 100 community volunteers (age range 80 days to 80 years) mainly Girl Guides & their families (best turn-out we have ever had). A great time was had by one and all, especially the children.

There was extensive pre & post event publicity including great photos. I advised TRCA that this will be our last planting in Sunkist Woods (8 in total over 8 years). TRCA, Girl Guides, MARS Canada & BDHS contributed a very generous supply of refreshments and treats which were enjoyed by all.

Educational Programs & Speakers 2013

Submitted by Carol Good, Program Director

In 2013, we were fortunate to have a diverse group of presenters share their wit and wisdom with us. Here's a short summary:

- In March, *Sean James*, Fern Ridge Landscaping, demonstrated how he was proud of his pruning – we learned about when and where and how to prune trees and shrubs
- In April, *Sheilagh Crandall* shared her extensive experience with perennial gardening.
- In May, *Koidu Sulev*, from Richters Herbs, brought herb plants, catalogues and recipes to share with our members.
- In June, *Gera Koster*, created intriguing flower arrangements while telling stories about flower shows won and lost.
- In August, after our summer break, *Dugald Cameron*, GardenImport, inspired us to get planting our spectacular spring gardens by sharing photos, stories and catalogues.
- In September, our very own *Brenda Heenan*, shared her hard won wisdom about creating successful gardens in our area.
- In October, we were fortunate to have *Cass Stabler* from TRCA provide lots of information about creating habitat for birds, insects and other wildlife, while planting beautiful gardens.
- In November, as we get ready for the winter, we had *Sheila Doris* share how to garden indoors with eco-friendly house plants.

All in all, we had a fun and fact-filled year of growing together!

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BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Income and Expense

November 2012 through October 2013

Nov 2012 - Oct 2013

INCOME

DONATIONS

Gifts in kind 18,000.00
Tax received gifts 8,460.96

Total Donations 26,460.96

MEMBERSHIP FEES 820.00

FUNDRAISING- Nincompoop mulch 318.00

GRANTS

OMAFRA 1,000.00
Town of Caledon Green Fund 3,750.00

Total -GRANTS 4,750.00

OTHER INCOME 50.94

Total Income

32,399.90

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION

Board Meetings and AGM 136.92
General Meetings 33.89
Office supplies 156.66
Other (PO BOX etc) 181.97

Total ADMINISTRATION 509.44

ADVERTISING 4.00

BANK FEES 114.47

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Albion Hills Community Farm 2,500.00
Columbia Creek 7,500.00
Dick's Dam Park 1,641.95
Mill Park 11,915.00
Peace Park 2,400.00
Sneath Bridge 2,450.00
Sunkist Woods 4,517.90

Total CIVIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 32,924.85

HST EXPENSES 149.33

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

District 15 55.60
Insurance 153.00
OHA fees 173.15

Total OHA 381.75

PROGRAMS

Educational meetings - Rent 359.48
Educational meetings - Speakers 914.62
Flower & Photo Shows 80.00
Other Programs 30.00

Total PROGRAMS 1,384.10

PUBLICATIONS 134.40

VOLUNTEER & DONOR RECOGNITION 419.72

Total Expense

36,022.06

Net INCOME

-3,622.16

BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Balance Sheet

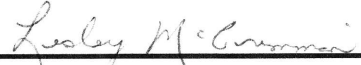
As of October 31, 2013

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
TD Bank current account	8,070.83
TD Bank GIC 06	4,134.74
Petty Cash	74.72
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	0.00
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
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Equity	
Retained earnings	15,902.45
Net Income	-3,622.16
Total Equity	12,280.29
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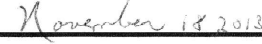
EXAMINERS' REPORT

We have examined the financial records of the Bolton & District Horticultural Society
for the year ended October 31, 2013.


This statement is an accurate reflection of the recorded transactions.



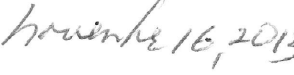
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