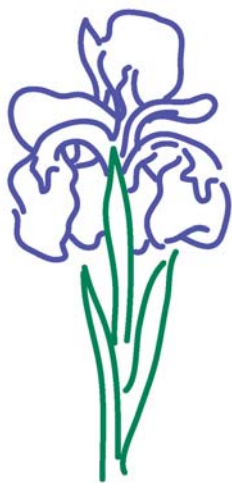


# Bolton & District Horticultural Society



*Grow & Bloom With Us*

# Annual Report 2014

Annual General Meeting

18 November 2014

## BDHS 2014 Statistics

Membership: 50

Community Planting Projects: 3

Funds disbursed for environmental projects: \$13,947

Donations including in-kind: \$14,339

Grants: \$2,250

OHA Convention 2014 attendance: 1

Volunteer hours (approximate):

## BDHS Board 2014

### Directors

Chair - Carol Good

Vice-Chair - Emma Ivancic

Secretary - Janet Manning

Treasurer – Kathy Mills

Environmental Projects—Richard Hunt

Program – Brenda Heenan

### Financial Reviewers

Ron Clayton

Lesley McCrimmon

### Committee Chairs

Budget: Kathy Mills

Environmental Projects: Richard Hunt

Flower & Photo Shows: Emma Ivancic

Membership: Janet Manning

Program: Brenda Heenan

Website: Brenda Heenan

Yearbook: Michele Drenters



Member—Ontario Horticultural Association District 15

## Chair's report

Submitted by Carol Good

This year was the 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation for Bolton & District Horticultural Society (BDHS). We are already making plans for our 20<sup>th</sup>!



We directed a \$500 Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award received from the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) last year to the Children's Learning Garden at the Albion Hills Community Farm (AHCF). The CEAC grant was used to buy and plant a Serviceberry tree – see photo that includes the tool shed.

Not all projects go as planned and this year we refunded the \$5,000 TD Friends of the Environment grant we received in 2012. This joint project with the AHCF was intended to establish community garden plots near Bolton. We may get another opportunity to develop these plots after the Town's new Fire Station is built.

Bethall Hospice asked for our help to assemble 14 flower arrangements for their Annual General Meeting in September. Four BDHS volunteers met at Bethall Hospice with plant material and our favourite tools. We had fun and our creations were greatly

appreciated.

Tree planting projects continued to be our civic improvement focus in 2014. See Richard Hunt's report for more details – he is not called "Tree-Hugger Hunt" for nothing.

We were pleased to participate in a planting project at the TRCA's Open House in early October at their newly acquired property – The Bolton Camp. We shared the investment in perennials and had BDHS volunteers on-site to help with planting.

BDHS maintained its membership in the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA). OHA membership provided us 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](http://www.boltonhort.info). OHA membership dues are based on the number of members in a society from the previous year.

Brenda Heenan has been our webmaster since the BDHS website [www.boltonhort.info](http://www.boltonhort.info) was launched. It continued to be our main communication tool in 2014. In addition to website updates, emailed notices were sent regularly to members about upcoming meetings, reminders and opportunities.

The BDHS Board held seven Board meetings in 2013/2014 and organized eight general meetings including the AGM. Directors took care of business by phone and 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.

To raise funds and help our members with their gardens, we took orders for Nincompoop Mulch again this year. It was delivered to Glen Echo Nurseries in Caledon East to be picked up there. We held informal plant sales at our general meetings and also received cash donations and gifts-in-kind.

This year, BDHS received the balance of the Town of Caledon Green Fund - \$1250 as well as a \$1,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for horticultural societies with a minimum of 50 members. We appreciate the support we received from local organizations such as Tim Horton's and Mars.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the current Board members for their support during my first year as Chair. I am grateful to have such dedicated and delightful people involved in this worthy work.

On behalf of the Board members, thank you all for your support during the past year. It has been my pleasure to be Chair of the BDHS Board in 2013/2014.

Carol Good

### BDHS Membership Report

Submitted by Janet Manning, Membership Secretary

Membership for 2014 was 50 members including two life members. This number includes 11 families and 5 new members. Members in the Society continue to receive discounts from local nurseries and benefit from the strong program presented throughout the year. Membership also entitles them to attend other Horticultural Society Meetings at a discount.

Members receive regular reminders of meetings, location and program information. Information is also distributed through the website. We always encourage members to invite friends and relatives to join us and take out memberships.

Fees remained this year at \$20.00 per person and \$ 30.00 for a family.

### Publication Report

Submitted by Carol Good, Chair



Our 2013 Yearbook won a first prize at the OHA District 15 AGM. Our yearbook for 2014 was, again, designed and published by Michele Drenters. This 40 page booklet with a full colour illustrated cover included information about our history, meeting schedule, Educational Speakers program and our two Flower Shows.

We also published a panel brochure with our general meeting dates and speakers – as well as our contact information. These were distributed through the Town’s library branches.

### Flower Show Report

Submitted by Emma Ivancic, Vice-Chair

Results for	June 17, 2014	August 19, 2014
MOST POINTS DESIGN		
MOST POINTS CULTURAL		
MOST POINTS IN SHOW		
GRAND CHAMPION DESIGN		
BEST CULTURAL		

### Nomination Report

Submitted by Carol Good, Chair

As per the BDHS constitution, a minimum of 5 Directors and 2 Financial Reviewers 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 2015.

**Directors to be elected:**

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

**Financial Reviewers:**

Ron Clayton, Lesley McCrimmon

**2014 Environmental Projects Report**

Submitted by Richard Hunt, Director, Environmental Projects

*Environmental Projects completed in 2013/2014 fiscal period*

**Spring Sunkist Woods planting**

Bolton Girl Guides and their family members planted 200 potted native trees & shrubs in May 2014

- Funded with \$3,500 in-kind grant from TRCA
- Tim Horton's donated a large thermos of hot chocolate and also provided Tim Bits
- MARS Canada donated a generous quantity of MARS treats
- BDHS provided juice boxes and water bottles
- TRCA prepared the site, provided mulch, work gloves, trowels and a table for the goodies



**Foundry Park B&B planting**

TRCA field staff planted 35 mature ball & burlap-wrapped native trees in this Park in October 2014.

- Funded with \$10,000 in-kind grant from TRCA and valuable assistance provided by the Town of Caledon.

## **Bolton Camp Open House Event 4 Oct 2014**

BDHS sponsored a planting of 51 native perennial flowers by the Bolton Girl Guides and their families into 2 planters - 14' X 4' x 2' each.



- Brenda recommended the types and quantities of native flowers which Richard and Kathy purchased and Richard delivered to site
- TRCA and BDHS jointly funded the flowers and Nincompoop (composting mulch)
- Kathy, Emma, Pam & Cameron Richardson (TRCA) did an excellent job teaching the Girl Guides on how to plant the flowers
- Tim Horton's donated a large thermos of hot chocolate & also provided Tim Bits
- MARS Canada donated a generous quantity of MARS treats
- BDHS provided juice boxes and water bottles
- TRCA provided top soil, work gloves, trowels and set-up a kiosk with a table for all the goodies

### *Environmental Projects planned for 2014/2015 fiscal period*

#### **Bolton Mill Park**

- Fish Way Viewing Platform
- Wet Lands water source improvement
- Secondary Path along base of hill
- Volunteer Appreciation plaque overlooking Dam

#### **Bolton Camp**

- Plant 26 mature ball & burlap-wrapped native trees
- Spring planting of 300 native potted trees & shrubs by Bolton Girl Guides
- Fall planting of 300 native potted trees & shrubs by Bolton Girl Guides
- Transfer existing flowers in planters to a flower garden
- Replanting new flowers in the planters

#### **Foundry Park**

- Second phase – plant another 35 mature ball & burlap-wrapped native trees

#### **Grant Applications**

We are reviewing a variety of funding sources for environmental projects and have proceeded with funding applications.

## Educational Programs & Speakers 2014

Submitted by Brenda Heenan, Program Director

Here is a recap of the 2014 Speakers Series:

- In March, the organization *Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)* shared information about ASH TREES AT RISK - EMERALD ASH BORER and its devastating effects on the tree canopy in Ontario. We learned how to identify ash trees and the signs of infestation. Current control methods and replacement trees were discussed.
- In April, *Ken Brown* shared his extensive experience with VERTICAL VEGETABLE GARDENING. He showed us inventive designs for trellis construction and how to make good use of containers for growing crops.
- In May, *Dan Barcza* gave an informative talk about TALLGRASS PRAIRIE – AN ENDANGERED ECOLOGY. He showed us potential sites for restoring this habitat at the Bolton Camp site and we discussed ways to use these plants in our home gardens.
- In June, *Malcolm Geast* showed intriguing microscopic images of insects visiting his garden while giving us his perspective on THE WONDER OF INSECTS IN THE GARDEN.
- In August, after our summer break, *Terry Kennedy* of ORCHIDS IN OUR TROPICS inspired us by bringing a wide range of orchids from petite to X-large and explaining the specific requirements to grow these fascinating plants. Members were able to purchase plants and growing supplies to expand their collections.
- In September, *Carol Dunk* spoke about A NEW KIND OF GARDENER - ECOSYSTEM GARDENING. She shared information about creating habitat for birds, insects and other wildlife, while respecting the earth and local conditions. We learned that each one of us can make small changes that will have a big impact on our local ecology.
- In October, BDHS member *Brenda Heenan*, shared her passion for growing SMALL BULBS FOR EARLY SPRING COLOUR. She brought along varieties of species crocus, tubers, corms and tulips to sell.
- In November, as part of the BDHS Annual General Meeting, *Heinke Thiessen* gave us ideas to ponder during the long winter months with her talk on GARDEN DREAMS & GOOD DESIGN.

**Bolton & District Horticultural Society**

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# BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Income and Expense

November 2013 through October 2014

Nov 2013- Oct 2014

### INCOME

#### DONATIONS

Gifts in kind	13,500.00	
Non-receipted gifts	339.00	
Tax receipted gifts	499.88	
Total Donations		<u>14,338.88</u>

#### MEMBERSHIP & GUEST FEES

885.00

#### FUNDRAISING

Nincompoop mulch	202.00	
Plant & Other sales	97.00	
TD Friends of Environment	-5,000.00	
Total Fundraising		<u>-4,701.00</u>

#### GRANTS

OMAFRA	1,000.00	
Town of Caledon Green Fund	1,250.00	
Total Grants		<u>2,250.00</u>

#### OTHER INCOME

43.08

### Total Income

**\$12,815.96**

### EXPENSES

#### ADMINISTRATION

Board Meetings and AGM	88.31	
General Meetings	177.74	
Office supplies	114.49	
Other (PO BOX etc)	168.63	
Total Administration		<u>549.17</u>

#### ADVERTISING

37.00

#### BANK FEES

16.65

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Bolton Camp	387.57	
Foundry Park	10,000.00	
Sunkist Woods	3,558.82	
Total Environmental Projects		<u>13,947.39</u>

#### HST EXPENSES

240.08

#### ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

District 15	85.00	
Insurance	92.50	
OHA fees	150.00	
Total OHA		<u>327.50</u>

#### PROGRAMS

Educational meetings - Rent	475.26	
Educational meetings - Speakers	1,289.00	
Flower & Photo Shows	80.00	
Other Programs	30.00	
Total Programs		<u>1,874.26</u>

#### PUBLICATIONS

133.98

### Total Expense

**17,226.03**

### Net INCOME

**-\$4,410.07**

**BOLTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Balance Sheet**

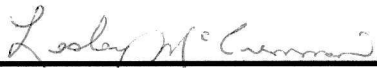
As of October 31, 2014

	<u>Oct 31, 2014</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
TD Bank current account	3,627.68
TD Bank GIC 06	4,167.82
Petty Cash	74.72
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,870.22</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	0.00
Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	0.00
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<b>Equity</b>	
Retained earnings	12,280.29
Net Income	-4,410.07
<b>Total Equity</b>	7,870.22
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>7,870.22</b>
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**EXAMINERS' REPORT**


We have examined the financial records of the Bolton & District Horticultural Society  
for the year ended October 31, 2014.

This statement is an accurate reflection of the recorded transactions.

  
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Lesley McCrimmon

  
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Date

  
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Ron Clayton

  
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Date