



Annual Report 2015

Annual General Meeting

17 November 2015

BDHS 2015 Statistics

Membership: 53

Community Planting Projects: 3

Funds disbursed for environmental projects: \$22,243

Donations including in-kind: \$16,845

Grants: \$7,000

OHA Convention 2014 attendance: 1

Volunteer hours (approximate): 873

Member—Ontario Horticultural Association

District 15



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BDHS Board 2015

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

Karen Hollingshead

Committee Chairs

Budget: Kathy Mills

Environmental Projects: Richard Hunt

Grow and Show & Photo Shows: Emma Ivancic

Membership: Brenda Heenan

Program: Brenda Heenan

Website: Brenda Heenan

Yearbook: Michele Drenters

Chair's Report

Submitted by Carol Good

The Bolton & District Horticultural Society (BDHS) is almost finished celebrating its 20th year. We recognized this milestone by refreshing our logo with the design expertise of Michelle Drenters, a long time member. In addition, a Red Maple tree was planted at the Caledon Seniors Centre—Rotary Place. BDHS returned to this meeting location in 2015, a place where, in our early years as a society, members installed many gardens such as the scree bed and foundation plantings.

Tree planting projects remained the focus of our civic improvements in 2015. We are grateful for the TD Friends of the Environment Grant, along with our generous community donors, that allowed us to organize the planting of more mature trees in Foundry Park. The TRCA-sponsored planting continued at Sunkist Woods – this was our fifth year planning and coordinating the family-friendly event. More details and a great photo are in the Environmental Projects Report. We also worked with the TRCA and the Town of Caledon to plant trees in the North Hill Park.

This year we returned to the Caledon Home Show to promote our educational speakers series and to provide children with sunflower seed packets & planting information. We also attended in the Tim Horton's Community Clean-up Day with the same information.

I was pleased to be invited to make two presentations – one to the local PROBUS club and a second one to the Davis Centre as part of their Earth Day celebrations.

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.

The BDHS website, www.boltonhort.info, continued to be the main communication tool for the society in 2015. 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 7 Board meetings in 2015 and organized 8 general meetings including the AGM. 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.

At our October meeting, we honoured four members with 20 year service pins, received certificates from the Mayor of Caledon and the Ontario Horticultural Association and enjoyed a beautiful and delicious cake created by Debbie Shaw, a new member.

Our primary fundraising activities for this year included selling Nincompoop Mulch and colourful, durable gardening gloves to our members. Again this year, the Nincompoop was delivered to Glen Echo and members picked up their pre-paid orders there. The gloves were sourced through the Caledon Horticultural Society. We also sold plants at several meetings.

In addition, several organizations and individuals supported our projects with generous donations. We are grateful to Annette Groves, Town of Caledon Regional Councillor for Ward 5, for her support of our special 20th



Ruth & Richard Hunt with Carol Good at Tim Horton's Community Clean-up Day.



20 Years Service
*Carol Price, Lorraine Feast, Karen Hollingshead, Brenda Heenan.
Absent—Mary Sasiela*

Anniversary celebration.

While I have your attention, I will thank the current Board members who have continued to be generous, knowledgeable and a delight to work with. Our Society depends on their dedication.

On behalf of the Board, thank you all for your enthusiasm and support during this 20th anniversary year. It has been my pleasure to be Chair.

Carol Good

BDHS Membership Report

Submitted by Brenda Heenan, Membership

Membership for 2015 was 53 adult members, including 2 life members and 5 new members. In addition, there were 3 youth 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.

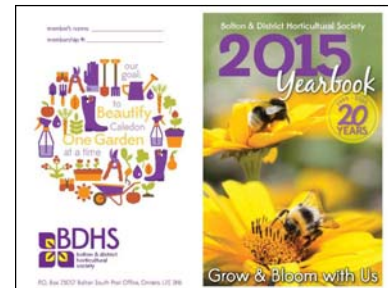
Members receive regular reminders of meetings, location and program information. Information is also distributed through the website. We always encourage members to invite friends and relatives to join us and take out memberships.

Fees remained this year at \$20 per person and \$ 30 for a family.

Publication Report

Submitted by Carol Good, Chair

We were excited to refresh our logo as part of our 20th anniversary celebration. Our long-serving, generous and design-savvy member, Michele Drenters, presented the Board with three contemporary concepts. You can see the final result on our mobile-friendly website and on the cover this report. Our Yearbook was prepared and published by Michele. We also published a panel brochure to promote our general meeting dates and speakers.



Grow 'n Show Report

Submitted by Emma Ivancic, Vice-Chair

Rather than hold competitive flower shows, members were encouraged to display plants they were growing and to provide information about these plants to the membership for educational purposes. Members contributed some of these plants as door prizes. We will continue this program in 2016.

Photo Show AGM 2014

BDHS members entered photos in 12 categories, which were judged by the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination Report

Submitted by Carol Good, Chair

With regret and gratitude, we say "good-bye" to departing Board members Richard Hunt, Environmental Projects Director and Janet Manning, Secretary.

They have been very generous with their time and talent for many years. Fortunately, they will continue to be active Society members.



BDHS Board 2015

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

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 after the election.

We are pleased to present the following people who have agreed to accept nomination for 2016.

Directors: Carol Good, Brenda Heenan, Emma Ivancic, Chris Millar, Kathy Mills, Dan O'Reilly

Financial Reviewers: Ron Clayton, Karen Hollingshead

2015 Environmental Projects Report

Submitted by Richard Hunt, Director, Environmental Projects

Environmental Projects completed in 2014/2015 fiscal period

Foundry Park B&B planting

TRCA field staff planted 38 ball & burlapped-wrapped native trees in May 2015.

The donors included TD Friends of the Environment / TD Green Streets who matched the donations of the TRCA, Town of Caledon, James Dick Construction, Rotary Clubs of Bolton & Palgrave, Kinsmen Club of Bolton and Bolton & District Horticultural Society totalling \$12,000.



Spring Sunkist Woods planting

Bolton Girl Guides and their family members plus Bolton & District Horticultural Society & community volunteers planted 225 potted native trees and shrubs in May 2015

Funded with \$3,500 in-kind grant from Toronto & Region Conservation (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

Bolton North Hill Park

TRCA funded \$5,000 for this project and their field staff planted 25 ball & burlapped-wrapped native trees in May 2015. The Town of Caledon provided valuable support to this project.

Recognition for Past Projects

Bolton Foundry Park Donor Appreciation Event

BDHS hosted a Bolton Foundry Park Donor Appreciation Event on June 20th during which they awarded Certificates of Appreciation to all of their partners who provided donations to fund both the 2014 & 2015 plantings of 73 ball & burlapped-wrapped native trees.

The donors were TD Friends of the Environment / TD Green Streets, Toronto & Region Conservation (TRCA), Town of Caledon, James Dick Construction, Rotary Clubs of Bolton & Palgrave, Kinsmen Club of Bolton and Bolton & District Horticultural Society (BDHS) totalling \$19,500.



Educational Programs & Speakers 2015

Submitted by Brenda Heenan, Program Director

Here is a recap of the 2015 Speakers Series:

- In March, Cameron Richardson, from the Toronto & Region Conservation shared information about **GREENING YOUR GROUNDS** with an emphasis on controlling water run-off by creating rain gardens, using permeable paving, installing rainbarrels, etc.
- In April, **Steven Biggs** shared his extensive experience with growing **No FUSS BACKYARD FRUIT**. He showed us how to make good use of easily grown fruits and how to encourage children to participate in gardening.
- In May, **Sean James** gave an informative talk about **ROCKS & BLOCKS & WOOD**. He talked about permeable paving and various materials and projects that were suitable for do-it-yourself gardeners.
- In June, the speaker we booked was not able to attend. Members were treated instead to a lively **Q & A** session facilitated by BDHS Chair **Carol Good**. In addition, BDHS member **Brenda Heenan** showed slides of **UNUSUAL PLANTS** she grows and offered tips about growing these plants in containers.
- In August, after our summer break, **Paul Oliver** of Urban Nature Store talked about **PEST & WILDLIFE PROBLEMS & CONTROL** in the garden. Members were given insight into what natural control products & supplies work in deterring nuisance insects and wildlife such as raccoons, deer and squirrels. Unique products such as wolf urine and pheromone traps were available to purchase.
- In September, OISE Professor Emeritus **Bill Andrews** gave an inspiring talk **FROM MEADOW TO WOODLOT IN 40 YEARS: AN ECOLOGICAL JOURNEY**. He shared information about creating habitat for birds, insects and other wildlife, while respecting the earth and local conditions. We learned that trees have an economic as well as environmental and aesthetic value when grown with harvesting in mind.
- In October, **Marion Jarvie** shared her passion for growing **PLANTS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR GARDENER**. Her illustrated talk focused on the many unusual plants she grows in her Thornhill garden, which is open twice a year for tours.
- In November, as part of the BDHS Annual General Meeting, **Marilyn Cornwell** shared photographic tips and techniques in her talk **EXPLORATIONS WITH GARDEN & FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY**.



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Cash Basis

Bolton & District Horticultural Society
Balance Sheet
As of 31 October 2015

	<u>31 Oct 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
BANK TD	2,878.46
INVESTMENTS	2,204.75
PETTY CASH	<u>71.00</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>5,154.21</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>5,154.21</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>5,154.21</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	7,870.22
Net Income	<u>-2,716.01</u>
Total Equity	<u>5,154.21</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>5,154.21</u></u>

EXAMINERS' REPORT

We have examined the financial records of the Bolton & District Horticultural Society for the year ended October 31, 2015.

This statement is an accurate reflection of the recorded transactions.

Signed copy on file

November 11, 2015

Date

Nov. 11/15

Date