



JUNE 2025

NEWSLETTER



LAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -----SILVIA STROBL

At last September's Strategic Planning session, the Board reflected on one of our goals, "Provide education awards to local students of horticultural and environmental related studies". Our annual \$500 award hadn't been awarded in 2024, 2023, 2021 or 2017. Were we not marketing the award enough? Was \$500 too small an amount? Online research revealed that some other Horticultural Societies were supporting awards at post secondary institutions. We spoke with a Donor Relations Specialist at Sir Sandford Fleming College (SSFC) to learn more. She provided us with a Partnership Proposal for a flow-through award which doesn't require a large upfront financial contribution unlike a typical endowment.

At our May Board meeting we resolved that we would pledge two \$500 bursaries annually over the next five years. These bursaries will be awarded each semester to students in the Lakefield and District area enrolled in either the Arboriculture, Forestry, or Ecosystem or Environmental Land Management programs at SSFC and who are facing financial challenges. There is no longer a horticultural program at SSFC. Students complete one application to be considered for all college-administered bursaries and scholarships for which they are eligible. The College's Office of Financial Aid identifies deserving bursary candidates, and we will be notified of the recipients. Note that if for some reason we do not have the funds to make the award one year, we are under no legal obligation to do so. We hope our members agree that this solution is worthy of a trial run!



Photos from our very popular
May 2025 plant sale event.

Insects in Your Garden



June General Meeting Tuesday June 10th, 7 p.m.

Our June meeting will be held at the Marshland Centre. We look forward to immersion into the world of insects with David Beresford - an Assistant Professor at Trent who teaches entomology (the study of insects) and invasive species biology. His research focuses on insect pests of livestock and wildlife, as well as insect biodiversity in Northern Ontario. David even has a newly discovered insect named after him - *Bryophaenocladus beresfordi* !

The June flower show will also be held at this meeting. If you'd like to enter, please refer to pages 16 and 17 of the year book for information on the entry placement times and classes.

Thanks to Ceci Leigh and Janet Skrepnek, who will be providing refreshments for the meeting.

Another Successful Plant Sale

We held our annual plant sale on the morning of May 17th. This sale is our society's main fundraiser and helps raise money to pay for the plants that go into the Cenotaph Garden, the large containers and hanging baskets around the village.

The event was our most successful yet and raised over \$5,700.

Our sincere thanks to the 22 volunteers who contributed in so many ways to the smooth running of the occasion and to those who generously donated their plants.



Ceci Leigh, LHS Treasurer, receiving cheques from the Legion

Thanks to our Generous Donors

At the end of May we received a substantial donation from the Legion, totalling \$1,000. We are very grateful for their generosity in addition to that of the village merchants who kindly responded to our requests for donations. All of the money raised helps us to keep the village looking beautiful.



**Norwood and District
Horticultural Society**

BUS TOUR TO GUELPH ARBORETUM

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Depart Norwood at 7:30 a.m.

Pick up in Peterborough at 8:00 a.m.

Return 6:30 p.m.

\$85/person

~ Featuring a guided tour of the Arboretum,
Lunch in the Park, and a stop at
Richters Herbs retail greenhouse ~

To reserve your seat please call (by June 19th):

Mary Irving: 705-750-8472

Brenda Bunker: 613-889-6791

Photos pasted below are for illustrative purposes only



Norwood and District Horticultural Society is looking to fill their bus on a tour to the Guelph Arboretum.

The Guelph Arboretum encompasses 400 acres and features plant collections, gardens, walking trails, natural woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. The Arboretum is home to more than 1700 different taxa of woody plants, in thematic collections such as native trees and noteworthy collections of oaks, beeches, maples, and conifers.

Sign up by June 19th to reserve your seat.



Memberships for 2025 are due.

Just a reminder to the few members who haven't yet renewed, please renew at the next meeting (cash or cheque) or by e-transfer to

lhstreasurer22@gmail.com

Single membership: \$25;

Family membership: \$30.

Above: Some of the beautiful floral entries at our May flower show.



Scholarship

Each year, the Ontario Horticultural Association offers affiliated society members, their children and grandchildren the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship in their pursuit of post-secondary education in a horticulture related field. Applications are accepted from March 1st to June 30th of every year.

Applications or questions should be sent to: Ontario Horticultural Association Awards Coordinator, Email: awards@gardenontario.org

The link below outlines the criteria for application and includes the application form.

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-FINAL-VERSION-Oct-27-2024-1.pdf>



August 19th Walkabout Summer Roads Farm

For our walkabout in August, Beatrice (Bea) Chan, owner of Summer Roads Flower Co., will tour us through her gardens and fields, giving us an overview of the restorative and composting techniques she uses.

We'll have an opportunity to visit the farm stand with flower bouquets and other farm products, including free range eggs, local honey, preservatives and more.

Details to come in the next newsletter.



The next OHA 50/50 Draw takes place on July 19th.

Purchase your tickets by July 18th to ensure your place in the next big draw. The more tickets sold the higher the 50/50 jackpot will grow!

All proceeds go towards Keeping Ontario Beautiful® by way of grants and education. Tickets are available by visiting the raffle website at:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>



Garden Tip of the Month



Botanical Names and Why it Helps to Know Them

By Lynn Lavoie

As gardeners, we might be divided on whether or not it's important to know the botanical names of our plants. However, taking note of botanical nomenclature can give us information on things like native habitat, growing requirements, history and physical characteristics.

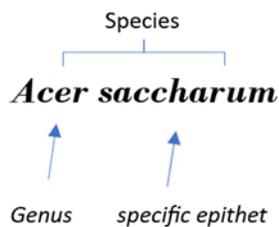
For the most part, common names work as identifiers and who would want to stop using cute names like pig-squeak, bear's breeches and pussy toes?

Nevertheless, common names can be confusing. The same plant might have many different common names, often depending on where you live. For example, the plant that I know as Joe Pye weed is also called gravel root, trumpet weed, gravel weed, purple boneset and queen of the meadow. Even more confusing, one common name can be used for several different plants, for example "hens and chicks" can be used for *Sempervivum*, *Echeveria* and some *Sedum* species.

My real name is *Bellis perennis*, but you can call me Daisy.



We would be in a right pickle without an organized system of naming plants and for that we can thank a Swedish naturalist named Carl Linnaeus. In the mid eighteenth century he created a system of naming organisms, that we now use to classify all plants. He did this by using two words assigned to each organism, which designates one name to indicate first the **genus**, and the second name to indicate the **specific epithet**. These two names are known as a **binomial** and together they denote the species of the plant. Here's an example:



Sugar maple species is *Acer saccharum*. All maples are **Acer** (the genus), but only sugar maple is **saccharum** (the specific epithet). Botanical species names are always written in italics, with the genus' first letter capitalized. The botanical name may be longer than two words if the plant is a variety or a cultivar (cultivated variety), but that is a subject for another garden tip!

Linnaeus' system is often referred to as "the Latin name" for a plant, but some names weren't originally in Latin. Many scientific names are actually "Latinized" forms of words from other languages. The naming of plants is governed by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN).

Even though the use of scientific botanical names may appear complicated, it greatly simplifies communication, avoids potential confusion and ensures that we are all on the same page when talking about plants!