



Keeping Ontario Beautiful

The Iris

**Gilford & District Horticultural
Society**

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Greetings from the President

I hope you enjoyed your month of August and were able to relax in your gardens. Don't forget to bring in your Cactus Zinnia flower to compete in the President's challenge at the Monday Sept 9th meeting. The year is going fast and we will be looking for new faces to join our Executive for 2014, please consider participating to make sure our Society continues in the future. The executive has had two plaques placed at the arboretum to honour the past presidents and life members.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Harper, a past president and life member. Since joining GDHS in 1991, Joan has chaired and been on many committees. She has also been active at the South Innisfil Arboretum during this time as well. Joan's smile and friendly demeanor will be missed by all. I'd like to take this opportunity to say how helpful Joan was to the members. Years ago she was coaching me to enter flower shows

and how to fill in the necessary tag and form. One meeting Joan brought a tulip to show, with a spare of the same variety. She insisted I enter her spare for practice and I took first place and she, second. Judith Rogers



The Welcome Mat is out for:
Heather Cook, Diane Hogarth, Janet Carnegie, Kirk Wourdenberg, Mike and Wendy Vander Voort.

Cheer

- ✿Get Well Wishes to Lois Walsh, Pat Morley and Mario Rea
- ✿Thinking of You to Bill Hubbard
- ✿Sympathy to the Halika Family (Dianne)
- ✿Sympathy to Audrey Hampton (husband)
- ✿Sympathy to Art Harper (Joan)
- ✿Get Well to Phyllis Caulton
- ✿Get Well to Dianne Hubbard



Arboretum BBQ, Plant & Bake Sale

Once again our major fundraiser for the year brought in funds to maintain our society.

Raffle Table	\$140.75
BBQ Table	\$341.80
Bake Table	\$201.60
Plant Tables	\$790.80
Table & space rental	\$470.00
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Upcoming Events

September 9 - Our next meeting at the Churchill Community Centre, 7:30 pm. The two speakers are from the Reblooming Iris Society of North America. If you didn't know there are varieties of iris that bloom more than once in a season, you'll find this presentation quite interesting. There will also be plants for sale.

September 14 - The Fall Flower & Vegetable Show will be held on this Saturday at the Churchill Community Centre. Please refer to your yearbook for plant classes and the schedule. A tea will be held from noon to 1:30 pm; cost \$5.00.

October 26 - D16 Fall Seminar hosted by Midland H.S. Sign up to attend.

District 16 is Growing

On Wednesday, August 14 the Wasaga Beach Garden Club was officially welcomed into the Ontario Horticultural Association by President James Graham. The District Directors from Districts 18 & 19 were also in attendance. We now have 19 societies making up district 16, Simcoe County.

D16 Judging School

After another successful two day session back in June, we wish to offer congratulations and encouragement to our members Marilyn

Elliott, Jenni Murrell and Eve Teras in their continued success with the course. The next session is scheduled for October when the students will buckle down for more intense learning and hands on designing.

2017 Flora Niagara

Unfortunately the the huge garden event of Flora Niagara to be held in 2017 will not be hosted by the region of Niagara, and therefore cancelled. The elected officials feel that a hospital for Niagara Falls is a priority for provincial investment.

Blueberries

Blueberries are a good source of vitamin K and also contain fibre, vitamin C and manganese. A one half cup serving has only 44 calories.



Fresh blueberries can be stored in a refrigerator up to two weeks when covered loosely. They cook up well in baked goods or preserved as jam. To freeze, spread a single layer on a large tray and place in a freezer until firm. Pack in freezer bags, seal and label. In Ontario, low bush and high bush varieties can be found. The low bush are the ones found in the wild and high bush are grown for their larger berries that store a little longer. Blueberries are much easier on the back to pick than strawberries, you can even sit to do it.