



Greetings Fellow Members

Our next newsletter isn't due until August but we've had so much going on, an update in between is in order.

The arboretum plant, bake and tailgate sale was a huge success this year and thanks go to everyone who participated in making the day a good one. We were fortunate to have nice weather without rain as has happened in previous years. The plant sale brought in \$838.80, the bake sale \$376.45, vendors \$240.00, draw \$206.15, BBQ \$296.00 and the equipment/odds and sods the arboretum guys sold \$828.70 for a grand total of \$2786.10.

Arboretum Gardens

The Woodland Garden at the arboretum overwintered quite well with a bit of die back on the new shrubs, which is to be expected. As it matures, it should look nice with the concept of less is more in plant material.

Alongside the garage, a new butterfly garden has been created to incorporate nursery plants for eggs to be laid on and food for the caterpillars. Other plants that will be a source of nectar for adult butterflies complete the project. Already there has been caterpillar activity on the pearly everlasting.



Judging School Graduates

(l-r) Marilyn Elliott, Jenni Murrell and Eveline Teras.

These three lovely ladies from GDHS have graduated from the Ontario Horticultural Association District 16 floral judging school and we're quite proud of them. They now qualify to judge OHA society flower shows and agricultural events.

35th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

The anniversary dinner held at the Harbour House Grill in Lefroy was attended by 46 people and it was nice to see members that have moved away again. Life members Lila Bell and Billie Gill drove in with family from London and Hamilton, respectively.



The welcome mat is out for these new members:

Linda Becic, Myra Morton, Sandra Morley and Andrew Radcliffe.



The July 14 meeting is going to be a fun night as we learn about 'Fairy Gardening', a hot new trend of possibilities and imagination.



There will be a door prize of a container fairy garden, miniatures and a Fairy Gardening book for sale.

Sunday, August 24 is the tufa trough workshop with Maureen Anderson and those who signed up will construct a container to build their own fairy garden in. Tufa is a mixture of cement, peat moss and other materials, depending on the



recipe. It is also a superb medium to grow a small succulent garden in. If you missed the sign-up sheet, contact president Marilyn Elliott to see if there is still room.

A reminder that there is no meeting in August but we're back on Monday, September 8.

The Fall Flower and Vegetable Show & Social Tea will be on September 13. See the yearbook for entry details.

Enjoy your summer!

