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The Iris

**Gilford & District Horticultural
Society**



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The GDHS celebrated its 35th anniversary this year and now we now move ahead to continue successfully.

Lucy Valente is the new president and she will address the members in the February Iris. Ruth Bolt, a charter member gave a warm reminiscence of the past 35 years, mentioning Molly Laceby and Lila Bell who initiated the forming of the society. (Ruth Bolt pictured below)



Annual General Meeting Awards

President's Award: Lucy Valente and Sharon Wice

Recognition Certificate: Betty Lou Flear and Billie Gill

Horticultural Service Certificate: Jenni Murrell

20 Year Pins: Mona Rea and Judith Matchett

Flower Show Award Winners

Most Points in Specimens: Mona Rea

Most Points Floral Design "A" Jenni Murrell

Most Point Floral Design "B" Linda Becic

Overall Points Rose Shows: Debbie Ryan and Eveline Teras

Most Points Vegetables: Eveline Teras

Overall Points House Plants: Diane Sykes

Best King Alfred Daffodil: Mona Rea

Best Iris: Eveline Teras

Best Peony in Show: Mona Rea

Best Oriental Lily Award: Marilyn Elliott

Best Rose Memorial Award: Eveline Teras

Best Gladiolus Award: Debbie Ryan

Best Chrysanthemum Award: Debbie Ryan

Larges Spanish Onion and \$50 gift certificate: Mario Rea

2014 Photo Competition

New Photography Award: Diane Sykes

The rest of the results can be found on the GDHS website.

Many thanks to Jenni Murrell for compiling the list of winners for use in the newsletter.

Thanks also to Miriam King who faithfully records and photographs our events throughout the year.



2015 Photo Competition Categories

- 1 A Puddle
- 2 Red Autumn
- 3 A Gate/Gates
- 4 Winter is...
- 5 A Profusion of Colours
- 6 A wild Mushroom
- 7 A Community Garden
- 8 View of a Barn
- 9 The Last Flower in a Garden
- 10 Floating Greenery in a Pond

The South Simcoe Arboretum

The arboretum transitioned smoothly to the town on July 1. We hope they will tend it with as much care and dedication as the society has. We are still able to use the grounds for our plant sale and it's open to the public for picnics and walks.

Some exciting events coming up in 2015 include 'GardenOntario' week during the third week of June. An OHA project that encourages societies to take part by hosting events such as a flower show, workshop, garden tour, plant sale and more. The OHA will be promoting the society events across Ontario.

The Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards book, known better known as OJES is undergoing an update. The OHA will advise when new copies are available.

The Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club was satisfactory as a central location for D16 events and has been booked for next year. Evaluation sheets handed out after the fall seminar had positive comments about the facility and food.



2015 D16 Annual General Meeting

To be held on **Saturday, April 25** at Tangle Creek. There will be a flower show organized by a committee of the new flower show judges.

Great speakers and lunch again.

2015 OHA Convention

It will be held on **July 3, 4 and 5** at Redeemer University in Ancaster. The theme will be 'Summer in the Southern Tier'. More information to come and the OHA website has info.

2015 D16 Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 31 at Tangle Creek.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

