



# Carleton Place & District Horticultural Society

June 2025

## President's Message

I'm delighted to report on the great success that our volunteers, members, and the community made of our Spring Plant Sale and to thank all of you for your extraordinary efforts. Last month's message spoke to the importance of volunteerism in achieving the goals of our society and to the sense of purpose and fulfillment gained by participating. You came through in spades!

A record number of our members donated plants and volunteered their time and energy to make this happen: plant & pot donations, digging donor gardens, potting up, promotion, transporting plants, setting up, working the sale and cleaning up the aftermath and more.

Hundreds in our community added plants to their homes and gardens, making their personal spaces and our neighborhoods more beautiful and healthy places.

The town of CP came through for us once again. Linda Seccaspina did a fantastic job again this year as emcee. She had the crowds pumped up even before the tape was cut. A big thank you to CP mayor Toby Randall who mixed and spoke with shoppers, and Steph Scollan and the town team who made sure we had tables and canopies.

The money raised will go a long way to support our work in the community gardens, bursaries for students pursuing post secondary education in horticulture and related fields, flower shows and workshops, young gardener programs for children, attracting interesting guest speakers to grow horticultural education in our community, and much more.

You've proven hard work is worthwhile work!

Happy gardening,

Rick Roberts, President



## Flower Show Committee Update

Barbara Fowler, Flower Show Coordinator, Director

I just wanted to thank all those who participated in the Spring Show and made it such a great success. Secondly, I wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Summer Flower Show and Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 5th, Zion Memorial United Church. Entries may be placed in the hall from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Judging will take place from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The hall will reopen from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the public to enjoy the Flower Show and an ice cream. All entries need to be picked up by 4:30 p.m. See the Flower Show Schedule on page 4.



## Native Plant Giveaway and Speaker September 3!

Irene Tobis, VSG and Native Plant Coordinator, Vice-President

Last September our first native plant giveaway was a huge success, and we're doing again—with a special invited speaker. Dozens of native plant species, ready for fall planting, will be given away at our September 3rd meeting! All of the plants, winter-sown by CPDHS member Irene Tobis and now growing in her micro-nursery, will be prepared for giveaway by members of our Climate Change and Biodiversity interest group, as part of their mission to interest more of us in growing more native plants. A list of species to be offered will be announced ahead of the meeting, so you can **plan** your acquisitions.

The plants will be offered at no charge as a benefit of CPDHS membership. Non-members attending may take any plants remaining after members have taken their choices.

We're also excited to announce that the speaker for our September meeting will be a representative from the Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library. Learn about the importance of native wildflowers, how to support local pollinators, and how the Seed Library is helping to grow biodiversity across our region.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started incorporating native plants into your landscape, don't miss this opportunity to get inspired, learn practical tips, and connect with our local initiatives — blooming with purpose.



## EMBERS NIGHT AT VICTORIA SCHOOL GARDEN

Bri Logan, Junior Gardeners Coordinator, Director

We had a blast at the Embers evening on Monday, June 2! Just picture 22 Girl Guides running around the lovely full length of the VSG. Irene and Anita did a fantastic job planning the weeding, planting and teaching activities. Debbi, who is also a VSG volunteer led one of the stations. Valencia, Janet and I offered support and lemonade. I used the leftover kids' budget I had from EarthFEST to get them each a pair of gardening gloves to use and take home.

The Embers leader was really impressed and pleased with how it turned out.



We were thrilled by how engaged the girls were and how much they retained when we tested them on plant facts at the end. Bleeding hearts were definitely the most loved and well-remembered flower.

The Embers leader said it was fine to take these pictures as they have permission from all the girls except one (who is not in our photos). We also just took the back of their heads to be safe anyway.

One of the parents was asking about joining the Society, so I invited her to our meeting. One of the girls knew about our clay garden animal workshop from the plant sale and is planning to come to that.





# Victoria School Garden Update

Irene Tobis, VSG and Native Plant Coordinator, Vice-President

## Clematis

Thanks to a generous donation received last year from former member Debby Lytle, we recently planted 10 new clematis vines in Victoria School Garden.



Sunset

The small new vines are already starting to climb up the chain link fence, on their way to becoming a stunning backdrop to the birdbath/statue donated by Debby, which came from her mother's garden. The first bloom opened shortly after planting in May, Clematis "Nelly Moser", followed by Clematis "Sunset."



Nelly Moser

VSG volunteer Debby O'Malley also donated a native purple Clematis occidentalis, gathered from her property, which is now growing at the end of the row of cultivars.

## New Rock Garden

Plans are in the works to create a new rock garden (adjacent to the new Heritage Museum Garden planted last fall). And that Paul Pietsch plans to start work on installing it at the end of June.

Anita Ruus and I visited Linda Bartlett's gardens where we gathered many plants generously donated by Linda for the new rock garden. There are 10 varieties of Stonecrop Sedum, Veronica Little Blues, Irish Moss, Dwarf Goat's Beard, Persicaria affinis 'Superba', Coreopsis auriculata 'Nana', two native plants - Arabis alpina (Alpine rock-cress)



and Liatris spicata (Dense Blazing-Star).



Paul plans to donate succulents from his home rock garden.

If you have suitable rocks to donate, please drop them off at the Victoria School Garden on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings before the end of June.

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# **SUMMER FLOWER SHOW**

**Saturday, July 5, 2025**  
**Zion Memorial United Church**  
37 Franklin Street, Carleton Place, Ontario

Exhibits may be placed from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

No entries will be accepted after 10:45 a.m.

Judging will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All entries must be picked up by 4:30 p.m.

Entry tags will be available on the day of the Show, as well as at the June meeting.

## **RULES GOVERNING FLOWER SHOWS**

### **General Rules**

All exhibitors, except where expressly noted, must be current members of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society.

All entries must be labelled using entry tags provided by the Society.

The Flower Show Committee reserves the right to add, delete, or divide classes.

Care will be taken with the exhibitor's property, but the Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

The judge's decision is final. Judges may withhold an award if, in their opinion, the exhibit is not worthy.

Judging will be in accordance with the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticultural and Design, Second Edition, 2019 (OJES), available from the show chair. Please refer to the OJES for information and definitions.

### **Rules for Horticultural Specimens**

The **exhibitor** must have grown the horticultural specimens.

An **exhibitor** may enter a maximum of two entries in each of the specimen classes, provided that each entry is of a **different cultivar**.

**Exhibitors will** provide their own containers: clear, uncoloured glass for horticultural specimens is recommended.

For educational purposes, exhibitors are encouraged to name their specimens.

**Houseplants** must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months.

Harmful, scarce, protected, or endangered plants must not be entered. Please refer to OJES, page 14.

### **Rules for Design Classes**

Only one entry is permitted per class per exhibitor.

Novice Entries - members can show as a Novice for two years or until they win a red ribbon in the Novice category. They can enter the Open classes at any time, but cannot then return to Novice.

Fresh plant material may come from your garden or any other source.

Fruit, branches, and decorative wood may be used, and dried and/or treated material may be included. No artificial plant material is permitted.

Accessories are permitted unless otherwise noted.

Plants in soil are not permitted.

Exhibitors are responsible for the correct placement of their entries. Members of the Flower Show Committee will be available for assistance.

Youth categories are open to relatives of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society members and those who have attended CPDHS Young Gardeners Youth Workshops.

### **Awards**

Entries earning First, Second, Third Place, and Honourable Mention will be recognized on entry tags.

Best in Show ribbons will be given for each division.

Additional ribbons may be given at the judge's discretion.

Annual awards will be presented at the Society's December meeting.

### **Points will be accrued as follows:**

**First Prize:** 5 points   **Second Prize:** 3 points   **Third Prize:** 2 points

**Honourable Mention:** 1 point   **Best in Show:** 5 points

### **Youth Awards**

Entries earning First, Second, Third Place, and Honourable Mention will be recognized on entry tags.

Best in Show ribbons will be given for each division. Additional ribbons may be given at the judge's discretion.

## **DIVISION 1: HORTICULTURE**

### **Section A: Summer Specimens**

Class 1: Allium (Allium) - 1 stem

Class 2: Aquilegia (Columbine) - 1 stem

Class 3: Clematis (Clematis) - 1 stem

Class 4: Delphinium (Delphinium) - 1 stalk

Class 5: Dianthus (Pinks) - 3 stems

Class 6: Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) - 1 stem

Class 7: Heuchera (Coral Bells) - foliage, same cultivar, 3 stems

Class 8: Hosta (Hosta) leaves, mini (less than 6 sq. in.), same cultivar - 3 leaves

Class 9: Hosta (Hosta) leaves, solid colour, same cultivar - 3 leaves

Class 10: Hosta (Hosta) leaves, variegated, same cultivar - 3 leaves

Class 11: Collection of Hosta leaves, at least 5 different cultivars, named - 1 leaf of each in a single container

Class 12: Iris (Iris), bearded - 1 stalk

Class 13: Iris (Iris), beardless, e.g., Siberian, Japanese, or Spuria - 1 stalk

Class 14: Lilium (Lily) - 1 stem

Class 15: Lupinus (Lupine) - 1 stem

Class 16: Paeonia (Peony), single - 1 bloom

Class 17: Paeonia (Peony), double or semi-double - 1 bloom

Class 18: Rosa (Rose) - 1 specimen bloom

Class 19: Rosa (Rose) - 1 spray

Class 20: Rosa (Rose), miniature - 1 bloom or spray

Class 21: Rosa (Rose), selected for fragrance - 1 bloom floating in a bowl

Class 22: Any other perennial not listed above, named - 1 stem, spike, or spray

Class 23: Collection of perennials, at least 3 different cultivars, named - 1 stem of each in a single container

Class 24: Pelargonium (Geranium) - 1 stem

Class 25: Any other annual, named - 1 stem, spike, or spray

Class 26: Collection of annuals, at least 3 different cultivars, named - 1 stem of each in a single container

## **Section B: Edibles**

Class 27: Collection of edibles, at least 3 different cultivars, named - displayed on a white dinner-sized plate (provided)

## **DIVISION 2: DESIGN**

**Theme:** *Walking in a Summer Wonderland*

Designs will be staged on a white table covering and have an allotted space of 56 cm (22") in width unless stated otherwise.

Class 28: *Woodland Stroll* - a Landscape design

Class 29: *Small Wonders* - a Small design - will be displayed in a black niche, which is 25 cm x 25 cm (10" x 10"), Open Class

Class 30: *Small Wonders* - a Small design - will be displayed in a black niche, which is 25 cm x 25 cm (10" x 10"), Novice Class

Class 31: *Side by Side* - a Parallel design, Vegetative, Open Class

Class 32: *Side by Side* - a Parallel design, Vegetative, Novice Class

Class 33: *Summer Harmony* - a Design

Class 34: *Oh, Canada!* - a Design

## **DIVISION 3: YOUTH Ages 8 years and younger**

All entries must be the sole work of the exhibitor. Assistance with things like cutting and tying is allowed. Designs will be staged on a white table covering unless otherwise stated.

Class 35: *Woodland Stroll* - a woodland scene/diorama in a box. Scene may include pictures on paper, cardboard, wood, dried plant material, seeds, cones, bark, small stones, etc. Suggested box size 28 cm by 36 cm (11" x 14").

Class 36: *Stop and Smell the Flowers* - a Bouquet in a jam jar

Class 37: *Blowing in the Wind* - a hanging mobile or wind chime. This design will be hung up. Focus is on using natural materials, e.g., sticks, cones, seed pods, bark, etc. You may Reuse and Recycle items to be added, e.g., scraps of yarn, string, or ribbon, beads, recycled caps and lids, shapes cut from cardboard, etc. Use your imagination!

## **DIVISION 4: YOUTH Ages 9 years and older**

All entries must be the sole work of the exhibitor. Designs will be staged on a white table covering unless otherwise stated.

Class 38: *Woodland Stroll* - a woodland scene/diorama in a box. Scene may include pictures on paper, cardboard, wood, dried plant material, seeds, cones, bark, small stones, etc. Suggested box size 28 cm by 36 cm (11" x 14").

Class 39: *Stop and Smell the Flowers* - a Bouquet in a jam jar

Class 40: *Blowing in the Wind* - a hanging mobile or wind chime. This design will be hung up. Focus is on using natural materials, e.g., sticks, cones, seed pods, bark, etc. You may Reuse and Recycle items to be added, e.g., scraps of yarn, string, or ribbon, beads, recycled caps and lids, shapes cut from cardboard, etc. Use your imagination!

## **DIVISION 5: SPECIAL EXHIBITS**

Class 41: *Deck Delight* - A number of compatible plants artistically grouped, by the exhibitor and growing in a single open container for indoor or outdoor use



## Definitions

**Design:** A combination of fresh and/or dried plant materials, with or without other objects arranged to create an artistic unit. A design may include container(s), base (s), and/or accessories. The designer uses the elements of design: space, line, form, colour, texture and pattern in the accepted principles of design: balance, rhythm, proportion, scale, contrast and dominance to interpret the theme and/or class and create a design of harmony and distinction.

**Landscape:** A design capturing a moment from nature. It may be completely naturalistic with plant material organized as it grows, or stylized. The scale can be reduced, and plant material can be used to suggest a real scene, e.g., a branch can suggest a tree; moss can suggest a woodland.

**Parallel:** A design in which three or more groupings are placed in a parallel manner with open spaces between the groupings. The parallel directions may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. The design is in one container or in containers combined so as to appear as one unit. There are two types of Parallel Design: Vegetative and Decorative.

***Vegetative Parallel*** - A design of plant material shown as it grows in nature. Taller growing flowers are placed higher in the design and shorter growing ones are placed lower. There is no mixing of seasons. Plant material is not abstracted or manipulated. Any accessories used must be objects naturally found in an area where the plant material would grow, e.g., pebbles, sand.

**Planter:** A number of compatible plants artistically grouped, by the exhibitor and growing in a single open container for indoor or outdoor use, e.g., window boxes, urns, etc.

**Small:** A design from 14 cm to 25.4 cm (5.5" to 10") and which must not exceed 25.4 cm (10") in height, width, and depth, including any container, base, and/or accessories.

(Source: Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, 2019)

## 2025 FLOWER SHOW COMMITTEE

Doreen Harris, Barbara Fowler, Barb C., Valencia Logan, Heather Lebeau  
If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact us.  
Email: CPDHSflowers@gmail.com

## Don't forget the 2025 CPDHS Photo Competition

As we take a break from monthly meetings for the summer and we spend time in the gardens and outdoors remember to take photos in anticipation of entering our photography competition.

### Theme: **Canadiana**

Class: 1: Canadian colours of red and/or white (any combination)  
from any plant source

Class: 2: Structures/buildings typifying Canada - with horticultural content, it could be barns, structures representative of Canadiana, cedar rail fences etc.

Class: 3: "Food for Thought" Container gardening – Vegetables, or herbs grown in a container or raised bed (a raised bed built above ground level, made of materials such as wood, concrete, or stone).

For full details visit our website <https://cphorticulture.ca/> and scroll down to Activities Photo Competitions or contact Rob

Photography convener: Rob Drapeau, 613 206-4316 [drapeau@bell.net](mailto:drapeau@bell.net)

## CPDHS AND RONA "CLAY GARDEN ANIMALS" WORKSHOPS

On Saturday August 9th, CPDHS will be running two workshops at RONA in Carleton Place on the theme of "Clay Garden Animals." By popular demand, there will be an **Adult's Workshop** in the morning from 10-11 a.m. and a **Children's Workshop** in the afternoon from 2-3 p.m. Participants will sculpt clay animals, decorate clay pots, and plant a free plant to take home as well. A huge thank you to RONA for collaborating with us for another FREE workshop for our community. Spaces are limited for both workshops, so we are asking for RSVPs to [cpdhsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:cpdhsyouth@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We are also looking for volunteers for both workshops, so please let Bri Logan know if you would like to volunteer in the morning or afternoon of August 9th.

Bri Logan, Jurnior Gardeners Coordinator

# HAPPY GARDENING!

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## Membership Benefit Horticultural Discounts

As a member of the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society and upon presentation of your current year membership card, you will receive a discount on **PLANTS** only at the following Garden Centres (including Ottawa and surrounding areas).

Garden Centre	Discount
Budd Gardens 2832 Innes Road, Ottawa	10%
Gemmell's Garden Centre 11862 ON-15, Smiths Falls	10%
Green Thumb Garden Centre 17 Tristan Ct, Nepean	10%
Kiwi Gardens 687 Harper Rd, Perth	13%
Reid Gardens 142 Pick Rd, Carleton Place, ON	10%
Rideau Woodland Ramble 7210 Burritts Rapids Rd, Merrickville	10%
Stoneridge Gardens & Nursery 1851 Galbraith Rd, Clayton	10%
Whitehouse Perennials 594 Rae Rd, Almonte	10%

**Note:** Canadian Tire Garden Centre, Carleton Place usually gives 10% discount on plants only to CPDHS members upon presentation of their membership card.

These garden centres do not offer discounts to horticultural society members.

Carleton Place Nursery - they have their own points system

Peter Knippel Nursery & Garden Centre Inc

Ritchie Feed & Seed Inc.

When you are at a Garden Centre, anywhere in Ontario, all you have to do is ask if they offer a discount to OHA Horticultural Members upon presentation of their membership card. It never hurts to ask.

Laura Cupper  
Membership Coordinator