



Ontario Horticultural Association, District 2 Newsletter

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Dear member of District 2:

Happy New Year!

There is a lot of news, please have a read when you have time.

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Annual Report Time

As soon as you complete your Society AGM, please fill in your annual report forms. Get the forms done now so that you and other volunteers won't have to rush later.

See the forms pages on the OHA web site:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

For the annual report and volunteer hours forms. I encourage you to fill out your reports in Microsoft word and e-mail them to me (district2@gardenontario.org) please confirm I have received them.

For the OMAFRA report see:

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/hort/hortappformtest.htm>

Read the forms before filling them in. Before submitting, print your form as a backup. Please send me an e-mail to let me know you've filed.

If you have new executives in your Society, please send their contact information to Bonnie or me. I'd like to make sure everyone is kept informed in the district.

Any member of your Society is welcome to be on the District 2 news mail list. Just send an e-mail to me at district2@gardenontario.org

District 2 Calendar

See:

<https://docs.google.com/Doc?docid=0AdMQQ7Uk1D-HZGMzaG4yc2ZfOGZyODg4cWQ2&hl=en>

Just a reminder of some items to keep on your radar:

Treasurer Bonding

The Treasurer's position is bonded. Bonding must be completed annually as required by Horticultural Societies Act.

Deadline: January 1

Send to: OHA Treasurer using forms sent by the OHA.

Web site: Check that your Society web site is up to date and that events are listed on the OHA event calendar.

Plant a Tree! - \$100 Grant from the OHA for your Society. Mail soon.

The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Tree Planting Special Project Award, whereby a Society or District may apply for up to \$100 for a special tree planting. Societies can apply for a number of \$100 tree planting grants in 2010.

Although there is no formal procedure for applying for this funding, a letter must be sent via Canada Post outlining what tree is to be planted and indicating if this is a special event for the Society/District. These requests are to be sent to the Association Secretary,

Janet Moyser,
OHA Secretary,
49 Blairs Trail, RR8
Kincardine, ON N2Z 0B3

These awards are granted on a first come basis after January 1, 2011. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for **three** years. Awards are announced to the Directors at the spring board meeting and no further awards are given for the year. Once approved, payment is made upon submission of receipts. Receipts must be received before the end of December, 2011.

*** Many of the \$100 grants weren't awarded last year. Send in a quick letter this month to get your \$100 for a tree for your community beautification or environmental project. ***

Youth Club “HELP PROGRAM” GRANT – Mail soon.

This program is to provide Youth Clubs/Groups with financial support. The grant may be applied for by any active Youth Club/Group in Good Standing with the Ontario Horticultural Association.

The grant may be used for programming, seeds, special events, supplies, etc. for the Youth Club/Group applying for the grant.

Any Youth Club/Group receiving a grant cannot apply the following year.

To apply fill out the following information and mail to OHA Secretary, after January 1st. The first 20 Youth Clubs/Groups will receive a grant of \$50.00.

See the forms page on the OHA web site, youth section

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php>

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/youth_club_grant_form.pdf

SPECIAL PROJECT APPLICATION

To assist the Societies in meeting the objectives of the Ontario Horticultural Association, the Board will provide a SPECIAL PROJECT grant for ten projects a year to a maximum of \$500.00 for each project. The grant is limited to one project per Society per year. This Special Project grant will be reviewed annually. This application is not available to successful Societies for a further five years. Applications must be submitted to your District Director who must submit the signed form to the O.H.A. Secretary by February 28th.

http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/oha_special_project_application.pdf

District 2 AGM 2011, Pakenham

April 16, 2011

OHA Convention, Sudbury

July 15-17, 2011

http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php

District 2 Photo Competition

Please remind your members to enter

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2>

2011 is a new membership year

A reminder to your board to take action on your membership growth plan.