



Orangeville & District Horticultural Society

September 2026

Next Meeting October 13 2026

Seniors Centre Bythia Street

Social 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Remember your coffee mug
or \$.50 will be charged for a
paper cup**



Autumn Glory

A design in a Pumpkin or Squash

Vivian Petho
Photo Ann Atzori



A Gardener's Winter Paul Judge

Paul Judge, based in Guelph is currently a Landscape Coordinator at the Town of Minto. Paul Judge holds a bachelor of science degree from University of Guelph. He has a robust skill set that includes coaching, landscape design, landscaping, environmental awareness, and horticulture.

Volunteer of the Year

It's time to reflect back on a very successful season. If there is any member you feel deserves to be nominated for the "Volunteer of the Year Award", please reach out to a board member.

Youth Corner

Great news! We are developing a virtual youth program for our society! We will be having a Youth Corner section in our monthly newsletter with activities, competitions and programs directed specifically to our youth aged 6 to 16. If you have a child or grandchild who is interested, please register them at your next registration. The cost is only \$2 per child. We will be awarding points for participation and competitions and prizes will be awarded at the December Awards Night. Children do not have to attend any meetings, they can participate via you and/or the internet.



From the Archives – September 2026

This month in From the Archives, let's take a look at this picture from 1988. Here you can see one of the entrance points into the Town of Orangeville. At that time, the Horticultural Society would manage the bed of flowers directly below the listings of the Town's Service Clubs. Our responsibilities in the Town have changed, but we still uphold the standard of excellence with maintaining the Town Garden Beds. I hope you enjoyed this glimpse into our past. Stay tuned for the next edition of From the Archives.

Vivian Petho - Archivist



Right

Let's Do it Again

A design in a recycled container

Laura Austin - 2n

Bottom

Let's do it Again - Novice

A design in a recycled container

Jack Dennie

Photos Ann Atzori

Pelargonium with foliage

Carol Whelan - 2nd

Photo Ann Atzori





Judge's Choice Design

"Let's Do it Again"

A design in a recycled container

Vicky Lepe

Photos From Ann Atzori

Sponsor a flower show category!

We have been having the most amazing flower shows lately! Thank you to all of you who are entering your wonderfully taken care of specimens and for the fabulous designs. It truly shows the dedication and creativity of our members.

Another way that we can support the flower shows is by sponsoring a flower show category. You can do this by submitting a prize in the name of yourself or a loved one, or even your company. This name will be posted in the yearbook as well as on the category sign at the flower show (unless you want to be anonymous).

You can choose a category from any of our 4 flower shows – May, June, September or December. If you look at our current yearbook, you can get an idea of what the categories are. Or you can make up your own! It is always fun to have something new.

The prize amount is up to you. You can offer a single prize amount (i.e. \$10) for the best in the category, or you can do a first, second, third prize (i.e. 1st - \$10, 2nd -\$7, 3rd -\$3, for a total of \$20 **or** 1st- \$7, 2nd -\$5, 3rd \$3, for a total of \$15). The prize amount and number of categories it up to you.

In addition to the memorial prizes, we already have sponsorship for June Rose, September Dahlia, and June Best Design. Thank you!

Please enjoy the flower show pictures this month, and we really hope that you will consider sponsoring a prize for next year!

Donations can be made at the October or November meetings so that they can be listed in next year's yearbook.

The Flower Show Committee

Superstar Award



Vicky Lepe receives the new "Superstar Award" for her ongoing work in the kitchen and entering every Flower Show.

This award will be distributed meeting to meeting to highlight the great work of our members. The member who currently is the Superstar gets to choose the next Superstar.

Photo from Vivian Petho



Colours of Fall

A Small Design

Laura Austin - 1st

Photo Ann Atzori



Best in Show - Design

"Farewell to Summer"

A pave design

Vicky Ruple Lepe

Photo Ann Atzori



Calendula

Carol Whelan - 1st

Any other annual

New Guinea Impatiens

Mary Jelly - 1st



Zinnia

Lesley Power - 1st

Begonia in a Bowl

Ann Atzori - 1st

Photos Ann Atzori





Dahlia

Nicole Power - 1st

Photos Ann Atzori

Rosa

Mary Jelly 1st



Seed heads

Liz Nash - 1st

Sedum, Different Cultivars

Laura Austin - 1st





Carrots

Katie Rowley

Thinking Ahead

A design incorporating seed heads

Youth Division

Jack Dennie - 1st



A display of Fruits/Vegetables

Glenn Nash

Abundance

A design featuring fruit and/or vegetables

Laura Austin - 1st





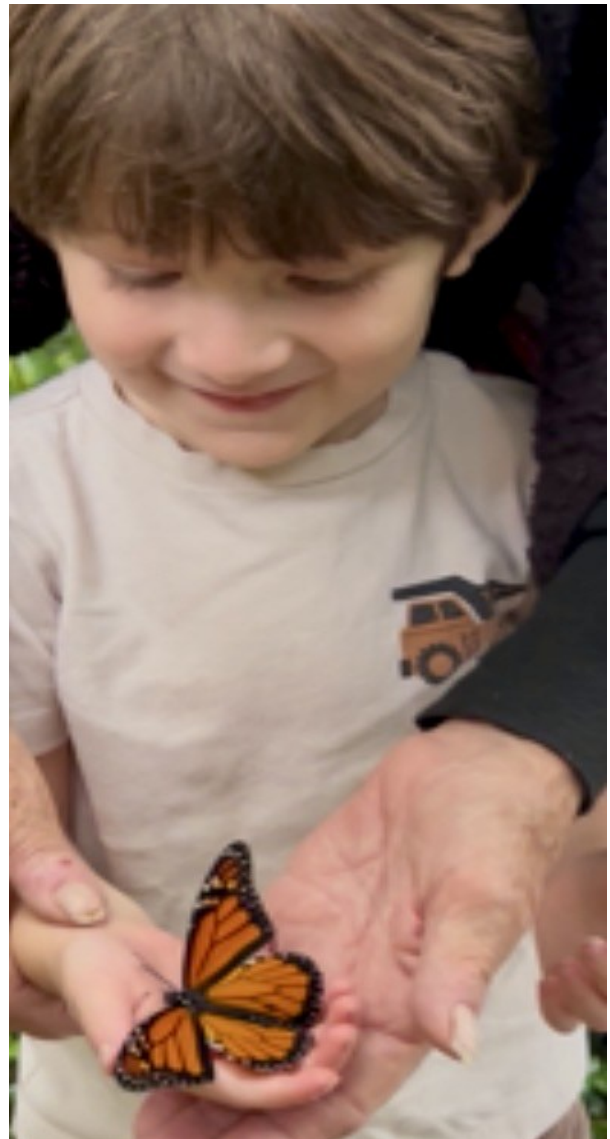
Best in Show - Horticulture

Any other perennial

Turtle Head

Laura Austin

Photo Ann Atzori



From Carol
Whelan via
Facebook

Young friend releasing a monarch in my garden.
Look how intently and carefully he did it . Nature is in trouble.
We need to everything in our power to preserve it.
Trish Symons



Judges Choice - Horticulture

Largest Leaf

Deanna Ruple

Flowering/Fruiting Branch

Laura Austin - 3rd

Photos Ann Arzori



Colour of Fall

A Small Design

Sabrina Bigler - 3rd

Abundance

A design featuring fruit and/or vegetables.

Chris Cox - 3rd





Morning Glories



It is a treat first thing in the morning seeing these hot pink, purple and blue morning glories clamber up the east and south side of my garage. Though they are annuals, I never have to replant. The seeds fall to the ground and late spring the tiny seedlings pop right back up. They just need something to climb. I will harvest extra seed in October and if anyone wants to try some just let me know. Remember our motto "Gardens are for Sharing"

Trish Symons

President's Message – September 2026

September is upon us and what a summer it's been. We had hot weather, mixed with a fair amount of rain, which was great for our gardens. This was evident through our September Flower Show which had over one hundred entries. I hope everyone enjoyed it, either as a participant or just an observer.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Society, I want to Thank Thom Robinson for granting us space on his property for all these years for our 'Hockley Holding Garden.' His generosity made it possible for our yearly fundraiser Plant Sale to be successful. Since Thom has sold his property, the plants will be moving into Orangeville to the holding garden at Toad Hollow Antiques on John St. We Thank Barb Ackerman for lending us this new space. Next Spring, our Plant Sale will be open to the public, so stay tuned for further details. Chris Cann will run the Plant Sale next Spring but is looking for someone she can train to take over her job. Please see the job description on the website: <https://orangevillehort.com>.

Now, on to the next little while. In October, there are two important dates to put on your calendar. The first is Tuesday October 13, 2026. That is our next meeting where the speaker will be Paul Judge with the topic: A Gardener's Winter. Memberships are due for renewal now: \$30/single, \$35/couple, \$2/child ages 6-16. You can pay with cash, cheque, or e-transfer. If you purchase by the October Meeting, your name will go into the Early Bird Draw.



Secondly, Saturday October 17, 2026 is the District 7 meeting. The Erin and Hillsburgh Garden Clubs will host it. The event is at the Aboyne Hall at Wellington County Museums and Archives from 9:30am to approximately 12:30pm. Flower Show Entries are due between 8:30-9:15am. The guest presenters are Janet Cox (Birds, bees, and me: mini-ecosystems for your yard) and Michelle Goff (Floral Design). If you would like to attend and did not sign up at the September Meeting, please email odhs1970@outlook.com by NO LATER THAN October 9.

In case you are ever interested in learning more about the speakers we have had over this past year, please see the

"Meetings" page on our website.

A special Thank You to our wonderful newsletter editor, Trish McKibbin, who has worked tirelessly to prepare our monthly newsletter. This will be the last one that she puts together for the Society. We all appreciate the work you have done, Trish! Ann Atzori will take over creating our newsletter as of October.

One last note, Thank You to all our wonderful gardening angels and all the arduous work they have done to maintain our garden beds this summer. To our angels, please turn any remaining funds and receipts to Kathy by the October Meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all next month!

Vivian Petho – President ODHS

