

## From the Archives

For this month's installment of "From the Archives," here is the story of The Orangeville and District Horticultural Society's gavel. The members of our society may recall seeing the gavel at General Meetings and it is always present at all our Board Meetings.

Here is its story.

In 1975, a member named Sam White handcrafted our gavel. According to an excerpt from the 1976 yearbook:

"We would also wish to thank Sam White who presented our society with a walnut gavel which he designed and constructed. The head of the gavel was made from a walnut tree planted by Sam in 1929 on his farm in Primrose. The handle was made from part of an old organ."

This gavel, which is nearly as old as our society itself, is still used at Board Meetings by our current President, Julia Dimakos.

I hope you enjoyed this month's "From the Archives." Stay tuned for next month's feature piece.

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