

Orangeville & District Horticultural Society
General Meeting Minutes
Seniors Centre 26 Bythia
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
President: Vivian Petho

Meeting Opened by Vivian Petho
O Canada, Land Acknowledgment

1. a. Welcome to guests -none
b. Announcing of the passing of member, Nancy Dickie. A celebration of life will be held at High Country United Church, 346255 Side Rd 15, Mono on July 11th from 1-4

c. Jean Phillips Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) to K. George, ODSS grad planning on attending University of Guelph, Environmental Engineering
d. Trish Symons - upcoming Photo Workshop, Thursday, June 11
e. Laura Auston - upcoming Hidden Gems Garden Tour -June 18, 3 volunteers still needed, volunteer garden viewing Wednesday, June 17th
f. Chris Cann -reported on a very successful glass flower workshop; Hockley Plant Sale raised \$2673 - thank you to those who donated, purchased and/or volunteered at the garden. There may be a One Day Sale in September.
g. Barb Ackerman –Coach trip –need 5 more people to fill the bus; \$100/ticket for Feversham area, Wednesday, July 1, itinerary to paid members will be sent out shortly
h. Garden of the Month -June 28th -A local Orangeville garden, 1-3pm
i. OHA Convention - July 24-26
j. Thanked June treat volunteers. September volunteers: J. Holden, T. Symons and L. Zuidwyk
k. Members reminded about September flowershow -info in yearbook and on the website
2. Donna McAvoy introduced Jocelyn Molyneux from Wastenot Farms who creates high value soil additives from waste. Since 2013 they have used organic

residuals as feedstock for a million red wiggler worms who manufacture their signature product "Jocelyn's Soil Booster Worm Manure"

-follows philosophy of Dr. Elaine Ingham soilfoodweb.com

-the value of regenerative agriculture to significantly reduce climate change and restore soil

-the nutrient value of food has decreased 50% since the 1940's

-cover crops are invaluable, may want to consider tillage radishes

3. Flower Show -over 50 entries. Congratulations to all who participated and special mention to Best in Show in Design: V. Lepe; Judges Choice in Design: E. Dennie; Best in Show in Horticulture: C. Whelan; and Judges Choice in Horticulture: P. Kurtz

4. Draw -won by G. Clarke

Thank you to kitchen volunteers and set up volunteers

8:20 pm Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 8, 2026