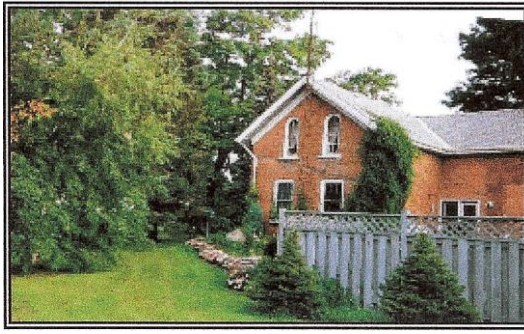


**Home & Garden of  
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*Dunnville* members participated in a variety of horticultural-related events. Their greatest contribution to the community are the flower beds in bloom. Everyone who visits are greeted by large waves of colour. In 2005 members planted over 1,000 Centennial tulip bulbs for what they hope will be an amazing mid-spring display.

*Fort Erie* proudly hosted the 2005 District Fall Forum; a first ever B.B.Q. was enjoyed by all who attended. The town has been invited to enter "Communities-in-Bloom" at the national level. Most important is their youth involvement. Members gave an instruction course on planting crocus bulbs to a Girl Guides group and plan the same with tulip bulbs in 2006. *Grimmsby* - Community involvement and featured events included a plant sale, a hands-on workshop, the Trillium Awards; providing students with service hours they require & decorating a Christmas Tree as a fund-raiser, for Rotary. Their volunteers maintain flower beds & provide flower baskets. A bursary is given to a student entering a horticultural program. A donation of a bench was made in memory of Robert Fleming. Projects are being arranged to include involvement with school students; floral design for the Historical Society and "The Plant a Row, Grow a Row" program.

*Lincoln G & H Club* lent their support to the Centennial Committee of the

Vineland Experimental Station, by donating 100 OHA bulbs. Members enjoyed a hands-on Christmas workshop. A Potluck which included a tour of a member's lovely garden noted for a fine display of dahlias. Donations are made to the Niagara College & several other worthy causes.

*Niagara Falls* Society began District 9's celebration of the OHA Centennial year by hosting the District's Spring Forum. Members enjoy beautiful and well-entertained flower shows; floral design seminars, plant exchanges, garden strolls (including a first winter stroll). Civic projects include a bursary to a student of the Niagara Park School; a Trillium Award; donation of a memorial bench to the Niagara College, Glendale Campus & additional donations to the local library and the Community Kitchen. Their society is promoted with attractive displays at Niagara College Open House. *Niagara-on-the-Lake*, looks forward to their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour, which will include 8 beautiful gardens. Their committee works very hard to make this major fund-raiser a success. An annual event, that members look forward to is their bus trip to Canada Blooms. They will enjoy a nice mix of Community Center speakers, visits to greenhouses and garden centers. Their President Jim Maw, thanks all of the Directors for a job well done

*Pelham* members benefit from their own web site - [pelhamhortcity.com](http://pelhamhortcity.com)

Special events include a plant, lawn & bake sale, a garden tour, and a flower & vegetable show, which is open to the public. Projects for Youth include donations to the Niagara College Tree Fund, and the secondary school horticulture program. Other projects are the creation of a flower bed at the Fonthill Library, in partnership with the Pelham Library. OHA tulips were planted at both the Canadian Legion and at the Village Flagpole. Potted plants are given at Easter & Christmas to both branches of the library.

*Port Colborne* - Four society members were honoured with Volunteer Awards. Members continue to plan and carry out their Earth Day plantings, a plant sale & their Annual Rose Show. Everyone participates & enjoys their monthly mini flower shows. Civic projects include maintaining flower beds at three local sites. Flower boxes were provided for new buildings at the Marine Museum *Ridgeway & District* members enjoy three major flower shows, a plant sale and participation in the Niagara College Open House. Their program chairperson participated as a judge for Communities-in-Bloom at the local level. Club groups continue to participate at the Shagbark Trail, with their plan for a Butterfly Garden. In honour of the OHA Centennial, 140 tulips were donated to the town of Fort Erie, for a public planting.

*Smithville* members include their community in their events; at a rose show at the Seniors Legion Villa, the residents are encouraged to participate; Youth are encouraged to take part in a floral workshop, a Fall Fair Vegetable Display, a 'Stepping' Stone workshop and garden competitions. Supplies necessary for all youth projects are provided and they are encouraged to enter their projects in the Fall Fair. A bursary is given to a Smithville District Christian High School student continuing in a horticulture program. *St. Catharines* - This Society is 147

years old and members look forward to celebrating the OHA Centennial by proudly remembering W.B. Burgoyne, past member and President of their society & most importantly, the first President of the OHA. As a special project, members will honour him by beautifying Montebello Park. With the planting of a special white rose they have had named after him. This Park was donated, long ago, to the city by Mr Burgoyne. Youth involvement is encouraged with the donation of bulbs for instructional plantings. Approx. \$9000.00 derived by fund-raising, is donated by their society to worthy projects in their city. Included are Student Awards, purchase of books for Niagara College, a greenhouse for a secondary school youth program. *Thorold* Society had an active and successful year. Events included a memorial tree planting, a giant plant sale & two major flower shows, participation in the Niagara College Open House & the Cancer Society's Daffodil Tea. Community projects include donations to local schools and to the library, scholarships and book prizes to students at the secondary school. Civic projects include beautification at 3 park sites; flower bed maintenance at several facilities.

*Welland* members proudly held their 87<sup>th</sup> Rose Show, had a successful plant sale & 5<sup>th</sup> Garden Walk. For the first time in many years, they participated in the Rose Festival Parade. Civic projects included Merit Awards for beautification, given to city residents, businesses and institutions; donations of plants to nursing/long-term care facilities, planting spring bulbs at the Children's Village, donating bulbs & holding a workshop on planting them for a group of children, sponsoring youth memberships in Vermeers' Bud Club. Members enjoyed their 2<sup>d</sup> Annual Landscape Conference.

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