

District 9 2011

Haldimand, Niagara North, Niagara South

District Director - Susan Lusted



District 9 has had an amazing year. Each of our societies now has a Web presence thanks to our secretary, Lisa DeYoung. The District continues to plan and look forward to hosting the 106th OHA convention. Our theme is 1812-2012 Gardening Then and Now and the District is excited to be able to showcase our area with speakers, tours and seminars all reflecting that theme. Our fundraiser for 2012 to 2013 is the 1812 Rose.

Dunnville

- Provided plants, materials, labour and on-going maintenance for public flower beds
- Operated the Trillium Award Program to encourage public garden beautification
- Held a flower/vegetable show to encourage interest
- Held monthly members meetings and provided educational speakers, seminars, workshops and other activities related to horticulture

Fort Erie

- Society worked with special needs students in the greenhouse at Fort Erie SS
- Planted seeds in pots with the elderly at local Retirement Home
- Maintained our memorial garden
- Assisted with cleaning up the Waverly Beach garden – planted 100 plants & daffodils
- Held Annual Plant Sale & Annual Bake Sale
- Created planters with Fort Erie Head Injury Group
- Poinsettias were delivered to the Hospital and Nursing Homes

Grimsby

- Off-site tour of Celtic Gardens of Bryce Wylie
- Participation in the Grimsby Home & Garden show to generate 18 new members
- Garden Tour with 10 Grimsby gardens in 3 different areas of Grimsby
- Planting a Potager Garden, our only hands-on project
- Donating decorations & trimming of tree in Grimsby new Town Hall

Lincoln

- Speakers on topics such as the Dupont estates located at Longwood and Winterthur, Iris and Rose breeding and a tour of the historic gardens at Dundurn Castle in Hamilton.
- Provided funds for plantings at the Lincoln Town Hall, scholarships at Niagara College and Beamsville Secondary School
- The purchase of books and planters for the Lincoln libraries and the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Millennium Forest.

Niagara Falls

- Tree donation through Landcare Niagara for Arbour Day
- Held 17th Annual Garden Walk , 58th Annual Rose & Flower Show & 90th Flower & Vegetable Show
- September Meeting hosted by Country Basket Garden Centre onsite
- Hosted D9 Fall Forum - excellent speakers - Darrell Bley & Peter Ferguson
- Planting & Maintenance of local Firehall Beds and Armoury planting

Niagara on the Lake

- Our Society is growing strong, great speakers, interesting projects and members who are rolling up their sleeves and getting involved.
- Celebrated 20th Annual Garden Tour with 25 gardens & over 100 volunteers who ensured it was a huge success.
- Made over 300 arrangements for 3 nursing homes & our hospital.
- Held Garden of the Week contest with Town & local newspaper.
- Donated to: City Tree Fund; Daffodil Garden of Hope; Raised funds and collected canned goods for a local charity; Niagara Parks School of Horticulture; 1812 Roses

Pelham

- Held successful plant sale and Garden tour
- Participated at the local Home show – new members joined
- Provided a scholarship to local high school student
- Maintained flower beds at local libraries and legion

Port Colborne

- Held successful plant sale
- Conducted a flower show and tea at the Seniors Centre
- Hosted a garden tour
- Hosted a vegetable container seminar with local youth. Partnered with Bridges Community Group
- Planted serviceberry trees at the Jericho Leadership Centre with the Niagara Nature Club
- Planted a gingko tree at the Museum.
- Maintained flowerbeds at the Legion, Hospital, the Senior Centre, Roselawn Theatre and the Museum

Ridgeway

- Held Annual Plant Sale and Garage Sale. Great turnout. What is left over is donated for various beautification projects in our district.
- Variety of speakers on topics such as honey bees in the garden, making hypertufa pots, gardening on a clay berm, garden stained glass mosaic art, and decorating for Christmas.
- Held Flower shows at some of our meetings

- Garden projects at various gardens in the District

Smithville

- Celebrated our 90th Anniversary
- There was no Rose Show in June 2011
- Donated books to the local Libraries
- Bursary was given to a High School student
- Tomato Plants were given to Community Care
- Held a successful Plant Sale
- Allium bulbs sold at our Farmers Market
- Held a Hypertufa Workshop created troughs & balls
- We supported the Fall Fair's Flower & Plant Show & Pumpkin Contest
- Held a Floral Workshop for youth

St. Catharines

- Our Plant Sale and Garden tour were very successful.
- Donated towards the Sir Casimir Gzowski Park and Trillium Awards
- Donated to Niagara College Endowment Fund to the library, and to Kernahan Park Secondary School
- We supported Harvest Days and Community Care
- Members maintained the BME Church grounds and the gardens around the Alzheimer Foundation
- Hosted the D9 Spring Annual Meeting

Thorold

- Several individuals and the Society was honored in 2011 for their volunteer work.
- Received an award from the City for the projects over the years in beautifying the city.
- The Province awarded 4 members for their many years of service to Society.
- Held Rose Show with the theme "The Royal Wedding"
- Maintained the gardens at the library and Historical Museum
- Held a successful plant sale

Welland

- Sold "Welland Rose" bushes to the public
- Had a very successful Plant Sale
- Enjoyed our Annual Rose Show
- Held a Garden Walk in the city
- Merit Award winners were chosen over the summer
- Held photographic competition & made calendars from the winning entries. Sold as fundraiser.
- Gave yearly scholarship to a Niagara College student in Horticulture
- Held an Awards night to recognize our volunteers and competition winners