



## OHA District 2 *Three River Valleys News* April 2024 – Volume 11, Issue 3

### 1. DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of District 2 Societies/Clubs,

Happy Earth Month and National Garden Month! And what a start to the month with our "Third Winter" and 72 hours of snow, the Solar Eclipse and now Summer weather! I am sure the birds and water creatures are just as confused as we are.



The woodland flowers are blooming here in Prospect. Our Hepatica Hollow (below, photo: A. Harbord) is full of white, pale blue and darker blue Hepatica. The Coltsfoot appears around our property in a new spot every day. Bloodroot is starting to appear. The Crocus and Snowdrops have finished their blooms and now the Daffodils are ready to bloom, with the Scilla and Puschkinia (left, photo: De Vroomen) popping up in many beds. The fruit trees have been pruned and received their dormant oil spray. The fruit bushes and roses are nearly finished their Spring pruning ready to

receive their dormant oil spray once this series of rain-storms stop. It is so wonderful to be back in the garden and getting summer bulbs ready in pots, watching the Rhubarb shoot up more every day and praying that the foraged Asparagus will appear this year.

The D2 AGM will be held in Perth on Saturday May 4th, hosted by the Perth and District Horticultural Society. The AGM is for all members to attend and learn about happenings in the District as well as to see the results of the Photography Competition, District Awards and Recognition, hear great speakers and enjoy meeting like-minded gardeners. It is also the time to elect your new D2 Board members.



Please register with your Society, which will send a list of Society attendees and a single cheque per Society to Perth. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a light breakfast and lunch. This is our first in-person D2 AGM since 2019. We look forward to seeing many of you in Perth. See the attached agenda for the day.

Earth Day is on the horizon with many activities around the District and the OHA webinar on April 19, 2024. Eganville and District HS is holding an Earth Day Birthday party to celebrate the 90th birthday of Jane Goodall. The invitation is attached to the bottom of this newsletter. You are invited to hear seven local speakers who will talk about their environmental projects and celebrate Jane Goodall. Let Eganville know if you plan to attend. There will be cake!

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## 2. UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><u>April 18:</u> Deadline to register for D2 AGM</p> <p><u>April 19:</u> OHA Earth Day Webinar</p> <p>April 20: Deadline D2 Service Award Nominees</p> <p><u>April 22:</u> Earth Day Birthday Party, Eganville &amp; Area HS (pre-register)</p> <p><u>Apr. 26-29:</u> City Nature Challenge</p> <p><u>Apr 30:</u> Deadline Young Gardeners Grant Application</p>	<p><u>May 1:</u> Deadline to enter OHA Photo Competition</p> <p><u>May 1:</u> Deadline to enter OHA Publications Competition</p> <p><u>May 4:</u> D2 AGM, Perth &amp; District</p>	<p><u>June 1:</u> Deadline OHA <i>Trillium</i> magazine submission</p> <p><u>June 1:</u> Deadline to enter OHA Arts Competition</p> <p><u>June 30:</u> Deadline to Register for Garden Clubs of Ontario School for Floral Design Judges, Instructors and Exhibitors</p>	<p><u>July 1:</u> Deadline Therapeutic Garden Grant Application (National Garden Bureau)</p>	<p><u>Aug 17:</u> District 2 Flower &amp; Edibles Show, Almonte Civitan Club</p>	<p><u>Sept.</u> GCO Pre-requisite courses Sept. 14, 21 &amp; 29. cost \$100 for 3 courses at Landscape Ontario</p> <p><b>FALL</b> Advisory Council, Petawawa, Date – TBD</p> <p><b>OCTOBER</b> <u>Oct 19:</u> Deadline Society Constitution &amp; Bylaws to OMAFRA</p>

### 3. EARTH DAY EVENTS

#### **OHA Webinar, Fri., April 19, 2024 from 7:00pm - 9:00 pm on Webex**

Hear Claudette Sims speak about why our Garden Centres are still selling invasive species and what we can do about it. No pre-registration. 1000 spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The link will be sent to all Societies by the OHA.

#### **Eganville and Area Horticultural Society Earth Day Birthday**

**April 22, 2024 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm**

Eganville and Area Horticultural Society is holding a birthday party on April 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Eganville Legion. This is a wonderful celebration of the 90th birthday of Jane Goodall with special recognition for her. There will also be presentations by seven local environmentalists who will discuss their current projects. All are welcome to come. Please let Val Collins know if you are planning to attend. Val's email is [smartcityscience@gmail.com](mailto:smartcityscience@gmail.com) Free for everyone to attend. And there will be cake!



**[EARTHDAY.ORG](https://www.earthday.org) - Planet vs Plastics, Social Media Banner**

There is a big focus on the use of plastics around the world. Earth Day is calling for action by people everywhere to increase awareness of the impact of plastics on the environment and to start citizen advocacy initiatives to stop the use of plastics. Check out the web page for Earth-Day.org for public domain banners which can be used on your website, flyers, Facebook, etc., and help increase awareness of this issue in your community.



**4. CWF - CITY NATURE CHALLENGE – April 26 through 29**



The Canadian Wildlife Federation invites Canadians from coast to coast to join the biggest international biodiversity tracking event of the year! It's super easy to take part in the 2024 City Nature Challenge! The City Nature Challenge involves people in over 50 countries and more than 600 cities around the world (including multiple Canadian cities from coast to coast).

Anyone in a participating city can use the free [iNaturalist app](#) to make observations of all the wild flora and fauna they can find — from the tiniest insect to mosses and fungi to birds, mammals, trees and more. It's a great way to explore nature while contributing to both an active scientific database and to Canada's total number of wildlife observations, as we compete against the world in tracking biodiversity.

For more information link at <https://cwf-fcf.org/en/explore/inaturalist/cnc/>

## 5. D2 AGM – May 4, Perth

### a. Updated Agenda

The draft Agenda has been updated and is attached for your information.

### b. Registration Process (see attached form) due April 18, 2024

Each Society should complete its own Registration form for the AGM and provide the completed form and a single cheque or e-transfer to Perth for the Registration fees. Members of the D2 Board will be registered under the D2 Board and not their home Society.

#### Registration:

Fee: \$25.00 per Society member (includes lunch and snacks). Registration is due **April 18, 2024**.

**Please send registrations by email to [pdhsmembers@gmail.com](mailto:pdhsmembers@gmail.com)**

The following Payment Options are available:

- E-Transfer: [pdhsmembers@gmail.com](mailto:pdhsmembers@gmail.com) – password: MAY4D2AGM
- Cheque from your Society payable to Perth & District Horticultural Society  
Send to: Barbara Smith, Registrar, D2 AGM 2024  
Perth & District Horticultural Society, 1948 Ferguson Falls Road, Lanark, Perth, K0G 1K0

For further information, please contact Linda Bartlett at [pdhsmembers@gmail.com](mailto:pdhsmembers@gmail.com)

### c. 2024 Photography Competition

Many thanks to all participants for sending in your pictures. Your photos have been reviewed and our judge has shared that it was a tough task this year as there were so many beautiful submissions.

The results are in and we will be announcing the winners at the D2 AGM in Perth on May 4th. Please try your best to attend so you can receive your award in person. If you have any questions regarding the AGM, please let your Society President know and they will direct you to the AGM host.

During the day of the AGM, I will ensure that everyone's photos are projected on the screen so you can view all of this year's entries. The winners - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, as well as Honorable Mention will be announced formally at the AGM.

Hope to see you all on May 4th...Debra Bellevue, Chair, Photography Competition

d. **In Memoriam**

If you have not yet done so, could you please ensure that information on all your Society members who have passed away between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024 is sent to Gay MacQuarrie no later than April 20, 2024. This information is required for both our AGM on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the OHA AGM on July 12<sup>th</sup> in Guelph.

e. **D2 Board Nominations**

We are getting close to having all the D2 Board positions with nominations. We have asked many groups for both persons to be the D2 Treasurer or an Asst. District Director-at-Large.

While the Treasurer position needs someone who understands Excel spreadsheets, the current Treasurer, Roger Harbord, will be available to help the new Treasurer with the templates he has devised and the reporting requirements. The time commitment averages four (4) hours per month.

The Assistant District Director-at-Large will attend three D2 Board meetings a year (virtually), the Spring AGM and the Fall Advisory. From time to time, there may be items requiring Board discussion which is either done via email or virtually. The total time commitment should average four (4) hours per month.

Please contact Anne Harbord on her cell 613-850-8022, if you wish to put your name forward for the Assistant District Director position or know someone who we could contact. We have contacted over 100 people so far, and hope that someone will come forward.

f. **D2 Awards and Recognition**

The D2 AGM is the opportunity to recognize Societies and members for their contributions to their communities and Societies.

Anne Harbord will have the awards for membership and volunteerism as well as the D2 Service Award announcement at the AGM. This is also an opportunity to recognize members in Societies or external groups that have been influential in the beautification of the community or environmental projects. If you have any recommendations, please contact Anne Harbord by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. OHA 2024 SPRING *Trillium* by A. Harbord

The OHA Spring *Trillium* newsletter is available on [gardenontario.org](https://gardenontario.org) which always contains interesting news from Societies across the Province.

In the current issue (Spring 2024), there is a reprint of the article on Anne Gadbois' garden which appeared in the *Fine Gardening* magazine. Anne is a member of the West Carleton Garden Club Horticultural Society. Her article appears on pages 36-38.

There is also a brief article by Laura Masterson, *Trillium* editor, which contains four rhubarb recipes on page 35. My rhubarb is pushing out of the ground at the moment. I can hardly wait for stewed rhubarb or, as my Dad called them, "Cat's Whiskers".

The next deadline for *Trillium* articles is June 1, 2024

## 7. THERAPEUTIC GARDEN GRANT

The National Garden Bureau is a North American organization based in the United States. The deadline to apply for the Bureau's Therapeutic Garden Grant is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Gardens from across Canada and the United States are eligible with five (5) grants available. You are encouraged to apply. The garden must have been in existence for at least one year with a further five-year commitment to maintaining the garden. More information can be found at:

<https://ngb.org/therapeutic-grant-program/>

Also consider signing up for the free National Garden Bureau newsletter.



## 8. 2024 FARMER'S ALMANAC SPECIAL DISCOUNT

The special offer from Farmer's Almanac expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Offer ends April 30<sup>th</sup>

## 9. ANNIVERSARIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT

In 2024, we have several special Society Anniversaries across the District. The following will be receiving anniversary certificates from D2 and OHA.

- Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society, Est. 2009 - 15 years
- Pembroke Horticultural Society, Est. 1924 - 100 years
- Perth and District Horticultural Society, Est. 1984 - 40 years
- Smiths Falls, Est. 2004 - 20 years.
- West Carleton Garden Club Horticultural Society, Est. 1989 - 35 years

The District recognizes every 5th year anniversary while the OHA recognizes the 75th and 100th anniversary, with recognition for special anniversaries beyond 100 years. Please let Debra Bellevue, D2 Secretary [bellevue.debra0@gmail.com](mailto:bellevue.debra0@gmail.com) know the dates of any special Anniversary events so we can attend to present the Anniversary Certificates.

## 10. DESIGN JUDGING SCHOOL – GARDEN CLUBS OF ONTARIO

The Garden Clubs of Ontario is establishing a Floral Design School for Judges, Instructors and Exhibitors which will take place twice a year over three years. The mandatory pre-course will be offered at the Landscape Ontario Offices in Milton over three weekends in September. Full details are available in the attached file. If you want further information on the Garden Clubs of Ontario and their Judging programs, you may contact Anne Harbord at [anneclark.flow-ers@gmail.com](mailto:anneclark.flow-ers@gmail.com). The deadline to register is June 30, 2024.

[GCO Judging School](#)

## 11. D2 2025 Photo Competition

The winners of this year's District 2 Photo Competition will be revealed at the District AGM on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Perth.

The show schedule for 2025 is now posted on the District 2 page on the OHA website.

<https://gardenontario.org/index.php?gf-download=2024%2F04%2FD2-2025-Photo-Competition-Classes-and-Rules-2-.pdf&form-id=4&field-id=81&hash=e5e011db5964ba6565b384f9617d650d8b7126bfd65ca7567d42984b1953ffe&gv-iframe=true>

Take a look at the classes so you can take those winning shots this year. Entries for 2025 must be submitted by March 15, 2025.

**2025 D2 Photo Competition**  
**Theme – *Valley Views***

Class 1: Orange You Nice! – photo of an orange flower(s) representing the 2024 colour of the year

Class 2: Roses Galore – photo of a Rose bush, branch or single flower (not cut flowers)

Class 3: Year of the Snake – photo of a garden with a visiting snake of any kind

Class 4: Country Fair – photo of any horticultural exhibit(s) at a country fair

Class 5: District 2 Floral Emblem – The Bloodroot – Either in a clump or individually

Class 6: District 2 Tree – White Pine - can be 1 tree or several, or a branch showing cones

Class 7: Black and White – A winter scene in black and white (no colour)

## 12. FREE FONTS

Many Societies are preparing posters for events this year, so you may appreciate this link for free fonts: <https://www.dafont.com/theme.php?cat=112&page=8>

Our District Director, Anne, used the site for an assignment and was quite impressed with the wide variety of fonts that are available for free and are easy to download. Have fun with it!

You are receiving this email as a member of a garden club/horticultural society of District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Comments, inquiries -- please email [CommunicationsDistrict2@outlook.com](mailto:CommunicationsDistrict2@outlook.com)



EGANVILLE & AREA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
AND BONNECHERE CAVES  
ARE INVITING YOU TO AN

# EARTH DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY

A party for the 90th birthday of  
Dr Jane Goodall on Earth Day  
celebrating 7 local environmental heroes  
who will share the projects they are  
working on in our community

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**

**6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 353**

**57 Veterans Way, Eganville, ON K0J 1T0**

