

From the Secretary's Desk

The 2013 OHA Convention in Thunder Bay was unforgettable for me! I had a number of firsts at the convention including flying, fishing, and sailing on Lake Superior. It was a great experience that I will never forget!



District 14 taught us many things about the north, including a very interesting discussion on *The Lake Superior Basin Ecosystem*. and showed us how even in the north you can have wonderful vegetable and flower gardens. The bus trips were terrific and one bus trip included a trip to Kakabeka Falls. It was quite a sight to see! Because of its size and ease of access, it is referred to as the *Niagara of the North*. It's definitely a must see if you are in the area.

As one convention ends, we start to focus our attention on the next convention, which will be in Cornwall, Ontario. Please look on the gardenontario.org website soon for details. I'd like to give thanks to all of the volunteers in District 14 for their efforts and their hospitality. It was truly a wonderful convention!

In preparation for the next convention, the Youth Forms for the 2014 Convention have now been posted on GardenOntario.org. Please ensure the Youth Leaders receive the following: the 2014 Youth Competition Schedule, 2014 Youth Competition Entry Sheet, and the 2014 Youth Club Activity Report. Please distribute these to your Youth leaders as soon as possible.

Two years ago, Carol Dunk implemented a corporate brochure for the OHA. It showcased our volunteerism and our projects in the community, as well as providing an update as to what is happening in our province. This is a great tool for our convention hosts when requesting support for the convention and really showcases the value of our association and all of its societies when working with community groups and municipalities. This would be a great tool for those seeking support from their towns or cities for local projects. Carol has agreed to stay on in this capacity as Writer and Editor of the OHA Corporate Report. If you have a story, information, or pictures of completed projects that would be great in the corporate report, please email it to Carol Dunk at ohacorporatereport@gardenontario.org. Thank you, Carol!

With Thanks
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Trillium Editor Needed!

The OHA is currently seeking a new editor for the organization's quarterly newsletter. This position involves the following responsibilities.

The Trillium editor:

- Solicits, edits, and collates content provided by the OHA Executive and Directors, as well as articles from representatives of local horticultural societies throughout Ontario. Currently, the deadline dates for copy are February 21 (spring issue), May 21 (summer issue), August 21 (fall issue), and November 21 (winter issue). The newsletter generally consists of either 16 or 20 pages.
- Communicates with the OHA Secretary to ensure that important notices and directives from the OHA Board are included in the appropriate issues.
- Emails the electronic newsletter to OHA societies, subscribers, and sponsors on or about the 24th of February, May, August, and November. This involves approximately 400 recipients.
- Arranges for each issue to be printed locally. Submits invoices to the OHA Treasurer.
- Mails between 100 and 150 hard copies (using Canada Post's Publication Mail protocol) to other societies, subscribers, and sponsors. This is completed during the first week of March, June, September, and December.

The successful applicant will have the support of the current editor to ensure a smooth transition. Applications should be emailed to **OHA Secretary Kelly Taylor** at secretary@gardenontario.org. Please include a one page synopsis of your qualifications. There is a small honorarium with this position.

**Winter Trillium
deadline for submissions:
November 21, 2013**