



Growing Membership Tip # 2

Don't get bogged down in internal politics, turf wars, or "this is how we have always done it" thinking. Give new ideas a chance. New ideas may mean expanding your appeal to new members.

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Special Project Grants

As part of the ongoing support for member societies, the Board of the Ontario Horticultural Association has approved the establishment of a Special Project Grant. This Special Project Grant is for the use of societies to assist them with projects having a long lasting benefit to the society or community, such as the planting of perennials, trees, and shrubs.

This grant is not to be used for annuals, mulch, manure, compost, hard surface, or construction materials. When preparing your application, be sure to include lots of information, photographs, a site map, and a list of plant material with estimated costs.

This Special Project Grant will provide funding for ten projects a year to a maximum of \$500.00 for each project with a limit of one project per society per year. Individual projects are expected to be completed within two years.

If, for any reason, the project cannot be completed within the two year time frame, you are required to notify OHA about the delay. This Special Project Grant will be reviewed annually. Any society that receives this funding cannot apply again for five years.

To be considered for a Special Project Grant, a society must be a member in good standing of the Ontario Horticultural Association. The application posted on www.gardenontario.org must be completed and mailed to your District Director by February 15th, 2012.

Plant a Tree!



The Ontario Horticultural Association is continuing its Memorial Tree Grant program, whereby a society or district may apply for up to \$100 for a special tree planting. Funds are available for up to 25 such projects in 2012.

Although there is no formal procedure for applying for this funding, a letter must be sent via Canada Post outlining what tree is to be planted and indicating if this is a special event for the society or district. These requests are to be sent to the OHA Awards Coordinator, Grace Esposito, 130 Riverview Avenue, Woodbridge, Ontario, L4L 2L6.

These awards are granted on a *first come basis* after January 1, 2012. Any society or district that receives this funding cannot apply again for three years. Awards are announced to the directors at the spring Board meeting and no further awards are given for the year. Once approved, payment is made upon submission of receipts.

Original receipts must be received before the end of December, 2012.



Have you honoured your Volunteers lately?

The Ontario Horticultural Association strongly encourages its member societies to recognize those hard working individuals who help keep our societies going. We have a variety of service pins available now in the range of 10, 15, 20 and 25 years. Along with the pins there are Society Presidents Certificates, Life Member Certificates with a card, and also a Youth Service Certificate.

In addition each society is eligible to nominate one person (two if your membership exceeds 200 members) each year to receive a Horticultural Service Certificate as outlined in the Awards booklet. At the district level we have the District Service Award and a District Appreciation Certificate.

A list of the various certificates is available on the OHA website and may be ordered from the OHA Supplies person. Contact Don Matthews, Box 491, Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0, 519-338-3243 supplies@gardenontario.org