





# Orangeville & District Horticultural Society

Celebrating our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

APRIL 20, 1970 – APRIL 20, 2025



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The Orangeville & District Horticultural Society has been an important part of this community for the last 55 years.

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In that time, we have always had an Annual Plant Sale, Garden Tours, Bus Trips, Flower Shows and maintained a variety of Town Gardens.



# 1970-1980

Our First Meeting had 60 attendees on April 20, 1970

Our early projects included pruning the shrubbery, planting flowerbeds and planting 2 flowering crab apple trees at the Dufferin Hospital on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

We tended garden beds at the Firehall, Hospital, Legion, Orangeville & District Secondary School and at the Train Station.

We also participated in the Santa Claus Parade through Downtown Orangeville.



Mrs. Menary's prize-winning sunflower



Pruning shrubbery at the Dufferin Hospital



Flowering crab-apples at Dufferin Hospital



Santa Claus Parade



# 1980-1990

We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1980.

During the Fall of 1980, to coincide with Dufferin County's Centennial, we planted over 600 tulips and daffodils.

We had beautiful flower shows and Annual Plant sales.

Our membership was up to 230 at this time. Our monthly meetings happened at Tweedsmuir Church.



Tulips for Dufferin's Centennial



Original Sign for Horticultural Society



Celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



1986 Flower Show



# 1990-2000

We had a 3-day Flower Show in the Orangeville Mall.

New garden beds were established in Greenwood Cemetery and KayCee Gardens.

We started our “Open Garden Tours,” so members of the public could come out and see members’ gardens.

At our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1995, a maple tree was planted, and we presented two benches to be placed outside the newly-renovated Town Hall.

Our meetings moved to the Seniors Centre.

In 1996, we adopted our motto “Gardens are For Sharing.”



3-day Flower Show in Orangeville Mall



Tree presented to Town Hall to commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Greenwood Cemetery Garden Bed



KayCee Garden Bed



# 2000-2010

Ever popular Flower Shows and Plant Sales continue.

In 2009, The George Douglas Trail opened, a tribute to one of our late members.

*Orangeville Citizen/Free Press and Economist*



*Photo/MIKE MALONEY*

**ORANGEVILLE AND DISTRICT Horticultural Society** hosted their summer showing this past weekend in the ODSS cafeteria. Betty Douglas (left) and Rose Poczo (right), congratulate Jean Wiegard on her first place arrangement in the "Memories" class.



Jean Phillips (right) of Grand Valley was the recipient of the Orangeville and District Horticultural Society "President's Award" presented recently. The trophy is awarded annually to the member accumulating the highest number of points during the year's horticultural shows. Society president Angie Clark made the presentation.

*Contributed Photo*



DODS' MEMORIAL FOREST MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Sept. 2006. His daughter Elizabeth Harding  
on the seat donated by the Orangeville &  
District Society, in memory of the late  
George Douglas.



# 2010-2020

In 2011, our first website went live.

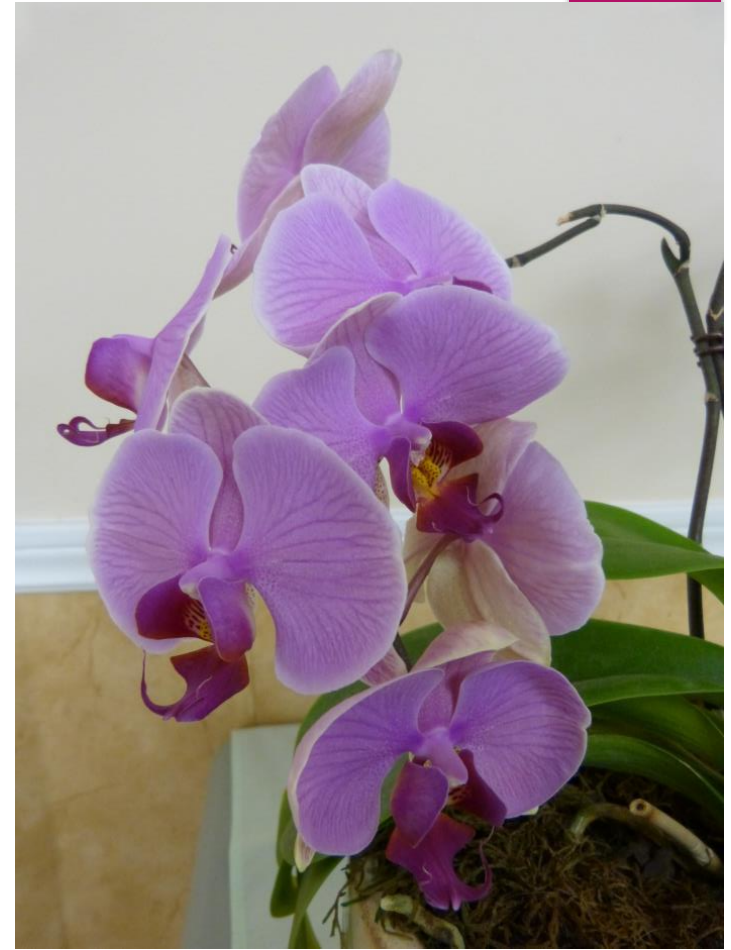
During this time, we had both a new yearbook editor and photographer for the Society.

At Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a tribute was planted at Greenwood Cemetery.

In 2018, the C-Line Works Yard Garden the OHA's "Pollinator Garden" Award.



Celebrating Canada' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Greenwood Cemetery Garden Bed



Flower Shows 2014, 2015, 2016

# 2020-2025

April 18, 2020, we were poised to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but Covid-19 changed everyone's plans.

We shifted to virtual meetings and 2 newsletters per month to keep our membership engaged.

We made sure our gardens were extra beautiful in a time where everyone felt disconnected and scared.

In 2023, a new community outreach project was started called "The Opportunity Garden." With a collaborative effort with Am Braigh Farm, we have educated and made farmers of the participants at BOSS. In the last 2 years, we have provided over 150 bags of fresh pea shoots to the Orangeville Foodbank.

During 2023, we also started giving out a scholarship to local high school graduate going into an environmental/horticultural post-secondary field.

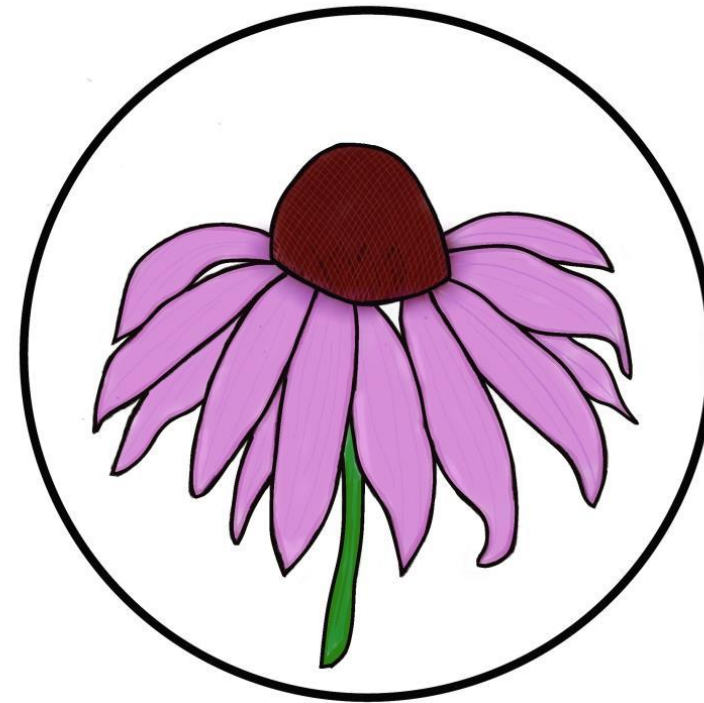
At the end of 2023, our new website <https://www.orangevillehort.com> was launched.

In 2024, we officially adopted the echinacea as our Society Flower and hosted a successful Fall Meeting for our District.

And now, in 2025, we are excited to celebrate 55 years as the Orangeville & District Horticultural Society.



Alexandra Park Garden Bed



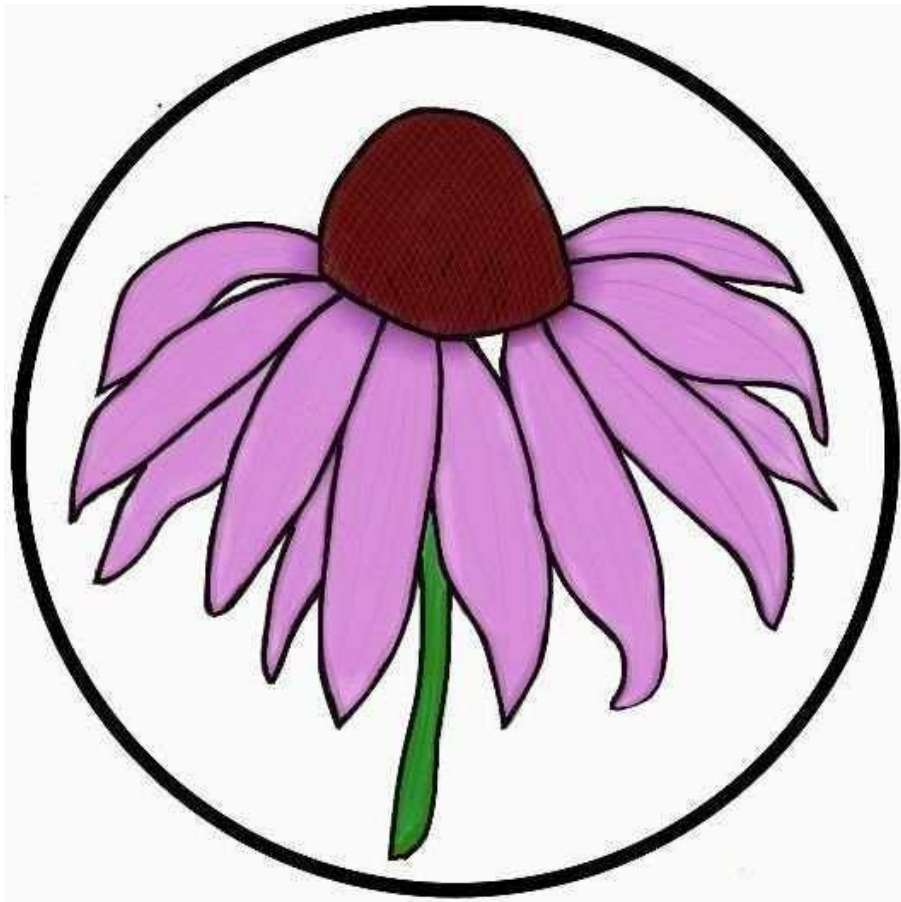
New Logo



"The Opportunity Garden"



Mayor Post welcoming everyone to our Fall District Meeting in 2024



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Thank You! Are there any questions?