

**Russell and District Horticultural Society**  
**Minutes of meeting Monday, March 20, 2017**  
**7 p.m. upstairs at Russell Legion Hall**

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting
  - a. There were 40 members present
  - b. There were 5 new members: Elise Deschenes-Armstrong from Embrun, Gisele Leslie from Russell, Jocelyne Jones from Russell, and Wes and Melissa Clyburne from Russell
2. Carole announced that the new yearbook for 2017 is now available for all members who have paid their memberships.
3. Maryanne Vedder approved the February minutes, seconded by Diane Norman.
4. On February 28, 2017, Lindley McPhail, Carole van Die, Pegi Holtz, and the ladies from the Bank of Nova Scotia had a photo shoot for the handing over of the \$5000 check for the volunteering effort at the Living Locally Fair.
5. The society is still looking for someone to organize the garden tours for 2017.
6. Louise Houle reminded everyone that the March it On Out event is taking place this Saturday, March 25, 2017 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. People can drop off donations of gently used items to the school Friday from 4-8 and from 7:30 Saturday morning. Doors are open to the public from 8:30-noon with a \$10 admission. A sign-up sheet was available for volunteers at the meeting. The Diabetes Clothesline should be arriving at 1:30 to take any items that remain.
7. A reminder that the District 1 AGM will be held in Kemptville April 22, 2017. There is a fee which our Horticultural Society will pay, but those wanting to go MUST sign up by the end of the month, as the deadline to sign up is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Another reminder that the OHA Convention is being held July 21-23 at Sheraton Parkway North, North York. A sign-up sheet is also available. More information can be obtained from the website: [www.gardensontario.org](http://www.gardensontario.org).
9. Pegi showed some examples of dried gourds that have been decorated and possibilities of what is possible to do at the workshop to be held this summer. Sign-up sheets for the workshops will be available at the April meeting.
10. The treats tonight were provided by Nicole Patenaude and Pat Stachon.
11. Lindley announced that there will be a fundraiser April 1<sup>st</sup> for Pulmonary Hypertension and Jonathon Pitre at Russell High School. \$40 for dinner, silent auction, live auction.
12. Pegi and John Jackson modeled the new aprons that are to be used at horticultural events.

13. Marcel introduced the night's speaker: lola Price.

14. A few notes from her talk:

- a. She is the Director at Large of Ontario Invasive Plants Council
- b. She is a retired wildlife biologist
- c. She has been involved with an extensive number of various projects as a member of various organizations as well as a volunteer.
- d. Title of talk: Controlling Invasive Plants in our Region: Dog Strangling Vine and Other Nasties
  - Ontario is the province with the highest number of invasive species (441)
  - Quebec has the second highest number

She talked about the description, impacts, control, disposal, monitoring, site restoration and a few alternatives of a few invasive plant species including dog-strangling vine, garlic mustard, phragmites, and buckthorns. She also briefly touched on a few others.

She mentioned a few resources for further information:

Ontario Invasive Species Act

Ontario Invasive Plant Council [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca)

Grow Me Instead Campaign – booklet was available at the end  
Fletcher Wildlife Garden

EDD MapS (Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System)  
[www.eddmaps.org/ontario](http://www.eddmaps.org/ontario)

*Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy

ISBN: 13:978-0-99192-992-8

*Invasive Plants*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed by Sylvan Ramsey Kaufman and Wallace Kaufman

ISBN: 978-0-8117-0284-3

Various pamphlets were available at the end of her talk.

15. Grace Stapper announced that there were free seeds available that had been left over from a seed exchange.

16. The results from the voting of the nights flower show are as follows:

- a. Maple Sugar Time in Canada:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pegi Holtz
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Erin Holtz
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ann Jackson
- b. Springing into the Celebration:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pegi Holtz
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nicole Patenaude
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Erin Holtz and Marilyn MacMillan