

**Russell and District Horticultural Society**  
**Minutes of meeting Monday, March 19, 2018**  
**7 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Centre**

1. Carole van Die welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  - There were 37 members present, including 2 guests from Russell: Isabelle and Derek
2. Marianne Vedder approved the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Marilyn MacMillan. Minutes were adopted by everyone.
3. Carole announced that memberships were available at the front desk and the yearbooks would be ready for the March it On Out event or the next meeting in April.
4. Louise Houle talked about upcoming workshops:
  - Painting workshop April 5 from 1-4 at Julie's place, 1650 route 600W near St-Albert
    - Water colour painting in 1.5h followed by tea
    - Sign-up sheet was at the front desk, must pay \$10 in advance
  - Glass on glass workshop June 21 from 9:30-3:30
    - Bring frame no larger than 12" X 24"
    - Also bring your lunch
  - Scented Candle Workshop July 23
  - The rest of the workshops as well as more information can be found in the yearbook.
5. Louise also talked about the March it On Out
  - There was to be no shopping Friday night by volunteers
  - There was to be no holding area this year. All chosen items to be taken to vehicles when arms were full.
  - Items could be dropped off Friday night after 4:30
6. Lindley announced that WH Perron Seed Company is offering a 10% discount to all OHA members. If anyone would like to order, our membership number is 4663
7. Connie announced that on Friday, June 1, at 6:30pm, the RCMP musical ride will be coming to the Russell Fairgrounds, so please reserve the date. There will also be a bar and band.
8. Carole reminded people that the district AGM will be held Saturday April 21 at St. Mary's Centre in Williamstown. People needed to sign up as the club pays for the meal (there will be a continental breakfast and a luncheon).
9. Carole also reminded people to sign up for the OHA Convention to be in Kingston. It is best to reserve rooms now. Speakers and events at the convention can be found on the website [http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up\\_conf.php](http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php)

10. Carole announce the President's Challenge:
  - Grow the largest pumpkin, zucchini, and carrot
  - Grow the best beets
  - The competition will be judged at the September meeting at Pegi's. A \$25 prize will be awarded for first place in each category.
11. Carole also asked those who are participating in the calendar to think about how you want your photo to be taken so that Carole can book the photographer.
12. Marilyn announced that she is looking for someone to provide the snacks for the June meeting.
13. Treats were provided by Marilyn.
14. Linda introduced the speaker for the evening:
  - Jonathan Naf from Luxy Farm CSA and Market Garden
  - Jonathan spoke about Organic Farming including a brief history about CSAs, what organic means, the certification process, crop management, crop rotation, pest management, weed control, cover crops, and manure/compost, what a growing season looks like, among other topics.