



# Blooming News

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Can you believe that we are already 6 months into 2008! The time is just flying by.....

We did receive some sad news this month, David Waddell husband to Barbara Waddell, who was the District 6 Director, passed away on Sunday June 8th. He was in his 92nd year.

David and Barbara have been both guests of our's at some pot luck suppers and installations, and, have also given a couple of presentations in the past. David was a life member of the Ancaster Hort Society and was President for a number of years. We extend our sincerest condolences to their family.

For us, June and July are going to be very busy months for the Haldimand Horticultural Society and many of its members. We have lots of plans and preparations to make for July's events. We will be entering an HHS float in the Canada Day Parade; running our Annual Green Thumb Competition and hosting the Annual Bus Trip. All of this is only possible with the help of you, our members and we certainly appreciate all your contributions.

I'm going to take this opportunity to wish all of you safe and happy holiday's throughout the summer, and remember, there WILL NOT be a general meeting held in the month of July.

*Susan Oliver*

## JUNE MEETING

**Annual Plant and Bake Sale.** The annual plant and bake sale held May 24th, 2008 was a great success. Many thanks are given to all those who helped so tirelessly, and special thanks are given to Joey for his generous hospitality.

**Tourism Caledonia 2008:** The 10th Annual Caledonia Garden Tour is quickly approaching. It's scheduled for Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th, 2008. It's a self directed tour of 8 outstanding Caledonia gardens. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available at the following locations: Caledonia Chamber of Commerce (Train Station), Travel Information Centre, Caledonia Garden Centre, Zehr's Florist, Grand River Home Hardware. For information call Tourism Caledonia 905-765-0377, or, 905-765-8322.

**Joseph Di Ciommo  
General Meeting, June 25th, 2008**

**The varieties of Orchids and the  
Growing and Caring**

**May refreshment hosts are:  
Irene Baxter, Susan Oliver**

### Special Dates and Events:

Annual Green Thumb Competition - Dahlia Award  
Entries due by: July 10th, 2008: Judging: July 16th, 2008  
Rain Date: July 19th, 2008

The Flower and Vegetable show is scheduled for September 6th, 2008 - the program is well under way and will be available early July.

### June 26th, 2008 - Agenda Preview

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4. Enjoy refreshments with fellow gardeners

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**Monthly Meetings:**  
4th Thursday of each  
month 7:30 p.m. at  
St. Paul's Anglican  
Church, 27 Orkney  
St. East, Caledonia



## JUNE PRESENTER: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Knowles

"The Odd and Eccentric Truth About Gardeners"

NOTE: Orchids will be available for purchase!

Paul Knowles is an author and publisher. His latest book is Escaping Eden. He has written 14 books, including Down the Garden Path and Back To the Garden. Fall, 2007, saw the publication of an anthology of literature called Mixed Messages which he edited as a project to raise money for hospice and cancer causes.

He writes gardening, humour, travel and feature articles for The Toronto Sun, The Stratford Beacon-Herald, Forever Young, The Ottawa Citizen, Zoom Airlines, Southbound, Selections, Exchange, Visitor and many other periodicals. His work has been published in Canadian Gardening, The Reader's Digest, Maclean's and heard on CBC Radio.

Paul has a busy schedule as a guest speaker to gardening and community organizations. He has served as speaker coordinator at The Stratford Garden Festival and the Niagara Garden and Flower Show; in addition to speaking at both of those shows, he has spoken at Canada Blooms and other garden shows.

Through Paul Knowles and Associates, Paul carries out charitable fundraising programs for community groups.

## MONTHLY COMPETITION: \_\_\_\_\_

### June Monthly Competition:

#### #1 Design Section

- (a) 'Gemini' - a design using two containers
- (b) 'Summers Here' - an under water design (see Page 107)

#### #2 Specimen Section

- (a) Rose - one bloom with foliage
- (b) Annual Collection - 4 or more varieties of annuals in a vase
- (c) Largest peony bloom - may be exhibited on the stem or floating in water

## INSIGHT INTO AUGUST: \_\_\_\_\_

### August Monthly Competition:

#### #1 Design Section

- (a) 'Canada Day' - design of choice using only Red and White
- (b) 'Green with Envy' - a foliage design - flowers and / or fruits may be present but must be inconspicuous

#### #2 Specimen Section

- (a) Petunias - 3 sprays, same variety (single or double)
- (b) Cactus Garden - minimum of 5 varieties
- (c) Perennial Collection - 5 or more varieties of perennials

## JULY GREEN THUMB COMPETITION: \_\_\_\_\_

The Annual Green Thumb Competition - Dahlia Awards is quickly approaching. A copy of the entry form is available for download and printing on our website, [www.haldimandhorticulturalsociety.com](http://www.haldimandhorticulturalsociety.com).

## 2008 FLORAL DESIGN COMPETITION SCHEDULE: \_\_\_\_\_

This year's theme is: Sharing Our Diversity

It will be held at the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning,

Davis Campus, 7899 McLaughlin Road

Brampton, ON

Dates: August 22, 23 & 24 2008.

Additional competition details along with a description of the Program and Rules and Regulations is available on the Garden Ontario website, [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org).