



**Ontario Horticultural Association District 9
Fall Forum
Saturday, October 29th, 2022**



The meeting was called to order by District Director, Leslie Daniels, who welcomed everyone present and members were led in a lovely rendition of O Canada .

All members, upon registration, received either a red or white amaryllis bulb. Remaining bulbs were purchased by members.

Leslie welcomed Jim Bradley, Niagara Regional Councillor and Chairman. Jim welcomed all attendees to Thorold and thanked the Thorold Garden Club for its dedication to horticulture.

Leslie welcomed Terry Ugolini, Mayor of Thorold. Terry noted that the Thorold Garden Club started in 1929. Terry also mentioned that Thorold had won the Prince of Wales Heritage Prize for the preservation of historical properties and downtown core.

Minutes of the Fall Forum and AGM, November 6th, 2021

MOTION: that the minutes from the Fall Forum and AGM of November 6th, 2021 be approved.
Moved by Lisa De Young and seconded by Tammy Lyons. The motion passed.

Roll Call of District Societies

Recording Secretary, Maggie Corner took the roll call

Dunnville	4
Fort Erie	0
Grimsby	0
Lincoln	9
Niagara Falls	3
Niagara-on-the-Lake	3
Pelham	16
Port Colborne	2
Ridgeway & District	0
Garden City Gardeners	8
Smithville	0
Thorold	8
Welland	3
TOTAL	53

Treasurer's Report

Alan Daniels, Treasurer, presented the audited financial reports and noted that District 9 currently has \$10,600.00 in the bank.

MOTION: That the audited Treasurer's reports be accepted as presented.
Moved by Patsy Ingleby, seconded by Maggie Corner. The motion passed.

Old/New Business

Lisa De Young noted that 2023 will be the last year that the Trillium Magazine will be in print. The Trillium will still be distributed electronically.

Leslie noted that she did not attend the OHA convention this year. The focus was on developing a Strategic Plan. The OHA was talking about problems they had in explaining their role to societies. Leslie updated the membership through a Presidents Greeting from the OHA.

Speaker: Paul Gellatly – The Tattooed Gardener Curatorial Gardener at the Toronto Zoo

Paul is on television on the Visionary Garden program and manages the 14 acres of gardens at the Toronto Zoo, which are broken up into different countries.

Unfortunately Paul's presentation on Zoological Horticulture was not available.

Paul presented on **Tropical Treasures – House Plants**

House plants started with the Greeks and Romans, plants with use (herbs etc.) in their courtyards. China was the first culture to put plants inside their homes using bonsai. First hanging plants were used in the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. In the 17th century terrariums were first used and this allowed plants to be moved overseas. Plants indoors in the late 18th century were still restricted to the wealthy. In the late Victorian era indoor plants came to the middle class.

In World War 1 and 2 Victory Gardens were important and house plants were gone. In the 1950s the fluorescent light became available and in 1970 the World's first Earth Day took place.

Many people today do not have a house with a garden and are gardening in their condos and apartments. Gardeners in the 20-35 age range are driving this industry using social media. They are plant collectors, importers and educators. Sales of house plants are going up in price continually. Paul reminded attendees not to use tap water on their indoor plants and Paul suggested that the next big plants are begonias.

Leslie Daniels thanked Paul for an excellent and informative talk and was appreciative of his generosity to present Zoological Horticulture at our Spring 2023 meeting at no cost.

Awards and Presentations

Eloise Schumacher Award went to the Pelham Garden Club with a total number of attendees at both the Spring and Fall Forums of 20 people.

The Garden Hero Award from District 9 will be presented to Susan Lusted who unfortunately was not present.

Amber Cuthbertson drew the raffle tickets for both the door prizes, provided by each club/society and also the draw prizes, provided by District 9.

Breakfast and lunch were provided by The Scuttlebutt Tap and Eatery, Stevensville.

The afternoon presentation by Nikki Szczechura, Thorold Garden Club was a flower arranging demonstration with a Halloween theme. The arrangements were raffled off.

The meeting was then adjourned.