

Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation

# 2015

## Annual Report



**MANDATE**

*"To ensure a healthy future  
for the horticultural industry"*

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The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is the research and scholarship arm of Landscape Ontario. The Foundation's mandate is to ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry, through financial support of research and scholarships through interest generated on capital investments.

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## Supporting the Foundation

The Foundation would like to thank donors. A donation is an easy and effective way to benefit Ontario's horticultural community and is tax-deductible.

## How to support the Foundation

The Foundation developed a new information brochure *Support the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation*. With a donation to the Foundation, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are "making a difference and leaving a legacy" for the industry that you love.

## You can support the foundation by:

**Sponsorship:** Join the Foundation by making a pledge — an annual donation or a one-time gift.

**Memorial Gift:** This is a meaningful way to honour a friend, loved one or professional contact and help support the industry.

**Legacy Gift:** Earmark funds through your estate to sustain the horticulture industry. Contact your estate planner or lawyer to include this legacy provision in your will.

**Stewardship Program:** Many Foundation sponsors share their expertise by speaking to groups and direct their honorariums to the Foundation.

## Legacy Room

At Congress 2015, the Foundation hosted The Legacy Lounge for the pioneers of the industry and the LO members. Approximately 25 pioneers visited the lounge to talk about old times, what is happening now in the industry and what they hope will happen in the future. The industry thanks the pioneers for their continued support and contribution.

This year, the Foundation invited the Chapter boards and industry sector groups — approximately 65 members visited the lounge. The lounge was a friendly spot to sit, relax, talk with others and enjoy refreshments.

The Foundation would like to thank the following companies that sponsored the Legacy Lounge.



## Scholarship Program

Providing scholarships is particularly close to the hearts of Foundation supporters, who point with pride to the many recipients who are now successful industry members. A list of the scholarships can be found on the website [ohhf.ca](http://ohhf.ca). A new *Horticultural Scholarship Opportunities brochure* was developed this year listing all the available scholarships. This brochure was distributed to all post-secondary and secondary schools.

The scholarship program has grown with new individual scholarships available:

Bob and Ruby Allen Scholarship Fund  
Russel and Karen Loney Fund  
Peter Olsen Memorial Fund  
O.J. Muller Memorial Fund  
Unilock/Landscape Designers Fund  
Crystal Lawn Care Scholarship Fund

One major scholarship program is the new Cul-len Family Scholarship with a distribution of approximately \$30,000 per year. This scholarship program was designed to encourage and inspire leadership qualities in students who have a passion and enthusiasm for the

landscape horticulture industry. Candidates are selected by their peers and teachers. Individual amounts were assigned to each school offering horticultural programs.

This year, we distributed \$73,500 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province.

## Congratulations to this year's recipients

### Casey van Maris Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Laura Mclean Ridgetown College

### Russell and Karen Loney Scholarship (\$500)

Sai Sai Kong Humber College

### Unilock Collaborative Communications Scholarship (\$1,000)

Brianna Collis University of Guelph

### Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Corina Ottnad Humber College

### John and Ruth Wright Turf Management Scholarship (\$2,000)

Dylan Harding University of Guelph

### Graduate Research Assistant Program (\$6,000)

Tyson Jennett University of Guelph

### Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship (\$1,000)

Kira Burger Kemptville College/  
University of Guelph

### High School Program Scholarship (\$1,000)

Macormick Foulds Niagara College  
Mark Lappan Humber College  
Brittany Musseau-Drover Durham College  
Cole Rix-Littley Fanshawe College  
Samantha Robertson Niagara College

### Post Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)

Amy Purvis University of Guelph  
Ben Stormes Cornell University

### Horticulturist Scholarship (\$500)

Wayne Lewington Mohawk College  
Elena Dunham Fanshawe College  
Joseph Greenspon Algonquin College  
Jasdeep Heer Humber College  
Christine Keller Humber College  
Rana Azizi Soldouz Seneca College

### Post-Secondary Scholarship (\$1,000)

Nicholas Albanese Humber College  
Melissa Alexander Seneca College  
Heather Bailey Fanshawe College  
Joanne Bowers Seneca College  
Zhenwei De Seneca College  
Seth Duncan Humber College  
Ioannis Eliopoulos Humber College  
Jessica Goncalo Humber College  
Denise Hostrawser Niagara College  
Yu Yeun, Jung Seneca College  
Hye-Ran Kim Seneca College  
Mei Jin Lin Seneca College  
Thomas Lombardi Humber College  
Joshua Medeiros Fanshawe College  
Nicole Moon Niagara College  
Althea Reid Fanshawe College  
Kathleen Stevens Fanshawe College  
Wei Wang Niagara College  
Emily Weber Fanshawe College  
Shane Williams Seneca College  
Miriam Elsworthy Niagara Parks  
Brad Taub Humber College

### Cullen Family Scholarship Program (\$2,000)

Scott Cafarella University of Guelph  
(Landscape Architect degree)  
Taylor Parks Niagara Parks  
(Horticultural diploma)  
Yujing Ma Fanshawe College  
(Horticultural Technician Diploma)  
Kevin Kosempel St. Clair College  
(Horticultural Technician Diploma)  
Kevin Gascoigne Algonquin College  
(Horticultural Industries Diploma)  
Heather Mackay Humber College  
(Landscape Technician Diploma)  
Erik Murray Seneca College  
(Environmental Landscape Diploma)  
Anna Hynd Niagara College  
(Horticultural Technician Diploma)  
Sarah Cudmore Ridgetown College  
(Associate Diploma in Horticulture)  
August Bergemann Mohawk College  
(Apprenticeship – Hort Technician)  
Joshua Salverda Mohawk College  
(Apprenticeship – Hort Technician)  
Jordan Morgan Niagara Parks

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## Research Programs

The Foundation has also contributed to numerous research programs. In 2014 – 2015 fiscal year, Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation contributed to the following projects:

- OTRF (\$5,000) — Integration of tools and turf species to promote sustainability in residential lawns.
- University of Laval (\$5,000) Impact of turfgrass fertilization on nutrient losses through runoff and leaching

## Other Programs Receiving Foundation Funds

- Vineland Research — Funding of new research chair position to assist industry.
- Skills Canada — Ontario Skills Canada competition awards for horticultural sector.
- Trees for Life (TFL) — New fund started to achieve goal of TFL to achieve 40 per cent urban tree cover. Part of the TFL program is the Highway for Heroes — planting of trees for veterans from Trenton to Toronto on the 401.
- 10,000 Trees for Rouge Fund.
- JT Somerville Fund — Christmas tree industry

## OHTF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2015	Year End Aug. 31, 2014
<b>2014</b>		
General Fund	\$5,854	\$5,353
Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan Nurseries Research Fund	\$251,205	\$255,693
Growers' Group Research Fund	\$383,642	\$376,716
Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund	\$64,644	\$62,488
Scholarship Fund	\$80,136	\$82,355
Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund	\$33,235	\$31,148
IPM Symposium Research Fund	\$202,525	\$202,619
Turf Research Fund	\$6,688	\$16,250
Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund	\$99,793	\$96,954
John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund	\$36,184	\$37,556
Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund	\$3,685	\$4,541
J T Somerville Fund	\$12,748	\$10,507
Trees For Life Fund	\$20,916	\$32,250
Unilock/Designers Grp Fund	\$10,123	\$0
10K Trees for the Rouge Fund	\$33,044	\$0
Russel/Karen Loney Fund	\$9,616	\$0
Cullen Family Fund	\$6,074	\$0
Robert/Ruby Allen Fund	\$20,580	\$10,109
Crystal Lawn Care Fund	\$2,025	\$0
Peter Olsen Fund	\$25,300	\$0
OJ Muller Fund	\$8,584	\$0
Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$68,204	\$62,993
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,384,804</b>	<b>\$1,287,530</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year End Aug. 31, 2015	Year End Aug. 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Bank	\$113,954	\$116,794
Accounts Receivable	\$17,225	\$0
	\$131,179	\$116,794
<b>Long Term</b>		
Investments	\$1,145,415	\$1,097,016
Investment-Vineland Consortium	\$57,711	\$57,711
Investment-Steeles Ave Property	\$0	\$581
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$53,776	\$43,366
	\$1,256,902	\$1,198,674
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,388,081</b>	<b>\$1,315,468</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges	\$3,277	\$27,937
<b>Accumulated Fund Balances</b>		
Fund Balances	\$1,384,804	\$1,287,530
<b>Total Liabilities/Funds</b>	<b>\$1,388,081</b>	<b>\$1,315,468</b>

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

	Year End August 31, 2015	Year End August 31, 2014
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Interest/Gains (Losses)	\$58,810	\$51,752
Miscellaneous	\$395	\$980
Research Grants	\$1,420	\$93,780
Donations	\$382,091	\$261,616
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$442,716</b>	<b>\$408,128</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Administration Fees/Exps	\$94,623	\$30,213
Disbursed as Research Grants	\$30,000	\$83,000
Event/Sponsorship Exps	\$147,319	\$156,507
Disbursed as Scholarships	\$73,500	\$23,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$345,443</b>	<b>\$292,720</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>\$97,273</b>	<b>\$115,408</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$1,287,530</b>	<b>\$1,172,122</b>
<b>Fund Balances, Year End</b>	<b>\$1,384,804</b>	<b>\$1,287,530</b>