

Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation

2013

Annual Report



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*"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 scholarship through interest generated on capital investments.

The capital in the Foundation has continued to grow despite very little organized fundraising. Most of the funds are generated through association events and activities.



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Supporting the Foundation

The Foundation would like to thank donors. Donations are an easy and effective way to benefit Ontario's horticultural community, and they are tax-deductible. Donations were received this year from:



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A special thank you to all those who donated to the John and Ruth Wright Scholarship in memory of Ruth Wright.

How to Support the Foundation

The Foundation developed a new information brochure “Support the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation” (can be found on www.ohhf.ca). 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 2013, the Foundation hosted The Legacy Lounge for the pioneers of the industry and the LO members. Approximately 20 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. It was a way to thank them for the contribution to the industry.

This year, the Foundation invited the Chapter Board and Industry Sector Group to join them, and 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 who 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 web site: www.ohhf.ca. A new Horticultural Scholarship Opportunities brochure was developed this year listing all the scholarships available. This brochure was distributed to all post secondary and secondary schools. This year, we distributed \$25,200 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province.

Congratulations to the 2013 recipients

High School Scholarship (\$1,000)

Patricia Goode, Algonquin College
Paul Lavallee, Niagara College
Aaron Mills, University of Guelph
Arjan Roelofsen, Fanshawe College

Apprenticeship Scholarship (\$600)

Hyun Young (May) Hong, Humber College
Jody James, Humber College

Jond and Ruth Wright Scholarship (\$2,000)

Robert Kerr, University of Guelph

Horst Dickert memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Brianne Hastie, St. Clair College

Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship (\$1,000)

Nathaniel Grant, Fanshawe College

Post-Secondary Scholarship (\$1,000)

Stacey Almas, Seneca College
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Research Programs

The Foundation has contributed to numerous research programs. In 2012 – 2013 fiscal year, contributing a total of \$272,656.05 to the following projects:

- Vineland Research (\$17,026.05) – Functional biopesticides for the lawn care industry
- University of Waterloo (\$68,900) – Optimum deicing and anti-icing for parking lots and sidewalks
- University of Guelph (\$11,725) – Irrigation Water management on Ontario nursery farms
- Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation (\$5,000) – Integrated turfgrass management project.
- Veterans Memorial Parkway Project (\$68,555) – Tree planting and commemorative signs along highway in London
- Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (\$58,000) – Community green infrastructure planning and evaluation project
- Vineland Research (\$40,000) – funding of new research chair position to assist industry
- Skills Canada (\$3,450) – Ontario Skills Canada competition – horticultural sector

OHTF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2013	Year End Aug. 31, 2012
General Fund	(\$39,326)	\$2,895
Dunington-Grubb/ Sheridan Nurseries Research Fund	\$251,893	\$246,360
Growers' Group Research Fund	\$365,595	\$354,045
Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund	\$60,566	\$58,420
Scholarship Fund	\$83,741	\$95,706
Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund	\$27,250	\$24,320
IPM Symposium Research Fund	\$196,385	\$194,341
Turf Research Fund	\$20,649	(\$15,407)
Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund	\$94,951	\$92,570
John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund	\$33,799	\$24,120
Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund	\$4,401	\$5,228
J T Somerville Fund	\$10,184	\$0
Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$62,035	\$53,060
Totals	\$1,172,122	\$1,135,658

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year End Aug. 31, 2013	Year End Aug. 31, 2012
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank	\$64,369	\$34,855
Accounts Receivable	\$854	\$744
	\$65,223	\$35,599
Long Term		
Investments	\$1,050,160	\$1,028,084
Investment-Vineland Consortium	\$57,711	\$57,711
Investment-Steeles Ave Property	\$581	\$581
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$38,472	\$18,284
	\$1,146,924	\$1,104,661
Total Assets	\$1,212,147	\$1,140,260
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Charges	\$40,025	\$4,601
Accumulated Fund Balances		
Fund Balances	\$1,172,122	\$1,135,658
Total Liabilities/Funds	\$1,212,147	\$1,140,260

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

	Year End August 31, 2013	Year End August 31, 2012
REVENUES		
Interest/Gains(Losses)	\$42,263	\$53,970
Miscellaneous	\$293	\$315
Research Grants	\$260,676	\$190,782
Donations	\$41,783	\$25,993
Total Revenue	\$345,016	\$271,060
EXPENSES		
Administration Fees	\$1,695	\$1,598
Audit Fees	\$2,938	\$2,613
Bank Charges & Interest	\$138	\$125
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Misc	\$4,260	\$5,076
Directors Liability Insurance	\$665	\$1,024
Disbursed As Research Grants/ Sponsorships	\$272,656	\$167,032
Disbursed As Scholarships	\$26,200	\$32,000
Total Expenses	\$308,552	\$209,468
Excess Of Revenue Over Expenses	\$36,464	\$61,592
Fund Balances, Beginning Of Year	\$1,135,658	\$1,074,066
Fund Balances, Year End	\$1,172,122	\$1,135,658