



OHA District 10 Thames Valley

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District 10 Director's Report

1. **2023 OHA AGM Convention & AGM RECAP** – The 2023 OHA Convention was held at the Brookside Hotel in Ottawa, hosted by District 2. Friday night entertainment was a fun **Ceilidh**, several musical groups of all ages with fiddle, stepdance, song and music. Lots of items on their Silent Auction. Saturday's AGM included an In Memorium by Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary, as we said goodbye to Society members who had passed in 2022. Plenary Speakers were excellent. Flower show competitions were absolutely amazing in every category. Bus tours were fun, interesting, and educational. **News:** we have a newly elected OHA President, Sharlene Desjardins; VP Vicky Culbert, and 2nd Vice Sandra Mazar, immediate Past President Charles Freeman. The **2024 OHA Convention** will be held in Guelph July 12-14, hosted by Districts 7&8. If you've never been to an OHA Convention before, I highly recommend attending this one in Guelph. It may be many years before there's another as close to our area.
2. **OHA Presidents Report:** Sharlene Desjardins' President's Report summary from the OHA board meeting contains several items of interest to Societies. Copies are on the table and will be posted on our website.
3. **Trees for Life Project 2023** - Trees for Life plans to plant millions of the right trees in the right place over the next 10 years to have the biggest impact on the climate and to support Canada's 2 Billion Tree Program. <https://www.treesforlife.ca>. The project was a coordinated effort between District 7, UofGuelph, the Grower, and Trees for Life. This was not an OHA sponsored project, but several OHA Districts were offered the opportunity to participate. Society members ordered their own trees at a cost of \$30 ea, delivery was made on Oct 6th in Dorchester. **51 trees were ordered and delivered**, beautiful native trees, healthy 5-6' tall. Thank you to everyone who participated in this program. Thank you to Agnes & John Burroughs for offering their property for the delivery location. If the program runs again in 2024, we will let our Societies know.



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