

Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation

2017

Annual Report

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*“To ensure a healthy future
for the horticultural industry”*



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About the Foundation

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 funded by interest generated on capital investments.

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Supporting the Foundation

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

How to support the Foundation

The Foundation has several brochures available to explain the process and importance for supporting the Foundation. Donors know by supporting the OHTF they get the satisfaction of knowing they are making a difference and leaving a legacy for the profession they love. Support can come in a number of ways:

Ways to support the Foundation:

Sponsorship

Join the Foundation by making a pledge – an annual donation or a one-time gift. Donations can be made online by credit card, or mailed in using a donation form found online.

Memorial Gift

This is a meaningful way to honour a friend, loved one or professional contact and help support the landscape and horticulture profession.

Legacy Gift

Earmark funds through your estate to sustain the horticulture profession. Contact your estate planner or lawyer to include a 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 2017, the Foundation hosted "The Legacy Lounge" for pioneers of the profession to engage with Landscape Ontario members and future members of the profession. Approximately 20 pioneers visited the lounge to reminisce about earlier times, discuss the current happenings of the profession and express thoughts and dreams for future generations. The profession owes a huge debt of gratitude to the pioneers for their continued support and contribution.

The Foundation also invited members from LO's nine chapter boards and 11 sector groups. Approximately 65 members visited the lounge and enjoyed 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 leaders in the profession. A list of all available scholarships and recipients can be found online at www.ohtf.ca. In addition, the website also contains the Scholarship Application Form. All applications are due by June 30 each year.

In recent years, many new, individual scholarships have been added to the existing program. These include:

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

Another major part of the scholarship program added in the past few years is the Cullen Family Scholarships, a distribution of an additional \$30,000 per year. This program was designed to encourage and inspire leadership qualities in students who have a passion and enthusiasm for the landscape and

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

This year, the Foundation distributed \$45,600 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

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Apprenticeship Program (\$600)

Mihali Schindle

Bob and Ruby Allen Membership Scholarship (\$500)

No applicants

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

Emily Birss

Russel and Karen Loney Scholarship (\$500)

Not awarded

Unilock Collaborative Communications Scholarship (\$1,000)

Shawntanna Atkinson-Gingrich

Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Jana Freeman

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

Not awarded

Graduate Research Assistant Program (\$6,000)

Not awarded

Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship (\$1,000)

Kathleen Minkowski

High School Program Scholarship (\$1,000)

Amy Hoy

Post Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)

Alexandra Lazarevski

Post Secondary Scholarship (\$1,000)

Phillip Amaral
Jason Bekkering
Carolyn Burke
Giovanna Catenacci
Norna Hugasdottir
Elissa Janca
Indira Kannan
Jensen Maunder
Josephine McCormick
Tesabella McEachern
Heidi Palfrey
Sara Sedarous
Darlene Taylor

Horticulturist Scholarship (\$500)

Not awarded

Cullen Family Scholarship Program

Kathryn Nikota, Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph
Ling Shi, Horticultural Science, University of Guelph
Brett Zylstra, Horticulture, Niagara Parks
Rachael Radauskas, Landscape Design, Fanshawe College
Robert Fischer, Horticultural Technician, Fanshawe College
Stephanie Gleinas, Horticultural Technician, St. Clair College
Christian Shumovsky, Horticultural Industries, Algonquin College
Rocky Johnson, Landscape Technician, Humber College
Suzanne Graab, Horticultural Technician, Durham College
John Gray, Environmental Landscape, Seneca College
Emily Cousins, Horticultural Technician, Niagara College
Evan Jenkins, Assoc. Diploma in Horticultural, Ridgetown College
Sidney Wilpsta, Apprenticeship, Hort. Technician, Fanshawe College
George Rizopoulos, Apprenticeship, Hort. Technician, Fanshawe College

Research programs

The Foundation has also contributed to numerous research programs. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation:

- \$5,000 towards Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation (OTRF) for a study on the impact of fertilization on nutrient losses through runoff and leaching.
- \$25,000 for research funding on sustainable snow and ice control of parking lots, platforms and sidewalks.

Other programs

- Skills Canada: Awards for horticultural sector winners at annual Ontario Skills Canada competition.
- Highway of Heroes Living Tribute: Planting of trees along the 401 from Trenton to Toronto in memory of those veterans who lost their lives well in the services.
- Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP), London.
- JT Somerville Fund: For the Christmas tree industry.



Meet some of this year's scholarship recipients



Shawntanna Atkinson-Gingrich

*Unilock Collaborative
Communications Scholarship, \$1,000*

I am very grateful to have been chosen for this scholarship. It will help to greatly further my Landscape Design studies at Fanshawe College. This honour encourages me even more to pursue something I am so passionate about. Coming from a small town with agriculture all around me, I always knew I wanted to put an artistic spin on the landscapes around me.



Jana Freeman

Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Jana has had a lifelong fascination with plants and the environment. While studying Landscape Ecology with a focus on Restoration at Laurentian University, she developed a deep appreciation for the great potential and rewards of working with native plants. Jana is currently in her second year of the Landscape Technician program at Humber College and hopes to develop a hands-on career working with native plants.



Amy Hoy

High School Program Scholarship, \$1,000

Amy was a student at McKinnon Park in Caledonia, Ont., where she completed her Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in horticulture and landscaping under the teachings of Joey Runhart. Amy went on to do maintenance work for the Hamilton Conservation Authority and is currently a student at Niagara College in the Greenhouse Technician (Co-op) program.



Giovanna Catenacci

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

The Landscape Technician program is just the beginning of Giovanna's journey in the horticultural profession. Giovanna wants to pursue the Urban Arboriculture program and hopefully end up on a path to Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. There are many stepping stones along the journey, and thanks to the motivation, support, and encouragement from the Foundation, professors and supervisors, it will be an easier road to travel.



Nora Hugasdottir

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Working toward the Horticulture Technician Diploma at Fanshawe College, Nora enjoys exploring all things plant — from folklore to new technologies, and their applications for the health of both people and the planet. Nora's goal is to provide services that inspire others to connect with nature in a busy world, something as simple as the inner peace that comes from taking an enjoyable walk through the wilderness.



Elissa Janca

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Elissa has a background in International Development Studies, with a particular interest in food security in a global context. Elissa is excited about the direction her career is taking through the Landscape Technician program at Humber College and the opportunities to be engaged in education, design, and preservation of diverse landscapes for the benefit of local ecosystems and populations. Elissa is grateful to her instructors at Humber College, the Foundation, and Landscape Ontario.



Indira Kannan

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Indira Kannan has been a producer and presenter on television networks like CNN, CNBC and BBC World. She is also a published author. With the Landscape Technician program at Humber College, Kannan is returning to her original subject of interest, having previously earned a B.Sc in Botany. "I am grateful and thrilled to receive this scholarship," Kannan said. She would also like to thank her teachers and classmates at Humber College for providing a great learning environment.



Jensen Maunder

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

I would like to thank the Foundation for the post-secondary school scholarship. I am currently in the second year of the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Throughout the summer, my co-op involved working in the maintenance department at Gelderman Landscape services, where I gained a tremendous amount of experience in the field. I hope to one day work for a large landscape company or to run my own business.



Tesabella McEachern

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

I would like to thank Landscape Ontario and the Foundation for providing such gracious opportunities. I am honoured to have been selected for this scholarship. It seems I've never been the one to luck-out or win a contest, but I can honestly say this feels like a win! I have an immense passion for the Horticultural Industries program at Algonquin College. My spirits have been lifted and my dedication continues thanks to your recognition.



Heidi Palfrey

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Heidi Palfrey is thrilled to receive a scholarship. By combining her extensive 35-year graphic design experience with the education she has received from Humber College's Landscape Technician program, her future plans include a freelance landscape/garden design firm that will serve both the GTA and beautiful Prince Edward County, intended to complement her husband's landscape construction and maintenance business.

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Sara Sedarous

Post Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

From Burlington, Ont., 20-year-old Sara Sedarous is enjoying her second year of the Horticulture Technician Program at Fanshawe College where she enjoys the hands on experience and truly getting her hands dirty. Sara entered the profession with an interest in working in a greenhouse and her horizons are broadening each day. Sara is looking forward to a future as a horticulturalist after graduation.



Rocky Johnson

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Rocky is thankful for the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation and peers for selecting him as a recipient for the Cullen Family Scholarships. Rocky is currently enrolled in the second year of the Landscape Technician program at Humber Collage where he has a strong passion for the horticultural trades and landscape design. Rocky wishes to continue to expand his knowledge and skills and contribute greatly to the profession.



Robert Fisher

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Robert says, "Thank you to everyone who made this scholarship possible. I have found my passion and look forward to seeing what the future holds for me. I look forward to finishing my education and getting out there and putting my knowledge to good use within the green profession." Robert is from Chippewa Nation, studying at Fanshawe College.



Kathryn Nikota

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Katie wants to dedicate her life to the conservation and protection of the environment and bring the natural wonders into everyone's homes and hearts. Her education began at Fanshawe College, where she earned a diploma in Landscape Design and an applied Degree in Integrated Land Planning. Katie has worked as a laborer and design assistant for private landscape companies. She is in her final year of completing her Masters in Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph, improving the world one plant at a time.



Stephanie Gelinas

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Stephanie holds a diploma in Landscape Horticulture and was the recipient of the Faculty Academic Award in 2017. She enjoys educating and assisting clients in creating healthy, practical landscapes while making their garden vision a reality. During her free time, Stephanie is an active member in local horticultural societies and community gardens in Windsor-Essex County. The program at St. Clair College has allowed her the privilege of studying under spectacular professors that have helped her to grow solid roots in the horticulture profession.



Rachel Radauskas

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Entering her third year of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College, Rachel's goal as a landscape designer is to create outdoor spaces that enhance quality of life and encourage people of all ages to spend more time in nature. After completing her diploma of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College, one of Rachel's goals is to continue her education to achieve a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture.



Suzanne Graab

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

I would like to thank the Cullen family, the Foundation, and my instructors at Durham College for selecting me for this award. My instructors have made going back to school at my age (over 50) a stimulating, thought-provoking and pleasant experience. My goal was to broaden and deepen my knowledge of the landscaping profession, thereby enriching my current work practice. I have over seven years of garden design and installation experience, running my own landscaping company.



Ling Shi

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

Ling Shi earned a BLA degree in China and is currently a Master of Plant Agriculture candidate, studying turfgrass management at the University of Guelph, where her current research focuses on restoring tall grass prairie in Ontario. Tall grass prairie supports native pollinators and keeps species rich and it helps golf courses in Ontario to be more environmental-friendly. Ling's thesis research aims to enhance native prairie seed mixtures for golf courses managers, as well as for native growers in Ontario. Ling would like to thank the Foundation and Cullen family for the award.



Evan Jenkins

Cullen Family Scholarship, \$2,000

"I am very excited and grateful to have been awarded one of the Cullen Family Scholarships," says Evan. He is currently in his second year of Horticultural Studies at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus. Although he grew up on a dairy farm, Evan has always been interested in environmental and horticultural studies. Having worked at a golf course, a retail greenhouse and lately as part of the grounds crew at Ridgetown College, Evan is finding his passion in landscape construction and tree management.

To see a full list of scholarship recipients from this year and previous years, visit ohtf.ca.

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OHTF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2017	Year End Aug. 31, 2016
General Fund	\$15,846	\$6,355
Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan Nurseries Research Fund	\$244,141	\$245,815
Growers' Group Research Fund	\$372,557	\$362,443
Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund	\$67,262	\$65,436
Scholarship Fund	\$76,814	\$78,245
Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund	\$32,553	\$32,646
IPM Symposium Research Fund	\$200,488	\$195,045
Turf Research Fund	(\$8,257)	(\$3,257)
Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund	\$101,807	\$100,020
John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund	\$61,361	\$59,548
Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund	\$1,807	\$2,734
JT Somerville Fund	\$10,451	\$10,167
Highway of Heroes (Trees for Life)	\$553,017	\$99,575
Unilock/Designers Grp Fund	\$10,533	\$10,247
10K Trees for the Rouge Fund	\$0	\$41,028
Russel/Karen Loney Fund	\$10,006	\$9,734
Cullen Family Fund	\$4,332	\$7,144
Robert/Ruby Allen Fund	\$20,902	\$20,334
Crystal Lawn Care Fund	\$2,107	\$2,049
Peter Olsen Fund	\$29,095	\$28,305
OJ Muller Fund	\$10,263	\$9,028
Perry Molema Fund	(\$1,769)	(\$902)
Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund	\$71,785	\$69,836
Totals	\$1,887,098	\$1,451,575

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year End Aug. 31, 2017	Year End Aug. 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank	\$442,507	\$108,784
Accounts Receivable	\$60,095	\$54,709
	\$502,602	\$163,492
Long Term		
Investments	\$1,243,592	\$1,145,414
Investment-Vineland Consortium	\$57,711	\$57,711
Accrued Interest Receivable	\$87,374	\$99,988
	\$1,388,677	\$1,303,113
Total Assets	\$1,891,279	\$1,466,605
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges	\$4,181	\$15,030
Accumulated Fund Balances		
Fund Balances-Regular Funds	\$1,334,082	\$1,310,973
Fund Balances-Special Projects	\$553,017	\$140,603
Total Liabilities/Funds	\$1,891,279	\$1,466,605

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

	Year End Aug. 31, 2017	Year End Aug. 31, 2016
REVENUES		
Interest/Gains (Losses)	\$79,402	\$46,212
Miscellaneous	\$59,230	\$16
Research Grants	\$25,000	\$50,000
Donations	\$1,017,519	\$437,535
Total Revenue	\$1,181,151	\$533,763
EXPENSES		
Administration Fees/Expenses	\$281,253	\$125,459
Disbursed as Research Grants	\$30,000	\$80,000
Event/Sponsorship Expenses	\$388,775	\$212,132
Disbursed as Scholarships	\$45,600	\$49,400
Total Expenses	\$745,628	\$466,991
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$435,523	\$66,772
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	\$1,451,575	\$1,384,804
Fund Balances, Year End	\$1,887,098	\$1,451,575

For information on the Foundation, including scholarship applications, supported research programs or to donate, visit ohtf.ca