

Ontario-wide Gardening Convention

On Friday through Sunday, July 3rd, 4th and 5th, there will be a huge gathering of gardeners from all over Ontario for the 109th Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) Convention at the beautiful campus of Redeemer University College in Ancaster, near Hamilton.

Most of the delegates will be coming to the Convention from the 282 Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs across Ontario and that includes our local Society the

The theme for the Convention is 'Summer in the Southern Tier', as this will be the first time in a long time that the Convention will be held in the Hamilton, Southern Ontario area. Opening ceremonies with a number of dignitaries (to be confirmed) will be on Friday at 9 a.m. and a beautiful twenty foot red oak will be the star of the Convention tree planting at 3 p.m. by Jeff Blackadar, President of the OHA.

As the OHA is a volunteer, charitable organization, the Convention is totally organized and run by volunteers. Over a hundred and fifty local volunteers from the OHA's Carolinian District Six (which covers Brant, Halton, Norfolk, Wentworth, and Hamilton) have been working for months to make this Convention one of the best ever

One of the highlights of the Convention will be the Horticulture and Design Competition. There will be all kinds of fun activities such as geocaching, live entertainment with 'Sterling' and bus trips including Dundurn Castle, the Royal Botanical Gardens, local Flamborough gardens and Whistling Gardens.

The public are also invited to register and take part in the festivities. If you are interested in gardening, it's worth planning to attend. Some of the most knowledgeable and interesting gardeners will be giving interactive seminars and workshops. All the registration forms with detailed information and pricing have been posted on the OHA website at <http://www.gardenontario.org>. You'll also find more information on accommodation, speakers, seminars, workshops, entertainment and bus tours.

It's a great time to learn from the best and have fun while doing it. There's something for every gardener!