

Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation

# 2016

## Annual Report



**MANDATE**

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

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 all 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 you love.

## Ways to support the Foundation:

### 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 2016, the Foundation hosted 'The Legacy Lounge' for pioneers of the green professions and LO members. Approximately 20 pioneers visited the lounge to talk about old times, what is happening now in the profession and what they hope will happen in the future. The profession 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 full list of available scholarships can be found online at [ohhf.ca](http://ohhf.ca). A *Horticultural Scholarship Opportunities* brochure is also distributed to all post-secondary and secondary schools.

The scholarship program continues to grow with the addition of some new individual scholarships in recent years, including: 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.

Another 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.

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This year, the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation distributed \$49,400 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province.

## Congratulations to this year's recipients

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

Victoria Clipston Ridgetown College

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

Brett Zylstra Niagara Parks

### Bob and Ruby Allen Membership Scholarship (\$500)

Scott Pollock Fanshawe College

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

Easton Klaudi Fanshawe College

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

Tyson Jennett University of Guelph

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

Kira Burger University of Guelph

### Apprenticeship Program (\$600)

Carly Dalton Niagara Parks

Stephen Ebels Niagara Parks

Lauraine Niven Niagara Parks

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

Emily Kubesheskie Niagara College

Jensen Maunder Fanshawe College

Josephine McCormick Ridgetown College

Melody Timmings Niagara College

### Horticulturist Scholarship (\$500)

Andrew Balasa Seneca College

Faelyn Cassidy Humber College

Jacob Cumbo Seneca College

Jennifer Daws Humber College

Benjamin Doerksen Humber College

Macormick Foulds Niagara College

Nicole Greshuk Seneca College

Nicholas Hunt Fanshawe College

Lena Kudryavtseva Durham College

Caitlin McPhee Fanshawe College

Alison Meeuse Fanshawe College

Zora Miller Fanshawe College

Eliza Ostrowska Humber College

Matthew Planeta Humber College

Rebekah Selland Fanshawe College

Yuanyuan Shen Humber College

Tabitha Taylor Humber College

Shuo Xue Humber College

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

Jeryn Mackey University of Guelph  
Landscape Architecture

Kathleen Minkowski Niagara Parks  
Horticulture

Rachael Radauskas Fanshawe College  
Landscape Design

James Duncan Fanshawe College  
Horticultural Technician

Eleni Scharf Algonquin College  
Horticultural Industries

Bonnie Scott Humber College  
Landscape Technician

Marco Parisi Seneca College  
Environmental Landscape

Dylan Allen Niagara College  
Horticultural Technician

Kristin Wammes Ridgetown College  
Assoc. Dip. In Horticultural

Lianne Hebert Apprenticeship

Horticultural Technician

Humber College, \$4,000

## Research Programs

The Foundation has also contributed to numerous research programs. In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation contributed to the following projects:

- OTRF (\$10,000) — Integration of tools and turf species to promote sustainability in residential lawns.

### 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 — Highway of Heroes Living Tribute: tree planting project to along Highway 401 from Trenton to Toronto in memory of those who have lost their lives in military service.
- Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP), London.
- Trees for Rouge Fund.
- JT Somerville Fund — Christmas tree industry



## Introducing this year's scholarship recipients



### Victoria Clipston

*Casey van Maris Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000*

A first-year student at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, 18-year-old Clipston is studying Horticulture. "I really enjoy spending time outdoors and working with my hands and I am thrilled to have found a future embracing both in this amazing field."



### Melody Timmings

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

Born and raised in Guelph, Timmings love for horticulture began when she signed up for a class in high school. Timmings is now pursuing a career as a Greenhouse Technician while attending Niagara College. Timmings says the "scholarship has helped me start my life on my own."



### Brett Zylstra

*Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000*

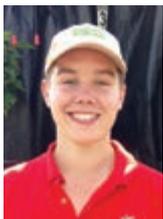
"I am very grateful to have been chosen for the Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship and I would like to thank all those responsible for making that decision. I am truly honoured," Zylstra said. "I am currently in my second year at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, with a special interest in the greenhouse industry. Eventually I would like to open a greenhouse of my own, specializing in perennials, with a definite interest in promoting the use of native plants within the industry and making more of them available to the general public."



### Jacob Cumbo

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Jacob Cumbo is enrolled in the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College. "My interest in the landscape/horticulture field is not only a byproduct of my upbringing, but is also rooted in an interest in the living environment," he said. "Whether it was visiting the farm in Saskatchewan, going camping in Ontario or simply going to Nonno's (tomato-filled) backyard, I was raised to appreciate the land and all it has to offer. I look forward to a rewarding career in the landscape/horticulture field and would like to thank all those who have helped me in this pursuit."



### Easton Klaudi

*Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship, \$1,000*

Easton Klaudi is a second-year student enrolled in the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Realizing there is a major need for more green thumbs and professionals in the landscape/horticulture workforce, Easton decided to dive right into the greenhouse (classroom) straight from high school. His passion for native plants, animals, and the ecosystem drives him to pursue the many opportunities that are constantly appearing in Ontario and abroad.



### Jennifer Daws

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Daws is currently in her final year of the Landscape Technician program at Humber College. She spent the past summer gardening for the City of Toronto — looking after the award-winning Peace Garden and Podium Green Roof at City Hall. Her goal is to master the art of creating landscapes that are not only beautiful and well-designed, but also sustainable and beneficial to pollinators and wildlife. "A sincere thank you to the Foundation for recognizing my enthusiasm for horticulture," Daws said.



### Jensen Maunder

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

Jensen Maunder is a student in the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Throughout high school Maunder took many courses that got him interested in the field of horticulture. "My past job at Conservation Halton also got me interested in the landscaping and horticulture industry," he said. "I hope to one day own my own landscaping company and build beautiful landscapes for people to enjoy."



### Nicole Greshuk

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Nicole Greshuk is an Environmental Landscape Management student at Seneca College. "I absolutely love the program I am in, especially the horticultural aspects," she said. "I've worked for the Town of Orangeville's Parks and Recreation department for five years now, and this past summer I worked at the Royal Botanical Gardens. These opportunities have influenced my future in the industry in numerous ways. I am very grateful for having such amazing mentors, professors, and co-workers who have helped me get to where I am now and achieve what I have in the landscape and horticulture industry."



### Josephine McCormick

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

McCormick grew up in the horticulture field living on a pumpkin farm outside of Wellesley, Ont., where she continues to live. The farm grows a variety of squashes, gourds and other fall decorations. During the summer months, McCormick sells fruits and vegetables, including sweet corn, beans and tomatoes, at a road-side stand. McCormick also does some landscape maintenance jobs on the side. "I would like to thank the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation," she said.



### Lena Kudryavtseva

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Kudryavtseva is grateful the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation has recognized her academic achievements in the Horticulture Technician program at Durham College. She is excited to work in an industry that demands a love of nature, a dedication to life-long learning and a strong work ethic. Currently employed at the Evergreen Garden Market store and garden centre, Kudryavtseva plans to use her skills and knowledge to create and maintain green spaces that support ecological restoration and community building.

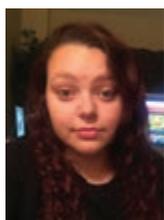
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**Rebekah Selland***Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Selland is currently in her second year of the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Through volunteer work, Selland has learned a lot about how flora influences not only our personal well-being, but also our societal well-being as well. After completing the program, Selland aspires to become involved with applying permaculture design principals to public spaces.

**Yuanyuan Shen***Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Shen is a second-year student in the Humber College Landscape Technician program where she combines design knowledge with horticulture practices. "It is a great honour for me to be a recipient of the 2016 horticulturist scholarship," Shen says. "My dream is to become a landscape architect, to create beautiful sceneries for people to enjoy."

**Tabitha Taylor***Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

A second-year landscape student at Humber College, Taylor grew up with a passion for gardening and creating beautiful spaces with flowers. After graduation, Taylor would like to work on municipal beautification projects.

**Dylan Allen***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Allen is a second-year student at Niagara College currently working towards completing his Landscape Technician diploma. After Allen completes his diploma, he plans to continue his education in business to further prepare him for the ever-changing and demanding landscape profession. Allen would like to thank the OHTF and Mark Cullen for their generous scholarship which will allow him the opportunity to continue his education and continue down the path towards his career. Allen would also like to thank his many instructors who were involved in the selection of the award.

**Lianne Hebert***Cullen Scholarship, \$1,000*

Working her second year in garden installations and maintenance, Lianne is part of the 2017 Class Horticulture Apprenticeship Program at Mohawk College. With a background in graphic design, she is passionate about beautiful garden spaces. Hebert works in her hometown of Russell, Ont., where she joins her crew in improving residential and public gardens in the area. "Gardens are really all about the people," Hebert says. "They should serve a purpose — be a place where people can reconnect with nature."

**Jeryn Mackey***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Mackey grew up in Fort St. John, B.C., and is studying Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph. Growing up in a rural northern town, as well as working with a planning, engineering, and landscape architecture firm in western Canada has instilled Mackey with a passion for improving livability in small communities. Mackey would like to thank professors and the staff in the Landscape Architecture building and Urban Systems for encouraging and supporting her.

**Marco Parisi***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

A second-year student in the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College, Parisi roots are in Tuscany, Italy — a region widely-known for its great artistic heritage and stunning natural environment. Parisi has found Canada to be a good place for a nature lover to live. "It has been an awesome experience so far and I look forward to starting my career after graduation," Parisi said.

**Rachel Radauskas***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Rachel Radauskas is entering second-year of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College. "It is humbling to be recognized by the OHTF for my passion for landscape design," she said. "I am grateful to be surrounded by teachers and peers that are so supportive and driven. It has been amazing to find an industry that combines my creativity and love for the outdoors. My goal is to one day own a business that creates outdoor spaces that enhance quality of life, and encourage people of all ages to spend more time in nature."

**Eleni Scharf***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Eleni Scharf is a Horticultural Industries student at Algonquin College. "I am beyond grateful to have been chosen for the Cullen scholarship," she said. "I would like to thank my instructors and classmates for sharing their knowledge and encouraging enthusiasm for the horticulture industry, as well as Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation and Mark Cullen for supporting students. I look forward to a future in horticulture where I can further explore my passion, continue to build on the knowledge I have gained and hopefully inspire others to do the same."

**Bonnie Scott***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Scott is a second-year student in Humber College's Landscape Technician diploma program, with a background in organic and educational urban agriculture. Scott is passionate about sustainable design, edible, and native plants, soil-building, and creating site-suited landscapes that benefit the people and wildlife who frequent them. Scott is interested in pursuing opportunities in landscape design, especially for public spaces and parks.

**Kristin Wammes***Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

A second-year student in the horticulture program at Ridgetown College, Wammes lives on a small farm about 20 minutes from the school. She hopes to either work with plant breeders at a wholesale nursery to develop exciting new varieties for the landscape professions, or become a landscape designer and create beautiful sceneries for people to enjoy. Wammes is very grateful to both Landscape Ontario and the Cullen family for providing so many great scholarships, commenting, "It is an awesome feeling to feel so supported from a great organization in the industry."

**See page 19 for a full list of 2016 scholarship recipients.**

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## OHTF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FUND BALANCES

|   | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2016 | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2015 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| General Fund  | \$6,355                   | \$5,854                   |
| Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan<br>Nurseries Research Fund | \$245,815                 | \$251,205                 |
| Growers' Group<br>Research Fund                     | \$362,443                 | \$383,642                 |
| Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner<br>Scholarship Fund     | \$65,436                  | \$64,644                  |
| Scholarship Fund                                    | \$78,245                  | \$80,136                  |
| Casey van Maris<br>Scholarship Fund                 | \$32,646                  | \$33,235                  |
| IPM Symposium<br>Research Fund                      | \$195,045                 | \$202,525                 |
| Turf Research Fund                                  | (\$3,257)                 | \$6,688                   |
| Tony DiGiovanni<br>Scholarship Fund                 | \$100,020                 | \$99,793                  |
| John/Ruth Wright<br>Scholarship Fund                | \$59,548                  | \$36,184                  |
| Horst Dickert<br>Scholarship Fund                   | \$2,734                   | \$3,685                   |
| J T Somerville Fund                                 | \$10,167                  | \$12,748                  |
| Trees For Life Fund                                 | \$99,575                  | \$20,916                  |
| Unilock/Designers Grp Fund                          | \$10,247                  | \$10,123                  |
| 10K Trees for the Rouge Fund                        | \$41,028                  | \$33,044                  |
| Russel/Karen Loney Fund                             | \$9,734                   | \$9,616                   |
| Cullen Family Fund                                  | \$7,144                   | \$6,074                   |
| Robert/Ruby Allen Fund                              | \$20,334                  | \$20,580                  |
| Crystal Lawn Care Fund                              | \$2,049                   | \$2,025                   |
| Peter Olsen Fund                                    | \$28,305                  | \$25,300                  |
| OJ Muller Fund                                      | \$9,028                   | \$8,584                   |
| Perry Molema Fund                                   | (\$902)                   | \$0                       |
| Waterloo Chapter<br>Scholarship Fund                | \$69,836                  | \$68,204                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                                       | <b>\$1,451,575</b>        | <b>\$1,384,804</b>        |

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|                                      | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2016 | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2015 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                           |                           |
| <b>Current</b>                       |                           |                           |
| Bank                                 | \$108,784                 | \$113,954                 |
| Accounts Receivable                  | \$54,709                  | \$17,225                  |
|                                      | \$163,492                 | \$131,179                 |
| <b>Long Term</b>                     |                           |                           |
| Investments                          | \$1,145,414               | \$1,145,415               |
| Investment-Vineland Consortium       | \$57,711                  | \$57,711                  |
| Investment-Steeles Ave Property      | \$0                       | \$0                       |
| Accrued Interest Receivable          | \$99,988                  | \$53,776                  |
|                                      | \$1,303,113               | \$1,256,902               |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                  | <b>\$1,466,605</b>        | <b>\$1,388,081</b>        |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                   |                           |                           |
| <b>Current</b>                       |                           |                           |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges | \$15,030                  | \$3,277                   |
| <b>Accumulated Fund Balances</b>     |                           |                           |
| Fund Balances                        | \$1,451,575               | \$1,384,804               |
| <b>Total Liabilities/Funds</b>       | <b>\$1,466,605</b>        | <b>\$1,388,081</b>        |

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES

|   | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2016 | Year End<br>Aug. 31, 2015 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                         |                           |                           |
| Interest/Gains (Losses)                 | \$46,212                  | \$58,810                  |
| Miscellaneous                           | \$16                      | \$395                     |
| Research Grants                         | \$50,000                  | \$1,420                   |
| Donations                               | \$437,535                 | \$382,091                 |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                    | <b>\$533,763</b>          | <b>\$442,716</b>          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                         |                           |                           |
| Administration Fees/Exps                | \$125,459                 | \$94,623                  |
| Disbursed as Research Grants            | \$80,000                  | \$30,000                  |
| Event/Sponsorship Exps                  | \$212,132                 | \$147,319                 |
| Disbursed as Scholarships               | \$49,400                  | \$73,500                  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | <b>\$466,991</b>          | <b>\$345,443</b>          |
| <b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>  | <b>\$66,772</b>           | <b>\$97,273</b>           |
| <b>Fund Balances, Beginning of Year</b> | <b>\$1,384,804</b>        | <b>\$1,287,530</b>        |
| <b>Fund Balances, Year End</b>          | <b>\$1,451,575</b>        | <b>\$1,384,804</b>        |

***For more information on the OHTF, including scholarship applications, supported research programs or to make a donation, visit [ohtf.ca](http://ohtf.ca)***