

Income Statement

SOCIETY NAME: **MINDEN + DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL Society**
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING (MM/DD/YY): **Aug 31, 2016**

REVENUE

	ITEM	AMOUNT	
1.	Grants	\$ 3000.00	
2.	membership fees	1044.00	
3.	Donations	663.25	
4.	Yearbook advertisement	525.00	
5.	T-shirts etc	624.00	
6.	Society Workshops + excursions	90.00	
7.	Plant Sales	689.60	
8.	Flower show admissions	604.00	
9.	Flower show other	130.00	
10.	Misc. revenue	514.10	
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	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7883.95	A

EXPENSES

	ITEM	AMOUNT	
1.	Annual fees District + OHA speakers	\$ 658.00	
2.	Society Workshops + excursions office expenses	350.00 81.08 192.40	
3.	Bank Charges	75.96	
4.	Registration Fees D4 + OHA	305.00	
5.	Gen. Advertizing	22.60	
6.	T-Shirts, clothing etc	648.54	
7.	Yearbook expenses	933.95	
8.	lot luck expenses	188.98	
9.	Community gardens expenses	1519.03	
10.	Flower show prize money + other expenses	1251.28	
11.	Youth program	116.54	
12.	Misc. expenses	355.80	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6699.16	B

Net Income (A minus B)

 \$ 1184.79 **C**

Community Garden

Report for

2016

The colour scheme of burgundy and purple petunias with white petunias as accent and blue salvia looked stunning this year. Our Canna's where on steroids and had to be move away from the posts so as not to get entangled in the hanging baskets.

The river gardens and bridge produced the wow factor that was needed as did the hanging baskets.

The zinnias at the Culture centre also produced an added touch to the corner.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that made our gardens great thanks also to the Township for their extensive watering and fertilizing.

Karen Shirley

Committee Chair.

EXCURSIONS REPORT

On Thursday, June 9, 2016, 29 members carpoled to 6 locations. We started at Dalibor Tichak's home in Coboconk where he proudly showed us his cactus collection. Coffee, cold drinks, and cookies were served by his wife.

We then headed to Gary and Dianne Westlake's property in Peterborough to see their garden which was full of ideas for garden art for cheapskates.

Next, we had lunch at The Magic Rolling Pin in Peterborough. After lunch we drove to Gardens Plus to see Dawn Golliger's award winning hostas and perennials. We ended our excursion at Griffins Greenhouses in Lakefield.

2016 MEMBERS' GARDEN TOUR

This year's members' garden tour took place on Saturday, July 23. The weather was amazing as approximately 30 members toured six members' gardens. Thanks to Inge March, Debra and Steve Tammi, Karen Shirley, Sinclair Russel, Susan Sheehan, and Rich and Mel Hevesi for showing the fruits of their labours. Hopefully, we will have more members willing to have their gardens on the tour in 2017.

Flower Show Report 2016

The Flower Show was held on Friday evening August 12th and Saturday August 13th at the Minden Community Centre. The theme was Carnival of Colours.

In the Junior Division there were 7 exhibitors with 17 entries.

There were 298 entries from 25 exhibitors in the adult division. High Points went to Mary Jane Irwin and Best in Show to Barb Ballantyne for her awesome coleus. There were no new exhibitors this year.

This was the second year featuring demonstrations presented by local businesses. Sue Jackson of Pine Reflections in Carnarvon demonstrated Garden Art, Karen Sloan of Wallflower Studio in Minden presented ideas on How to Build a Fairy Garden and Joanne Nichols from Country Rose in Haliburton created 2 unique table centre pieces.

The Judges this year were Betty Morrison from Huntsville and Kathy Dyer of Bracebridge. Shelly Fredericks, a judge in training, shadowed the ladies to gain some first hand knowledge. Financially, income was \$730.00, expenses were \$1251.28, producing a loss of \$517.28.

Although the Flower Show is not a fundraiser, we hope to break even. Unfortunately, this year was plagued by inclement weather and many members unable to participate due to illness. We look forward to an energized 2017.

I want to thank all the members of the committee for their much needed assistance and tremendous effort. You are truly a group of dedicated souls.

Margaret Giles, Chair, 2016

Plant Sale 2016

Our annual Spring Plant Sale was held on Saturday May 28th at the Village Green in downtown Minden .There was huge variety of plants, ranging from annuals, perennials, heirloom tomato seedlings, herbs, indoor plants and more. It was a huge success. Many thanks to all members who donated plants and came out to help. With your help we were able to raise \$689 for our Horticultural Society.

Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them. -A.A. Milne

Anica Sabel

Our Youth Program ran for 6 sessions in May and June at Archie Stouffer Elementary School with 36 Grade 3 students. We began with classroom discussions about gardening, soil preparation, and propagation. The students made seed balls with clay, humus and seeds and took a recyclable pot with a pumpkin or sunflower seed home to grow. They weeded and planted nasturtiums in a small school garden.

Students and teachers came to the Museum to prepare and plant the Three Sisters Garden ... a bumper crop this year with Museum staff watering during the drought.

They took a trip to Home Hardware who donated a geranium plant to each student.

We help them replant the flowers in their decorated pots to take home. They had a "hands-on" session with worms and learned about their value in the garden. The program ended with making bee houses and a party. A big thank you to Pauline, Linda, Jessie, Anika and Winnie! Looking forward to next year!

Pat Johnson

President's Report 2016

Thanks to the 2016 members, committee chairs, and board members for helping to make this another successful year. We had some new people step up to take board and chair positions, and together with experienced returning members, we worked hard to lead, educate, decorate and provide some fun. Support from the Township of Minden Hills council and staff was a big help.

Our plant sale in May was a financial success and offered flowers and vegetables to the public.

The hard work of some members planting and maintaining the down town planters, river bank gardens and Village Green made Minden a beautiful location for residents and visitors. I think it was the best year ever! Our Society received many compliments. The highlight was when the Communities In Bloom judges awarded Minden Hills with 5 Blooms out of 5.

The annual Flower Show "Carnival of Colours", provided members a chance to show off gardening and design talent and gave those who attended a chance to view the show, learn from the demonstrations and enjoy refreshments. Unfortunately attendance was down, probably due to the weather.

During the year members had the opportunity to take part in a design workshop, a members' garden tour and a trip to out of town garden centres

For the second year in a row we have won Publication Classes at the OHA Convention. Thanks to the talents of the Year Book Committee and the Advertising Chair we were awarded first for our Year Book and first for our Promotional Partnership Poster, also honourable mention for our Special Event Poster..

My hope is that you continue to participate in and enjoy the Minden & District Horticultural Society during 2017.

Mary Jane Irwin