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## CIB returns for a bloomin' good year

Tappy spring—it is spring at last, I hope. "Hope in bloom"— I read this phrase coined by Pamela J. Wilson who writes for Traditional Home and Better Homes and Gardens magazines. She writes that gardens are places where hopes give promise to coming true.

We all hope to live in peace, to live in a clean, caring community, in a world free of disease and destructive forces. Winter is over, leaving us yearning to be outside, see our neighbours, walk and enjoy life. Kids, big and small love to dig in the dirt-to see what is renewed by Mother Nature after the snow.

Who among us can resist the face of a little snowdrop or trillium? There is always a sense of awe that beneath all the grime and dirt beauty does indeed exist. This is the season of spring cleaning inside and out. I hope you all get out to enjoy life this spring. Life is a gift— that is why we call it the present.

The recent litterbug campaign and Clean Up Day give us hope for our future. We have many concerned citizens who join together to make Halton Hills a better place to be by caring for each other.

Earth Day was another huge success at the works yard. They apologize for the traffic jams and early sellout— they promise to try to avoid these problems next year. But it is success that caused it—that is a good thing (sorry Martha...). Thanks to everyone for their support in these good causes.

News flash—this year our judging date is Friday, July 18. We are in the National category once again—here's to Team Halton Hills—let's go get 'em! Please send us interesting photos of places or people.

News in Bloom



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Our CIBloom binder is essentially our brag book, so if you know of a good cause or a group that should be included, call the town and let us know. Volunteers are also gratefully accepted, we hope you will be one of them.

Some interesting facts:

• It is Sheridan Nurseries' 90th anniversary. A merger just completed with Weall & Cullen will make them bigger and better. They are a great part of the history of Halton Hills. Go see them in the Glen Williams location— show your pride and get some plants.

• The Georgetown Horticultural Society will hold its May flower show Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. Flowers can be dropped off starting at 6 p.m. They also will hold their Garden Tour June 22.

• The Friends of the Old Seed House grand opening will be June 8.

• CIB has a barrel and banner program

in effect, call for info.

Well, I could sit here all day and write, but I do believe it is time to get down and dirty. I hope you have as much fun as I do this year— see you in the garden.

—Dawn Falls is a CIB judge and board member



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