

Upcoming Events for Our Horticultural Society

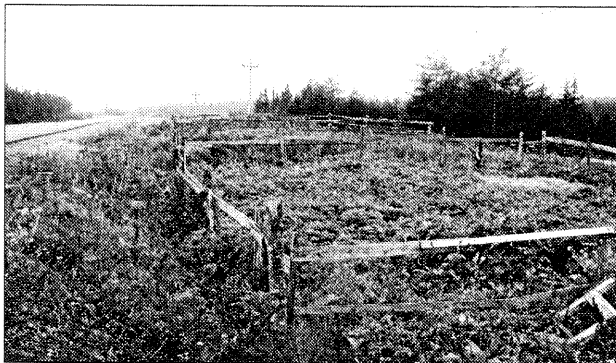
Please feel free to join members of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society. Regular meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of the month and all are welcome.

Wednesday, October 19 – Regular meeting of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society, room D17 of the Napanee District Secondary School on the Belleville Road, Napanee, at 7 pm. Tonight our guest speaker is Matt Saunders. He is from Seeleys Bay and is an expert on bats. There's even a chance he'll bring a live bat with him!

Wednesday, November 16 – Regular meeting of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society, Napanee District Secondary School, Room D17 at 7 pm. Ron Gubyk is a professional landscaper and horticulturist. His topic will be fall pruning.

Wednesday, December 7 – annual Christmas pot luck supper. All are welcome to attend our annual supper which starts about 6 o'clock. Please be sure to bring your plate and cutlery along with your special edible. The supper will be held at Grace United Church, corner of Bridge Street West and Robert Street in Napanee.

Wednesday, January 18 – Regular meeting of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society, Napanee District Secondary School, Room D17 at 7 pm.



In some northern areas of Newfoundland, gardeners face a big problem: peat bog. When the highway was put in, the soil excavated from the site was moved to the side, elevating the area beside the road just enough for vegetable gardens. Even though its Crown land, nobody minds if people grow potatoes, carrots, and parsnips. Fences are essential, though, to keep caribou and moose from eating everything in sight.

Be sure to check the Internet for Society news. Our website is: <http://www.lennox-addingtob.on.ca/government/groups/hortsociety.html>

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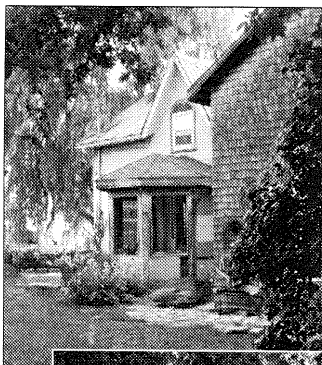
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On a very warm day in July, Society members visited Maureen Swann's garden north of Newburg. The garden was very beautiful and brimming with lovely flowers with a series of little areas for relaxing and playing.



Snack list

Here's a list of people who have kindly volunteered to bring a little something to eat to the Society meetings. Thank you for your generosity.

October – Florence Bell

November – Carolyn Reynolds

December – pot luck supper

January – Hildegard Dorosh

February – Gail Knowles

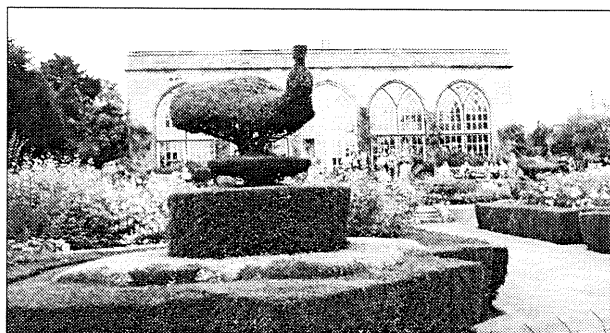
Formal and Informal Gardens

Submitted by Harold Bentley

This past July, Jean and I were fortunate to travel to the United Kingdom for two weeks. It was a bit unnerving at the start since we flew into London the day after the first bombing. However, things went well for the tour and we saw lots of gardens even though gardens were not the main emphasis of the tour.

The first of the formal gardens that we saw was at Plymouth and the Lord Nelson monument and gardens. This was a beautiful garden looking out on the ocean. Next we traveled to the site of the Roman baths at Bath. There were lots of picture card gardens in full colour and wonderfully maintained. These gardens were the nicest gardens looked after by a city or town. The people of Bath were also involved in gardens even though many gardens would not have been more than 20 square feet.

The next spot was well maintained and had the best vegetable garden that we saw during the tour. The property had many huge trees,



Creative clipping at Warwick Castle

some over 200 years old. Beautiful location and gorgeous scenery. No wonder the Queen likes this spot, called Balmoral.

Edinburgh was featuring a floral display honouring Hans Christian Anderson in the park area bordering Princess Street. What a wonderful display at the floral clock – wonderful colours and beautiful setting.

We were able to visit Stratford on Avon, the home of William Shakespeare and the gardens surrounding the house. Lots of perennials well maintained in a very nice setting.

The last of the formal gardens that we really liked was the Peacock garden at Warwick Castle. As the name indicates there were peacocks roaming throughout the garden putting on a big feather display for their lady friends. We saw five males displaying all at the same time for one female. Some of the shrubs and hedges were pruned to form peacocks. We have a picture of a real bird sitting on top of one of the shrub birds. Nice, very nice.



The informal gardens were throughout the tour, although space was limited. In many areas we saw plenty of wonderful garden displays during the eleven days we traveled by bus throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

We were looking for great gardens and fortunately we saw many on this tour. *