

Bittersweet Muse

Newsletter of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society



Summer 2009

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. All are welcome.

Wednesday, June 17 – our first pot luck supper for this year will be held at Allen Macpherson House on Elizabeth Street in Napanee, starting at 6 pm. Be sure to bring your culinary dish along with your plate and cutlery to the supper.

Wednesday, July 15 – this is our first garden tour of the season. We have been invited to three gardens: Luzy's, Norman's and Robert McGee's. Please be at Luzy's home in Napanee between 6 and 6:30. Directions will be provided before the tour or you may call 613-396-2061 if you need a ride to her garden.

Wednesday, August 19 – our annual barbeque starts about 6 pm at Susan's home just outside Napanee. A salad, condiment or desert would be very much appreciated. Call 613-396-2061 if you would like to car pool.

Wednesday, September 16 – we have been invited to visit the Bergeron Estate Winery, 9656 Loyalist Parkway, east of Adolphustown. The tour starts about 6:30.

Wednesday, October 21 – we return to our regular meeting place in the County Memorial Building (Robert Street entrance) at 7 pm.



Delia Lefebvre

It is with sadness that I tell you that Delia passed away earlier this year. She was a strong supporter of the Horticultural Society and Allen Macpherson

House and participated in every group function. She always seemed to be having a good time.

Every year Delia brought a big plate of rhubarb squares to our plant sales. They were messy but absolutely delicious.

It just wasn't the same when Delia and her husband Lionel moved to the Cornwall area to be closer to their daughter Nancy, a few years back.

Farewell Delia. You will be missed.



Delia and Florence at a plant sale a couple of years ago.



Here's Mary at our flower show in May. She and Cecil brought in tables and special cloths for the event. There were little cards for each of the categories and everything was arranged beautifully. Thanks for all your extra efforts to make our show a success, Mary.



Discussing the finer points of the few remaining perennials toward the end of the plant sale.

Be sure to check the Internet for Society news. Our website is: <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/lennox>

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Questions and Answers

Q: I have a billion earwigs? How can I get rid of them without using pesticides?

A: Crumple a damp piece of newspaper and place it under your plants in the evening. The next morning, roll the paper into a ball and throw it away.

Q: What is 'subordination pruning'?

A: Eric Weese, an arbourist with Quinte Conservation describes this term as pruning small amounts off a tree each year. Leave as many lower limbs on the tree as you can until its almost mature so the trunk can support the movement of its upper branches. Remove a limb that is less than 45 degrees to the trunk, so it doesn't break off in a storm.

Q: When should I water my tree?

A: Eric suggests you plunge a screwdriver into the soil at the tree's drip-line. If there is soil on the screwdriver, don't water; if its clean, water the tree very well.

Plant Sale News

Our annual plant sale was held on May 23 this year. The day was a bit overcast and cool. Despite this, turnout was very good and many plants were sold.

Once again, the Napanee District Secondary School students grew annuals for our sale. Both the annuals and perennials donated by members were in wonderful shape and sold very well.

In addition to flowers, rain barrels, small trees and garden crafts were for sale. There were herbs and tomatoes too.

All in all, it was an excellent sale. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your contributions are always very much appreciated.



Perennials were along side the greenhouse (photo above left).

Our Very First Flower Show



Mary Lockhart guided us through our very first flower show at our meeting in May. There were many entries, each one fresh and beautifully arranged. Mary explained what judges look for during a competition.

Our Lending Library

The Horticultural Society has its own library! You are more than welcome to borrow a book and keep it until the next meeting. Any extra books or magazines you have on hand that you would like to donate to the library would be very much appreciated. Here is what is in the collection so far:

- Garden Color Annuals & Perennials
- Gardening for Flower Arrangement
- Rodale's Flower Garden Problem Solver
- Success with Hanging Baskets & Containers
- The 400 Best Garden Plants
- The Better Homes & Gardens Garden Book
- The New Seed Starters Handbook
- The Ontario Gardener
- Water Gardens-Lilies & Lotuses Pond Design
- The Story of Ontario Horticultural Societies
1854-1973 2nd Edition
- Designers Landscape
- The Wonder of Water Gardens
- Back editions of magazines like Harrowsmith
and Birds & Blooms

At one point, there were so many people in the greenhouse there was no room to move (photo far left). The display in front of the greenhouse was quite impressive (to the left) and some very difficult decisions for just the right choice (below).

