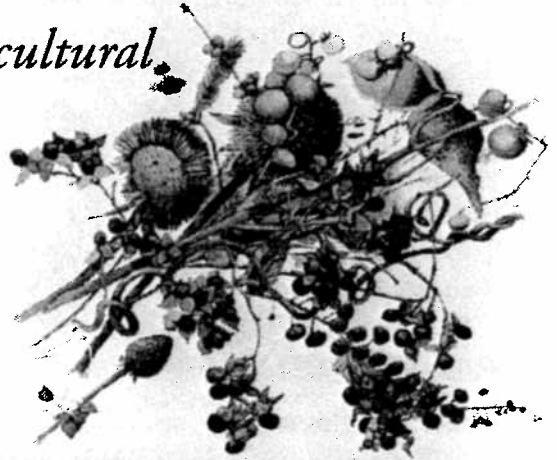


# Bittersweet Muse

Fall 2009

*Lennox & Addington Horticultural  
Society Newsletter*



## This Year's Trees



The Urban Forest Renewal Project had a very successful year. Project members found homes for 100 trees. Half the trees were large ones and most of them were maples. The Project donated a few trees to the Horticultural Society for our annual plant sale, with the proceeds going into our Urban Forest account. This makes a total of 162 trees that have been given away since the Project started in 2006.

This is Florence's yard and a small sampling of this year's trees. Even though it's early in the spring, Florence has her mulch and rain barrel and is all set to take care of her spindly charges. Thanks so much for looking after for our trees, Florence.

## Upcoming Events

**October 21** – this regular meeting will be in the Memorial Building, Robert Street entrance, at 7 pm. Tonight's speaker is Philip Kennedy, former director for District 3. His topic is "Your Garden".

**November 18** – our annual meeting takes place this evening, starting at 7 pm in the Memorial Building on Robert Street. If you would like to hold an office in the Society, please call Harold. Larry has selected a movie for us to see.

**December 9** – This is our annual Christmas pot luck party, to be held at 6 pm in the basement of Grace United Church, at the corner of Bridge Street West and Robert Street. Be sure to bring your favourite

edible and your plate, cup and cutlery to the supper.

**January 20** – we are once again in the Memorial Building for our regular meeting, starting at 7 pm. Larry has selected a very special video for this evening.

**February 17** – this is a regular meeting, to be held at the Memorial Building at 7 pm. Details about tonight's topic will be announced closer to the date.

**March 17** – tonight Tom Brown and Susan Meisner of Spindle Tree Gardens in Tamworth will give us a slide presentation about their garden. The meeting is at the Memorial Building at 7 o'clock

## Recipes from our Pot Luck Suppers

Barbara Gibson always puts her ambrosia salad in a beautiful pink glass bowl, but it's so yummy it would be delicious no matter how it's served. Barbara found this recipe

on the back of a page from an old Sunday school colouring book, above a grocery list. Thanks for giving us your recipe, Barbara. It certainly is a favourite.

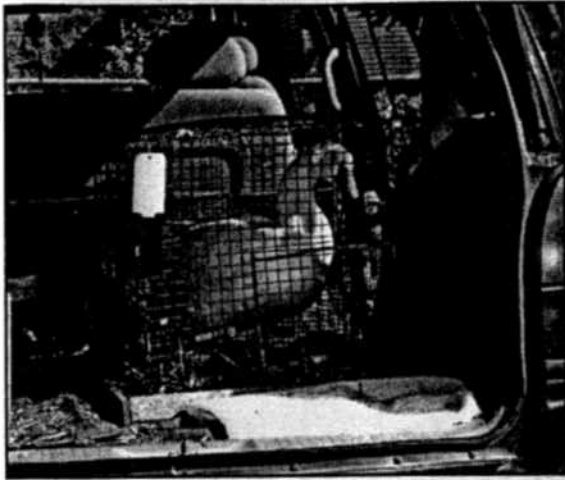
### Ambrosia Salad

- 1½ cups sour cream (use all of a 500 ml or small tub of sour cream)
- 1 can mandarine oranges, drained
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 cups mini marshmallows (half a regular sized bag)
- generous handful of cocoanut

Lightly mix these ingredients together. Place in a serving bowl, sprinkle with cocoanut and top with maraschino cherries. Refrigerate for 6-8 hours, or overnight.



## Fair News



After an exhausting couple of days at the Napanee Fair, all this contestant wants to do was take her ribbon and go home.

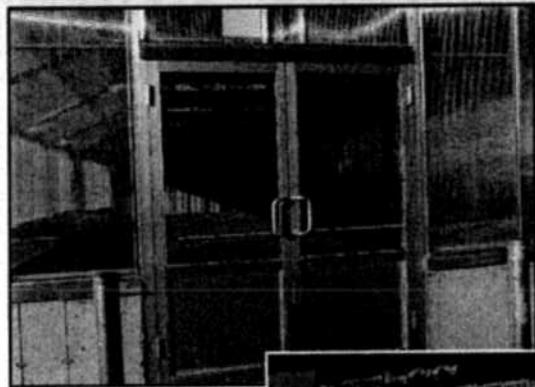


Being a flower judge must be one of the most difficult jobs at the Fair. Each plant is more beautiful than the previous one, not to mention all those beautiful arrangements.

## Greenhouse Update

Napanee District Secondary School was planning to offer a new course starting this February. It was to be an environment and resource management course with a greenhouse component. Unfortunately, not enough students pre-registered for the course and the program was cancelled.

Despite this setback, Mark Oliver will teach the same greenhouse course as he did last year. Students will once again grow flowers for our annual spring flower show and look after the flower beds at the school. Mark is understandably disappointed; perhaps there will be more interest next year.



The greenhouse looks a little forelorn now (above), but very soon the bulletin board in the back room will be covered with empty seed packs and the greenhouse will be full of plants tended by enthusiastic and dedicated Grade 12 students, under the guidance of their teacher, Mark Oliver.



## Two Garden Visits

This summer we were invited to Luzy's home in Napanee. Luzy's garden is lovely, just like a magazine, with beautiful plants, lovely statues at every turn and winding pathways. There wasn't a weed in sight. Thanks for inviting us to your garden, Luzy.

We went on to Norm's garden but the light had faded and sadly there are no photos.



We visited a vineyard this fall. It was the Bergeron Estate Winery on the Loyalist Parkway. The grapes were just about ready to pick and were covered by netting to protect them from nibblers. In the photo below, David Bergeron shows us how the vines are pruned then covered for the winter with soil from between the rows.



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