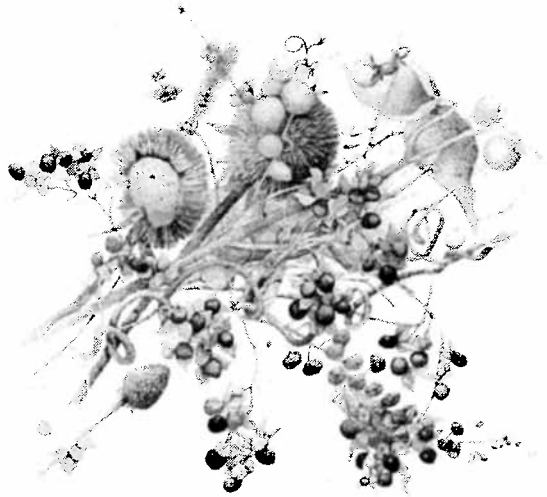


Bittersweet Muse

Winter 2009/10

Newsletter
of the
Lennox &
Addington
Horticultural
Society



Annual report for 2009

Prepared by Harold Bentley



Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society had 52 members in 2009. We meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the County Memorial Building, Robert Street entrance in Napanee.

Our Society bought books for the Lennox & Addington County Library System. This year we donated "Trees of Canada".

We continue to provide financial assistance to the greenhouse program at the Napanee District Secondary Schools. The students grow the plans for our annual plant sale, we provide containers and seeds. Our plant sale was May 23, 2009 at the NDSS greenhouse. A scholarship is provided to a deserving student and this year one award was presented.

Our Society continues its partnership with the L&A Stewardship Council and the Town of Greater Napanee. Several of our members

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Our Officers and Directors for 2010



Presenting the officers and directors of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society for 2010. From the left, Mary, Florence, Harold, Kim, Darren, Caroline, Larry, Marie Mitchel Assistant Director of District 3 of the Horticultural Association, Hildegard and Susan. Florence is the Secretary, Harold is President, Kim is Treasurer and Webmaster, and Hildegard is the Vice-President. Congratulations and thank you for serving on our Executive.

The Community Garden Project

Our society has been asked whether we would like to support a community garden project.

This project would probably start this spring and partner the horticultural society with the Salvation Army.

There are many good reasons why this is something worthy of our consideration: the vegetables grown in the garden go to the local food bank, participating in a community project is part of our mandate and any time we spend in the garden would go toward our volunteer hours.

The Ontario Horticultural Association offers a \$500 grant if

we need funds for lumber, tools, rain barrels, seeds and so on for the garden.

Students in the Napanee & District High School's agricultural program will be participating in the community garden. This is in addition to their work in the greenhouse which means we'll have lots of plants for our plant sale, just like we always do. Students sure will be busy this year.

The garden is 2 km south of the golf course on Hamburg Road in Napanee, beside the driving range.

You are under no obligation to participate in the garden but your support would be appreciated.

Upcoming Events

January 20 – Larry has selected a very special video for this evening's meeting in the Memorial Building, Robert Street Entrance in Napanee, at 7 pm.

February 17 – Please join in the meeting to be held in the Memorial Building at 7 pm. Tonight, Allison Shannon of Sun Harvest Greenhouse in Glenburnie will discuss container gardening.

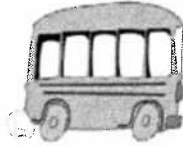
March 17 – Tonight, Tom Brown and Susan Meisner of Spindle Tree Gardens in Tamworth will give us a slide presentation about their garden. The meeting is in the Memorial Building at 7 o'clock.

April 13 – Dianne Huddle, a Kingston and Colins Bay Master Gardener will show her slides of the Chelsea Flower Show in England at our regular meeting at 7 in the Memorial Building.

Upcoming Bus Trip to Peterborough

An exciting bus trip to the annual Peterborough Garden Show is planned for Saturday, April 10. There will be many informative seminars plus exhibitors displaying gardening-related products.

The bus leaves from two locations: the Metro (formerly the A&P) parking lot (on Centre Street just south of



Highway 401) at 7:45 am and the Walmart in Belleville leaving at 8:15 am.

The cost is \$65 which includes your admission to the Show, and a stop at a nursery and dinner on the way home.

For more information or to reserve your seat,

call Peggy at 613-388-2915

This Year's Book

This year, the Horticultural Society purchased *The ROM Field Guide to Wildflowers of Ontario* for the Lennox & Addington County Library System. This book describes the habitat, range and identifying features of 550 species of common herbaceous Ontario wildflowers found in the more densely populated areas of the province. Its a beautiful book with more than 1000 full-colour wildflower photographs. Be sure to look for it in the stacks of your local library.



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are highly involved in the Urban Forest Renewal Project. In 2008, 200 trees were planted on municipal land. The Town of Napanee has provided help to locate underground utilities and plant many of these trees.

The Society meets every month:

January - video night with member Larry Davy

February - "Learning about Pesticides" by member Darren Smith

March - David Minnaker of Kingston showed many beautiful slides of flowers and other garden plants

April - we met in the NDSS greenhouse to look at the new

facility and assessed the progress being made by the students for our sale

May - member Mary Lockhart helped us put on a minim flower and plant show

June - pot luck supper at Allan McPherson House and gardens

July - toured members' gardens

August - our annual barbeque

September - visit to Bergeron's Winery in Adolphustown

October - Philip Kennedy spoke about "Your Garden"

November - the Society's annual meeting

December - our Christmas pot luck supper was cancelled due to inclement weather

Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society Executive

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