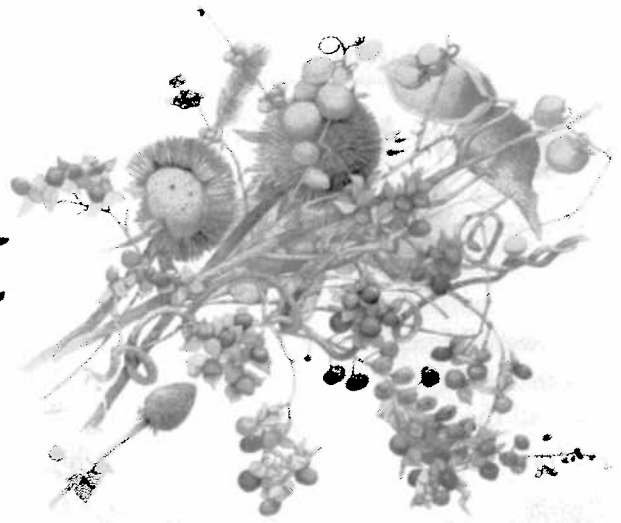


# Bittersweet Muse



*Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society Newsletter, Summer 2010*

## We Win Another Award



From the left are Arbourist Eric Weese of the Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council, Susan Withers, and Rob Simmons who is the Director of District 3 of the Ontario Horticultural Society. To the right of the award are

Horticultural Society President Harold Bentley, Larry Davy, Stewardship Council Director Steve Pitt and Florence Bell. Susan, Larry and Florence are all directors of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society.

We are a very winning society. First Harold wins the Meritorious Service to Horticulture award for his outstanding contribution as a volunteer in the community. Then our newsletter, *Bittersweet Muse*, wins first prize in the Ontario Horticultural Society's provincial publication competition.

Now, our Society has won the District Director's Appreciation Award. The presentation took

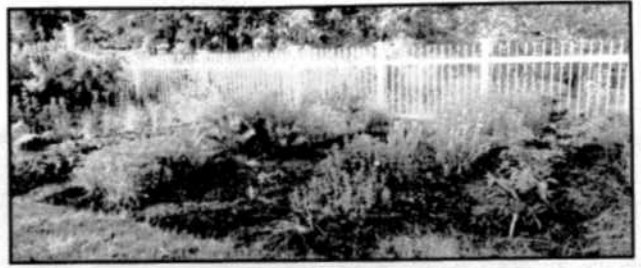
place at our June 16<sup>th</sup> pot luck super at Macpherson House. This award, given by Rob Simmons, director of District 3, recognizes our partnership with the Lennox & Addington Stewardship Council and our participation in the Urban Forest Renewal Program. Since 2006, 385 trees have been planted, including 50 so far this year.

Congratulations on winning this beautiful award.



## Our Pot Luck Supper, June 16<sup>th</sup>

After a delicious meal, we proceeded out to the garden of Macpherson House. Lionel Lefebvre who was a director of our Society for many years, was also the head vegetable gardener at the House. When the Lefebvres moved to Cornwall the vegetable garden was abandoned for a while but it is doing beautifully now, especially with all the spring rains this year. The old varieties of herbs are also doing well.



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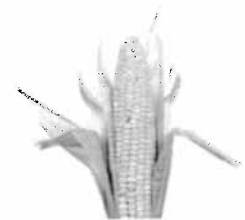
### Recipes from our Pot Luck Suppers

Do you suppose its possible to have too much fresh corn? If you ever find yourself with an over abundance, why not freeze the kernels in their blanching liquid? Then, some cold January evening, heat the corn and its liquid gently in a pot or microwave oven, for a breath of summer.

Shirley Sagriff of Sagriff's farm in Wilton came across this recipe on the back of an envelope. She tried it and has been handing it out with bags of fresh corn ever since. The recipe can be sized up or down, depending on how much corn you have. Seems a shame to have to wait until January ...

#### Frozen Corn

- 12 cups of fresh corn cut off the cob
- 5 cups water
- pinch of salt
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 1½ Tbsp lemon juice



Place all the ingredients in a pot and boil for 5 minutes. Proportion corn and the accompanying liquid into freezer bags or containers with tight-fitting lids. Freeze.

When you're ready to enjoy this corn, place the contents of the freezer bag into a pot and boil gently or microwave for a minute or two.

## Upcoming Society Events

**July 21** – be sure to bring your appetite to our annual barbeque, to be held this year at Darren's farm north of Selby. A salad, condiment or desert would be much appreciated, along with your plate and utensils. The start time is about 6 o'clock.

**August 18** – Susan is taking suggestions for what you'd like to do at this meeting. There are local gardens we can visit or we could drive together to the Corby Rose Garden in Belleville.

**September 15** – this is our annual seed swap and garden show and tell meeting. Please be at the County Memorial Building at 7 pm to hear how members' gardens fared this summer.

**October 20** – David McMurray will talk to us about the wild flowers of Lemoine Point Conservation

Area in Kingston. Once again, we will be in the Memorial Building for this meeting, starting at 7.

**November 17** – this is the annual general meeting of the Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society. If you would like to hold an office in the Society, please tell Harold.

**December 8** – our annual Christmas pot luck supper will be held at Grace United Church, starting at 6 pm. Be sure to bring something to share, plus your plate and cutlery.

**January 19** - we start a whole new calendar year back at the County Memorial Building at 7 pm. Larry will reach into his video library for something enlightening for us to see and discuss.

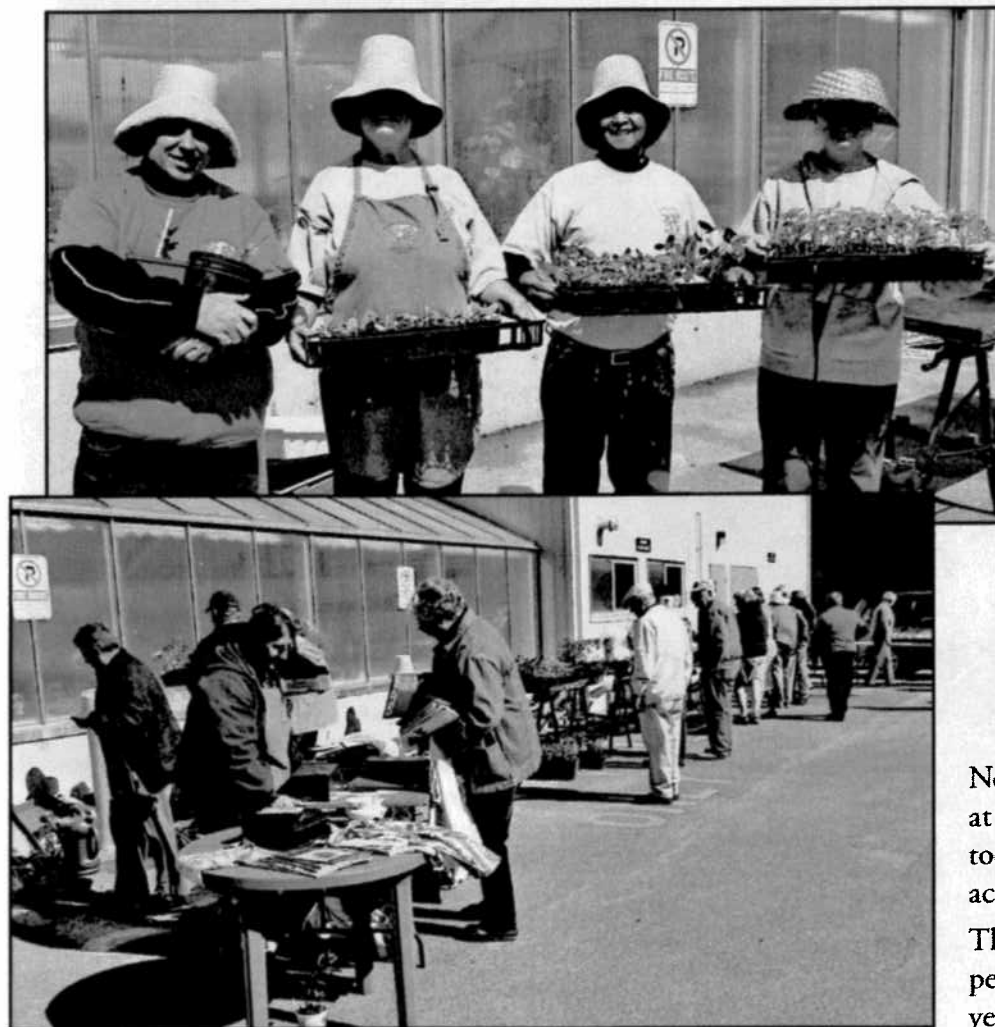
## Plant Sale News

Don't you think our tee shirts embroidered with our emblem, the bittersweet, look wonderful?



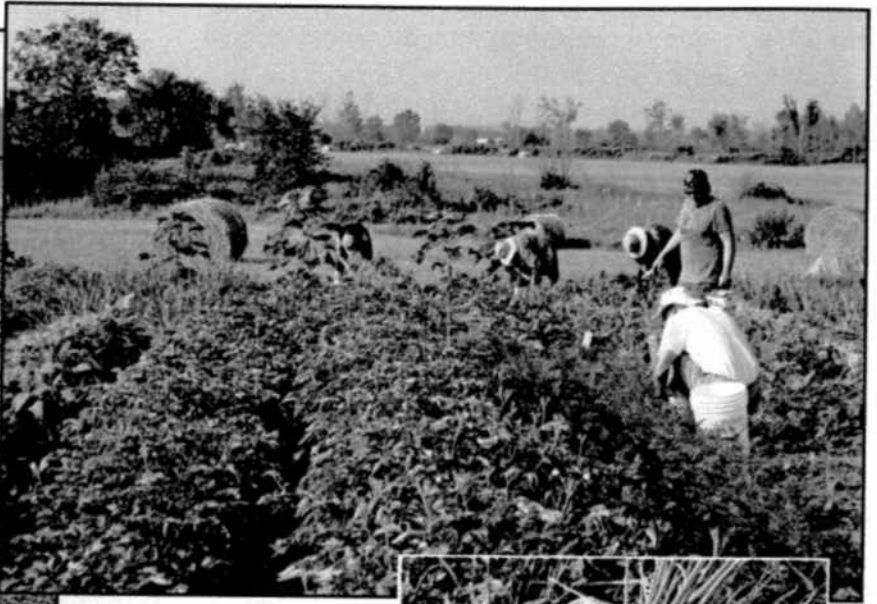
Not only did we sell lots of plants at our sale this year, but we had fun, too, sporting this year's stylish fashion accessory, a plant basket.

Thanks to everyone for bringing in perennials and participating in this year's sale. It was a great success.





# Community Garden News



It looked like an impossible task: turn a field into the community garden in one year. With everyone pulling together, the garden has become a reality in a few short months. Bags of lettuce, beets, peas and cabbages have already been donated to the Salvation Army's food bank. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers.

These beautiful photos and many of the arrangements were made by Susan Withers. Thanks, Susan. Couldn't have done it without you.



The produce from the garden looks like something from a magazine!

## Volunteering at Macpherson House



The Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society was asked to help Macpherson House get ready for their annual plant sale. The day was extremely wet and cool. Despite the weather, many people took part and transplanted perennials from the garden into pots for the sale. Certainly rubber boots were the footwear of choice that day.