

# Bittersweet Muse

Newsletter  
of the  
Lennox &  
Addington  
Horticultural  
Society



**Fall 2011**

Is it fall already? Mind you, after all those hot summer days, a bit of cooler weather is a relief.

Certainly this year's vegetables did well. The melons, sweet potatoes and corn certainly enjoyed the heat. Some people had so many green peppers, tomatoes, onions, squash and cabbages they didn't know what to do with all of them.

In this edition, have a look at a few snaps of Luzy's beautiful garden and be sure to think about whether you'd like to go on a bus trip this coming spring. Kevin's climate data is coming along but he'd like your stats for his study.

It's not too late to plant a few trees, shrubs and perennials. Try sowing a few seeds for plants listed as "hardy annuals" in the catalogues this time of year. You might have a very pleasant surprise come spring.

## Upcoming Society Events

**October 19** – Tonight we hear about back yard kitchen gardening in raised beds. Melanie Kerr, a master gardener in training, will present this topic. Please be at the Memorial Building, Robert Street entrance at 7 pm to hear Melanie speak.

**November 16** – Our annual meeting takes place tonight starting at 7 pm. If you wish to hold an office in the society, please let Hildegard know. Larry will show us a movie from his collection.

**December 7** – This is our annual Christmas pot luck supper, in the basement of Grace United Church on at the corner of Bridge Street West and Robert Street in Napanee. The supper starts at 6 and don't forget your plate, cutlery and something yummy to eat.

**January 18** – we are once again in the Memorial Building, Robert Street entrance at 7 pm for our regular society meeting. This is movie night with Larry when he will show us something from his video collection.

**February 15** – Last August we visited with Derek Ryles and Rolande Ann Leblanc who have a beautiful lavender farm near Hillier in Prince Edward County. Derek and Rolande will come to speak with us about their farm and how to grow lavender at our regular meeting, starting at 7 o'clock.

**March 21** – One of our members, Warren Wright, takes photos whenever he is on a vacation. Tonight he will show us a few slides at our regular meeting starting at 7 pm in the Memorial Building, Robert Street entrance.



Did you see your first frost in mid-September or early in October this year? What about cool temperatures, like 2 to 3°C? Kevin is collecting stats to see just how long the growing season really is in this area. Please let him know when you had your first cool temperatures this fall. Thanks for your help.

# Christmas in August!

While it seems unlikely, we really did have Christmas in August this year.

You see, at our annual Christmas pot luck supper we hold a draw for presents donated by members. Unfortunately Luzy drew the very last number and there were no more gifts.

To rectify this, Hildegard presented Luzy with a set of Christmas candles at our summer barbeque in August.

From the left in the photo to the right are Kim, Kevin and Luzy.



On August 17th we all went to Luzy's beautiful garden in Napanee for our annual summer picnic. It was a beautiful evening, perfect for eating outdoors.

Luzy created pathways through her garden, leading to many private shady garden rooms. There is even a pond.

Thank you for having us over, Luzy. We had a lovely time.

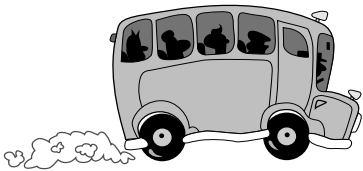
## Would you like to go on a bus trip this spring?

A couple of members have hinted they'd like to go on a bus tour this spring. If we decide to go, choosing where to go will be very difficult because there are so many beautiful gardens and well-stocked garden centres in this part of Ontario.

So far, a couple of garden centres in the Perth area and one in Merrickville have been suggested:

- \* Kiwi Gardens, 687 Harper Road just west of Perth (www.kiwigardens.ca),
- \* Rock Wall Gardens at 995 Code Road just east of Perth (www.rockwallgardens.com), and/or
- \* Rideau Woodland Ramble, 210 Burritts Rapids Road just outside Merrickville (www.rideauwoodlandramble.com).

Of course we'd need to stop somewhere for a bite to eat or a picnic in the park in Perth to regain our strength.



Over the next little while, have a look at the websites and see what you think. If we didn't go by bus, perhaps we could carpool.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

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