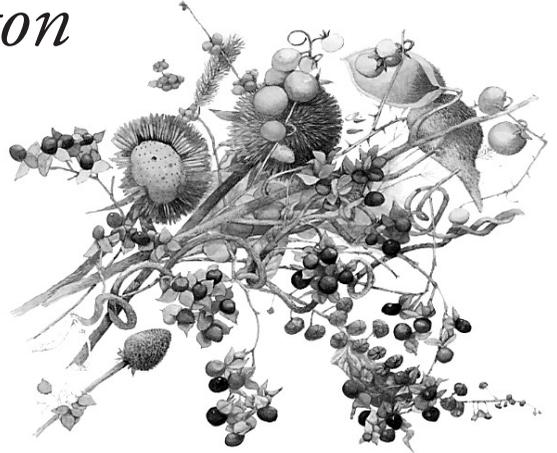


Bittersweet Muse

Fall 2012

Lennox & Addington Horticultural Society Newsletter



Our Annual Barbeque



by Hildegard Dorosh

In the late afternoon on August 15, Karen and John Burdon hosted our annual barbeque, which turned out wonderfully. We admired their park-like garden, so picturesque, along South Hay Bay. Karen gave us a tour through her “forest” and flower plantings and explained her intentions to stay mainly with indigenous plants. In the meantime, John laboured to cook the hamburgers and delicious sausages. We had wonderful side dishes to round off the meal and tasty desserts thereafter. We sat by the water to watch

and enjoy the water birds and the sun sinking behind the trees. The mosquitoes must have had the day off. We thank Karen and John for their hospitality!



John, Larry and "Snoopy"



Community Garden News

with Susan Withers



Despite the weather this summer, many bushels of vegetables were harvested at the community garden just south of Napanee thanks to the many excellent volunteers

from the horticultural society. The local fire department kept the water barrels full.

Vegetables like tomatoes, peas, beans, beets, peppers, squash, and onions were delivered to the Salvation Army's food bank. Members of the Morning Star Mission came by and harvested vegetables for their meal program.

Couldn't have done it without the effort of our volunteers. Thank you for all your time and effort, and for making fresh vegetables available to people in the community.

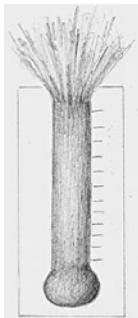


Hot and dry enough for you?

How hot was it? It was so hot this summer that plants that normally do well here, like maples and cedars, look brown and wilted.

It was dry too. It was so dry Quinte Conservation declared a Level 1 Low Water Condition in April and a Level 2 in August. According to Environment Canada, we received half the rain (about 15 inches) from January to August this year as we did over the same period last year.

With such high heat and such a small amount of rain, no wonder the soil is dry and rivers are at an all-time low. Apart from doing a rain dance, what can gardeners do?



What about the 'survival of the fittest' approach. We could choose plants that tolerate humidity, drought and heat, plant them in the fall, add mulch, water well for the first two years, then leave them on their own. If they survive whatever Nature throws at them, all is well. If they don't, choose something else for that spot. Seems a little harsh, but all the signs point toward hotter and dryer times ahead.

If you have any suggestions about what you plan to grow next year, please send a note to gknowles@rightype.com or raise your hand at one of our meetings. Thanks for your ideas.

Activities in the Community

Update on the Library Garden

by Mary Lockhart

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to weed and water the gardens at the Napanee Library at 25 River Road in Napanee. This fall we are meeting with the Town of Greater Napanee to discuss future plans for the garden.



We Won Prizes at the Fair!



Here's Bill Pollard's winning Canada Day entry at the Napanee Fair this summer. The arrangement is red and white with a little green thrown in for balance.

Congratulations to all our winners, including Linda, Gail, Mary and Barbara.

The Urban Forest

with Florence Bell

After many successful years, 2012 was a disappointment. Of this year's 50 red and 50 silver maple trees, about 10 leafed out. On a positive note, for the second year five rangers helped to monitor the health of previous years' trees. It looks like most trees are holding their own despite the weather.

Upcoming Events for the Horticultural Society

September 19 – how did your garden do this year? Come to tonight's meeting and share your stories at our annual Show and Tell. If you have any seeds, please bring them along for the seed swap. The meeting will start at 7 pm in the Napanee Fire Hall, 66 Advance Avenue, off County Road 41.

October 17 – Nancy Cole will be attending our regular meeting at the firehall at 7:00 o'clock to talk with us about her herbs.

November 21 – This is our regular meeting – topic to be announced. The start time of the meeting is 7 pm and the meeting will be at the Napanee Fire Hall

December 5 – Help the society celebrate Christmas by attending our annual party at the firehall in Napanee. The festivities start at 6 and don' forget your plate, cutlery and something delicious to eat.

January 16 – This is our annual general meeting. If you would like to hold an office on the executive of the society, please let Hildegard know. The start time of the meeting is 7 pm and the meeting will be at the Napanee Fire Hall.



Our Summer Garden Tour

Photos by Sheena Scott



On a very warm evening in July we had the chance to visit two lovely gardens in the Odessa area. We started the evening at George and Judy Bullock's. That's Judy in the photo on the right.



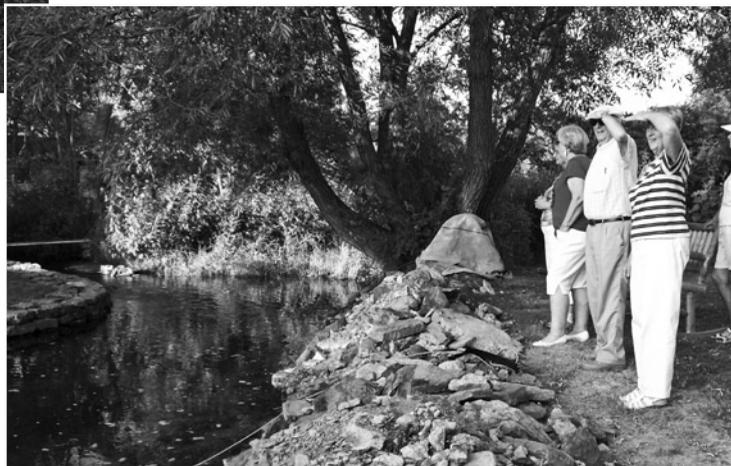
The Bullock's garden is beautifully laid out with paths and a special area for miniature hostas. There were no weeds in sight and every plant was at its best, including the ones pictured on the left.

Then we visited the garden of Rhonda Saulsbury (pictured below), and Richard Sutton. They



live on a tributary of the Millhaven Creek and their garden was wonderfully green and lush despite the drought.

We had a lovely time. Thank you both for having us.



We stood on the bank of the creek and admired the view (above)

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