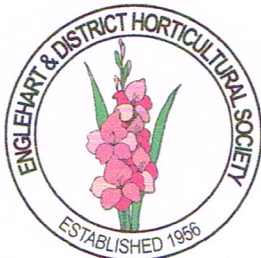




# 'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society  
April 2014



**Englehart and District Horticultural Society was formed in 1956.**

**General meetings:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of most months at 7:00 p.m. in the Anglican Church basement

- \*Speakers, workshops, demonstrations
- \*Civic Improvement
- \*Youth Involvement
- \*Displays and Competitions
- \*Environmental Stewardship

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It is with great sadness that we announce news of the passing of Mary Pillsworth. Mary, who died peacefully in her home, at age 93, was a long-time member and supporter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society. We have enjoyed many summer meetings in her beautiful garden, and she has donated prizes to the Society in memory of her mother, Helen Peterson, the first secretary of the Society. We will miss Mary immensely.

*This picture of Mary is from the Horticultural Society's float in the Fall Fair parade several years ago.*



## Mark It On Your Calendar:

- April 16: General Meeting
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 26: District 12 Annual Meeting
- May 24 : Plant and Bake Sale



***New Plants to Think About for 2014:*** **Perennials:** Cheyenne Spirit Coneflower; Prairie Glow Rudbeckia; Early Start Light Pink Phlox; King Kong Poppy; Cat's Meox Catmint; **Annuals:** Double Click 'Snow Puff' Cosmos; Cha-Ching Cherry Petunia; Surefire Rose and Red Begonias; Superbena Violet Ice Verbena; Alumia Vanilla Cream Marigold

## Some Happy News:

Here is some good news I should have reported in the last newsletter: Janet Wallace underwent a kidney transplant in February and Jean reports a successful operation. She is now home and recovering in Barrie. Congratulations to Janet and a reminder to the rest of us: Have you signed an organ donation form?

More great news: Congratulations to longtime member **Louise Williams**. She has been recognized for her many years of work and caring by the Northeast Community Care Access and awarded a '**Hero in the Home**' award for her dedication. Congratulations to Louise from all of her friends in the Society. It is certainly a well-deserved recognition for a very special woman.



### Spring Jobs

We're heading into our busy time of year, with so much to remember. \*Plan to attend our April meeting; \*Don't forget to contact Bonnie Warner if you're interested in attending the District 12 Annual meeting; \*Start thinking about the Plant and Bake Sale coming up in May; \*Inventory your garden(s) and check any lists you made last year to see what you need, or want, or planned to do this year; \*Take a look at your tools- do they need to be sharpened or repaired or replaced? \*Check out local garden centres for inspiration or look online at some of the sites I've mentioned for some ideas. It's time to get inspired again after the long cold winter months!

### OHA/District 12 News:

\*Latest news for the District 12 Annual Meeting coming up on April 26 in Kirkland Lake: following the business meeting and elections, James Graham, OHA President, will speak. Following lunch, we will be entertained and educated by Rene Roy, on the topic of orchids, and Karen McDougall will demonstrate floral designs. Please contact our secretary, Bonnie Warner, if you are interested in attending the meeting. It promises to be an interesting day and it would be great to show our support to the Kirkland Lake Society...plus, it's really close to us!

Information regarding the competitions: plants, designs, creative writing, art, etc. that will be judged and awarded prizes that day is included in this month's bulletin.

\*The Sudbury Horticultural Society is hosting the 4th annual **Sudbury Gardening Festival** at the **YMCA Centre for Life and Parkside Centre** on **Saturday May 31st**. I will try to include more information in the next bulletin.

\*Check out the **Ontario Horticultural Association's** Website at [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) for lots of great information, including facts about the upcoming convention. They also now have a Facebook page which you can access from their website.

### Reports from Your Directors:

**Programme:** Those of you who missed the March meeting with Mike Werner should check out our website at [engleharthort@weebly.com](mailto:engleharthort@weebly.com). It was a great programme as Mike used his own photographs to teach us the wrongs and rights of capturing nature with our cameras. Convenor Carrie Anne Field is herself the guest speaker this month. She is once again bringing us news on 'What's New for Gardening in 2014'. Carrie Anne always shows us interesting and fresh ideas for our gardens from Aidie Creek Gardens. Don't miss this one! Bring a friend!

**Plant and Bake Sale:** Convenors Les Peever and Jean Bott ask everyone to mark the date (Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>) of our major fundraiser on their calendars and to spread the word to friends and neighbours. The Legion Hall will be open on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 -4:00 p.m. and the convenors ask you to try to bring something in for sale - house plants, annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, anything horticultural. Perhaps you have something to donate to our raffles. Sometimes we have people call us saying they have garden plants to donate but they need help with the digging. If you can help, please let Jean or Les know.

**Bulletin:** If you have anything you'd like to share, or can think of anything you'd like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please let me know. You can call me at 544 8074 or email me at [efisher1951@gmail.com](mailto:efisher1951@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**Festival of Flowers:** Co-convenors Bonnie Warner, Rick Heaslip, and I would like to remind people that we are still looking for people to work with us on a few things for the show. We have most of the subcommittees covered, but still need help with a few things. Thanks so much to those who have already volunteered to take on a task already.

**Social:** Irene Bond and Joyce Smith are the hostesses and Jean Bott will bring the gift for the free draw this month.

**Website:** Convenor Rick Heaslip reports that this past month saw a record high number of people using our website, with 1580 visitors enjoying our site. He has also added information from Mike Werner's talk on photographing nature to the website.

**Membership:** Ginny Montminy reports we now have 64 members to date this year, and 2 people have signed up for 2015!

**Festival of Flowers Hint #4:** If you're thinking of putting photographs into the show this year, make sure you start early. Check the show book for classes and become aware of the rules. Start looking through your photographs for possible entries. It's never too early to cut the backing for your photographs. Take your camera with you wherever you go! Also – try to follow some of the hints which came from that very talented photographer and author, Mike Werner, our March speaker. (P.S. - You can get a show book with the list of photographic classes from Secretary Bonnie Warner.)

I've found a couple of horticulturally-oriented websites you might like to try:

1. **bugguide.net** – this is a great site for identifying insects of all kinds
2. **gardeners'world.com** – a British site full of gardening projects, problem solving, etc.
3. **Gardening News** – this is actually a Facebook page but it's full of great pictures and interesting ideas, hints, etc.

### Going Green

Tuesday, April 22 is **Earth Day**. What are your plans for this important day? Here are a few interesting facts and ideas you may be interested in:

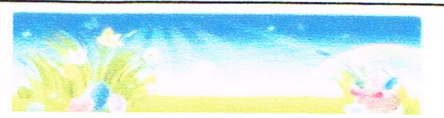
- *Right now we consume the equivalent of 1.5 planets' worth of natural resources every year!*
- *When possible, buying local produce is usually healthier for us, helps support local people, and reduces our carbon footprint by not purchasing food that has to be trucked or flown for many kilometers.*
- *Did you know that our appliances drain energy even when they're turned off? If you unplug appliances when they're not in use, you'll avoid using this 'vampire energy' as it is called.*



## Plant of the Month

### Easter Lily

*Lilium longiflorum* is actually a native of the southern islands of Japan. If you have been lucky enough to get one this year, here are some suggestions: Place your plant in bright, but indirect sunlight, avoiding drafts or heat sources. If you remove the yellow anthers from the blooms, the life of the individual blossoms is increased and you will protect your clothing from the staining pollen. Cool temperatures will also prolong the blooming time. Water when the first 2 inches of soil becomes dry, making sure it is not standing in water (check the decorative wrapper if you have left it on). Remove the blossoms as they wither. When danger of frost is past, you may plant your lily into the garden at the same depth it was in the pot. Mulch with an organic material. New growth may appear from the bottom. In the fall, cut the growth down to soil level and top dress with a bulb fertilizer or blood meal and more mulch. In the spring you will get new growth. It should definitely bloom by the second year and become a healthy blooming Easter Lily. Good luck!



### Colour in the Garden (cont'd from March)

5. **Colour Palette:** Perhaps you might pick several complementary colours that work well together. Use of a colour palette can give a sense of cohesion, tying your garden together.
6. **Use your surroundings to the best of their ability.** The colour of your house, sheds, garages, fences, etc., can either help or hinder your garden look. Aiming for neutral colours in your 'hardscape' can help show off your gardens.
7. **'En masse' plantings:** Planting larger groups of the same plant, or masses of plants sharing the same colour can be stunning in a garden. 'Drifts' of colour provide real impact, especially from a distance.
8. **Bring colour to shade:** We often have areas of our yards where we garden in shade. Use of warm colours, such as silver, white, gold, yellow, and chartreuse can bring a glow to dark areas. Containers can be used in the same manner to bring interest. (to be concluded next month)

**Spring clean-up.** Don't do anything drastic in early spring. The soil may be wet, and the plants are just waking from their dormancy. Some gardeners rake out their perennial beds on the first warm day of spring, but those leaves and other debris may protect delicate sprouts from late cold spells. Once the weather has warmed up reliably, go ahead and gently clean up the beds.

(National Gardening Association)

### The Year's at the Spring

*The year's at spring  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hill sides's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
God's in his heaven -  
All's right with the world!*

Robert Browning 1870



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DISTRICT 12 ANNUAL MEETING April 26, 2014  
COMPETITIONS  
THEME: ON GOLDEN GROUND

Prize Money: 1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00      2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00      3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00

Please Note: One entry per person per class

Section A Design

Staging and accessories permitted, no artificial flowers/greenery unless specified

Class 1: **Glowing Gold** (design featuring one bloom)

Class 2: **A Night on the Town** – a miniature design using dried plant material, maximum 12.7 cm (5") in any direction.

Class 3: **The Miner's Trail**– a design incorporating rock

Class 4: **New Directions** - a parallel design

Section B Potted Plants

Class 5: Plant for decorative foliage

Class 6: Blooming Plant

Class 7: Succulent Plant (No blooms)

Class 8: African Violet – single plant with single crown, in flower

Section C Photography

Entries must be 4"x6", mounts not to exceed 6"x8"

Class 9: **"Stormy Weather"** Photo taken during a storm

Class 10: **"A River Runs By it"** (A shoreline/river with some horticultural element)

Class 11: **"Silhouette"** (A photo that shows a plant in silhouette)

Class 12: **"Here We Go Marching 3 by 3"** (Photo depicting three plants/flowers/vines/trees- anything horticultural)

Section D Publications

Class 13: **Special Event Poster** Must cover an event taking place between April 2013 and May 2014, inclusive . Minimum size 8.5" x 11"

Class 14: **Special Event Brochure/Pamphlet/Flyer** Must cover an event taking place between April 2013 and May 2014 inclusive. Folded or unfolded, Under 11" x 14" in all dimensions

Class 15: **Society Newsletter from 2013**

Section E Creative Writing

Class 16: **Free Verse Poem** Write a free verse poem describing a season in your garden. (Must be at least 8 lines long.)

Class 17: **Unforgettable Character** ! Write about an unforgettable character you have met because of your Garden! Must be between 400 and 600 words.

Section F Art

Class 18: **"Treasure in the Garden"** A painting in any medium.

Class 19: **"Bountiful"** draw a cornucopia full of fruits and vegetables using coloured pencils Not to exceed 14" (35 cm) in any direction.

Class 20 **"Thumbs Up"** Design a Poster to Promote Community Gardening. Not to exceed 14" (35cm) in any direction.