

*Cissus antarctica*  
(Kangaroo Vine)

## ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 2010

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, Pioneer Hall  
Anglican Church (5<sup>th</sup> Ave), beginning  
with a Shared (Pot-Luck) supper at 6:00 p.m.

The Meeting is for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Committees and Officers for 2010, including the Financial Report; and for the election of Officers and Directors for 2011. Guests are welcome and appreciated.

**Shared Sit-down Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish of food to share for either first course, salad or dessert — enough for yourself and your guest(s). Mary Schippers (Social) and the Committee will put this together.

**SET UP:** Can you help with set up starting at 5:30 p.m. If you can come early to help it would be appreciated. Hostess Mary Schippers. Gift: Joyce Marie Smith

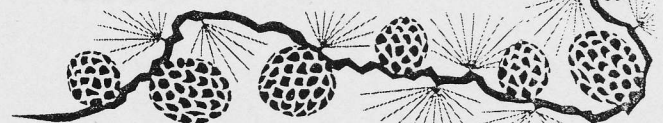
**Annual Meeting** at 7:00. Having moved the time of the dinner up by half an hour, the Executive hopes to get under way at 7:00, if at all possible, to give time for the program.

**Program:** Joe Muething will present a slide show of his trip to Ireland this year and Bruce Wilson will perhaps have photos from 2010 events of the Hort Society.

### 2011 PLANS:

**Forecast for 2011:** The forecast is renovated for each year and presented at the Annual Meeting by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president. If you have suggestion(s) to add to the forecast, please call or contact Bruce Wilson.

**Memberships:** All memberships are for the calendar year. If you have not already renewed for 2011, please send your cheque for \$10.00 to: *Joyce Marie Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Englehart & District Horticultural Society, Box 677, Englehart, OR* SEE JOYCE MARIE AT THE NEXT MEETING. WE ALREADY HAVE 42 MEMBERS. (Note: If you entered the Flower Show, your 2011 Membership will have been taken out of your prize money)



### **DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

Englehart Society will host the **2011 District #12 Annual Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will all need to be on deck to make this a successful and enjoyable event. We expect to have three speakers in the afternoon, competitions that tie into the theme, silent auction, door prizes and, of course, a delicious meal.

O.H.A President, Vickie Wiemer, whom many of us know, will be there to represent Ontario Horticultural Association.

### **Ontario Horticultural Association**

**104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention:** in Sudbury Thurs, Fri and Sat, July 15, 16 and 17 at the Radisson Hotel.

The theme is "*A Growing Experience—From the Ground Up*".

Mark it on your events calendar and plan to attend to support our closest District #13 and our own District Director Bonnie Warner.

### **District Service Award**

Each year our District can award one District Plaque to a deserving recipient. The criteria can be found in the O.H.A's Award Booklet. The Executive usually does this task.

### **District #12 Fall Planning Meeting**

will be held at Kapuskasing, Saturday, Sept 24th

### **Ontario Horticultural Association**

website: [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) is the website of the Association. The home page has links to different Societies, including Englehart's. There is also a "newsletter" and a "garden share" feature. Find it next time you are at the computer and put it in your "Favourites" list so that

you can go often to see what's new. Joyce Marie Smith is maintaining the Englehart Society site.

### **CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**

**REPORT:** Rosemary Campbell reported that 35 kits were sold, and \$250.93 made over expenses (not that this is a money raising project, we just like to make sure we break even). There were two work bees at Eileen Fisher's home where Lynn Coutts, Bonnie Warner, Joyce Marie Smith and Rosemary prepared the swag bases, and made up the kits to be given out. A number of people contributed red pine cones and other cones, Eileen and Charlie Warner gave the pine and cedar. The Door prize was won by Helen Stickney. Mary Schippers and helpers served lunch and drinks.

Bruce and Twyla did clean-up and

Bonnie sold tickets.



### **AMARYLLIS:** In

Canadian Gardening magazine (Fall/2010) there is a suggestion for planting other small container plants in the pot with Amaryllis. I hear that some florists are doing that too. (The picture shows another plant behind the amaryllis) Plants such as begonia, coleus, English ivy, spider plant and

peperomia would be suitable.

The item included aftercare for the plant: when bloom has faded, cut

the stalk close to the bulb; keep in a bright sunny place; water and fertilize (balanced formula). When danger of frost is past, put the plant outside in a sunny location. For Christmas bloom, withhold water from early July on. Early in August cut the foliage back to two inches above the neck of the bulb, put the pot on its side in a cool (55F) completely dark place. Check the dormant bulb for an emerging flower bud about the end of October. When bud appears, put the plant in bright sunlight and water well. At this time fertilizer can be added.

**Second Sight:** When it comes to evolution, it looks as though red squirrels have the upper hand on one of their main food sources: the spruce tree. A team of scientists led by Stan Boutin from the University of Alberta discovered that this "psychic" squirrel can somehow predict a lush season of tree seeds. It then responds by actually producing an extra litter of babies in the fall to take advantage of the bounty. In years where there is no extra seed production, the red squirrel has only its usual one litter. This reproductive pattern is unique, and as yet the scientists are not certain how the crafty critter can predict the trees' behaviour. Canadian Gardening, Fall 07

## DECORATING WITH HOUSE PLANTS

Sunny windows filled with bright flowers and green foliage are the best cure in the world for the winter doldrums. South and west exposures are ideal. It is also possible to have luxuriant leafy growth in north or east windows, but the list of plants that do well in them is shorter.

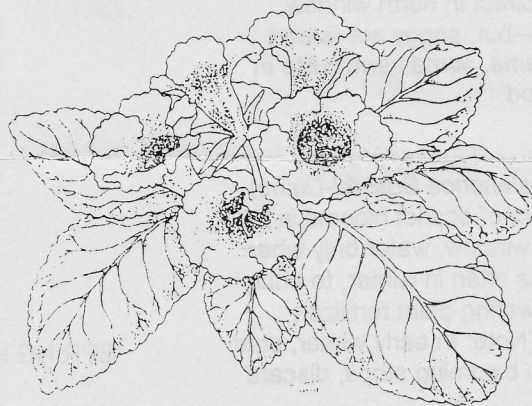
Collections of plants look best grouped together, healthy humidity levels are easier to maintain. A simple set-up is to obtain a 3"-4"

deep plastic or metal tray the width of the windowsill and large enough to hold several different-sized plant pots. (Paint to match the room if you like.

Half fill with pea gravel and pieces of charcoal (to keep the water sweet), pour in enough water to barely show through the stones and set the plants on this. Put tall varieties at the back and cascading ones to the front, tipped forward to hide the pots behind. Plant a succession of paper whites (narcissus) bulbs right in the gravel to come up through the plants and to add a heavenly fragrance throughout the house.

Flowering plants with a limited life can be either grouped with good-looking foliage plants or set off by themselves in eye-catching containers. Unless you really want to carry them over, they are best discarded after they bloom. Spring bulbs (not paper whites) can be ripened and held 'til they can be planted in the garden for bloom outside in the following years.

Below are some suggestions to choose from:



Gloxinia: (*Sinningia speciosa*) Big blooms in spring and summer. Full sun in south, east or west during cool months, less direct in summer. Keep soil evenly moist, also mist. Fertilize only when growing. After blooming water only very sparingly, cut off

any old growth and leave until very early spring; bring to light and water as soon as you see growth nubs on bulb. Fertilize.

DWARF CITRUS (*Calamondin*) 12" indoors Small, fragrant blooms, orange fruit evergreen foliage. Full sun, keep moist, mist often, fertilizer for blooming plants

SHAMROCK (Good Luck Plant) [*Oxalis regnellii*] 12", Fresh green foliage, white blooms (also in dark-leaved variety), in east or west window, likes cool nights, keep evenly moist, mist, fertilizer for blooming plants.

PEACE LILY (*Spathiphyllum*)

Deep green foliage, white, lily-like blooms, near east or west or even bright north window, not right in south window, low-light plant; keep evenly moist, mist often—but do not allow soil to become soggy, all-purpose fertilizer



CHINESE EVERGREEN (*Aglaonema*) 12"-24", Big bold foliage, handsome in variegated forms; filtered light in east or west window, or direct in north window, keep even moist—but, soggy soil is bad news for *Aglaonema*, some vermiculite in soil mixture is good

KALANCHOE (*Kalanchoe Bossfel-Diana*) Up to 12", Clusters of scarlet blooms in fall. Full sun in south window, water only when surface dries, less often in winter, to bring to bloom, use flowering-plant fertilizer, soil-cactus mix. (Note: In early winter, start new plants; when blooming stops, discard parent plants)

PODOCARPUS (*Podocarpus macrophylla*) 8"-10", Handsome evergreen from Japan; filtered light from east or west window; keep soil evenly moist, all-purpose fertilizer, for new plants, root tip cuttings during any season for new plants Note: Let soil dry a little now and then between waterings

FALSE ARALIA (*Dizygotheca elegantissima*) (Can grow very tall and will outgrow window box plants in a year or two) Lacy dark green foliage on slender stems, especially attractive when young; partial sun in east west or bright north window; once located in a place doesn't like to move; keep evenly moist, mist daily

LIPSTICK VINE (*Aeschynanthus*) Up to 2', Showy red blooms appear intermittently; trailing plant; 2-3 hours direct sun in winter, any window, indirect light in summer, or north window all year; keep soil evenly moist, mist daily, fertilizer for blooming plants, grow on pebble bed until well-established.

Ten top Plants to purify the Air: If you want to modify the above list, here are some beneficial plants for air quality:

- \* Bamboo Palm (*Chamaedorea*)
- \* English ivy (*Hedera helix*)
- \* Rubber Plant (*Ficus elastica*)
- \* Boston Fern (*Nephrolepis exalta*)
- \* Peace Lily (*Spathiphyllum*)
- \* Gerbera daisy (*Gerbera jamesonii*)
- \* Spider plant (*Chlorophytum*

*comosum*)

- \* Areca palm (*Dypsis lutescens*)
- \* Dwarf date Palm (*Phoenix*

*roebelenii*)



SPRING is on its way!!

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