



# 'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society  
November/December 2016



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

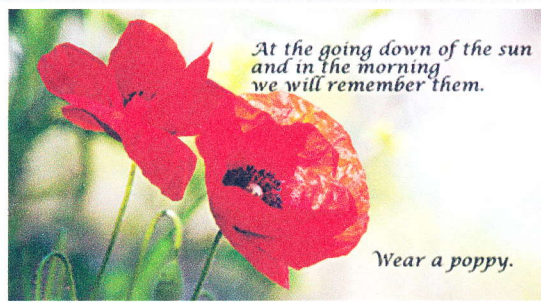
**General meetings:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of most months at 7:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church basement

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

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## A Word From The Editor

A few of our members are old enough to remember their fathers going off to war or their mothers working to aid the war effort. Many of us in our 60s remember hearing about the war from the men and women in our families who were involved. But it is safe to say that none of us can remember the war itself. Our children and grandchildren have no memories of World Wars I and II but have seen photos and learned at school what life was like during those terrible years. This poppy (papaver rhoeas) is used the world over to represent the fallen soldiers. It is an easy plant to grow from seed, as evidenced by the fields in Flanders. We can order a package from



various seed companies to grow in our own gardens. They are fairly drought tolerant, self-seed easily, and can be gathered to share with friends or to use in dried arrangements. Collect the seeds when the pods are dry and scatter

them in the fall for blooms next summer.

## Mark It On Your Calendar:

November 11: Remembrance Day...see you at the cenotaph  
November 30: Christmas Workshop  
January 18: Annual Meeting

## Looking Back

Part of what makes us such a great organization is our ability to come together and work for the betterment of our area. We may have had to cut back on some of our civic planting, but our members answered the call for help from Deb Murray during Horticultural Week. In this photo, members John and Judi Walton help out by working in the gardens at the Hilliardton Marsh. Thanks to Deb Murray for her work organizing the week and thanks to John and Judi for their efforts on behalf of the society.

*A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.*

*Gertrude Jekyll*





### Looking Ahead

January is our Annual Meeting. This is a very important meeting for our Society and we hope as many members as possible show up. We will be looking for someone willing to hold the position of Vice President as well as people to take on the position of Director. Our club is an important part of our town and townships and we hope to continue to serve both our members and our community at large. Please take some time to think about what you can do to help.



### Awards Night

Once again our annual Awards Night has come and gone and once again Ginny Montminy, our Awards and Trophies convenor, did a wonderful job of organizing the awards, getting them engraved, etc. The point of this important evening is to acknowledge and reward the members who worked hard in their gardens, entering their produce, flowers, potted plants, and lovely photographs. Part of our mandate as a Society is to show to the public what we are capable of growing in our area and to encourage people to do so themselves. Thank you to all members who entered the show, helping our Society fulfill part of our club's original purpose. Despite a fairly dry summer, we were able to grow and show our plants and produce very well. We should be proud of ourselves. Thank you to all who donated trophies or prizes to our winners and to all who brought food to share with friends. The list of winners can be found at the end of this bulletin. Adult and youth winners are pictured to the right.



Back: R.Heaslip, M.A. Linton, C. Black, E. Fisher Front: J. Bott, C. A. Field, V. Tucker



Lauryn Menard, Makayla MacPherson  
Amelia Menard, Nate Hamilton,  
Chase Hamilton, Aiden MacPherson

### Reports from Your Directors:

**Social:** Mary Schippers reminds Carrie Anne Field that she is the hostess for this month and Rosemary Campbell brings the gift for the free draw. Don't forget that some of our members signed up to bring a treat to this special meeting. Check with Carrie Anne if you are unsure.

**Programme:** This month's meeting will not be held on its regular date. This year our November meeting will be the Christmas Workshop on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**Website/Facebook page:** Don't forget to check out our website for lots of photos of past events, as well as information on upcoming activities. Look for lots of photos from the Awards Night meeting. Rick reports we have had 3901 visitors to our site so far in 2016. We have 87 people who regularly use and/or post on our Facebook page. Remember, you don't have to 'join' the page to be able to use it for information. If you want to participate in discussions or share your photos or idea, just click on the 'Join' button and we'll make you a member asap.

**Prizes and Awards:** Once again, Ginny Montminy has done a great job of looking after the maintenance and updating of the awards and trophies won in this year's Festival of Flowers. Many thanks to her for taking on this job the past years, as well as convening the Membership committee AND being our Treasurer!



**Nominating:** Convenor Bruce Wilson and his committee will soon be meeting to update our Executive and Directors' list. We sincerely hope that you will say "Yes" when he calls asking you to be part of our Executive or to become a Director. Remember, the club can only survive if people are willing to spend some of their time helping the club by participating in the planning and functions of the Society.

**Christmas Workshop:** Convenor Rosemary Campbell and her committee are planning and organizing the kits for the workshop. It promises to be a lovely centerpiece, involving natural materials, such as cones and evergreens, a small lantern, a lovely bow, and more. We hope that members and guests will come out for a fun-filled evening, enjoying the fellowship, the delicious snacks provided by Society members, the dedicated leadership of Rosemary, and the excitement of the beginning of the holiday season. Remember, the doors of the Presbyterian Church basement open at 6:30 and the evening starts at 7:00.

**Membership:** Ginny Montminy reports that we have 28 members to date for 2018. Don't forget to renew your membership by contacting Ginny asap.

Our next meeting will be in January 18. This will be our Annual Meeting and is really important that all members try to make it to this one. It also will be a potluck supper and there will be a slide show of our events from this, our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, so mark it on your new calendar, please.

**Secretary Bonnie Warner reminds all convenors that their committee reports are to be in to her as soon as possible so she can put together our Annual Report. Don't forget to include the number of hours you and your committee put in to complete your event. Bonnie would really appreciate receiving the reports electronically, if possible.**

Words of wisdom from Edward Hale: *"I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still, I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."* Volunteers are so important in making our society and our community better for all.

### *Going Green*

#### *Time for some environmentally-friendly tips to keep our homes and the environment healthy:*

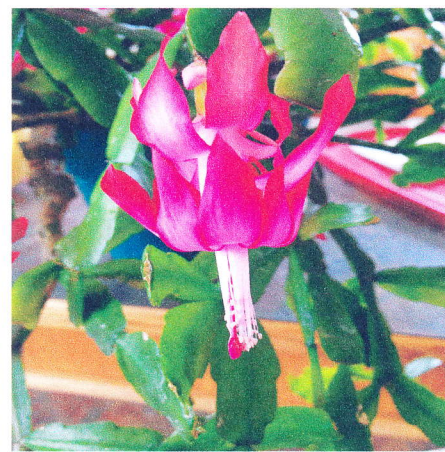
- Forget ammonia-based window cleaners. The windows in your home can be effectively cleaned with 4 tablespoons lemon juice mixed with half a gallon of water. Other good cleaners for glass and mirrors are rubbing alcohol and witch hazel.
- When a hot serving dish or glass of water has marked the surface of a wood table, you can quickly get rid of the mark by making a thin paste of salad oil or lemon oil and salt. Wipe the paste on and lightly buff the area as you wipe it off with a soft cloth.
- During the months ahead, our houses may begin to smell a bit stale as we tend to keep our windows closed. Instead of spraying a room freshener, try spicing up your home by simmering a little cinnamon, cloves, fresh ginger, anise, and/or the herbs of your choice in a bit of water on your stovetop. For a more summery smell, try adding a handful of mint leaves to 8 cups water. Bring the mixture to a boil first and then turn down to a simmer. You can also use essential oils in combination with these spices, or alone.



## Plant of the Month

### Christmas Cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgesii*)

This plant, native to the jungles of South America, is a popular holiday plant, blooming from late fall to January. As a succulent, it needs well drained soil. Its pretty, multi-petalled flowers come in shades of pink, white, red, and mauve. During the summer, the plants can be placed outside in filtered light then brought inside before frost. These plants are happy with room temperatures but will drop their buds if too close to warm or cold air such as vents or fireplaces. When new growth appears in the spring, fertilize with a weak solution of a balanced fertilizer every few weeks. New plants can be easily started from leaf cuttings popped into a pot of soil or even in water. It is easy to confuse this plant with its relative, the Thanksgiving cactus. The main differences are the time of blooming and the shape of the 'leaves', which are actually flattened stems. The Christmas cactus has smooth leaves, the Thanksgiving has more jagged or tooth shapes on the leaves.



### Poetry and Prose

*Something told the wild geese  
It was time to go,  
Though the fields lay golden  
Something whispered, "Snow."*

*Leaves were green and stirring,  
Berries, luster-glossed,  
But beneath warm feathers  
Something cautioned, "Frost."*

*All the sagging orchards  
Steamed with amber spice,  
But each wild breast stiffened  
At remembered ice.*

*Something told the wild geese  
It was time to fly,  
Summer sun was on their wings,  
Winter in their cry.*

*Rachel Field*

### Houseplants - A Northerner's Inside Garden

As the days become shorter and cooler, and our gardens are put to bed for the winter, many gardeners begin to spend more time with their houseplants. Over the next few months we'll learn more about houseplants, beginning with how to take a cutting to start a new plant. As you become adept at this, you'll find that some plants are much more easily started from cuttings, others by division, some by actual seeding. Let's start with cuttings.

#### How to Take a Cutting

1. Make sure the 'mother' plant is healthy and free from insect pests.
2. Have clean, sharp scissors or 'secateurs' (some people prefer a sharp knife).
3. Decide in advance: Is the cutting going into water or soil, and have that ready in a clean container.
4. Make your cut just below the spot where a leaf or pair of leaves comes out from the stem. (a node)
5. Gently remove the bottom leaf or leaves, leaving a 'scar' where the leaf was. This is the 'magic spot', where either leaves or roots will grow, depending on the conditions.
6. Don't leave too long a stem on your cutting...just a few centimeters below the scar is best. (to be cont'd)

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## Festival of Flowers Awards 2016



Champion	Donated by	Winners
<b><u>Cut Flowers:</u></b>		
Aster	Society	Carrie Anne Field
Marigold	Lloyd Briggs Memorial	Claudette Black
Petunia	Stella Holeksa Memorial	Rick Heaslip
Sweet Pea	Clint and Marie Hack	
Zinnia	Mary Pillsworth Memorial Award	Carrie Anne Field
Champion Perennial	Alma Cozac Family	Mary Schippers
Begonia	Cash Award	Rick Heaslip
Dahlia	Rick and Carol Heaslip	Rick Heaslip
Lily	Jean Kent	Claudette Black
Red Rose	Red Rose Tea Trophy	Rick Heaslip
Rose	Yurkewich Memorial Award	Rick Heaslip
Gladiolus	Society	Rick Heaslip
Cut Flower	Zia Pollock Memorial	Mary Anne Linton
High Point Winner	Society	Rick Heaslip
<b>Potted Plant Awards:</b>		
Potted Plant	Marie Armstrong Award	Eileen Fisher
Outdoor Potted Plant	Society	Marie Black
High Point Winner	Cash Award	Eileen Fisher
<b>Intermediate Decorative:</b>		
Basket	Society	Vi Tucker
Floral Design	Elsie Elyea Memorial Award	Rosemary Campbell
High Point Winner	Dianne Gendron	Rosemary Campbell
<b>Winner's League Decorative:</b>		
Basket	Society	Rick Heaslip
Floral Design	Mary Pillsworth	Eileen Fisher
High Point Winner	Ann Cambridge	Eileen Fisher

<p><b>Fruits and Vegetables:</b></p> <p>Beans  Beets  Carrots  Cucumber  Potatoes  Tomatoes  Raspberries  Fruit of Vegetable  Best Collection  High Point Winner</p>	<p>Heaslip Willing Workers  Herb and Rubina Kiehna  Herb and Rubina Kiehna  Society  Society  Heaslip Willing Workers  Alma Cozac  Society  Walter Fisher Memorial Award  Aidie Creek Gardens</p>	<p>Mary Anne Linton  Claudette Black  Marie Black  Jean Bott    Bonnie Warner  Vi Tucker  Jean Bott  Jean Bott  Rick Heaslip</p>
<p><b>Photography:</b></p> <p>Champion Entry  High Point Winner</p>	<p>Society  Dianne Gendron</p>	<p>Eileen Fisher  Eileen Fisher</p>
<p><b>Specials:</b></p> <p>Champion of Champions  Basket of Glads  Bryan's Achievement Award  Helen Peterson Founder Award  Special Open</p>	<p>Marta Brabender Memorial  First President Award  Ruby Bryan  Mary Pillsworth  Temiskaming Credit Union</p>	<p>Eileen Fisher    Eileen Fisher  Eileen Fisher</p>
<p><b>Youth Entries:</b></p> <p>Kindergarten High Point  Gr. 1-3 High Point  Gr. 4-8 High Point  Champion Entry</p>	<p>Society  Society  Society  Chris and Greg Heaslip</p>	<p>Makayla MacPherson  Chase Hamilton  Nate Hamilton  Aaron Mowbray</p>
<p><b>Garden Competitions:</b></p> <p>Super Gardener JK-SK 1st  " " " 2nd  Super Gardener Gr. 1-5 1st  " " " 2<sup>nd</sup>  " " " 3<sup>rd</sup>  Super Gardener Gr. 6+  Peoples' Choice (Senior)  People's Choice (Junior)</p>	<p>B. Warner and E. Fisher    Society  Cash Award  Cash Award  Society    Society  B. Warner/E. Fisher</p>	<p>Lauryn Menard  Makayla MacPherson  Aiden MacPherson  Chase Hamilton  Nate Hamilton    Eileen Fisher  Amelia Menard</p>