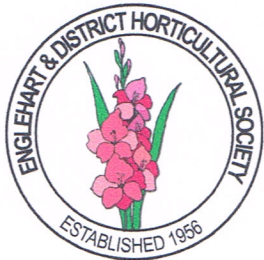




# 'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society  
November /December 2015



**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

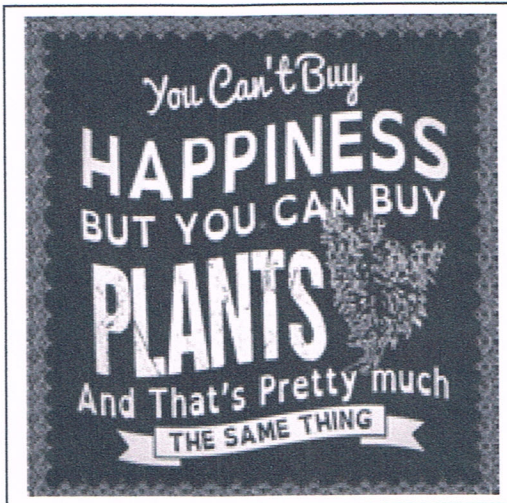
- \*Speakers, workshops, demonstrations
- \*Civic Improvement
- \*Youth Involvement
- \*Displays and Competitions
- \*Environmental Stewardship

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## A Word From The Editor

Once again I am shocked to be working on the last Through the Garden Gate of the year. It seems like just yesterday I became editor and here it is, the last bulletin of 2015.

Once again I ask that if you have any suggestions for the bulletin, please let me know. 2016 is going to be an exciting and interesting year for our Society, as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year. I have been looking through some of our past scrapbooks and have found bits and pieces from our history to share with you over the next year. If you have anything to share from our past, I'll try to put it into a Bulletin this next year. (efisher1951@gmail)



## Mark It On Your Calendar

November 11: Remembrance Day  
November 18: Christmas Workshop  
January 20: Annual Meeting and Elections



## Looking Back

At the Awards Night in October, those who entered exhibits in the Festival of Flowers were presented with their prize money. As well, some members were awarded trophies for certain entries. This month the 'Through the Garden Gate' has an extra page so that we can recognize those members who deserve special recognition for their horticultural efforts. Congratulations to all who entered and to those whose names appear on the last page as award winners.



(l-r): Bonnie Warner, Norma Elliot, Lauryn Menard, Amelia Menard, Carrie Anne Field. Middle row: Eileen Fisher, Len Fisher. Back row: Dalton Black, Claudette Black, Jean Bott, Dawna Beausoleil

### Looking Way Back



In 1972, Englehart hosted the District 12 Annual Meeting. Our delegates were Jean Wallace, Ethel Edwards, and Ann Cambridge.



### OHA/District 12 News

Our parent organization, the Ontario Horticultural Association, or as we so often call it, the OHA, is considering making a name change. They seem to feel that the general public is put off by the word 'horticulture' and are thinking of changing the name to something like 'Garden Ontario, which is actually the name they go by on their Facebook page (Have you checked this page out?) Legally, they would remain the OHA, but would be more commonly known by Garden Ontario. What do you think of this idea?



### Reports from Your Directors

**Programme:** Convenor Carrie Anne Field reminds us all that the Christmas Workshop will be the programme for November.

**Christmas Workshop:** Convenor Rosemary Campbell reports that the kits are being prepared for the Workshop. We will be making a lovely centerpiece with a candle, fresh greenery, cones, and other decorations. Rosemary has been working hard to get things ready for this fun-filled evening. Doors open at **6:30** pm, and the evening begins at **7:00**. Bring along some secateurs and wire-cutters if you have them. There will also be some available for sharing. Don't forget, a very delicious free lunch is always enjoyed by everyone in attendance. We hope that many members and nonmembers as well will come out to support this event. Kits will be \$10.00.

**Social:** Convenor and this month's hostess, Mary Schippers reminds members that the General Meeting in November is the Christmas Workshop and hopes that we can, as usual, put on a great spread for our members and guests. If you can help her set up, please come at about 6:00 to the Presbyterian Church.

**Festival of Flowers:** At our Awards Night in October, those members who entered in the Festival of Flowers were recognised. Prize money and awards were handed out to members who entered and won prizes in our summer show. Congratulations to all and a special thanks to our Awards and Trophies convenor, Ginny Montminy, for once again doing a fabulous job of having the trophies engraved, the money sorted out, and handling the 'nitty gritty' of the awards ceremony. A list of the award winners is found at the end of this Bulletin.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee will be meeting to make plans for next year. We hope that if you are approached or called and asked to remain or become part of the Society's Executive or a Director that you will say yes. These aren't onerous positions and we are a very helpful bunch of people. Community service is a huge part of our mandate and we would like you to join us in working to better our community, to learn, and to just have fun.

**President Carrie Anne asks that all convenors from this year please hand their committee report in to Secretary Bonnie Warner as soon as possible. The committee will be putting the Annual Report booklet for 2015 as soon as all reports are in.**

### In Other News:

\*The Society is putting together a basket for the Chamber of Commerce's Unveiling of Christmas silent auction, which will begin on Friday, November 20. If you have something to donate to make our basket attractive to bid on, please bring it to Bonnie's house at 39 First Street (across the tracks). If she is not there, feel free to leave your donation on her front porch, but please mark Horticulture on it as she is collecting for several baskets. Thanks in advance for your donation.

\* For those of you on Facebook, here are a couple of pages you might enjoy: 'Garden Ontario' (the OHA's page); 'Canadian Gardeners'; 'Kirkland Lake & District Horticultural Society'; 'Mark Cullen, Canada's Gardening Guru'; 'I Love Gardening', as well as our own 'Englehart and District Horticultural Society'.

*"We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through.  
Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love ... and then we return home."  
Australian aboriginal proverb*

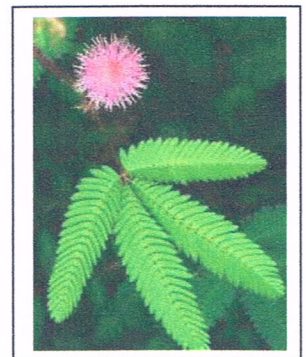
### Problems and Pests ~Mealy Bugs

Mealy bug eggs are laid in clusters that look like white cotton wool. You'll find them anywhere on a plant, but they tend to be found where leaves meet a stem. The small yellowish larvae feed by sucking the juices from plants. Touching them or the eggs with a Q-tip dipped in rubbing alcohol or spraying the plant with an insecticidal soap usually works, but remain vigilant because they will return if not all are caught.



### Weird and Wonderful

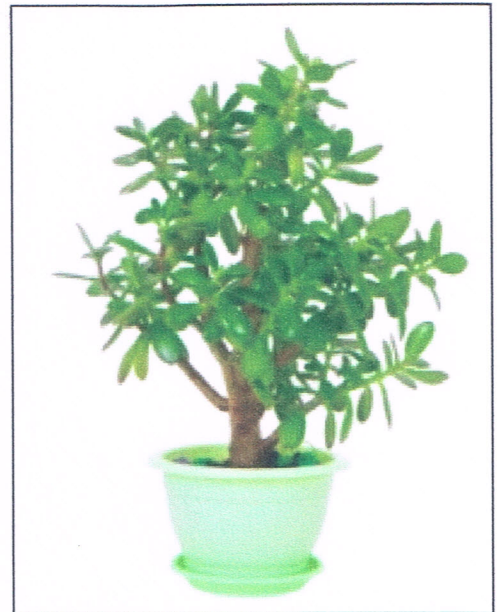
The **Sensitive Plant** (*Mimosa Pudica*) is a strange fern-like plant from the tropics which can be grown as a houseplant. It is called 'sensitive' because it folds or bends its leaves when they are touched. This is actually done to protect itself and occurs because the plant forces water out of its leaves' cells when they are touched. This plant can grow up to 5' tall and has small round, pink blooms. It prefers partial shade to full sun for 8 hours per day and consistently moist soil, without it being soggy. It likes a warm environment. Many of you may remember Dr. George Gibbon's straggly old Sensitive Plant. He would encourage children to touch the plant and then accuse them of hurting it when it wilted! Why not give this strange plant a try?



## Plant of the Month

### Crassula ovata or Jade Plant

This succulent plant requires a fairly simple regime of care. It should be watered only when the top of the soil is dry, and does better in a well-lit area, becoming leggy if it is in a low light area. It should be fertilized between April and November, its active growing time, with a balanced fertilizer (ie- 20-20-20) according to the instructions. Some suggest fertilizing every month, others every 6 months!! When fertilizing, make sure to water first, then water with the fertilizer, because direct fertilizer may burn the roots. Average room temperature is appropriate for your Jade. If it drops leaves, you are probably overwatering... or underwatering! Remember to use your finger tip to check the soil for moisture. Make sure to rotate the plant occasionally to ensure a good shape. Jades can also be pruned to make them a bushier plant. And remember.... those of you who got your special Jade from September's meeting- take good care and bring it back next September!



**How do you know you are a gardener?** There is a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter. You would rather go to a nursery to shop than a clothing store. You prefer gardening to watching television. You plan vacation trips to arboretums and public parks. Dirt under your fingernails and calloused palms are matters of pride. (author unknown)

### Our 9<sup>th</sup> President, Gwen Colquhoun

Gwen Colquhoun and her husband, Bud, were very active in the Society before and after Gwen's presidency. Following Jean Wallace, Gwen kept on with many of Jean's organizational changes. She also loved to garden and attended both District 12 and OHA activities. Gwen is an accomplished artist and brought these talents to bear on whatever she did within the Horticultural Society, especially her floral designs.



*Gwen Colquhoun*  
1977-1978

### Poetry and Prose

*The stripped and shapely  
maple grieves  
the ghosts of her  
departed leaves.*

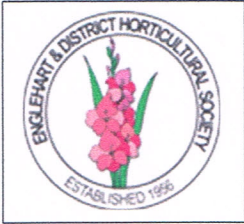
*The ground is hard,  
as hard as stone,  
the year is old,  
the birds have flown.*

*And yet the world,  
in its distress,  
displays a certain loveliness.*

*John Updike*

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## Festival of Flowers Awards 2015



<b>Champion</b>	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Winners</b>
<b><u>Cut Flowers:</u></b>		
Aster	Society	Bonnie Warner
Marigold	Lloyd Briggs Memorial	Norma Elliot
Petunia	Stella Holeksa Memorial	Claudette Black
Sweet Pea	Clint and Marie Hack	Carrie Anne Field
Zinnia	Mary Pillsworth Memorial Award	Carrie Anne Field
Champion Perennial	Alma Cozac Family	Carrie Anne Field
Begonia	Cash Award	Len Fisher
Dahlia	Rick and Carol Heaslip	Eileen Fisher
Lily	Jean Kent	Carrie Anne Field
Red Rose	Red Rose Tea Trophy	Carol Heaslip
Rose	Yurkewich Memorial Award	Rick Heaslip
Gladiolus	Society	Mary Anne Linton
Cut Flower	Zia Pollock Memorial	Carrie Anne Field
High Point Winner	Society	Rick Heaslip
<b><u>Potted Plant Awards:</u></b>		
Potted Plant	Marie Armstrong Award	Carrie Anne Field
Outdoor Potted Plant	Society	Marie Black
High Point Winner	Cash Award	Rick Heaslip
<b><u>Intermediate Decorative:</u></b>		
Floral Design	Elsie Elyea Memorial Award	Dawna Beausoleil
High Point Winner	Dianne Gendron	Rosemary Campbell
<b><u>Winner's League Decorative:</u></b>		
Basket	Society	Eileen Fisher
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  Marie Black  Marie Black  Claudette Black  Mary Anne Linton  Jean Bott  Vi Tucker  Jean Bott  Jean Bott  Jean Bott</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  Bryan's Achievement Award  Special Open</p>	<p>Marta Brabender Memorial  Ruby Bryan  Temiskaming Credit Union</p>	<p>Eileen Fisher  Eileen fisher  Eileen Fisher</p>
<p><b>Junior Garden Club:</b></p> <p>Kindergarten High Point  Gr. 1-3 High Point  Gr. 4-8 High Point</p>	<p>Society  Society  Society</p>	<p>Lauryn Menard  Aaron Mowbray  Maggie Mowbray</p>
<p><b>Garden Competitions:</b></p> <p>Super Gardener JK-SK  Super Gardener Gr. 1-5  " " " 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  Aaron Mowbray  Amelia Menard  Ashley Marshall  Ryan Warren  Rick Heaslip (basket of dahlias)  Amelia Menard</p>