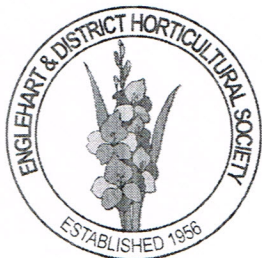




'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society
October 2015



Englehart and District Horticultural Society was formed in 1956.

General meetings:
3rd 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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October Hints

Here are a few hints to consider when putting our yards to bed and planning for next year's successes in the gardens:

- Cover water features with netting to collect falling leaves. (I remove the top of my bird bath and invert it in the garden)
- Plant spring flowering bulbs (if not done in September)
- Clean bird feeders
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
- Bring in or store any clay pots; scrub them well before reusing.
- Pull weeds to reduce the number of weeds next year.
- Patch and top-seed bald spots in your lawn.
- Clean, sharpen, and oil your garden tools and store in a dry place.
- Rake up those leaves and add to your compost, use to mulch your tender perennials such as roses, or store in bags until you need them

Mark It On Your Calendar:

October 21: General Meeting and Awards Night
November 18: Christmas Workshop



Looking Back:

Going back quite a bit for this one (I believe to 1965).
At the flower show of this year, a formal presentation was made to Mrs. Helen Peterson (Mary Pillsworth's mother) and Robert Edwards (known as Uncle Bob) of certificates of appreciation "to show the esteem in which this pair of gardeners are held by the large gardening circle in this district"

Our sympathies go out to two of our Directors, Dee Hill, on the death of her husband, Bert, and to Rosemary Campbell, on the death of her mother. Our thoughts are with you both.



50-YEAR GARDENERS

Fall Garden Flowers:

If you are looking for some colour in your yard next autumn, pull out this Bulletin next spring because you'll want some of these beauties in your gardens:

<i>Actea or cimicifuga</i>	<i>Chelone or Turtlehead</i>
<i>Helenium</i>	<i>Colchicum</i>
<i>Japanese anemones</i>	<i>Monkshood</i>
<i>New England aster</i>	<i>Sedum</i>
<i>Helianthus or Perennial Sunflowers</i>	

Many of these are available at Aidie Creek Gardens or from most garden companies' catalogues. To the right are: Japanese anemone (top) and Helenium (bottom)



OHA/District 12 News:

Our delegates Bruce Wilson (also past DD) and Ginny Montminy, along with Past District Director Eileen Fisher (who filled in for Bonnie as Secretary) attended the Fall Planning Meeting in South Porcupine in September and helped make plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting. As this meeting will be here in Englehart to help us celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we will be working with the theme 'Celebrating Our Diamond Journey'. Members of our society will soon be planning classes for the competitions, decorations, etc.



*District Director Anne Jamieson
with Past DD Bruce Wilson and
Treasurer Kathy Buller*

Reports from Your Directors:

Programme: Convenor Carrie Anne Field reports that our October general meeting will be our annual Awards Night and Potluck supper. Bring along something for the shared supper and come out for a fun social evening as well as to watch our hardworking exhibitors receive their awards from the Festival of Flowers. Feel free to bring along a friend or family member. Remember, we will meet in the Presbyterian Church basement and will eat at 6:00.

Social: Convenor Mary Schippers reminds people that October's meeting is a potluck supper, which will begin at 6:00. Mary is also the hostess for the meeting. Bring along a main dish, salad, or dessert to share with others. If you can help to set up the hall for this evening, please join us at 5:30. Amy Vickery Menard brings the gift for the free draw.

Christmas Workshop: It is hard to believe that this will take place next month! Convenor Rosemary Campbell reports that on November 18th, we will be making a Christmas centerpiece made of natural materials, featuring candles and other decorative items. Make sure to mark this on your calendar now, as this is always a fun-filled evening. Bring along your secateurs and wire clippers if you can. There will be a bee to put together kits. Please remind your friends that the event will be held in the **Presbyterian Church Basement**, not the Anglican this year.

Membership: Ginny Montminy reports that we have 13 members for 2016.

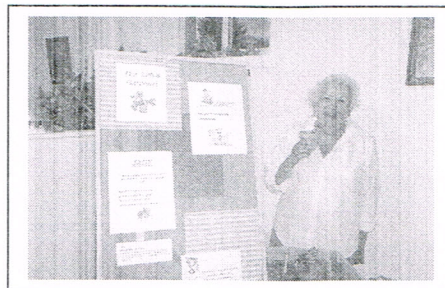
Website/Facebook page: Make sure to check out the site for all the latest news and photos of Society events as webmaster Rick Heaslip keeps it up-to-date. The Society's Facebook page continues to be a popular spot. Check us out on Facebook and please post horticultural news or just check out the information and photos that others have posted. We currently have 35 people who use the page for news and articles about plants and gardening, as well as sharing their own information and learning about Society events.

Beautiful Bulbs

At our September General meeting, members enjoyed a fun-filled evening. Not only did they receive their jade plants from Deb Murray, they also enjoyed getting their hands dirty. Each person had brought along a container, the society provided soil and bulbs, Carrie Anne Field provided the expertise, and they all planted an assortment of spring blooming bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, crocus, and chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow). They started with the tulips at the bottom, and planted in layers, ending with the small bulbs on the top. Carrie Anne instructed the members to take them home, water lightly, place them in a cool, dark place, and wait for the bulbs to sprout. When they do begin to grow, bring them into the light gradually (the sprouts will be pale and will sunburn if put into full light too quickly). There is still lots of time to make more of these planters at home to enjoy ourselves or to use as gifts for others.



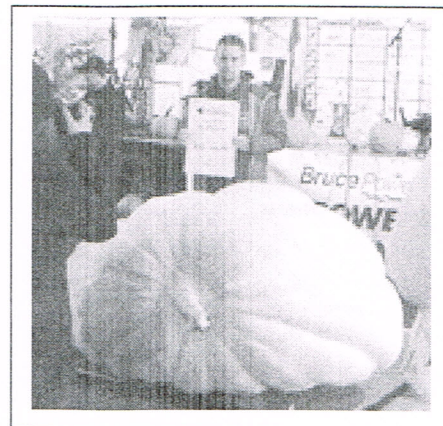
Carrie Anne demonstrates how to plant bulbs.



Deb Murray presents 'Jaded Gardeners'

The Amazing Pumpkin, etc.

Our own Jeff Warner and his band of giant plants were very successful at the Port Elgin Pumpkinfest this year. Unfortunately, his largest pumpkin had some rot, but his second biggest was large enough (1683.5 lb.) to win a second prize in the giant pumpkin contest. He also won 1st with his cabbage (61.5 lb.); 3rd with the beet (25 lb.); 5th with his sunflower (224.75 “); 4th with his cornstalk (207”); and his celery (display only) weighed in at 44.46 lb.). More amazing, he grew them all in Zone 2b! Well done, Jeff. You've made Englehart famous!



Harvest and Storage of Pumpkins: Pick pumpkins when they are the size and color you need and leave a 2-4 inches stem stub. Leaving no stem stub invites disease. Pumpkins can still be harvested after frost. For long-term storage, cure them in the sun for a week and then move to a cool, dry place. For winter storage, the skin should be hard. They will store up to 6 months at 45-50°F. (from Don Matthews)

A few funnies for Hallowe'en:

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? (Frostbite.)

What's a mummy's favourite music? (Wrap.)

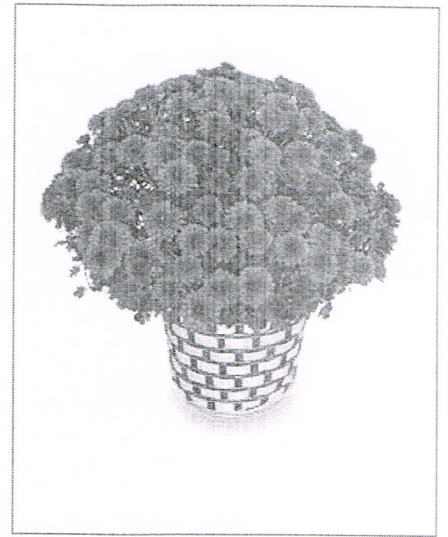
What did the skeleton say to the bartender? (I'll have two beers and a mop.)



Plant of the Month

Fall Chrysanthemum

At a past meeting, we had a question about keeping those gorgeous chrysanthemums you may have received as a fall gift. Although many people agreed that we in the north should treat them like a beautiful fall annual, here are some ideas that many help out those daring plant people who enjoy a challenge: Once the flowers are past, place the pot in a cool, well lit area (such as in the basement under lights or in a cool, spare room with good light. Keep them watered, but not wet. When the soil has dried to a depth of about your index finger, water again until it runs out of the drainage hole. If it is still alive come spring, give it a 'hair cut', repot it in new soil, and give it a shot of general fertilizer (ie- 20-20-20). Bring it into a warmer, well-lit area and care for it, pinching it back occasionally to encourage bushier growth, and to remove any early buds which may form (if you want it to bloom later). It can be placed or even planted outside after frost danger is over. If you have the time and the right place, this might be an interesting challenge. (for more info- check out thegardenhelper.com)



Poetry and Prose

*"Do not spoil what you have
by desiring what
you have not;
but remember that what you
now have was once among
the things you only
hoped for."*

Epicurus (341-270 B.C)

What a wise old man was Epicurus, that his words are still appropriate at this time of Thanksgiving, 2235 years after his death!

Our 8th President, Jean Wallace

Many of us were members when Jean Wallace served as our eighth president, the first of two terms she held at this post. Jean was an avid gardener, both when she lived in town and later, when she moved to Marter Twp. (which gave her much more room to garden). Jean was not only a daring and hard-working gardener, she was an innovative floral designer, always pushing the envelope with her arrangements. She loved participating in all aspects of the Society, holding many committee convenorships, from Spring Splendour to the Festival of Flowers, to many years as Bulletin editor, etc. As President, Jean was responsible for many of the innovations we have today, such as committee binders and reports. She was always



Jean Wallace
1975-1976
1993-1994

generous with her time, sharing her vast knowledge of horticulture through workshops, at meetings, and in one-on-one talks. She represented our Society at many meetings, was District 12 Director and held other positions within the District. Although the Society wished Jean well when she moved to Barrie, we truly miss her expertise, her work ethic and her guidance.

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