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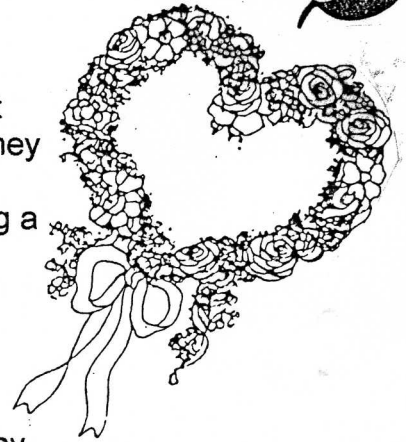


SEPTEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEETING
"DOGWOOD DELIGHTS"

AT PIONEER HALL, CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 2012, 7:30 PM

Speakers and Demonstrators will be Shelley Smith from Englehart Flower Shp and Bonnie Warner, Gardener and Floral designer. They will demonstrate how to make a heart-shaped Dogwood wreath. They will also demonstrate one of the crafts of floral work—making a bow. There will be ribbon and wire for sale, and a few other surprises.

Hostess and Gift: Linda Murray



FALL PLANNING MEETING District #12: in Timmins, on Saturday September 29th. If you have any ideas for next year's Annual Meeting program (in April) please contact President Eileen Fisher (8074)

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP: Wednesday, November 28th— "Decorated Christmas Pine Bough". Please save red pine and/or Blue Spruce cones. The craft will need a large number. Drop off at Rosemary Campbell's, 20 Sixth Ave or call her at 544 7437

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING: Annual Awards Night, Wed, Oct 19th—dinner first and then Meeting and Awards. Come and see who won what and—bring a friend.

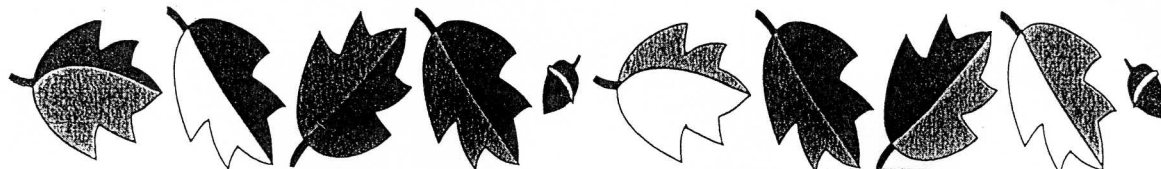
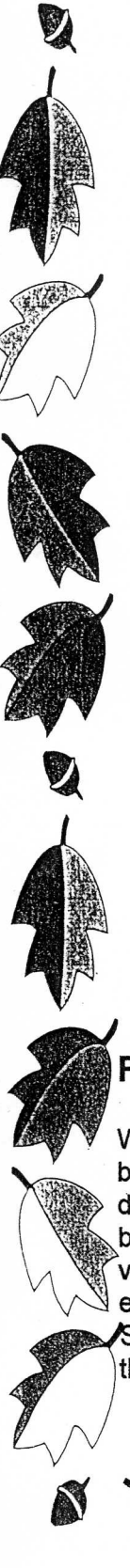
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS 2011

We were concerned about moving the show up by a week, and also worried because of the drought conditions experienced this summer, but because we all pulled together, it turned out very well. The show was a success, and was enjoyed by more visitors than last year. Our Show was moved up because of the timing of the Ontario Horticultural Association Annual

Meeting which involved the same people as did our Festival of Flowers.

Once again, our Show was held in the gymnasium of Holy Family School. This year the Committee decided to give out Bookmarks instead of the corsages we had been giving out

for a long time. They were made up in advance by a small committee at a 'bookmark-making bee' at Bonnie's house.



Set-up began on Tuesday morning, Claudette and Dalton Black, Bruce Wilson, Alex McMurray, and Eileen transported properties from Ace Hardware



and from the High School, assisted also by Len and Jeremy Fisher. Set-up continued Tuesday afternoon with help from Sue Wozny, Carol Heaslip, Bonnie Warner, Joyce Smith, Ruth Webb, Marie Black, Jean Bott, Rick Heaslip, Leona Devries, and Marg McMurray. For the Englehart & Area Artists display Cal Knight brought easels from the Classic Theatre in Cobalt. Aaron Montminy and his daughter Felicity provided an audio system with microphone and pre-recorded music. Linda Murray created a beautiful and relaxing sitting area. The Photography exhibits were displayed on the wall using removable tape. Eileen Fisher had put together a slide show of over 200 pictures of past society events which showed on a computer continuously throughout the show. Jeff Warner of Aidie Creek Gardens installed plants and flowers to make an attractive entrance.

Dawna and John Beausoleil sold entry tickets on Thursday and Louise Williams on Friday afternoon. Ginny Montminy sold memberships and helped people put their ballots for Peoples' Choice into the correct boxes. A huge vote of thanks to Munroe Burton who worked diligently throughout the show, and especially at the end, to keep the hall in spic and span condition. We were happy to see the several members from Kirkland Lake Society for who drove down to see our Show.

On Thursday morning, the hall was opened at 8:00 by Joyce Marie Smith, and exhibitors began arriving. A number of members were on hand to help direct exhibitors

to the correct area to place their entries. Judges and workers enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Johanna Paradis and her cousin, Lorraine.. Ginny Montminy set up the "Champion" table and after judging members of the Englehart & Area Artists set up their display.

Twyla Wilson had arranged for the Silent Auction and displayed 57 articles.. It was a very successful part of the show and provided entertainment for all. Twyla and Bruce ensured that the winners were notified and got their articles. Twyla has sent in a special "Thank You" to all who donated to the Auction. Bonnie, Rick and Carol Heaslip, Jean Bott, and Joyce Marie Smith, helped make give-away designs Thursday evening and Friday afternoon.. We welcomed the return of a large group of residents from Northview Nursing Home to the show.

Throughout the entire show, the kitchen crew was kept busy supplying visitors with refreshments. Many thanks to Claudette and Sharon Black, and Leona Devries for stepping in for Social Convenor, Mary Schippers, who was unable to be with us for the Show due to prior commitments.

Those who stayed to clean up, included Bruce and Twyla, Bonnie, Joyce, Marie, Leona, Sharon, Claudette and Dalton, Ginny, Louise, Jean Bott, Carol and Rick, Carrie Anne and family, Dawna and John, Len and Jeremy Fisher and Morag Townsend who all helped clear up after the Show.

If I have forgotten anybody, please accept my apologies. At the end of this report is a list of suggestions/problems, etc. which should be considered by next year's committee.

Eileen Fisher, Convenor

Some suggestions, etc.

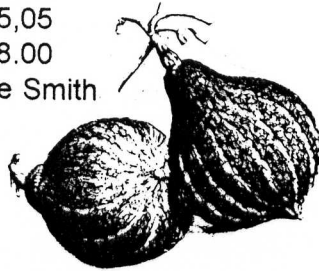
1. Sign for corner of property?
2. Make sure if possible that the class number cards run in order within categories, so that classes can be moved around without interrupting the flow for the judges
3. Use stickers, not ribbons, for the photography winners
4. Include class for patio pot which features multiple plants of one type- ie. container of begonias

5. Problem with dianthus: annual being shown in perennial class
6. Reconsider closing time
7. Continue to place our large sign up at post office early.

If you have others you would like to suggest, please contact Eileen (8074)

Financial Report:

Tea Garden: 282.00
Door: 425,05
Silent Auction: 558.00
Submitted by Joyce Marie Smith



Ontario Horticultural Association Convention was held this year at Niagara-on-the-Lake August 17th to 19th. Delegates' reports will be given at the September General meeting.

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**OPEN DOOR STUDIO TOUR:** Third Annual Studio Tour of Englehart Area Artists Saturday and Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 10: until 5: Twelve sites to visit, 21 artists' work on display. Maps available from municipal offices, art club members and local businesses.

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Q. AND A. Quoted from Globe & Mail, Oct 8th, 2011:

Q: I have four different kinds of clematis. In the fall, do I cut this plant to waist level? And do I do the same for all of them?

A. When to prune depends on the kind of clematis you have planted. You can leave them all alone, but then they won't be floriferous (flowery). Here is a very rough guide. If it blooms in early spring, cut it back after the flowers are finished (take out all the dead stuff and prune back to a manageable shape before the end of July) [*Too late for*

that this year]. Once autumn bloomers have finished, I generally cut them back so they don't bang around during the winter but many experts recommend waiting until spring (and you see new growth) and then cut them back to about three inches from the ground,. I usually put compost around the base and that does them very well. Check out www.Gardenimport.com for more specific pruning dates. *Marjorie Harris, for The Globe & Mail*

BASIL, KING OF HERBS

Basil with its intoxicating aroma and pungent flavour is called the King of herbs (for any wordsmiths out there, the name comes from a Greek word for king—*basilikon*). It is very much loved by plant-eating bugs too, but if you manage to have some at the end of summer following are one or two ideas for preserving it. It does not keep its colour or flavour well when just air-dried.

To make basil ice cubes for later use in soups and stews, etc., take equal parts of unblemished leaves and water, blend in blender and freeze in ice cube trays. When frozen remove and store in freezer in plastic bags.

To preserve in oil, make a paste by pureeing 2 c. fresh basil with 1 c. olive oil in a blender. Freeze in ice cube trays or on a cookie sheet. Remove and store in plastic bags until needed.

Make your supply of pesto now using 2 cloves chopped garlic, 3 or 4 tbsp pine nuts (if not available use walnuts), 1 tsp salt and puree. Freeze in convenient lots. To use, add the ½ c. Parmesan cheese prior to serving. Or use your own pesto recipe, or experiment with this one.

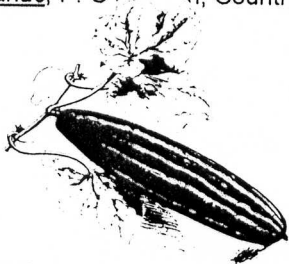
Other Basil tips:

- When a recipe states "sprigs" it always means fresh basil.
- Fresh basil is wonderful in a sandwich as a substitute for lettuce.
- Add fresh chopped basil to your tea biscuits recipe
- Add fresh chopped basil and a clove of garlic to mashed potatoes
- All culinary basil make excellent herb

vinegar

- If a basil plant develops fungus remove it from the garden immediately and dispose of it.

Gardening Almanac, P. O'Sullivan, Country Living Gardener 2000



CUCUMBERS ARE VALUABLE FOOD?

What next?

1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one cucumber contains: Vitamins B1; B2; B3; B5 B6; Vitamin C; Folic Acid; Calcium; Iron; Magnesium; Phosphorus; Potassium and Zinc.
2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber—a good source of B vitamins and carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
3. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small aluminum pie pan and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans but that drives garden pests crazy and makes them flee the area.
4. *(I know this does not apply to anyone reading this newsletter, but include it for interest's sake)* To avoid a headache or hangover eat a few slices of cucumber before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium. From "Gardening Gems" Harriston Hort Societv newsletter



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AND A SOLACE TO THE SOUL;
IT SOOTHES ANGRY PASSIONS,
AND PRODUCES THAT PLEASURE
WHICH IS A FORETASTE OF PARADISE."----Sadi,
(1213-1292) Persian Poet

OVER-MATURE SHRUB: LEAVE IT ALONE?

How can you tell if an overgrown shrub is a poor candidate for moving? A well-tended specimen with vigorous spring shoots and generous foliage will have a healthy root system. This is a good candidate for relocation because it has stamina to withstand transplant shock when extracted from its position and energetic vigour to adapt to a new site.

Generally, woody plants more than 25 years old shouldn't be moved. A sad shrub with many bare canes and dead twigs likely has an abbreviated root system, dead cavities in its crown and insufficient energy reserves to survive the move. Judicious pruning may improve its appearance and help keep it within bounds, and may even stimulate sucker growth that can be nurtured to take the place of the mother plant or be moved elsewhere to start a new plant.

Overgrown flowering shrubs such as lilacs, forsythia, honeysuckle, Annabelle hydrangea, dogwood and mock orange respond to hard pruning by sending up new and vigorous shoots. But most evergreen plants such as juniper, yew, boxwood, mugho pine, won't sucker to produce additional shoots and should be shaped by less drastic, regular pruning or replaced with a new plant of appropriate size. Canadian Gardening magazine, Oct. 2003

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