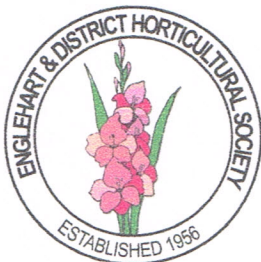




'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society
November 2013



Englehart and District Horticultural Society was formed in 1956.

General meetings:
3rd Wednesday of most months at 7:30 p.m. in the Anglican Church basement

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

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A Word From The Editor

This will be the last 'Through the Garden Gate' for 2013 As I noted back in May's issue, I had some big boots to fill. It is much easier for me than it was for those earlier editors, as I am able to do it all on that magical tool, a computer. When I make a mistake, I can instantly correct it. I can access pictures from my own files, or from the internet with a click on my keyboard. I can erase parts without having to start from scratch. I have it easy. So, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of those past and present Garden Gate editors, typists, suppliers of articles, copiers, envelope stuffers, deliverers, in fact, everyone who has helped to produce our monthly newsletter since the first issue published after our inception. Looking back through the Bulletin binder I have found that the following people have been editors (as far back as 1974): Jean Wallace, Bonnie Warner, Arlene Letheren, Wilda Rowlandson, Betty Goodyear, Rick Heaslip, Joe Muething, and Marilyn Lett. Thank you all!

Mark It On Your Calendar:

Wednesday, November 20: General Meeting *****new time-7:00**

Wednesday, November 27: Christmas Workshop

No meeting in December

January 22, 2014: Annual Meeting (actually the 4th Wednesday)

Please note that we have changed the start time for the General Meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 p.m.

(In support of our local library, don't forget the Friends of the Library Christmas sale on Wednesday, November 20)

Looking Back:

Our annual Awards Night was a very entertaining evening. We enjoyed a delicious shared supper before beginning the process of rewarding our members who took the time to enter the show and put the effort into making our 'Festival of Flowers' the success it was this year. Congratulations to all of the participants, and a tip of the hat to those who went home with a trophy that night. Thanks to our guest speaker, Dylan Thompson of New Zealand, who provided an entertaining and informative talk on his home country and experiences as a Rotary exchange student. A huge thank you goes to Ginny Montminy for the work she does as our Prizes and Awards convenor. The list of Award Winners can be found on the Insert Page.



Carrie Anne Field, Vi Tucker, Marie Black, Eileen Fisher- some of the award winners from the Festival of Flowers at Awards Night.

Looking Ahead:

November promises to be a very busy month for us. Make sure you check over the Directors' Reports section below carefully to learn the details of the general meeting and the Christmas workshop.

The Remembrance Day Poppy

Papaver rhoeas, also known as Flanders Poppy, Field Poppy and Corn Poppy, is the symbolic flower of Remembrance Day. The poppy has long been associated with death and renewal. During the Napoleonic Wars, it was noticed how poppies flourished on graves of soldiers who had died in battle in Flanders, a region of northern France and Belgium. In the spring of 1915, some of the WWI battlefields in Belgium and France were transformed into fields of poppies. The disturbance of the soil from the months of fighting had caused the dormant seeds to germinate. This inspired Canadian soldier and doctor, John McCrae, to write perhaps the most famous poem of the 20th century, 'In Flanders Fields'.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.*



Reports from Your Directors:

(All Directors who convened an event this year are reminded that their annual reports are due by the end of January. The sooner your reports are in to Secretary Bonnie, the sooner the committee can begin compiling the Annual Report. Don't forget to include your committee's volunteer hours.)

Programme: Convenor Carrie Anne Field reminds people to come to the November General Meeting to be entertained and instructed by Amber Elliot of New Liskeard. Amber and Patsy are always lots of fun, so if you want to learn and laugh, make sure you come out that night. Don't forget our shared snack at the end of the meeting.

Christmas Workshop: Rosemary Campbell reports that our craft will be beautiful, 'as usual'. We will be using natural material and some 'specials' to make a beautiful Christmas design, great to use as a stand alone arrangement, or inserted into an urn for outside. The kits will go on sale at 7:00 p.m., work will begin at 7:30. Please bring wire cutters and secateurs or clippers if possible. Don't forget the delicious lunch that will be enjoyed later.

Membership: Ginny Montminy reports we have 41 members for 2014 already.

Website: Rick Heaslip reports that our site was viewed in October by twice the number of people as October 2012.

Nominating: The job of the Nominating Committee is to provide names of members who are/might be interested in serving as a Director or member of the Executive. The duties of the Directors are not onerous. They are expected to attend the Director's meetings (first Wednesday of each month) and to transact the business of the Society. It is also hoped that Directors will take on a job as convenor or co-convenor of a committee. Often new Directors pair up with an experienced person and work together. The great thing about our Society is that everyone is very helpful and willing to lend a hand to any new directors to help them learn the ropes. When the Nominating Committee meets in January, and calls you, we hope that you will say yes to becoming a Director or Executive member, to keep our society strong and thriving.

Social: Convenor Mary Schippers asks that you give her a call if you can help out with the food for the Christmas Workshop.

Constitution: The Executive met this month to review the Society's constitution. The constitution had not been updated for some years, and some changes have been proposed. The suggested changes will be put forth for at the Annual Meeting in January to be discussed and voted upon. Please contact President Bruce Wilson or Secretary Bonnie Warner for more information.

A Couple of Tips and Tricks

- When starting up a bird feeding program, be patient. It may take as long as several weeks before the birds discover your feeders. While you wait, be sure to keep the feeders filled. Eventually the birds will come.
- November is a great time to start your Gardener's Journal. The inclement weather of this month has got me thinking back to my summer gardens, the successes and the failures. I know by the time spring rolls around that I will have forgotten so many things that I said I was going to do/not do next year. It doesn't have to be fancy- just a school notebook will do the trick. While things are semi-fresh in your mind, jot down the names of the plants that you thought did well; those plants you need to move because they're too big/small for where they are now; who said they'd love a piece of a perennial you have; what you really must divide, and so on. Keep it handy so you can jot down ideas as you remember them.
- If you cut your own Christmas tree, now is the time to get to into the bush with a bright marker you can attach to that perfect tree. Next month you'll be able to find it without wandering and wading through deep snow. Don't forget, with a dusting of snow, all evergreen look beautiful, so mark your favourite one now.

Congratulations to our own Jeff Warner on his outstanding efforts at the Port Elgin Pumpkin Festival. As we know, Jeff has spent the last few years perfecting his methods for raising giant plants. This year he entered the contests again and his results are as follows:

Pumpkin #1: 6th (1271 lbs)

Pumpkin #2: 4th (1192 lbs)

Sunflower #1: 6th (188.5")

Sunflower #2: 2nd

Cornstalk: 3 (179.5")

Beet: 1st (3.57 lbs)

Rutabaga: 1st (28lb.)

Well done, Jeff! Your hard work paid off.



The picture shows Jeff's two pumpkins decorating his front lawn.

Plant of the Month

Amaryllis

Amaryllis are becoming very popular Christmas plants/presents. When choosing a bulb, remember, bigger (and firmer) is better. Place the bulb in good potting soil in a pot that is about 2" larger in diameter than the bulb. Avoid using a plastic pot, or add a layer of stones at the bottom to avoid the tipping over of the plant when in bloom. Water thoroughly, then allow the top inch to dry before watering again. As the buds appear and the stems grow, rotate the pot ¼ turn daily to avoid the 'lean'. After the plant has bloomed, remove the dead blossoms and treat it like a houseplant, watering when the top of the soil is dry. As the strap-like leaves appear, fertilize the plant monthly with a 20-20-20 fertilizer. In the summer, some people place the plant in the garden (sink the pot into the ground) or place the pot outside in a sheltered place and continue watering and fertilizing. Remember, the leaves are providing food for the growing bulb, so look after them carefully. Bring the plant in before the first frost, stop watering, place it in a cool location (basement/coldroom) and allow the leaves to die back naturally. After two months, the plant can be repotted or remove an inch or two of soil and replace with fresh. Place the pot in a sunny window and the cycle will start again.



November Comes

*November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.
The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.*

Clyde Watson

As we do not publish a bulletin in December, please let me take this opportunity to extend wishes to the members of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society for a happy holiday season next month. 2013 has been a busy and successful year for our society and we can now look forward to continuing our mandate of bringing the importance of horticulture to the public in 2014. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. We hope to see you at the November general meeting, our Christmas Workshop, and at the January Annual Meeting.



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2013 Festival of Flowers Awards Presented at Awards' Night
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Festival of Flowers 2013

Cut Flower Awards

CHAMPION

Aster
 Marigold
 Petunia
 Sweet Pea
 Zinnia
Perennial
 Begonia
 Dahlia
 Lily
 Red Rose
 Rose
 Gladiolus
 Cut Flower
 High Point Winner

DONATED BY:

Society
 Lloyd Briggs Memorial
 Society
 Clint & Marie Hack
 Society
Family of Alma Cozac
 Society
 Rick & Carol Heaslip
 Jean Kent
 Red Rose Tea Trophy
 W. & B. Yurkewich Memorial
 Society
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WINNER

Carrie Anne Field
 Rick Heaslip
 Claudette Black
 Carrie Anne Field
 Carrie Anne Field
Marie Black
 Rick Heaslip
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Potted Plants Awards

Potted Plant
 High Point Winner

Marie Armstrong Award
 Jean Kent

Carrie Anne Field
 Eileen Fisher

Intermediate Decorative

Basket
 Floral Design
 High Point Winner

Society
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 Dianne Gendron

Vi Tucker
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Winner's League Decorative

Basket
 Floral Design
 High Point Winner

Society
 Mary Pillsworth
 Ann Cambridge

Eileen Fisher
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Fruits & Vegetables

CHAMPION

Beans
 Beets

DONATED BY:

Heaslip Willing Workers
 Herb & Rubena Kiehna

WINNER

Marie Black
 Claudette Black

Carrots	Herb & Rubena Kiehna	Claudette Black
Cucumber	Society	Dalton Black
Potatoes	Society	Dalton Black
Tomatoes	Heaslip Willing Workers	Claudette Black
Raspberries	Alma Cozac	Vi Tucker
Fruit or Vegetable	Society	Claudette Black
Best Vegetable Collection	Walter Fisher Memorial	None
High Point Winner	Aidie Creek Gardens	Claudette Black
<u>Photography</u>		
Entry	Society	Eileen Fisher
High Point Winner	Dianne Gendron	Eileen Fisher
<u>Special</u>		
Champion	Marta Brabender Memorial	Eileen Fisher
Basket of Glads	First President Award	None
Bryan's Achievement Award	Ruby Bryan	Carrie Anne Field
Helen Peterson Founder's Award		
Special Open	Mary Pillsworth	Eileen Fisher
	Timiskaming Credit Union	None
<u>Junior Garden Club</u>		
Super Gardener JK - SK	Bonnie Warner & Eileen Fisher	Chase Petticlerc
Super Gardener 1-3	Society	Maggie Mowbray
Super Gardener Gr. 4 and up	Society	Ryan Warren
Kindergarten High Point Winner	Society	None
Gr. 1 - 3 - High Point Winner	Society	Aaron Mowbray
Gr. 4 - 8 - High Point Winner	Society	Ryan Warren
Champion Entry	Chris & Greg Heaslip	Kristelle Rivard



Youth Gardeners: Ryan Warren, Chase Petticlerc, Maggie Mowbray



Festival of Flowers Winners: Ryan Warren, Aaron and Maggie Mowbray

Children learn best through their everyday experiences with the people they love and trust, and when the learning is fun. And the best place for these experiences is outdoors, in the natural world."