



# 'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society  
July 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

### What a Busy Time for Gardeners!

Last month, I mentioned that our Plant and Bake Sale gave us what I thought was a record profit. However, we actually did a little bit better last year. Still, considering the spring we had, I'd say our sale this year was a great success! I believe I also gave Deb Murray and Judy Eastman two gardens to plant during Horticultural Week. Sorry, ladies...one was enough for you. Thanks to all of the Society members who planted our gardens during Horticultural Week. Thanks to Bonnie for being the coordinator this year. I hope you have heard some of Deb Murray's hints and tips on CJBB. It certainly has been a busy time for our Society. Besides working so hard for the Horticultural Society, what's happening with your gardens?

## Mark It On Your Calendar:

**July 20:** General Meeting  
**August 16:** set up for Festival of Flowers  
**August 18, 19:** Festival of Flowers

A good hint to keep you organized: Keep tabs on your garden. Create a scrapbook using an inexpensive photo album and add your plant tags and sticks to it each season. Then, make it as detailed as you'd like by adding information as to where the plants were purchased and where the plant was located in your garden.

## Looking Ahead: The Festival of Flowers

Next month we will be enjoying what I think is the highlight of our year, the two days we get to show off to our community and visitors from other towns what we can grow and do here in the Englehart- Charlton area. It's time for the Festival of Flowers. Don't wait until a few days before the show...this is a great time to start getting ready. Check your garden...what do you think will be ready? Check the Show Schedule...what classes do you think you can enter? Perhaps it would be a good idea to start getting your pails and containers organized and cleaned. Haven't got a schedule yet? Call Bonnie Warner. She will also have tags at our bbq on the 20<sup>th</sup>. So make sure you get some and at least fill in your name in advance. If you're unsure of the name or variety of a plant, give myself, Rick, Bonnie, or Carrie Anne a call to see if we can help. Your show book from last year is also filled with information and hints to help you.

With regards to this year's show, the convenors have been making plans for this, our 60<sup>th</sup> flower show. We will be setting up for the show on **Tuesday**, August 16, at 1:00 pm. Please, if you can

help us with this important job, meet us at the Legion Hall. We will be setting up the tables, setting out the class cards, decorating, etc. We will be having a Silent Auction at the show. If you can help with this, we need someone who will convene it. This involves setting the articles on the table, gathering the sheets up at the end, and seeing that the winners get their goods in exchange for their money. Please contact Bonnie or myself if you can help us out with this important job. If you can donate an article, we'd love to accept it as well. Each year, two members accompany each judge to assist them. If you would like to be a judges' helper, please call Bonnie. It's a great learning opportunity. Claudette Black has generously volunteered to convene the Tea Garden. She is looking for cookies/squares for our guests at the show. If you can help us out with this, please let Claudette know.



### *Reports from Your Directors:*

**Social:** Mary Schippers is the hostess for this month and Chris Hrvoyevich brings the gift for the free draw at our July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Membership:** Ginny reports we have 77 members to date.

**Programme:** This month will be our annual summer BBQ and garden party. This year it will be held in Carrie Anne Field's yard at #73- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Hotdogs and hamburgers, condiments, and bottled water will be supplied by the Society. Bring along your favourite salad or dessert to share, your own utensils, a chair, and a soft drink if you don't want water. We will also have our annual fun auction, so if you have something to donate, bring it along with you, no matter the size or the cost. Someone may just be needing or wanting 'it'. Come along and feel free to bring a friend.

**Horticultural Week:** Deb Murray did a great job with her first year as a convenor. The hints and tips she recorded with CJBB are continuing throughout the summer. We enjoyed her displays and posters throughout town. Some members were able to help out with the Marsh gardens and several worked in the Millennium Garden at EPS.

**Civic Planting:** Many thanks to Bonnie Warner for being the 'organizer' this year. You are aware that we cut back on our planting this year, with Mary Schippers planting the Cenotaph, Deb Murray and Judy Eastman planting at the Legion, and Bonnie and Joyce Smith in charge of the two gardens (ours and the Agricultural Society's) in the Centennial Park. Thank you to these five women for their time and effort on our behalf.

**Website/Facebook Page:** Rick Heaslip reports that we had 348 visitors in June, bringing the total number of visitors to 2263 to our site to date. Remember to check it out for all the latest news. Also, important: **Rick will be putting this month's Bulletin on the site immediately, due to the upcoming mail delivery stoppage.** We are up to 70 members who use our Facebook page. Feel free to use the page for all kinds of horticultural/gardening information that our members share regularly. Remember, you don't have to join the page to use it, but it's fun to join and then you can also post and encourage others. Check us out at 'Englehart and District Horticultural Society' on Facebook.

**Bulletin:** Due to the possibility of mail stoppage, we are attempting to make advance plans to keep you in the know about Society happenings. As mentioned above, Rick Heaslip will be putting this month's bulletin on the website immediately, rather than next month. We will also have bulletins available for pick up at Joyce Smith's house at 52- 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Please call her to be sure she is in.

## **Beating Those Darn Slugs and Snails!**

Slugs ...the bane of my existence! I'm tired of fighting with these nasty creatures and their cousins, the small snails which have recently appeared in my gardens. What can we do to protect our plants from them?

~Diatomaceous earth is made from the fossilized remains of small glassy creatures. If you sprinkle a circle of this special "dirt" around your plants being attacked, this will deter the snails and slugs. For them to crawl over diatomaceous earth, it would be like people walking barefoot over broken glass on the beach. For diatomaceous earth to be effective, however, you will need to reapply it often as it doesn't work as well after it gets wet.

~ Like diatomaceous earth, crushed egg shell will deter snails and slugs due to its abrasiveness to their soft bodies. While egg shells aren't quite as effective as diatomaceous earth, they have the added benefit of providing calcium and other nutrients to your soil as they break down, plus, water doesn't affect them as much. Used coffee grounds are also recommended as a way to keep slugs and snails out of the garden.

~ If you don't mind killing your snails and slugs, beer traps are a good option. Dig a hole near the plants that are being attacked. Bury a recycled can, plastic container, or glass jar into this hole so the top of the container is flush with the top of the soil. Pour cheap beer into this container. Snails and slugs are naturally attracted to the scent of beer because it contains yeast but they get disoriented when they drink it. When this happens, they fall inside the container and drown. Be sure to use a container deep enough so they can't just crawl back out again.

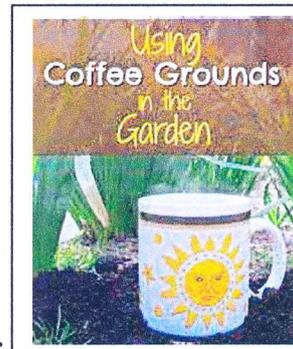
~Snails and slugs are more active at night because it's moister then and they need a moist environment to survive. If you water your garden in the evening, it creates a haven for these slimy creatures! If you water your plants in the morning, the daytime sunlight will dry the plants out before nightfall and make them less attractive to slugs and snails. And, if all else fails...hand pick the critters! (From Plant Care Today)

### *Hints and Tips*

\*Try feeding your potted patio plants with some 'vegetable soup'. They'll love it. The next time you boil or steam some vegetables, don't pour the water down the sink when you're finished. Let it cool and use it to feed all of those vitamins and minerals to your hungry plants.

\* If you hate wearing gloves when gardening, but want to keep your nails clean here's a hint that works. Before heading out to the garden, draw your nails across a bar of damp soap. When finished in the garden, just brush the dirty soap out with a nail brush.

\*If you're having trouble with little worms in your carrots, sprinkle some dried coffee grounds in the rows with the seeds. It helps to repel the carrot rust fly and is also a great organic fertilizer when spread around plants. Also, start saving your grounds to add to your compost or right into your garden.



Plant of the Month  
**Hemerocallis**

Hemerocallis, meaning 'beauty for a day' are commonly called daylilies. However, they are not true lilies and should never be entered in a lily class in competition. These clump-forming perennials are quite hardy, with long arching leaves and flowers borne on tall stems. They should be planted evenly with or just slightly higher than the soil level. They require little maintenance but look better in the garden if the dead blossoms are removed daily. Mulching during the summer months will help keep the soil moist. Many gardeners remove withered, dried foliage from the beds in the fall to keep the gardens looking nice and to keep the plants disease free. If the clumps become too large, they can be divided every 3 to 4 years and are great for sharing. Modern hybridization has produced many beautifully coloured and shaped petals in these plants



*The works of a person that builds begin immediately to decay, while those of a person who plants begin directly to improve. In this, planting promises a more lasting pleasure than building. (William Shenstone (1714-1763))*

Our 16<sup>th</sup> President: Ivan Peever

Ivan joined the Horticultural Society with his wife, Avelyn, and quickly became a Director. He then worked his way through the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and assumed the position of President in January 1991. Ivan loved the social aspect of our club and always had coffee available at the Directors' meetings. He was a very hardworking President, always willing to lend a hand when he could help out. He also kept us entertained, as he was quick with a joke or a story. He enjoyed growing and showing, being especially proud of his Peever potatoes and other vegetables. Ivan left us far too early. We miss him still.



*Ivan Peever*  
1991-1992

Poetry and Prose

A July Memory

*So bright and beautiful,  
So blowsy and bold,  
My July garden  
Is a sight to behold.  
Peonies and iris,  
Poppies galore,  
Provide me with pleasure  
Which I will then store  
In my mind,  
'til the winter,  
And the cold wind that sings,  
I'll think back to my garden.  
For the pleasure it brings.*

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