

"Through the Garden Gate"  
Bulletin of  
The Englehart and District  
Horticultural Society

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING

features **SIMONE HOLZAMER**  
who will discuss

### "LANDSCAPING FROM A TO Z"

on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Pioneer Hall, Christ Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

Simone is the owner of the "Greenhaus" just outside of New Liskeard, from where she supplies, prepares, plants and maintains both commercial and residential plantings. She has unusual plants as well as the usual and gardeners will be interested in different material that is not always available locally.

Finger foods as usual. Hostess: Claudette Black Gift: Jean Bott

**DISTRICT #12 ANNUAL MEETING:** Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Hall, Englehart. Hall open for entries at 8:00 a.m., Registration at 8:30. Reports and Election of Officers in the morning, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, Simone Holzamer, Kara Johnston (Former owner of Petals), and Jeff Warner will be the speakers. For the full day meeting, and lunch, the cost is \$20.; for Registration only \$15.; Lunch only \$16. Everyone is welcome—you do not have to be a delegate! Contact Joyce Marie Smith (7652) for details.

**ALERTING ALL MEMBERS:** To make this meeting a success, we will need the following:

- Arranging Silent Auction and Competitions tables. Call Bonnie at 8916
- Door prizes: Donation are required for door prizes. If you have items to donate, please call Twyla Wilson at 8024
- In any case, please be ready to help wherever you are needed. Let's show the District that we are a Society that gets involved

**PLANT & BAKE SALE:** Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall (upstairs). This is a reminder to save pop flats, plastic bags, etc and also to plant some extra seeds for bedding plants to sell at the Sale. Convenor: Les Peever

**A GARDEN TOUR** has been planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Society would like to have a variety of gardens—large, small, vegetables, etc. So far there has not been much response to an announcement in last month's TTGG. To volunteer call Eileen Fisher (8074) or Bonnie Warner (8916). Yes, I assure you, your garden is good enough whatever kind it is. Do you want Bonnie or Eileen to come and twist your arm?

### O.H.A. CONVENTION 2011:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 15, 16 and 17 at the Radisson Hotel in Sudbury, the theme—"A Growing Experience—from the ground up". Mark your calendars and head off down (in Rick Mercer's words) to Sudbury for a couple of days after your planting is done.

**HOST/GIFTS FOR 2011:** A sheet for sign-up will be circulated at the General Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be prepared to fill either Host or Gift slot for the year 2011 - 2012.

**CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP:** No, we're not planning it just yet, but I've been asked to mention that we would like to have donations of Red Pine, or Blue Spruce cones for use when the Workshop does come along.

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## COMPETITION CLASSES FOR DISTRICT 12 ANNUAL MEETING April 30, 2011

**Theme: "The Northern Experience- Growing From The Ground Up"**

**Prize Money In Adult Classes:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00 2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00

### Design Competitions

**Please note: TWO entries per person are allowed in each class.**

Staging and accessories are permitted., no artificial flowers/greenery

- CLASS 1: "Dynamic Earth"**  
An interpretive design
- CLASS 2: "Regreening"**  
A design in shades of green
- CLASS 3: "Growing From The Ground Up"**  
A parallel design
- CLASS 4: "Blueberry Thrill"**  
A miniature design, max. size 5" (12.7 cm) in any direction, fresh and/ or dried plant materials
- CLASS 5: "Timber"**  
A design incorporating weathered wood, can use fresh and or dried/ treated materials

For definition of terms, please refer to Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards (Publication #34).

### Photographic Print Competition

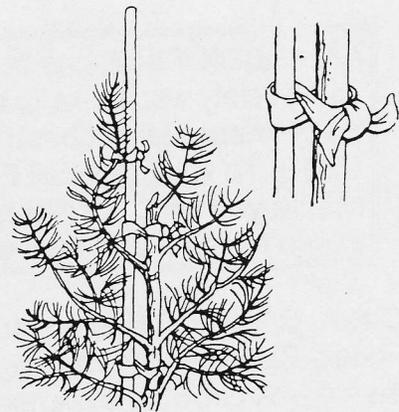
**Please note: \*\*TWO entries per person are allowed in each class.**

Prints must have been taken in Ontario during the past 24 months.

\*\*Entries must be **COLOUR PRINTS**, size 4" x 6" (10.2 x 15.2 cm), mounts must not exceed 6" x 8" (15.2 x 20.3 cm)

\*\*Entries must not be framed.

- CLASS 1: "First Up"**  
First flower(s) in spring
- CLASS 2: "A Place For My Tools"**  
Garden shed (remember horticultural aspect)
- CLASS 3: "Friends In My Garden"**  
Bug(s) on a plant
- CLASS 4: "Up Close and Personal"**  
Close up of a leaf or flower
- CLASS 5: "Just Hanging Around"**  
Hanging basket(s)



*Replace a broken leader by staking up side branch.*

## Creative Writing Competition

Please note: **ONE** entry per person is allowed in each class.

**Class 1:** "From The Ground Up"  
A narrative poem that tells a story

**Class 2:** "Northern Experience- From The Ground Up"  
A story based on the theme

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## Potted Plants Competition

Please note: **TWO** entries per person are allowed in each class.

**CLASS 1:** African Violet, single crown, in bloom

**CLASS 2:** Plant grown principally for foliage

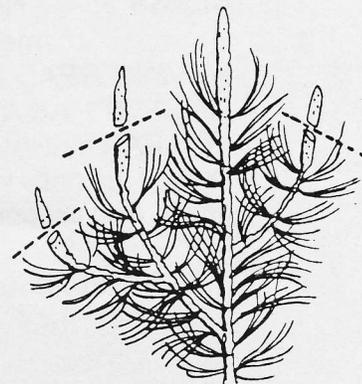
**CLASS 3:** Unusual plant, not commonly seen

**CLASS 4:** Plant grown principally for bloom ( no African violets or orchids)

**CLASS 5:** Orchid, 1 plant in container

**CLASS 6:** Cactus, clumping, columnar or solitary growth habit

**CLASS 7:** Any other succulent, other than cactus



*Cut new side candles of pine  
in half in June.*

## Publications Competition

**Please note:** All entries must be exhibited as they would be distributed to your members or the public.

**One entry per Society is allowed in each class.**

**CLASS 1:** "2010 or 2011 Special Event Poster"

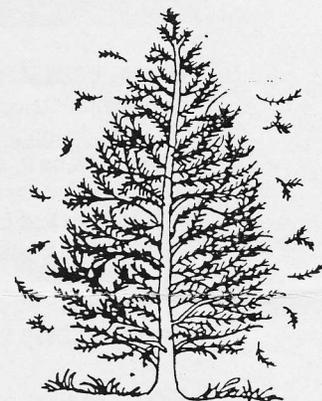
**CLASS 2:** "2010 or 2011 Special Event Brochure/ Pamphlet or Flyer"  
Folded or unfolded

**CLASS 3:** "Society Brochure/ Pamphlet or Flyer"  
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**CLASS 4:** "Society Newsletter"

**CLASS 5:** "Society Show Schedule"

**CLASS 6:** "Society Bookmark"



*Prune needle evergreens  
lightly in spring.*

## Art Competition

Please note: **TWO** entries per person are allowed in each class

**CLASS 1.** "Summer's Bounty" - an acrylic or oil painting

**CLASS 2:** "Northern Wilderness"- a watercolour

**CLASS 3:** "Treasures of the Earth"- a collage

**CLASS 4:** "Rock Hard"- painted rock, not to exceed 12"( 30.5 cm) in any direction

**CLASS 5:** "A Growing Experience"- a seed picture

## Youth Competitions

Please note: **One** entry per child is allowed in each class.

Classes will be grouped for judging in three different age groups.

The age groups will be : 6-8 years 9-11 years 12 years and older

Please put the child's age on the top of the entry tag.

**Prize money for Youth Classes:**

1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00    2<sup>nd</sup> \$4.00    3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00    4<sup>th</sup> \$2.00    5<sup>th</sup> \$1.00

**CLASS 1:** "Northern Wild Flowers"- Create a picture of Northern Wild Flowers using crayon, pencil or paint, size not to exceed 8 ½ x 11" ( 21.6 x 27.9 cm)

**CLASS 2:** "Mark My Spot"- Create a bookmark on a horticultural theme, any medium

**CLASS 3:** "Northern Experience"- Create a collage depicting a northern scene, any medium

HAVING READ ALL THE COMPETITION CLASSES, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? AS AT THE FLOWER SHOW, NO NEED TO PLAN FOR MORE ENTRIES THAN YOU CAN MANAGE. SET A NUMBER YOU WILL ENTER, BUT MAKE IT TWO AT LEAST. We are the ones who do not have to carry our entries on a long car trip; it is easier for us to enter! And support our Society and our District #12 Director Bonnie Warner.

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**MEMBERSHIP ALERT:** In 2011 our Society's membership goal is a hundred members (or more). To date, we have 69 enrolled. With the help of our members, we can reach the hundred mark easily. Each member is asked to consider enrolling one new (or lapsed) member. If attending meetings is a sticking point with a prospective member, mention the fact that not every member attends every meeting (Although we hope the programs we have are of enough interest to bring people out.) Some join to support this local Society. Suggestion the Second: Give memberships to your friends and relatives as gifts. Suggestion the Third: If a program that your friend might like comes along, invite him or her to the Meeting. Send cheque (\$10. each membership) with name and address for new member to: Ginny Montminy, Box 952, Englehart. Remember all members receive eleven issues a year of Through the Garden Gate, the Society Newsletter.

**O.H.A. WEBSITE:** This is a reminder that the Ontario Horticultural Association has a website ([www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)) with all kinds of gardening information on it, as well as some neat links to other sites. Our Society has a link to Garden Ontario also. Rick Heaslip and Eileen Fisher have volunteered to maintain the site this year.

**LATEST NEWS IN MULCHING**

A combination of organic mulch and newspaper works well to control severe weed problems. The two act as a shield to stop sunlight from penetrating to the soil, so weeds can't get started. Wet the newspaper lightly to keep it from blowing around as you set it on the ground. Overlap neighbouring sheets to completely cover the soil surface. If newspaper does not lay flat, anchor the corners with pebbles. Then cover the paper with several inches of an organic mulch. The newspaper will gradually break down with the mulch, adding extra organic matter to the soil.

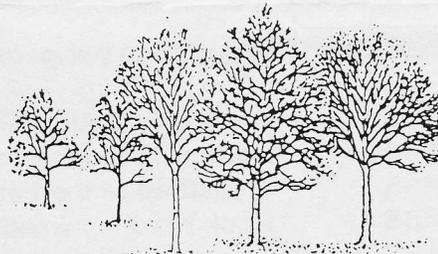
**PROGRAM FOR APRIL:** Carrie Ann Field: "What's New for 2011"

Birth Pangs

The snows of winter start to fade  
Each day a longer light brigade,  
Thermometers are rising up  
And maple syrup runs in the cup,  
There is a feeling in the air—  
Wafts on the wind—a game? A dare?

Pussy willows flaunt furry cheeks  
While ditches corral runaway creeks  
Happy cattle shed their barns  
And crocuses display their charms;  
Oh, yes, there's something in the air  
A feeling new, so fresh and rare.

Brown blades of grass begin to green  
And robins here and there are seen  
The loons call out across the lakes  
While thumping quail search out their mates;  
Wow! What a feeling's in the air  
The birth of spring—the soul's repair.  
Donna Beausoleil



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