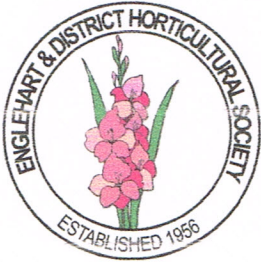




'Through The Garden Gate'

The monthly newsletter of the Englehart and District Horticultural Society
September 2014



Englehart and District Horticultural Society was formed in 1956.

General meetings:

3rd Wednesday of most months at 7:00 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

I hope that the summer was a wonderful time for everyone and that your gardens thrived and your harvests have been bountiful. If you still have a copy of last year's September bulletin, now is a good time to check out the 'September's Garden Jobs' article. (You can also find it in the past bulletins posted on our website). Here's another important little chore to do as soon as possible: If you have any plant which has shown signs of disease, get rid of it before snowfall so that the disease won't have a chance to live on in the soil and spread. Remove wilted leaves and diseased plants and throw them in the garbage – the wilt is usually caused by a fungus and the spores can easily live in the soil and re-infest your plants next year. Don't ever compost diseased or pest-infested plants. It's also important to water evergreens right until the soil freezes up since these plants don't go into total dormancy in the winter but continue to transpire and produce food. If you have problems with rodents, now is the time to purchase some plastic tree wraps which you can wind around the more slender trunks you want to protect from nibbling teeth.

Mark It On Your Calendar:

- September 17: Monthly meeting
- September 27: District 12 Fall Planning Meeting
- Civic Garden clean-up: To be announced
- October 15: Awards Night: supper starts at 6:00 p.m.

Looking Back

Last month's Festival of Flowers was a very positive part of our summer. It really was amazing to see the quantity and quality of the entries, which, in spite of one of the worst summers I remember, were consistently high. The high point of our opening ceremonies was the presentation of the Service Certificate, the highest award our society can give, to a member who has worked consistently for the good of the club. Congratulations to our deserving winner, Rosemary Campbell.



Rick Heaslip's award winning basket of dahlias and Rosemary with Mayor Wallace and MPP John Vanthof.

Looking Ahead:

Our September meeting will feature a round table discussion of our gardening year...what worked for you, what didn't work, suggestions to help our others, etc. Bring along some photos or samples if you can. All are welcome to attend, even if you didn't garden this summer. Don't forget- our social time and shared snacks are just as important to us as the 'horticultural' parts of our meetings. Hope to see you all there on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 at the Anglican church basement.

OHA/District 12 News:

Our two delegates, Mary Schippers and Rosemary Campbell, are ready to attend the Fall Planning meeting in Cochrane on the 27th. They will be involved with planning the spring Annual Meeting, which may be occurring here in Englehart in April. We definitely are hosting the 2016 meeting here in Englehart as it will be our 60th Anniversary. It just seems like yesterday that we reached that milestone of our 50th! Please let your Directors know if you have any ideas to help us celebrate our Diamond Anniversary.

Reports from Your Directors:

Festival of Flowers: Our annual summer show was, once again, a great success. Co convenors Bonnie Warner, Rick Heaslip, and Eileen Fisher had made plans throughout the summer and were pleased with the results and the efforts of the members who worked and/or entered exhibits. Jean Bott, Dawna Beausoleil, Bonnie Warner and Eileen Fisher had made 100 bookmarks to give out at the door, which was handled once again by Louise Williams. This year was the first time we had classes for members of Northview Nursing Home. Thanks to Jill Palmateer for working with us on this venture. Ginny Montminy and Dorothy Robertson worked at the membership table. Carrie Anne Field and Claudette Black handled the modified Tea Garden this year. Thank you to these two ladies and their helpers. Special thanks go to those members (and one son) who came out early to transport material to the hall and who set up the tables, cloths, and name cards. Everybody pitched in and it was done in a short time. Thanks also to Aaron Montminy for the sound system and to Jeff Warner for setting up the Aidie Creek Garden display. Deb Murray supplied the workers and judges with a delicious and nutritious lunch on Thursday. Greetings were brought to the society by Mayor Nina Wallace and our MPP John Vanthof, both of whom praised the work done by the Society in our community. We were pleased to present Rosemary Campbell with the much deserved Service Certificate for her years of work for the society at the Opening Ceremonies, where she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Twyla and Bruce had set up another successful Silent Auction. Thanks to these two hard workers, and to all who donated to the auction and to those who were the lucky winners. Rick Heaslip put together small floral designs to present to our visitors from the Nursing Home, and Eileen made approximately 10 bouquets of mixed flowers to use as draw prizes. We were all very pleased to be able to visit with Jean Wallace, who had come up from Barrie to see the show and meet old friends. A great crew took down the show at 4:30 pm on Friday and some were on hand again on Monday morning to return tables to EHS and materials to the Ace Hardware garage for storage. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this event a successful one.

Social: September's hostess will be Claudette Black and Rick and Carol Heaslip will bring the gift for the free draw.

Membership: Our Membership convenor, Ginny Montminy, reports that we had 89 members and have 22 for 2015 already.

Civic Improvement: Convenor Carrie Anne Field will be organizing a clean-up bee some time this month to empty the boxes/raised beds and tidy up our in-ground gardens. We will notify people either by email or by phone in hopes that some of you will be able to help out when the date is set. Hope to see you there.

Website: Rich Heaslip has been continuously updating our website. Please check it out at englehartort.weebly.com for all the latest news and photos from the Festival of Flowers and the official opening of the Hummingbird Garden, which, although it is not a project of the Horticultural Society, is certainly a very positive addition to our area. Don't forget you can also access past bulletins on the site as well.

The Hummingbird Garden

In August, the Hummingbird Garden at the Hilliardton Marsh was officially opened. It was lovely to see quite a few members of our Society there that day, to view the garden, which is meant to be a teaching garden, and to watch and participate in activities such as bird banding. There was a very large group of interested people from throughout Temiskaming, as well as visitors from outside the area. It was also wonderful to see the number of children who are developing a love of nature through hands-on experiences. I must admit that it was a huge thrill for me to hold a tiny hummingbird in my hand and to hear its amazingly fast heartbeat. The bird bath, donated by the society, was placed in the centre of a special garden which will be planted next year. Next spring, friends of the marsh will be asked to bring a piece of their favourite garden perennial to plant in the 'Friends' garden.



Joyce, Deb, Bonnie, Rick, and Carol stand behind the beautiful birdbath donated by the Englehart and District Horticultural Society.

Going Green

- Bats are a great form of natural pest control. Many in North America feed exclusively on insects and eat more than birds and bug zappers combined. There are lots of plans for bat houses on line. Why not try one?
- Milk jugs, soda bottles and other plastic containers make great mini-covers to place over your plants and protect them from frost.
- Less than 2 percent of the insects in the world are harmful. Most are beneficial, so don't kill them before making sure they're bad!
- Try cutting the foot off an old sock and using the top ribbed part as arm protectors when weeding and cleaning around trees and shrubs. This helps prevent scratches. Thanks again, Annette.



Plant of the Month

Helenium (Heien's Flower, Sneezeweed)

This tall, hardy plant blooms in September and October in shades of yellow, reddish, orange, and apparently white. It ranges from 3-5' and spreads up to 36". It prefers full sun, grows well in average soil, and doesn't mind having a damp soil. This North American native has been hybridized and there are many new varieties and colours. Helenium makes a wonderful cutting flower and looks great in mass planting at the back of a border. One way to help keep heleniums from stretching too tall is to pinch the stem tips in spring or early summer, when the stems are about 6 to 8 inches tall. This encourages bushiness and better flowering. These plants are easily divided, indeed they bloom best when they aren't too crowded, so are great plants to share with friends and family, but are definitely not an invasive plant.



Poetry and Prose

*The morns are meeker than they
were,
The nuts are getting brown;
The berry's cheek is plumper,
The rose is out of town
The maple wears a gayer scarf,
The field a scarlet gown.
Lest I should be old-fashioned,
I'll put a trinket on.*

Emily Dickinson

'Time for another Latin lesson! Two 'easyish' ones, two not so easy. See if you can match the Latin name with the answers below: 1. **Triloba/trilobus**) 2. **Nana/nanus**
3. **Pendula/pendulus** 4. **Vulgaris**

- *Dwarf or small*
- *Having three lobes or parts, as in a leaf or flower*
- *Common or ordinary*
- *Weeping or hanging.*

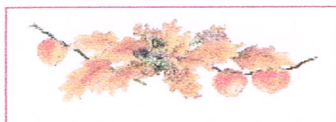
Think Betula pendula= weeping birch

Think Lupinus nanus= a lupine with only a 2" high stem

Think Artemisia vulgaris=the common Artemisia

Think Hepatica triloba= a lovely little spring flower with 3 lobes or parts to its leaves.

So...triloba/trilobus- having three lobes or parts;
nana/nanus- small; vulgaris- common or ordinary;
pendula/pendulus – weeping or hanging. *How did you do?*



*Delicious Autumn! My very soul is wedded to it
and if I were a bird, I would fly about the earth seeking
the successive autumns. George Elliot*

*'Autumn carries more gold
in its pocket than all other
seasons.'* (Jim Bishop)

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