



Sudbury Horticultural Society



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Dedicated to the beautification of the Sudbury region and the preservation of our environment



*There's something good in all weathers.
If it don't happen to be good
for my work today,
It's good for some other man's.
- Charles Dickens*

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“Ontario’s Beauty” - Hermina



WHITEWATER GREENHOUSES & YARD ART CENTRE

...upcoming courses

All courses offered this spring are maximum one day. Instructors are very qualified in their crafts !

ROCK PAINTING "NEW"

Add a quiet animal to your garden !
Sat. June 2 and Sat. June 16, 2007
Cost: \$25./ person, supplies included

CONCRETE / CEMENT LEAVES

Create and take home your very own beautiful art accent for your garden !
Sat. June 9 and Sat. June 16
Cost: \$25./ person, supplies included

HYPERTUFA PLANTER "NEW"

Fabricate your very own container...a pleasant alternative to store-bought garden pots.
First course taught by very well-known Master Gardener, Enzo Floreani.
Sat. June 16 and Sat. June 23
Cost: \$25./ person, supplies included

STAINED GLASS for the GARDEN

Sat. May 12 & Sat. May 26 - Create a garden stepping stone and learn the basics of stained glass. Supplies included.
Cost: \$45. /person

TWIG FURNITURE

Sat. May 19 & Sat. May 26 - Make your own twig chair. Supplies and lunch included.
Cost: \$100. /person

BIRDHOUSE BUILDING "NEW"

Sat. May 26 & Sat. June 2. Get the satisfaction of building your own birdhouse. Supplies included.
Cost: \$15. /person

GRAPE VINES

YOUR SPECIALIZED NORTHERN LOCATION

Available Varieties: Sabervois, Montreal Blues, Vandal Cliche, Key Grey, Prairie Star, St Croix, Valiant, Lorelei, Alpenglow, and Frontenac

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"Grapes, Vines, and Wines"

Wine makers and grape enthusiasts join in a Wine & Cheese setting to discuss grape growing in Northern Ontario.

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perennials, annuals,
vegetables and shrubs

(Private courses can be arranged -min 6 people)

District 13 Annual Meeting

Manitowaning is the location for this year's District 13 Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 5. This is an important meeting regarding the new Constitution and Bi-laws for our district. Registration is required: \$20.00 includes lunch. Please contact Carol Skanes (525-0467) or Claire (524-0670) to register.

Renew !

You don't want to miss a single issue of our Newsletter ! To avoid this, don't forget to renew your membership when it comes due. If you bought or renewed it last April, it will be due this April. Renew at any of our Society functions or call Claire at 524-0670

Dates to Remember !

- April 14 - African Violet Show** (New Sudbury Shopping Centre)
- April 22 - Earth Day**
- April 29 - Society Meeting and Pot Luck Supper** at CNIB
- May 1 - Executive Meeting, 7:00 pm**
Red Oak Villa
- May 4 - 21 - Tulip Festival, Ottawa**
- May 5 - District #13 Annual Meeting**
in Manitowaning
- May 13 - Mothers' Day**

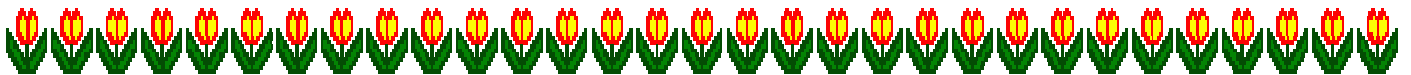
Tulip Festival

Once again, Ottawa is presenting its annual Tulip Festival, every weekend from May 4 to May 21. Join the ten days of celebration and enjoy the wondrous tulip gardens in Ottawa. Check this web site for more information.

www.tulipfestival.ca

Earth Day Celebration

Look for our booth at the celebration of Earth Day at Market Square, Sunday, April 22. There will be many booths displaying oodles of information on keeping our environment green and healthy. Listen to the news for more details of this worthwhile event. (Probably lots of food too !)



CALLING ALL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS



This fall, the Sudbury Horticultural Society is planning to produce a calendar which will feature all of the upcoming horticultural events in Sudbury for 2008.

Over the next few months, we are seeking **high resolution digital photographs** from our members that can be featured in this special calendar.

If you would like to contribute one or more of your floral photos (in a horizontal / landscape format) for consideration, please e-mail them to Wayne Hugli at whugli@hotmail.com

MEET THE MEMBERS

This month's profile is of Camilla Yahnke, director on the SHS Board for a second year. Camilla is a floral design & specimen entrant and also a judge of the same classes.

T N - What is your earliest garden related memory?

My grandmother had beautiful peonies and hollyhocks, a well-tended raspberry patch, and a huge black currant bush.. I was around five when she let me help her pick the flowers and berries.

T N - How did you become interested in gardening?

A few years after I got married, I planted a vegetable garden with my husband, Will. Luckily the soil was excellent and everything grew well. I was hooked by the success we had and by the delicious taste of the vegetables and fruits. We maintained a vegetable garden for the next 30 years.

T N - What type of gardening do you do?

At present, I grow raspberries and red currants and enjoy preserving and eating them. We have a few apple trees whose fruit is also made into jelly and pies. They also make great gifts to friends. I have a variety of flower beds at our home in Sudbury and also at our summer place on Manitoulin Island.. I plant annuals, but mostly I grow perennials and rock garden plants.

T N - What prompted you to join the SHS?

When I attended the August Exhibition at the Carmichael arena some years ago, I was impressed by the floral designs and specimens. I thought I would like to try this myself. I met Claire Liinamaa and Theresa Cullum at the door and they sold me my first membership card. I have enjoyed the meetings and shows ever since.

T N - What is your garden philosophy?

Be inspired by other gardeners and be generous with your own time and ideas.

T N - Other than gardening, what hobbies do you have ?

Other than gardening, I enjoy traveling with my husband, reading, sewing, rug hooking, cooking, preserving, and antiquing. I also enjoy meeting with friends for lunch and spending time with my daughter and grandchildren.



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Next General Meeting

Sunday, April 29th

CNIB York Street

**Guest Speaker: Dave Kechnie - Building
Your Own Stone Walls**

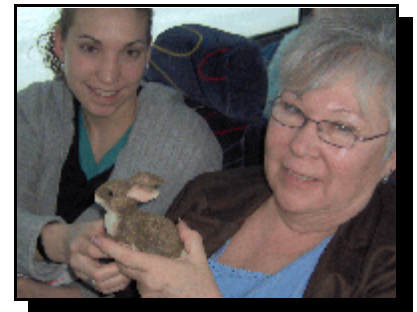
Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm
while socializing with friends.

Browse through the many **Magazines & Miscellany**
at the **White Elephant Table**
Door Prizes and 50/50 Draw

Pot Luck Supper to follow...Board members will
bring hot dishes, other members to bring cold or salad
dishes, etc.



Enjoying the bus trip were (photo top) Sharon and Don Cornett and (below) Jennifer and Barbara Zymantas.



Introducing the Guest Speaker

David Kechnie was raised in Kitchener, and through the study of family history, claims roots to the Mennonites of Pennsylvania who moved to Waterloo in 1807. Gardening is in his genes !

In Peterborough, he graduated from Bible College & Teachers' College, and then went straight to jail for 33 years. He taught at Millbrook Correctional Centre and Kawartha Lakes Training School.

David came to Sudbury with his young family in 1971 to help open Cecil Facer School and stayed to teach Math & English, to become a vice-principal, and behavioural consultant for the Rainbow Board. He retired in June of 1995.

His other avocations include canoeing, video & digital still photography, and genealogy. He is an avid Mac computer guy who is thinking of changing his name to MacKechnie.

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Canada Blooms ...

Another Success

Our Horticultural Society bus trip to the "Canada Blooms" flower and garden show on March 8/07 was a huge success. The two large motor coaches were loaded with excited travelers leaving Sudbury early Thursday morning, seeking the visions of "spring" and new ideas for their home gardens.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and returned with their special purchases of gardening treasures and flowering plants.

A very special thank you to Mary Yanchuk for her beautiful painting that was won by one of our Manitoulin Island travelers (Ray Webster). I would like to thank all of the generous donors of prizes for the bus trip, with a special thank you to my great hostess Theresa Henderson for helping manage the second bus.

- Gilberte Lambert, trip convener

WEBSITE of the MONTH



So many web sites...so little time !

Discovering the "WEB" has consumed many hours of each of my days. There is nothing one cannot find nor discover. If you like roses, this site is a must-see. www.rose-roses.com

As Carol mentions in her article on the next page, you can find information on any aspect of roses on this site, including where and when to purchase them.

There are a multitude of links to sites that explain how to grow roses, about hybridizing & propagation, the latest varieties, and fellow rose aficionados.

The photography by Bob Bauer is out of this world ...both the photos of roses and his nature pics on another link. He even offers tips on photographing flowers and the pros and cons of digital verses traditional film.

Even if roses are not your thing, this site is well worth a peek.

- Hermina Hubert

Herbs & other useful plants - Hermina Hubert



There is a plant whose broad leaves look very much out of place amongst the blades of the grass. Many of us poke and dig and pull at it because...it's a WEED ! I must say that am responsible for having eradicated said plant in the past. But I recently found a book on HERBS that informs us about the usefulness of a variety of plants (some traditional herbs, some not).

The Greater Plantain (*Plantago major* ssp. *major*) contains the same active substances that the pharmaceutical industry extracts from the Ribwort Plantain. These are used in cough mixtures, bactericides, and homeopathic medicine. The fresh leaves can be rubbed on insect bites to relieve itch and pain. The tannin in the leaves hardens skin and people once placed them in their boots to prevent sore feet on long treks.

Do not harvest them for your summer salad, however. Dandelion, yes...plantain, no ! Not all herbs are edible; some are culinary herbs, but there are also many plants that are simply used for their ability to heal externally, in some way.



NORTH BAY GARDEN TOUR

Sudbury
Horticultural
Society

- June 23, 2007 -

Members - \$55.00 Non-Members - \$60.00

We invite you to join us as we tour a variety of gardens in the North Bay area.

If you have already ordered your ticket, it can be picked up at the African Violet Show, April 14th or at the SHS Meeting on April 29th at the CNIB on York Street.


Tickets are selling quickly so make sure to purchase yours soon!

**For further information about this trip
please contact
Linda or Wayne Hugli at 693-2476**

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How Does My Garden Grow ?

- Carol Skanes

I'm writing this on the first full day of spring, as I hear steady rain falling on the metal roof above me. The snow outside is rapidly receding and I glance at my rose enclosure wondering how well the roses have fared. It has been a strange winter, playing horse shoes in the backyard on Christmas Day, and taking long leisurely walks well after January 1. One of those walks led me to the rose enclosure and I dared a peek. All was well, with the plants properly dormant, and I breathed a sigh of relief. Within the next few weeks it will be time for them to wake up and welcome spring.

Meanwhile, my thoughts are on full summer, as I design and redesign my rose garden. Rule #1 about rose gardening is that there is always room for one more. Rule #2 is if there is room for one more, you can fit two. So check out our "Web site of the Month" on the previous page if you are interested in purchasing roses. This web site is a very comprehensive site that will link to other informative sources. Everything at your fingertips. If you are planning a spring mail order, be sure to get your orders in now. Most nurseries have a deadline of early May, and are often sold out long before the deadline. If you prefer to purchase locally, again it is important to shop early. Choose plants with healthy green stalks and leaf buds that have not yet or just opened.

Back to the task at hand, as soon as daytime temperatures, and sunlight increase, the enclosure needs to be vented. Carefully lift a corner at each end, to ensure air movement. Otherwise the enclosure will become a greenhouse and will make it difficult to harden off. If Jack Frost takes one more stab at winter, the enclosure can be easily sealed up again. Once the spring temperatures stay consistently above 0 deg. C., the insulation wrap can be removed. At this time, check the plants for any winter kill that should be removed. Apply granular rose fertilizer around each plant, gently working it into the moist soil.....cont.

Water in only if the soil is exceptionally dry. Drape a length of burlap over the enclosure frame to protect the plants from direct winds and sunlight for about one more week. The burlap will also provide some protection from a surprise frost.

Regular fertilizing with a liquid rose fertilizer, high in Phosphorus (middle number), should begin on the Victoria Day Weekend, and be continued with weekly applications until mid July. This will ensure a spectacular flush of blooms in time for the Rose Show. Be sure to check your yearbook !

So, how does your garden grow ?



2007 Perennial Plant of the Year

The Perennial Plant Association (PPA) has announced the 2007 Perennial Plant of the Year: *Nepeta faassenii* "Walker's Low" **Catmint**. This plant is also featured in the yearbook on page 39.

Seed Catalogues

Do you grow plants from seed, plant spring or fall bulbs or are you looking for special plants that can't be found just anywhere? Our Society is very fortunate to receive support from several mail-order seed companies. If you are interested in receiving free catalogues, check out the following web sites and make sure to let them know how much we appreciate their continued support.

www.veseys.com

www.stokeseeds.com

www.dominion-seed-company.com

www.mcfayden.com

Ontario Garden Show

April 12-15, 2007

RBG Centre, Royal Botanical Gardens,
680 Plains Road West, Burlington ON.

For more information call (905) 634-8003 ext.341
or visit: www.ontariogardenshow.com



BOTANIX Azilda Greenhouses Early Spring PERENNIAL SALE

▶ Saturday April 28th, 2007

▶ 9 am to 5 pm



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Or contact us at (705) 983 – 5252 with questions

BOTANIX Azilda Greenhouses Spring Seminar Schedule 2007



Saturday April 28, 2007 10:30 am

The Who What When and Where of PRUNING Trees and Shrubs

This is a demonstration workshop held by our Nursery Foreman.

Topics will include: fruit tree care, tree shaping, rejuvenation, hedge shaping, and special timing for flowering shrubs. Reference materials will be provided.

We ask that you call (705) 983 - 5252 to register

Wednesday May 23, 2007 7:00 pm

Make Your Own Moss Basket

This seminar has a cost of \$60.00.

The 16 inch moss basket, hanging chain, liner, soil, moisture crystals and fertilizer are all provided. You choose from a large selection of specialty annuals, vines and filler plants to construct your design.

Staff will assist you in planting and at the end of the evening you take your basket home!

We ask that you call (705) 983 - 5252 to register.

Thursday May 31, 2007 7:00 pm

Make Your Own Outstanding Patio Planter

Bring your own container or purchase a new urn, barrel, or ceramic pot from our selection.

Select plants from suggested design recipes or create your own combinations.

Combine annuals, perennials, vines and specialties to for an awesome look.

At the end of the evening you will take your planters home.

We provide design advice, soil, moisture crystals and fertilizer.

You purchase the plants used in your design.

A 10% discount will be given on plant purchases.

We ask that you call (705) 983 - 5252 to register.



Saturday June 16, 2007 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

15th Anniversary Celebrations and Father's Day Sale

Details of the sales and special activities will be posted shortly at www.azildagreenhouses.com