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*“Vase of Tulips” & “Peanut”
by Hermina Hubert*



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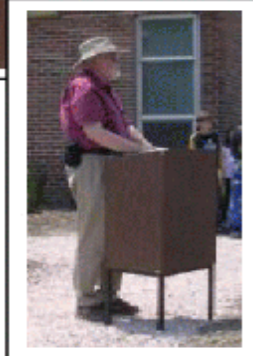
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OFFICIAL OPENING & DEDICATION OF ST. DAVID SCHOOL REGREENING PROJECT

MAY 24, 2007

In 2006, St. David School was chosen as the winner of VETAC's Ugliest Schoolyard Contest.

Thanks to donations from Saturn Sudbury, Canadian Tire on Regent Street, local garden centres and other community sponsors six planters and a green corner were developed in the schoolyard to enhance the environment for the staff and students of the school.



On May 24th, Principal David Soehner welcomed sponsors of the project to join the school community to the school to celebrate the official opening of the new gardens. Wayne & Linda Hugli were invited to cut the ribbon during the ceremony and deacon Paul Labelle blessed and dedicated the garden. Mayor John Rodriguez expressed his enthusiasm for the project and encouraged the students and teachers to cherish the new green space and continue in their efforts to develop an enhanced schoolyard environment.

The Sudbury Horticultural Society & Sudbury Master Gardeners are proud supporters of the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest.

2008 Calendar Project



We are seeking **high resolution digital photographs**

from our members that can be featured in a special **calendar** of all our upcoming horticultural events in Sudbury for 2008.

Please 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

Ugliest Schoolyard Contest

VETAC has selected its winning school for 2007. Pinecrest Public School will be the recipient of our schoolyard make-over in September and October. Thanks to a generous donation from Xstrata Nickel, we will be offering runner-up prizes to St Anne School in Hanmer, Pius XII School in Sudbury, St. Augustin School in Garson, and Notre Dame de la Merci School in Coniston to assist them with their greening efforts at those schools.

If you wish to volunteer your services to help with this project, it would be greatly appreciated...contact Wayne Hugli.

Dates to Remember !

- June 17** - Fathers' Day
June 21 - First Day of Summer
June 23 - Bus Trip to North Bay
July 3 - Executive Meeting,
7:00, Red Oak Villa
July 7 - Rose & Perennial Show
July 14 & 15 - Open Garden
Weekend

June 16 & 17 - "Through the Garden Gate"-Annual Garden Tour of the Toronto Botanical Garden

www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca/specialevent.htm#ttgg

June 16 & 17 -Oshawa Peony Festival

www.peony.ca/assets/pdf/brochure07.pdf

June 24 -Toronto Rose & garden Society Annual Show - Toronto Botanical Garden & Rose Celebration in Hendrie Park Gardens at Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington

www.rbg.ca/pages/events_annual.html

June 30 -Pond Day at Humber Nurseries-seminars, demonstrations, product giveaways

www.humburnurseries.com/gardencentre



Rose & Perennial Show *Saturday, July 7*

Roses, Perennials, Floral Designs & Photography
at the
New Sudbury Shopping Centre

Check pages 49 to 51 in the yearbook for the classes

Bring entries between 9:30 and 11:45 am.

Judging will begin at 12:00 noon.

Please enter as many as you can.

Remember to present your cut specimens in clear glass vessels so that the stems are visible

Pick up entries and ribbons that you have won at 4:00 pm.



For questions or to enter the Creative Design class, contact show convenor, Gilberte Lambert...524-5779

GARDEN ETIQUETTE

While you are enjoying the Open Garden Weekend this July, or are visiting anyone's garden, there are some common courtesies you should observe, to keep you in good standing with the host:

1. Adhere to the schedule. Do not show up ½ hour early, when the host is trying to prepare. Nor do you show up at ten minutes to closing expecting a one hour tour.

2. Leave your pets, children, and non-gardening spouses at home. The host will not have time to watch them for you and you will be too busy to notice them running wild through the beds and whining "Are you done yet?"

3. Remember not to brag about your own garden. It will not be well received if you repeatedly tell the host that your plants are bigger, healthier, and more fragrant. Instead ask your host to share their secrets for success.

4. Ask permission before taking photographs. The hosts will be flattered, but perhaps not amused to find the images in a magazine or on the Internet.

5. **Never ever pick, weed, prune, or rearrange anything!**

6. Taking seed heads or cuttings when you think nobody's watching is stealing. Do not think it won't be noticed. Don't do anything that will make the hosts regret opening their gardens.

7. Do not remove plant markers in order to read them. Invariably, a label will break when you try to put it back. Bend down to read them...good exercise.

8. Paths are to be walked on. Stay out of the beds and off the rocks in the rock garden. No matter how hot the day, keep your feet out of the "water feature".

9. If you see something you don't like, keep it to yourself. You may not like pink plastic flamingos or red flowers next to orange, but this is not your garden...it's theirs.

10. If the host is a collector of one species of plant and has many varieties, do not complain that you cannot tell them apart.

11. Unless it is an absolute emergency, do not ask to use the bathroom. This is a garden not a rest stop.

12. If you are visiting a rural garden, wear bug spray. The hosts will be used to the pests but will not appreciate your yelling and flapping your arms about.

13. Do not flatter your host and then expect to be offered cuttings or seeds from the plant you are admiring. Instead, ask where it was purchased. Your host spent the money to get it...why shouldn't you?

14. Take enough time to see the garden rather than complain you're in a hurry to get to see the other gardens as well. It will be insulting to presume to think you can appreciate all the garden has to offer in ten minutes. Consider the amount of work that has gone into preparing the garden for the tour.

15. If you have questions, ask the hosts. They will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

16. Make sure you find the hosts to **thank them** for allowing you to come and visit. Tell them what a wonderful garden they have and that you wished yours looked as beautiful.

- by Allison Laurie
Flamborough Horticultural Society

(This article originally appeared in the Spring 2007 edition of *Trillium*, the OHA newsletter...reprinted with permission.)



How To Live a Happy and Rewarding Life !

1. Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price.
2. Always have something beautiful in sight, even if it's just a daisy in a jam jar.

Don't miss our second...

Open Garden Weekend !

Sat, July 14th & Sun, July 15th

A dozen Sudbury area gardeners are generously opening their gardens to participants in this self-guided tour. Most of the properties have never been featured on a SHS tour in the past.

Visit the gardens of your choice, in your own vehicle, and at your own pace. Purchase a \$10 Weekend Passport beginning June 21st at Holla's Produce and Greenhouses, Azilda Botanix Greenhouses, Gisele's Greenhouses, Adam & Eve Nursery, and Black Cat Too. Passports will also be available at our Rose Show and on the North Bay Bus Trip.

Passports will include maps & directions, descriptions of the gardens, garden etiquette, and special offers from local nurseries.

Children must be at least 12 years of age. The gardens will be open from 10 am to 3 pm each day, rain or shine! Call Linda (693-2476) for more information.

Pictures from Open Garden Weekend 2006...



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SEASONAL SAFETY FOR YOU and YOUR GARDEN

- by Barry R. Weissman
- submitted by TheresaHenderson

Spring is a good time to consider going green - not just in terms of colour, but environmental attitude. I'm talking about organic gardening. Here are some tips on how to do this without incurring pain.

Getting Started

What is the point of going organic ? For one thing, regular gardening uses pesticides and insecticides that kill both beneficial and harmful insects. Harmful ones generally reproduce faster which is very frustrating. Check with local **garden centres** (not a big box store) for the "natural" pesticides that work for your problem and in your region.

Secondly, your own composted organic material is truly "black gold". It can be used as top dressing for grass or planting beds, and to make compost tea (recipe follows). It is also great to grow worms.

Protective Gear

As with other activities that involve sharp tools and chemicals, organic (and non-organic) gardening requires the use of appropriate protective equipment.

FOOTWEAR

1. Should have good traction soles - The ground may be wet or slippery.
2. Provides protection against the unknown - Be careful about stepping into piles of leaves or dirt. You never know what these piles may contain. The Honey Locust trees are known for their needle spines which can be 3 to 4 inches long. Wearing rubber flip-flops was not a good idea.. ([You could also encounter metal or glass shards, sharp twigs, or cat doo] added by Hermina).

GLOVES

"Why," you ask "do I need gloves?" Raking, cutting, digging, hauling, lifting....should I go on ? Early spring work in the garden is hard on your hands. From the rough materials to the heavy pots to picky thistles, gloves will protect you.

To be effective, they should fit well. Women should wear women's gloves. Get some insulated, water-proof gloves for handling wet leaves this time of year.

EYE WEAR

Safety glasses with side shields...pruning and trimming require it. Whether it is with hand pruners, loppers or string trimmers, the chips will be flying !


Chain Saws

Whether they be gas or electric, chain saws require special precautions. Chain saw safety begins before you take it into the yard. Place the chain saw on a stable surface and look at the chain. Is it too tight or too loose ? Do you have the oil gas and lubricant levels where they should be ?

Standard protective gear when operating chain saws include gloves, hearing protection, safety shoes or boots, hard hat, and face shield. Even leggings that protect the front of the legs from flying wood chips, possible kick back, or chain breakage are recommended.

Conclusion

gardening is a pleasant diversion for many people. It reduces stress, gets us out into the fresh air. Provides exercise, and can give us immediate gratification. It is a physical task and requires a great deal of safety awareness. So warm up, gear up, and go play in the dirt.



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COMPOST TEA

Place some manure into a pail and add water. The manure "steeps" to create a brown liquid called compost tea. Depending on the strength or age of the manure used, your tea will have a certain strength as well and must still be diluted with water...usually one cup is added to a gallon of water and then added to the root system of plants.



Herbs & other useful plants - Hermina Hubert



Snakes & Spiders & Bats.....Oh My !

I am a member of the Canadian Wildlife Federation and receive their newsletter regularly. This month, I decided to check out one of their web sites www.wildaboutgardening.org I was delighted to find information about attracting wildlife that either slithers (I am deathly afraid of snakes), hops or spins webs on the link "Digs, Dwellings, and Dens".

Creepy as these critters may be, they are essential to a healthy garden. Bats and toads rid our back yards of literally thousands of insects every night. (But you already knew that.) This is a very natural way of controlling pests, without chemicals or cost.

I already have the toad house that is explained on the site but I will decline the two-metre deep snake pit, thank you very much.

The CFW also has these web sites. Enjoy !

www.wildeducation.org

www.spaceforspecies.ca

www.cwf-fcf.org

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The flowers of the nasturtium (*tropaeolum majus*) have a mild taste that makes them ideal as an edible garnish. The leaves are bitter, yet some cultures combine them, and the flowers, in salads. They certainly add colour. (Wash them first !) To retain this colour, they can be preserved in vinegar. The seeds can be prepared and eaten in the same way as capers.(?)

The plant originates from the Andes Mountains of Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia where it has long been used medicinally to fight infection and boost the immune system.

This attractive and colourful annual takes different forms, from climbing to ground cover and is great in hanging baskets. It blooms from June until first frost and the dropped seeds germinate the following spring. Grow some this year.

OHA CONVENTION

This August 10, 11, and 12, Owen Sound will be the site of the 101st Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Keynote speakers during the three days will include Patrick Lima & John Scanlon from Larkwhistle Gardens (near Tobermory), Environment Canada's David Phillips, and Trevor Ashbee, Horticulturist with the Township of Centre Wellington.

There will be daily seminars and bus trips will be available to local areas of horticultural interest. Registration for the three days is \$75. The conventions are always informative and fun. See old friends and meet new folks that have something in common.

Information about nearby hotel accommodation (they are quickly getting booked) and registration forms can be found on the OHA website:
www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php?news=135
 or by calling Malcolm Geast at 416-429-4719.



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DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

It was a beautiful sunny day in the town of Manitowaning, on the shores of Georgian Bay. The Assiginack Society on Manitoulin Island hosted District 13's AGM, May 5. Aside from the fact that it was the annual meeting, a large crowd had arrived to honour a very special lady, **Judy Lewis**.

Judy is just finishing her term as Past President of the OHA and will be returning soon to her friends and family after a very successful but difficult term as President. We presented Judy with the District Service Award, a lovely bronze plaque. I then told Judy to turn toward the door. The society president, **Marilyn Moggy**, was waltzing in with a pot of branches to which was affixed bills of money in various denominations... her very own "money tree". We all sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow". She was overwhelmed, in her own words, "blown away". She promised that when the 'tree' grew and bore fruit, she would save the seeds to share with us all.

Bruce Wilson, a past president of the OHA, was present to bring greetings from the OHA. Bruce and his wife Twyla are from the Englehart Society in District 12. **Mary Ellen Norry Car** was also a guest, bringing greetings from OMAFRA. The meeting itself was very successful. Three new documents were presented to be voted upon. Motions were all carried. The District now officially has new "Constitution and By-Laws", "Guidelines for Host Societies", and "Judging Criteria".

*Submitted
by
Claire
Liinamaa,
District 13
Director*



JOHN STREET PARK Cleaning & Planting

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sudbury Horticultural Society, I would like to extend my appreciation for the generous volunteers who gave of their precious time and hard work to prepare the weeding and clean-up of the John Street gardens, on May 8, and again to plant, May 30, the many new perennials and annuals that our society donates for the beautification of our Greater Sudbury. Special thanks go out to these members...Lisa Robinson, Colombe & Gilles Charest, Irene & Ties van Dam, Pat O'Grady, Nadia Snajdr & Bob Muraska, Theresa Henderson, Mary Wells, Jessie MacIsaac, Barbara Knuff, Rachele & Les Corrigan, Bonnie & Don Jackson, Terry Drewe, Theresa Cullum & Don Ethier, Georgette Mitchell, Pam Cowan, Hermina Hubert, Uta & Ed Decker, Ian & Peggy Munt, Linda & Wayne Hugli, Claire Liinamaa, Carol Skanes, Chuck Mossey & Gilberte Lambert.

The John St. Park **adopt-a-bed** program for people to plant and maintain a certain garden bed or area is off to a good start, but we still have some areas that need a few more volunteers to adopt.... so why don't "**you**" get involved? Bring along your grandchildren or children and show them the basic gardening skills that will help keep our city and our future "**green**".

*Thank You,
Gilberte - Event Convenor*