

Sudbury Horticultural Society

“The Newsletter”

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(Black-eyed Susan)

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the beautification
of the Sudbury region
and the preservation
of our environment*



*Aline Dupont's Creative Design
“Springtime in the Netherlands”
won first prize. Left: one of Gilberte's
prize-winning violets*



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The Babur Garden, Kabul, Afghanistan

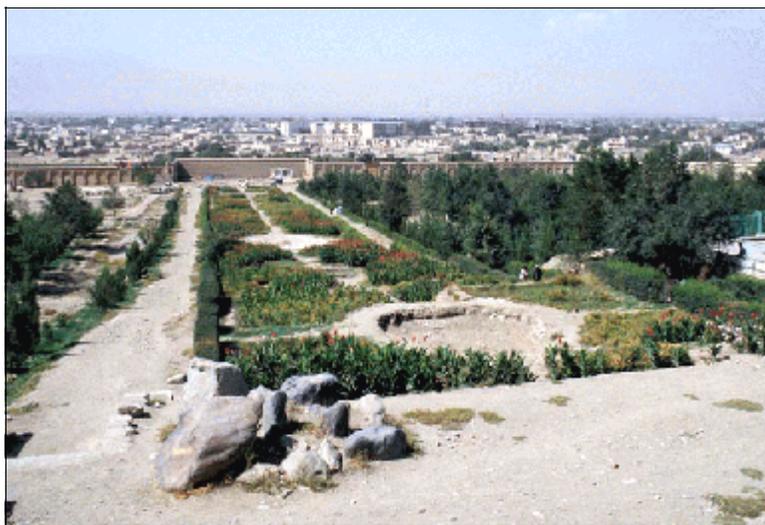
Amid all the bad press coming from Afghanistan has come the good news story of a five million dollar restoration of the Babur Garden by the Aga Khan Foundation. The garden, the size of 20 football fields, was first created in 1504 by the Emperor Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur.

Over the centuries, it has suffered greatly with wars and earthquakes, but now valiant efforts are being made to restore the buildings and the garden's plantings to their former glory.

Flowering cherry, almond, apple, apricot, peach, and plum trees spread their beauty in the spring, followed by fig, cypress, elm, Judas (redbud), mulberry, walnut, pomegranate, willow, olive, and pine. Splashing water over stone steps and bushes of jasmine, eglantine (sweetbriar), lilac, and roses have helped to create a tranquil area for the people of Kabul.

They bring their children to attend theatre festivals, to listen to recitals by traditional Afghan musicians, and to picnic and play, well away from the devastation and dangers of their city - an oasis of hope!

Joyce Dossal



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ANNOUNCEMENT !

The Parkside Older Adult Centre
is presenting an

African Violet Seminar

on **April 10** 1:00-3:00pm

geared to the more Advanced
& for Judges.

If interested, register ahead of
time by calling the Centre at

673-6227

VETAC WINS AWARD

VETAC was named the winner of the **Community Builders Award** in the Environment category. The committee was recognized for its work with the greening of the Sudbury area over the past 30 years, and for its work to regreen schoolyards through the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest, which the SHS supports. If you would like to read about the award you can go to -

<http://www.cbawards.ca/Winners/2008/e>

Dates to Remember !

- April 10** - African Violet Workshop at Parkside Older Adult Centre
- April 19** - Earth Day Festival at Market Square
- April 27** - General meeting with Guest speaker at CNIB
- **& Pot Luck Supper**
- May 3** - Annual General Meeting in Elliot Lake
- May 6** - Executive Meeting at Red Oak Villa, 7:00pm

Another Excellent Bus Trip

We thank Gilberte for organizing an excellent bus trip again this year. There is much preparation and responsibility in organizing such a trip, and we really appreciate the time Gilberte volunteers for this.

THE 12TH ANNUAL
Royal Botanical Gardens Show
April 17-20, 2008

Ideas, inspiration, experts and advice await you at the Ontario Garden Show held annually at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre. At every turn you will be greeted with eye-catching displays, feature gardens and a breathtaking array of floral arrangements. The Gardeners' Marketplace will satisfy all of your gardening needs and desires from plants, seeds and tools to gazebos, garden statuary and decks. Learn tips from leading horticulturists and gardening personalities in free seminars that run throughout the show on the Garden Stage.

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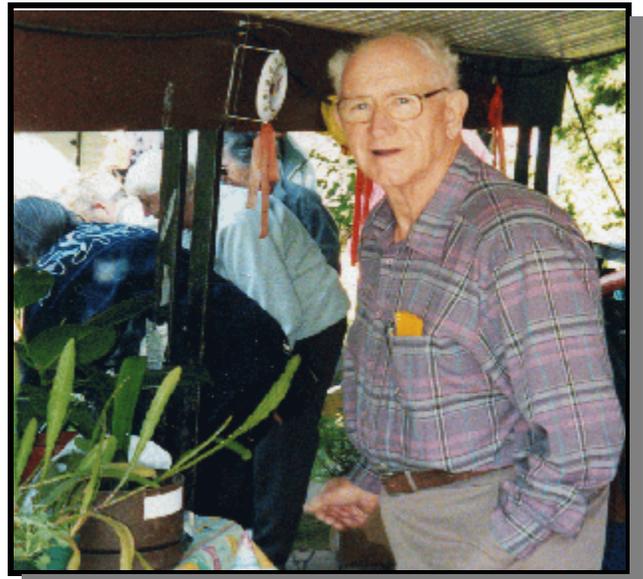


Garden Centre Looking for Employees

The OHA has a partnership with Loblaws this year to employ Horticulture Society members in their garden centres. The job will be four full days a week (Thursday to Sunday), from May 8 to June 29, at the Super Store on Lasalle Blvd.

You will not be required to operate the cash, nor will there be any heavy lifting. You are there to share your expertise with customers (names of plants, how and where to plant, fertilize, etc.) and to water and organize the plants...it does get quite busy at times. There will be a training/orientation day and the pay is \$13.00 per hour.

If interested, give Hermina a call...692-1442



Henry Albert

We are sad to announce the passing of one of our members, **Henry Albert**. He was a very dedicated and reliable volunteer. For a time, he sat on the board of directors. He came to all the meetings and flower shows to help with setting up. When the plant sales were held at my home, Henry (pictured above at the plant sale) would be there from start to finish, fetching and carrying plants. He was a fine gentleman and will be sadly missed by all of us.

- Claire

Meet the Members

This month's profile is of another new board member, Aline Dupont.

What is your earliest garden memory ?

When I was five...visiting my grandparents farm and listening to the bees buzzing in grandma's portulacas...sitting at the kitchen table, by the glow of the oil lamp with grandpa, sampling the fresh, crunchy apples from grandpa's orchard.

How did you become interested in gardening ?

I helped my parents weed and pick vegetables and fruit from our garden in the Ottawa Valley where I grew up.

What kind of gardening do you do ?

Anything that isn't high maintenance...many perennials and shrubs, some hardy roses, herbs in pots, and a few vegetables...also bright-coloured annuals in beds and containers.

What is your garden philosophy ?

Mulch as much as you can and save water.

What is your most remarkable success/failure ?

When we moved into our home, over forty years ago, it came with a very large back yard full of brush. After clearing and tilling, I put in a huge vegetable garden. My neighbours were amazed. I was proud of my new "green thumb" when everything sprouted. But, nothing grew tall, we had mini carrots, the peas had only two peas per pod, and the beans were bite- sized. After the initial shock, we all had a good laugh and dubbed it the "mini garden". It was a great way to get to know our new neighbours.

What prompted you to join the SHS ?

In 2002, a good friend and member (Lisa) encouraged me to join.

Of what accomplishment are you most proud ?

I would have to say our three daughters and two granddaughters.

What do/did you do in real life ?

Since I am retired, my husband and I like to travel and I also do volunteer work.

Other than gardening, what hobbies do you have ?

Sewing, reading, scrap booking, and photography

Favourite Garden tip ?

If it doesn't grow in one bed...move it to another one.

Garden pet peeve ?

Lily Beetles and Tent Caterpillars !

Anything you would like to share that describes the real you ?

I love to decorate our home, especially if I can use something recycled.



General Meeting

Sunday, April 27th

CNIB York Street

Guest Speaker: Noel Shank
“The Miracle of Honey”

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm
Browse through the many **Magazines** and
White Elephant Table Items

Door Prizes - 50/50 Draw

Pot Luck Supper follows
for everyone that wishes to participate.

(Board members will bring the hot dishes.)



3rd Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Our society will have a booth at

Market Square

10 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Make sure not to miss it this year. Learn how to reduce your ecological footprint, meet green exhibitors, and enjoy entertainment & food !

Introducing the Guest Speaker

Noel Shank has been a beekeeper for the past fifteen years at his “BEE-CARE-FULL Apiary”, at 2323 Dominion Drive, Hanmer. For seven years now, he has held the title of “Inspector of Beekeepers” for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture. This encompasses a very large area including Temiskaming, Cochrane, Muskoka and Parry Sound, Manitoulin Island, and Nipissing District.

Before devoting his time to bees, Mr. Shank was a Chartered Life Insurance Underwriter. He is still active with Heritage Educational Funds.

His Buzzy Bee Honey, made from wildflowers and berries, can be purchased in health food stores and grocery stores across the Sudbury district.



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Honey Bee Facts

- A single bee colony can produce more than 100 pounds (45 kg) of extra honey and this is what is harvested by the beekeeper. Some beekeepers in Alberta and Saskatchewan regularly harvest over 300 lbs (136 kg) of honey per colony.
- It takes one colony of honey bees (around 30,000 bees) to pollinate an acre of fruit trees. Pollination success increases if there are more honey bees present at the time of peak flowering.
- A colony of honey bees in early spring has 10,000-15,000 bees.
- A colony of honey bees in summer has 50-60,000 bees.
- A honey bee flies up to 24 km / hr and its wings beat 200 times per second or 12,000 beats / minute.
- A normal colony of honey bees contains only one QUEEN who may lay 2,000 eggs per day during her busy season
- There may be 60,000 or more WORKER bees (undeveloped females) who do all the work. There will also be several hundred DRONES (Male bees).
- The worker bee makes, in her lifetime, 0.8g (1/10 teaspoon) of honey.
- Two million flowers must be tapped to make 454 g (one pound) of honey ?
- Bees fly more than once around the world to gather a pound of honey.
- The average life of a honey bee during the working season is about six weeks.
- Nectar as gathered by the bee contains about 70% water (Honey is about 17% water).
- Bees remove excess moisture from nectar by rapidly fanning their wings over the open cells in the hive.
- Honey varies in colour from white through golden to dark brown and usually the darker the colour the stronger the flavour.
- The value of bees pollinating fruits vegetables and legumes is 10 times the value of honey produced (over \$1 billion in Canada).
- Natural pollinators are disappearing rapidly and each year we become more dependent on honey bees for many of our daily foods.
- Honey is one of the safest foods; most harmful bacteria cannot live in honey for any length of time.
- Bees have been producing honey from flowering plants for about 10-20 million years.



* From The Canadian Honey Council booklet
"The Story of Honey"

by L K Dennis and the Canadian Honey Council Teachers Kit

3rd Annual
West Nipissing Garden Show

Saturday, April 26, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Photos of the African Violet Show



*Chris Nash and
Theresa Cullum,
(below and right)
Aline Dupont
and Gilbert's
Foliage Design*



THANK YOU

Thank you co-convenor Aline Dupont and all of my judges, Camilla Yahnke, Irene Van Dam, Tina Hansen, Chris Nash, Theresa Cullum, Colombe Charest, Ties Van Dam and clerks, Lisa Robinson, Carol Skanes, and Aline Dupont. Also Wayne Hugli & Carol Skanes for setting up tables and the Master gardeners. Many thanks for helping with a great AV Show.

- Gilbert



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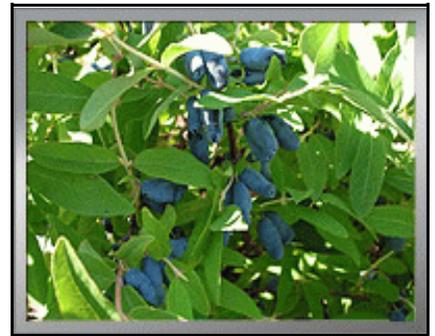
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SEARCHING FOR THE ELUSIVE "BLUE HONEYSUCKLE"

Dr. Bob Bors, a plant breeder at the University of Saskatchewan, is actively breeding Blue Honeysuckles (*Lonicera caerulea*) as a new fruit crop in Canada. Currently, he is searching across the breadth of Canada to collect native wild specimens, wherever they may be! They will be crossed with plants from Russia and Japan, and could eventually become a horticultural crop for Northern Ontario.



The plant is a circumpolar boreal forest species that is known to flower early in the wild - often in mid May. The fruit itself, looking much like an elongated blueberry, is ripe in mid June to mid July. It is known to exist in Northern Ontario, but little is known about regional timing of flowers and fruit.

The plant survives close to the ground in sparse patches. In the west, it is often found on damp ground along wetlands, in open areas near deciduous (aspen) woodlands, and along roads or other disturbances. Soil is often highly organic or calcareous.



Give Bob a little support from the North! We could benefit from his work. If you think that you have found this plant, mark the site clearly and take GPS readings if that is possible. Contact Bob by internet at

bob.bors@usask.ca

More information on the Blue Honeysuckle can be accessed at http://www.usask.ca/agriculture/plantsci/dom_fruit/sabbatical.pdf.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you cannot make it to the next meeting and still need to renew your membership, complete this form and mail to:

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