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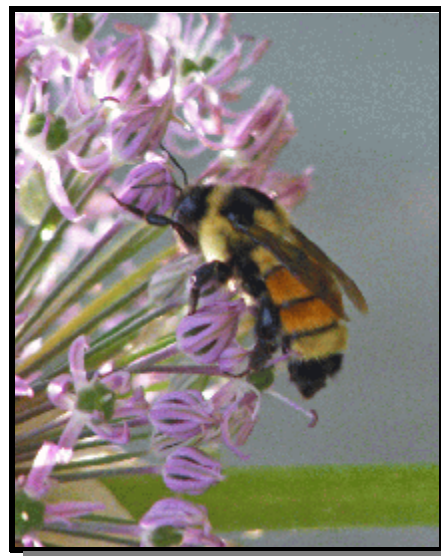
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*Enzo Floreani's back yard with planters
and garden art. - photo by Jessie
MacIsaac
“Bee on Allium” -by Hermina*

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Community Gardens in Downtown Sudbury

Somewhere between St. Anne Rd. and Marymount College, was nestled a hidden patch of green...a perfect spot just waiting for shovels and fertilizer and seeds so that it could fulfill its life-long dream of becoming a “Community Garden”.

Well...it happened! On June 7th, 2009 over 50




volunteers, both young and old, gathered together to build Greater Sudbury's first ever public access community garden in the downtown core. Inspired by the Allard Street Community Garden in Sault Ste. Marie, this past winter a number of members of the Sudbury Food Connections Network decided to take on the task of gathering the necessary resources to make the dream of a community garden in Greater Sudbury a reality.

There was tremendous interest in the project and support from so many partners...several non-profit organizations, local businesses and the community at large contributed to help get the garden off the ground. Their support and generosity was greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without them. The result was a community garden comprised of 12 raised beds and a number of communal growing areas, designated for local food banks.

In the photo above, with Alan Asher and Rebecca Ziegler-Girouard, we can see the gardens already starting to flourish. Alan is on the Steering Committee and Rebecca is a member who has one of the raised beds.

(Photos at top courtesy of Jessie MacIsaac)





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Sudbury in Bloom

An August Exhibition of Flowers, Vegetables,
Floral Designs & Photography

Theme: "My Garden is a Symphony"

Sunday, August 23

at the **CNIB** on York Street

12:00 noon - 4:00 pm



Bring entries on Saturday, Aug. 22
between 11:00 and 2:00pm

Refreshments - Desserts - Door prizes

Admission: \$3.00

Show Convenor is Claire Liinamaa (524-0670)

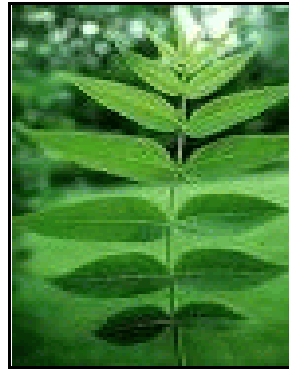
THE BUTTERNUT TREE

An endangered species has been discovered growing in our John Street Park ... a Butternut Tree (*Juglans cinerea*) ! It is very special because, not only is it less common in Northern climes, but a “canker” or fungus has been slowly killing the Butternut farther south. Below is a description and uses of the Butternut (*by Diana Beresford-Kroeger*) and the impact the disease has on the tree. (*gleaned from the internet*).

It is grey coloured, with long fans of drooping, elegant leaves, pinnate in form. Some, incredibly, have up to seventeen pinnules, with the floating elegance of a peacock's tail. When each of these fall, they leave behind a hairy eyebrow. The family life of the tree revolves around a matrimonial bed of the past year's growth producing the long, swinging catkins of masculinity chasing the more up-to-date, female, pistillate growth of the present year. Their union yields astonishing, large, rich, oily nuts the shape and size of a hen's egg.

Importance and Uses

The butternut is an important tree for many reasons. It produces a high quality lumber which is dimensionally stable for cabinetry and sculpting. Its rich wide grain takes a fine polish and an even more attractive patina as it ages. The value of the wood is greater than any mutual fund stock. The butternut produces a yearly crop of high quality nuts which would have a high market value if they were to be grown in quantity. At a time when diabetes has reached epidemic proportions on the North American continent, nut flour added to wheat flour would make a healthy high protein bread. The flesh of butternuts combines well with maple syrup to make local confections. The immature green nuts can be brined like olives and then pickled.



Then there is the pharmaceutical value of the tree itself. This is mostly ignored for the sake of greater spoils from the tropical forests. In the case of *Juglans cinerea*, the mountain has come to Mohammed, because there

is glandular tissue on the butternut which has time limited adhesive properties which could be used to great advantage on the operating table.



The volatile oils of the butternut could be looked at for natural fungicidal and insecticidal action in horticultural sprays. In any case, these oils have an unusual sedative affect on mammals and on fish. The bark could also be examined for its application in dental hygiene. Its more tropical relatives are used for the treatment of a variety of oral afflictions along with some skin diseases.

The Canker

The disease enters a wound and kills inner bark on branches generally in the lower canopy. Gradually, the fungus kills the upper canopy and spreads down the tree to attack trunk tissue. When the fungus has girdled the trunk, the tree dies. The spores may be spread by rain and insects.

Impact on Trees

- **the Butternut tree is an important forest species that provides valuable wood for furniture and nut crops that are used by wildlife and were important to early settlers**
- **no tree strains are known to have resistance to the disease**
- **in the southern US, over 75% of Butternut trees have been killed by the canker**
- **when the trunk is killed, Butternut will not resprout from the base**
- **Butternut is now considered Endangered in Canada due to the impact and potential impact of the disease**



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Dates to Remember !

Aug. 12 - Espanola Flower Show
 “60 Years of Growing”
 (12 - 3:00 pm)

Aug. 20 - John Street Weeding

Aug. 23 - “Sudbury in Bloom”
 Flower & Vegetable Show
 (CNIB, 12 - 4:00 pm)

Sept. 1 - Executive Meeting
 (Red Oak Villa, 7:00 pm)

Sept. 12 - Perennial Plant Sale

Sept. 20 - Autumn Show & General
 Meeting - Guest Speaker:
 Jim O’Neil on “Garlic”

A Memorable Weekend !

Once again the threat of rain did not deter visitors from cruising the Sudbury gardens this year. There was a varied selection, each location having something unique to offer...unusual species for our zone, a forest setting, organic vegetables, ponds, and statuary.

It was a pleasure to see artisans partner with the gardeners. George Hill’s fabulous photographs were shown in Enzo’s garden. Lynn Quinn displayed her landscape and wildlife watercolours at the Tessiers in Azilda, and Rachelle Corrigan’s folk art and paintings were on view at Nadia’s. These were a wonderful addition, and we hope to see more next year.

The Society would like to express its appreciation to those gardeners who allowed us to share the results of their efforts. Two pages in the yearbook will once again be devoted to photos of those gardens and their proud owners.



Clockwise: Enzo Floreani (with his concrete garden art), Nella Certossi, George & Lynn Hill, and Nadia Snadjr & Rachelle Corrigan (in Nadia’s front yard).



**WEB SITE
of the
MONTH**

There is a secret garden, so to speak, on the corner of Barrydowne and Westmount Streets. It is actually a vacant lot that, after the initiation by owner Sommer Sturgeon, the residents have adopted as their own garden. Their goal is to clean up the empty lot and turn it into something the community can be proud of. They are recycling the materials on the land, and accepting donations to help their garden grow. Check out this web site to see photos, get more information, and find out how you can help. <http://barrydownegardens.webs.com>

Young Volunteers Needed

For the set-up of the August Show, we need two strong, young people to move all the chairs in the hall (possibly for volunteer hours ?) If you have children, or grandchildren, that can help for two hours on **Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 to 10:30 am**, and again on **Sunday at 4:00 to 5:00 pm** to replace the chairs, please call Hermina (692-1442). It would be greatly appreciated.

John Street Needs a Weeding

Once again we have organized a group weeding...partly because this rain has really encouraged the weeds to grow, and partly because it's more fun to when we work together. Mark your calendar: **August 20, 4:00 pm until dusk**. (Water and soft drinks will be available.) This will be a good opportunity to see the new sign that Wayne has installed. (sporting our logo)

We do thank those who have been weeding in their adopted garden plots. It seems a never-ending task, but the favourable comments are worth our effort.

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Elections in November

Now is the time to start thinking of nominations for the position of Director on the Board of Directors (Executive). Below is a form for you, if you would like to let your name stand, or would like to nominate someone, for the position. You could also contact our Nominations Chair, Jessie MacIsaac, by phone or email. Elections will be held at our "Annual Meeting" on November 29.

Nomination Form

I nominate _____

for the position of _____
for the year 2010.

Send this form to: Jessie MacIsaac
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