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and the preservation  
of our environment*



# Sudbury Horticultural Society

## “The Newsletter”

February 2008



*“Blue Winter Shadows”  
- photo by Hermina Hubert  
“Gilberte accepts the President’s  
Award for her volunteerism  
- photo by Lisa Robinson*

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## Gilberte's New Plant Room

(At the Violet Show last April)

The photo below (taken by Lisa Robinson) shows Gilberte Lambert attending to her prized violets in her designated "Plant Room" that was converted from a spare bedroom in her home. Wood shelving with grow lights were designed and built by her husband Chuck Mossey. Her first light stand, donated by Master Gardener Ian Munt, with three tiers was the inspiration and model for the next two light stands. It didn't take her long to have all nine shelves filled with plants. "I have at least 150 Violets with 73 named AV varieties: Standards, Large, Trailers, Mini's, Semi-mini & Micro-mini & 12 Gesneriads (St. Paulia cousins).



Gilberte has presented workshops on African Violets at various Horticultural Society venues in Northern Ontario, including Noellville, Elliot Lake, Spanish & Manitoulin Island. Gilberte was invited to assist with judging at a Toronto Botanical Gardens show held by the African Violet Society of Toronto in 2007.) After the show she was invited by the Convenor to return in 2008 and help her organize the next show.

Gilberte is willing to give individuals and groups good advice and tips on everything they need to know about growing beautiful, healthy African Violets in their home.

### Learn about any or all of the following:

- choosing plants (certified violets or grocery store no-name varieties), growing strong specimens and keeping them alive, starting new plants (babies) from leaf cuttings, proper maintenance of your plants, encouraging abundant flower blooms, fixing leaf problems, pests & mold, types of soil mix, watering using the wick method, fixing long neck plants, and finally, controlling the light to produce "flower show" award winners.

Gilberte's passion is to expand the growth and appreciation for African Violets in the North. If you want to have a seminar or ask questions you can contact her at 705-524-5779 or email [glambert45@sympatico.ca](mailto:glambert45@sympatico.ca)



### OOPS !

My apologies to VALE INCO for using the old name in the yearbook. The pages were already at the printer. Also, I forgot to mention that the photo on the yearbook cover is of the Anderson Farm Granary, taken by yours truly.



## Dates to Remember !

**February 14** - Valentine's Day

**February 24** - General meeting with  
Guest speaker at CNIB

**March 9** - Daylight Saving Time  
Begins

**March 13** - Canada Blooms Trip

**March 15** - Advisory Council  
Meeting in Blind River

## Things To Do !

- If you have African Violets...find last year's yearbook (Oh, NEVER THROW THEM OUT !), turn to page 32, and begin preparing your plants for the Violet Show in April.
- Go to the library and look for the new gardening books that were donated by the society.
- Sketch out a new (or old) garden patch, remembering that lots of healthy perennials will be available at our plant sale early June

## CANADA BLOOMS BUS TRIP

**Thursday March 13, 2008**

**\$85.00** - for members only



Leave Sudbury early in the morning, have fun on the comfortable washroom-equipped coach, enjoy the floral designs, speakers & vendors all day, then relax while returning that evening.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

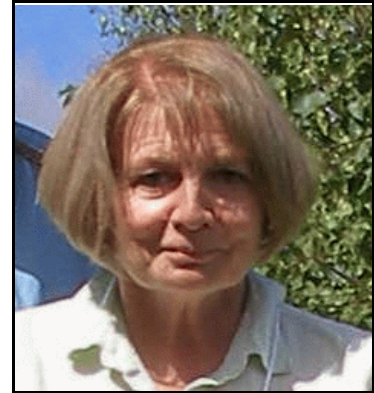
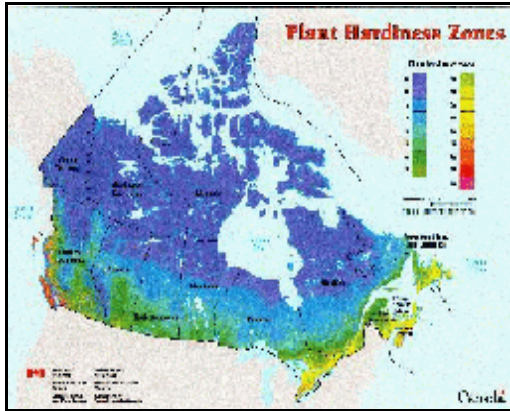
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## Old Yearbooks

If you would like a copy of an older edition of one of our yearbooks, (of special interest to our new members) we have a few left from 2005, 2006 and 2007. They are still full of interesting facts and photos.....only a loonie, available at next meeting.

## Plant Hardiness “Going Beyond the Zones” Project



The Going Beyond the Zones Project is an initiative of Natural Resources Canada. Its aim is to go beyond the single general zone map that we're familiar with, to develop a range of specific maps for individual species of trees, shrubs and perennials, creating a climatic profile for each.

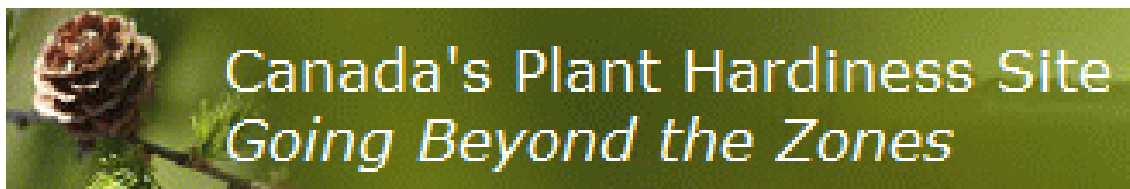
Sudbury Horticultural Society members can play a significant role in developing these profiles. As contributors to the project, all we need do is identify which plants, from a comprehensive list, survive in our region. Once enough data is entered to develop a climatic profile, range maps are generated, posted and continually updated by Natural Resources Canada at [www.planthardiness.gc.ca](http://www.planthardiness.gc.ca).

It's easy to enter data; just register at [planthardiness.gc.ca](http://planthardiness.gc.ca) and click on My Account, then Register and fill in the required fields. You will also be asked to specify your longitude and latitude. If you do not know it and do not have a GPS, visit [www.robogeo.com/latlonfinder/map.asp](http://www.robogeo.com/latlonfinder/map.asp) or use Google Earth to determine the coordinates of your garden. Once registered, you may log in any time to enter data.

For those members who have already been submitting data, note that the Plant Hardiness site has a new look and that map generation and query responses are much quicker. As of July, 1.8 million plant observations had been received, 1,545 species had potential range maps and 5,700 species names are listed in the database.

For more information on how you can contribute to this initiative, contact Linda Hugli, Zone 2 Director, Master Gardeners of Ontario, at [lhugli@hotmail.com](mailto:lhugli@hotmail.com).

\* Members who were at the January meeting are encouraged to complete their Plant Profile form and bring it to the February meeting or mail it to Linda. She will be speaking about the Going Beyond the Zones project at Canada Blooms on March 15th, and hopes to include our experience in creating a Sudbury Area Plant Profile List in her presentation.'



# General Meeting

## Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

CNIB York Street

**Guest Speaker: Nicole Richer**  
**“Garden & Yard Art”**

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm  
Browse through the many **Magazines** and  
**White Elephant Table Items**  
Door Prizes - 50/50 Draw



## Committee Chairs & Convenors

- African Violet Show** - Gilberte Lambert
- Rose & Perennial Show** - Linda Hugli
- August “Sudbury in Bloom”** - Hermina Hubert
- Autumn Show** - Carol Skanes
- Pumpkin Show** - Colette Ilnitski
- Christmas Show** - Hermina Hubert
  
- John Street Park & CNIB Gardens** - Gilberte Lambert
- Open Garden Weekend** - Linda Hugli
- Centennial** - Hermina Hubert
- Website** - Linda Hugli
- Yearbook** - Hermina Hubert
- Membership** - Claire Liinamaa
- Advertising** - Wayne Hugli
- Publicity** - Linda Hugli
- Compassionate** - Helen Duncan
- Newsletter** - Hermina Hubert
- Photography** - Lisa Robinson
- Master Gardeners** - Linda Hugli
- Awards** - Claire Liinamaa
- Plant Sales** - Hermina Hubert

If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact one of us. (Phone # in yearbook) We welcome any assistance.

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## Introducing the Guest Speaker

Nicole Richer, owner of Whitewater Greenhouses & Yard Art Centre, will share with us her love of plants, her enthusiasm for decorating and "adding personal touches " to your yard. She will also enlighten us on yard art finds, new as well as old, and where to look for these.

Courses being offered with the help of the horticultural society members and gifted teachers will be discussed. There will also be a short demonstration of the glass craft that she does.

Finally, Nicole will share her knowledge of the "Managed Forest Rebate Program" sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### Compassionate

If you know of any of our membership who are in hospital, or have passed away, or have a special birthday approaching, please notify Helen Duncan (523-9082) or Claire (524-0670)



**New Episodes of Recreating Eden, on Mondays at 10 pm on Vision TV (Cable channel 11):**

**Monday, Feb. 11: ““The Renegade Scientist””**

Diana Beresford-Kroeger, Merrickville, Ont.

Diana Beresford-Kroeger, a gardener who likes to combine her medical training with her love of botany, believes the cures for cancer and many other ailments can be found in her Merrickville, Ont. garden.

**Monday, Feb. 18: ““You Grow, Girl””**

Gayla Trail, Toronto, Ont.

Toronto-based gardener and graphic designer Gayla Trail knows how to create a garden paradise in the most unlikely urban locations, from balconies to vacant lots. Her Web site, YouGrowGirl.com, has become a prime online destination for young, urban apartment dwellers eager to create green spaces of their own.

**Monday, Feb. 25: ““A Family Garden””**

The Butchart Gardens, Victoria, B.C.

Founded by Jennie Butchart in 1904, the 22-hectare Butchart Gardens on Vancouver Island is a designated historic site, attracting more than a million visitors a year. The gardens have remained in the Butchart family all this time, and today are cared for by Jennie’s great granddaughter Robin Clarke.

**Monday, March 3: ““A Mother’s Legacy””**

Lois Hole, St. Albert, Alberta

Lois Hole combined a love of gardening with a passion for public service. In addition to founding the retail giant Hole’s Greenhouses and Gardens, she authored many gardening books, served as Alberta’s Lieutenant Governor and was named to the Order of Canada. Today, sons Bill and Jim carry on her legacy.

**A RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN**

- 1 large green field
- 1 sprinkling of flowers
- 1 cup of brook and handful of pebbles
- ½ dozen children
- 2 or 3 dogs

Mix the dogs and children together well.  
 Put them in the field, stirring constantly.  
 Pour brook over pebbles and sprinkle the field with flowers.  
 Bake in the warm sunshine and when brown, remove to the bathtub.



Submitted by Brenda Gallagher  
 London Hort Society



## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



On page eight, you will find a coupon for a nursery north of Toronto. Their website is unbelievable. I clicked on "Garden Tips", and was pleasantly surprised by what was available to me...The story of the Monarch Butterfly in great detail and beautifully illustrated....a description of Hardy Ferns (68 of them) most of them for zones 2, 3, 4, and 5...groundcover roses ? It was there.

A description of their Butterfly Conservatory is also given and it sounds worthy of a visit, if you're heading toward Toronto. Don't forget to cut out the coupon on the last page. Visit their website now at [www.humburnurseries.com](http://www.humburnurseries.com)

## NEWS FROM OUR VACATIONERS


We hope you enjoyed the travel tidbits last month. Please share your adventures with us. Just contact Hermina (692-1442).

## ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

On Saturday, March 15, The Sudbury Hort Society will be sending delegates to the bi-annual advisory council meeting in Blind River. There is always a great lunch, interesting guest speaker, and reports from each society in our district...note that I mentioned these in order of priority !!

Just joking ! It is a pleasant drive, an enjoyable day, an opportunity to see friends again and also to accomplish some business matters.

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## 2009 CALENDAR



### "Start Taking Photos Now"

Thank you to all the folks who purchased a floral calendar last fall. It was a successful fund raiser. Next year's calendar will feature "**Gardens Through the Seasons**" so start taking photos of winter gardens now, while we still have snow.

Again this year, take the photos in horizontal format and use high resolution (at least 300 dpi) so that they are sharp when enlarged. Email Wayne for more information. [whugli@hotmail.com](mailto:whugli@hotmail.com)

### The world's oldest potted plant ...

is a cycad (*encephalartos altensteinii*) which was brought from South Africa to England in 1775. Presently it is housed at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England.

## Photo Competition at Convention

Now is the time to start taking all those pictures to enter in this year's photo competition - the theme of the 2008 convention is "Sharing our Diversity". What a great way to participate! What makes a winning photo? Originality, focus, and composition. Cameras and gardeners just go together! - **Ray Clement**

Rules & Regulations available at next meeting and on our website: [www.sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca](http://www.sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca)

### Emperor Chen-Nung Discovering "Green" Tea (unfermented leaves)

As the story goes...a few leaves fell into an emperor's cup of hot water. He took a sip and later made this observation:  
"Tea arouses the spirits and provokes wise thoughts. It revives the body and clears the head. If you are weary, it gives you strength".

# Your Membership Renewal - made easy !

New and renewal Memberships will be sold at every meeting, event, and flower show.

If for some reason you are unable to attend the meetings or a show, we invite you to renew your membership by mail.

Please use the form below and mail cheque (payable to Sudbury Horticultural Society) to the following:

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