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



# Sudbury Horticultural Society

## “The Newsletter”

March 2009



*African Violet entries at last  
year's show*

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## Save Money When Pumping Gas

### 1. Fill Up When Your Tank Shows Half Empty.

Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. The more gas you have in your tank, the less evaporation into the air space above the gas in the tank. If the tank is almost empty, the remainder has lots of room to evaporate.

### 2. Gasoline Delivery Truck Present ?..Don't Fill Up!

If gasoline is being delivered at the station, do not buy gas at that time ! Some of the dirt that settles to the bottom of the storage tanks is being stirred up while being filled. You do not want that in your tank.

### 3. Fill Your Gas Tank Slowly.

Don't squeeze the trigger of the nozzle too fast. Some of the liquid that goes into your tank becomes vapour that in turn is sucked up and back into the underground storage tank (all hoses at the pumps have a vapour return.) If you fill up more slowly, you minimize the vapours that are created and are getting more for your money.

### 4. Fill Up in the "Cool" A.M.

During the warmer months of the year, only fill up during the cooler morning, when ground temperatures are still cold. The colder the underground storage tanks, the denser the gasoline. As the day warms up, the gasoline expands and a litre is not exactly a litre !

### 5. Keep the Tank Full.

When there is a significant change in air temperature, there will be some condensation (water !) in your empty gas tank...not good ! Another reason to fill up when the tank shows half empty.

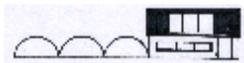
*(Written originally by someone in California, but "Canadianized" and modified twice since then.)*



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 Topiary, Weeping Trees  
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 Perennials, Annuals  
 Vegetables and Shrubs

## Dates to Remember !

**March 19** - Canada Blooms Bus Trip

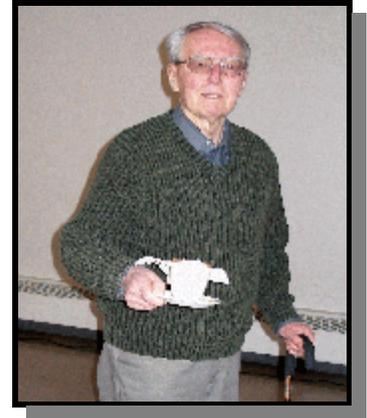
**March 21** - Advisory Council Meeting  
in Blind River

**March 29** - General Meeting at CNIB

**April 4** - African Violet Show at New  
Sudbury Shopping Centre

**April 7** - Executive Meeting  
7:00 pm at Red Oak Villa

It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the passing of Ian Munt. He was a highly regarded, life member of the SHS and long-time member of the Master Gardeners. For many years, Ian wrote a column in the Sudbury Star informing the public about our events. He was a continuous supporter of the Society, and of John Street Park and always shared his wealth of information with us at meetings. Ian enjoyed gardening and often helped his neighbours with their gardens. He will be sadly missed by his friends in the SHS and the Sud. Master Gardeners.



## Green is in at Botanix Azilda Greenhouses

This year more than ever, green has become an important catch phrase and a way of life. One of the most common adds on tv is the Million Acts of Green. At Botanix Azilda Greenhouses, we are making our own list and we invite you to help us. Email your idea to [azildagreenhouses@gmail.com](mailto:azildagreenhouses@gmail.com) and you could see your suggestion displayed in the greenhouse. If you want credit for the idea, let us know so that we can post your name on the sign. The ideas will also be posted in a book at our Plant Protection Centre.

To get your garden juices flowing, here are some **Gardening Acts of Green:**



- Plant a Tree ! A Shrub ! A Perennial ! An Annual !
- Use houseplants to remove harmful chemicals in our homes and workplaces. (See the article "Houseplants and Health" on our website.
- **Botanix Azilda Greenhouses is participating in an industry recycling program !** Bring back your used pots and trays. We checked with the city and they are presently not recycling this material - if you dispose of it in your trash or blue box, it goes to the landfill !

As part of "Landscape Ontario", we also wish to share with you a website they will have up and running in April which will connect you with all things green. It will be a great resource for gardeners across the province....

[www.landscapeontario.com](http://www.landscapeontario.com)

So come on out and get greening !

PS. Our website now has a list of the events we have scheduled for 2009...

[www.azildagreenhouses.com/events.htm](http://www.azildagreenhouses.com/events.htm)



JOIN US ON OUR  
**MANITOULIN ISLAND  
GARDEN TOUR**



**Saturday June 20, 2009**

**Tickets - \$60.00 (for members only)**

**Our tour bus will depart the New Sudbury Shopping Centre at 7:30 am. for a day-long trip to Manitoulin Island. Throughout the morning and afternoon, we will tour gardens that have been recommended by Seija Bailey of the Campbell Horticultural Society. We will also have an opportunity to browse and purchase at a local garden centre before heading home to Sudbury.**

**Lunch will be provided at the Evansville Community Hall and we will enjoy dinner at Gateway Grill in Gore Bay. (All meals are included in the ticket price.)**

**Tickets for this bus trip will be available at all Sudbury Horticultural Society meetings and events in March, April and May.**

**For further information please contact**

**Linda or Wayne Hugli  
693-2476**

**More Words to Live By**

- Look for opportunities to make people feel important.
- Cherish your children for what they are, not for what you'd like them to be.

**OOPS !** Page 39 in the yearbook, under “Important Notes, Hobbyist Arts & Crafts”, please ignore “class 44 must be ready to hang” as it is incorrect and no artwork is actually hung at the African Violet Show.

Join now to receive  
***The Newsletter*** by e-mail. Enjoy vivid colour & access live links. Type in [claire\\_nl@sympatico.ca](mailto:claire_nl@sympatico.ca) and send Claire your address **or** sign up at the next SHS meeting or

**My Apologies !**  
On the cover of our yearbook is a photo (by Lisa Robinson) of a garden belonging to the McMahons. Suitable credit should have been given in the yearbook.



## Open Garden Weekend

One cannot have a successful Weekend Garden Experience without GARDENS. Perhaps you have an abundance of colour and greenery, or a unique garden feature, or maybe a pond you are proud of ...Don't be shy !

Please consider offering your inspiring garden for the "Open Garden Weekend" this July 18 & 19.

Or perhaps you have seen another garden that is worthy of a visit (the owners do not have to be SHS members)

Please call Hermina...692-1442.



# General Meeting

## Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

CNIB York Street

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm

Guest Speaker: John Negusanti  
*"Pesticide Ban in Ontario"*

New **Magazines** and **Collectables**  
 on the white elephant table

Door Prizes & 50/50 Draw

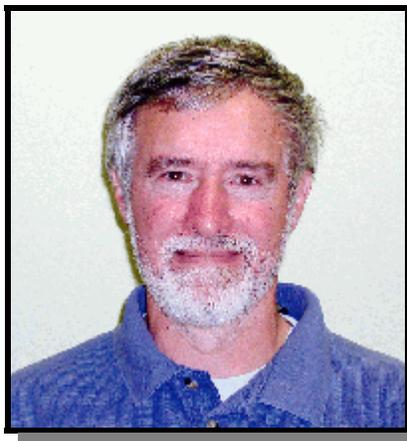
## Introducing Our Guest Speaker

John Negusanti has worked in public service in Ontario for thirty three years, after having received an Honours B.Sc. in Forestry (Lakehead University) and a Masters Degree of Science in Biology (Laurentian University).

His experience includes: 3 years as an MNR Contract Research Forester (Sudbury District), 7 years as MOE Plant Pathologist (Northeast Region), 11 years as MOE Pesticides & Terrestrial Effects Officer (Northeastern/Mid Ontario Regions), and 12 years as MOE Regional Pesticides Specialist (Northern Region).

John's major workload is to administer the pesticides program in the Northern Region. This involves compliance and outreach to the various internal and external stakeholders, which includes the government, industry, and the general public.

John is also active on several committees: the Board of Directors representing MOE, the Ontario Vegetation Management Committee (OVMA), MOE Rep on City of Greater Sudbury's Vegetation Technical Advisory Committee (VETAC) which is responsible for their reclamation (greening) program. He is a recipient of three "MOE Emerald Awards For Quality Service".



## The Pesticide Ban

The Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008 (formerly Bill 64), was passed in the Ontario Legislature on June 18, 2008. The Act amends the Pesticides Act to prohibit the use and sale of pesticides that may be used for cosmetic purposes.

The Act takes a prudent approach to reduce potential risks, especially to the most vulnerable members of our society, associated with the cosmetic uses of pesticides. The ban is part of the government's toxic reduction plan in Ontario. It is anticipated that the province-wide ban would take effect as early as spring 2009, once the regulation that makes the ban effective is in place. Once the ban comes into effect, it will take the place of existing by-laws, bringing consistency and transparency across the province and protecting Ontarians regardless of where they live.

The proposed Regulation will have excepted uses for agriculture, forestry, golf courses, and promotion of public health or safety. This new provincial legislation will promote an integrated approach to pest management as well as encourage the chemical companies to develop and manufacture lower risk products. For more information on this new legislation please visit the following web site:  
<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/>

## Earth Hour 2009

Join WWF for Earth Hour 2009, by turning out your lights for one hour on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30-9:30pm! Earth Hour is a global lights-out phenomenon that will bring together millions of people from around the world to show support for action on climate change. This symbolic event will demonstrate to governments around the world that we want action on climate change now.

Already, hundreds of cities in more than 70 countries have pledged their support for Earth Hour, including Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax. In 2008, millions of people in more than 35 countries participated. This year already, the number of countries participating has more than doubled, putting Earth Hour 2009 well on the way to meeting WWF's global goal of one billion participants!

### Thank You for Renewing Your Membership

If you need to send your renewal by mail, please complete the form below, make cheque payable to the Sudbury Horticultural Society and send it to:

Claire Liinamaa  
1789 Springdale Cres.,  
Sudbury, ON. P3A 5H9

## Terra-One...a New Product

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Rock Palmer will be attending the next general meeting to answer any questions you may have.



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rpalmer@aemail.ca  
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### Membership Renewal for 2009

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you wish to receive your newsletter (in full colour) by email ?

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(If you wish to have your yearbook mailed to you, please add \$3.50 for shipping. Thanks)

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\$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_