

Sudbury Horticultural Society

“The Newsletter”

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(Black-eyed Susan)

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



*Anther, Stamen, Stigma, and Style...
the reproductive system of a flower*

Hermina's design using only foliage

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Going into Fall With a SPLASH of Colour at Azilda Botanix

Our Store Manager enjoyed putting this display of mums and rubrum grass together. She can help you with ideas for your fall decorating too!



FRESH ONTARIO APPLES

Early Paula Red Apples are ready.
Other varieties will become
available in the next few weeks



ARRIVING SOON: Icicle
Pansies and


Tulip, Daffodil, Crocus, Allium and Garlic Bulbs

FALL LAWN CARE: Now is an excellent time to
apply Fall Fertilizer. Give your grass all the help you
can to out-compete weeds !

August - September Hours:

Monday to Friday 9am-6:30 pm, Saturday 9am-5pm

Closed Sundays ... Phone: 983 - 5252



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Floral Design Demonstration

On Sunday, November 15, Lougheeds will once again offer a free floral design demonstration at their store on Eyre Street. Seating is limited so call Claire to reserve (524-0670). There will be refreshments and usually a draw for one of the arrangements.

Killing Our Trees With Kindness

- By Carol Dunk (OHA 2nd Vice president)

Caring homeowners are putting their trees at risk by applying mulch improperly.

Mulching is one of the best things you can do for your trees. Mulches are materials placed over the soil surface and tree root zone to maintain soil moisture and protect the tree from mowers and weed whackers. Mulch also helps control weeds and insulates the surface of the soil over the feeding roots of the tree. As an added advantage, the mulched area will give your beds a well-cared-for look.

But mulching can be carried too far. More and more I see mulch piled up at the base of a tree in the shape of a volcano. Often the mulch extends several inches up the bark at the base of the tree. This deep mulch can lead to problems with your tree.

The root flare is the transition zone between the main stem and the root system. This point where the trunk meets the roots should be open to air. Mulch should never cover the root flare area.

DON'T DO THIS!

A "mulch volcano" over the bark at the base of a tree softens the bark and opens the area to insect and disease problems. The nutrient-carrying conduits of the tree are just inside the bark. Once the bark at the base of your tree has been compromised by insects, disease or rodents, your tree will begin to die.

To avoid these problems, keep the mulch to a 2- to 4-inch layer in a doughnut-shaped ring, making sure the mulch is pulled away from the bark at the soil level. The ring of mulch should extend out to the drip line instead of up the bark.

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Fall Plant Sale

at

Market Square, Elm St.

Saturday, Sept. 12

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

come early to get the best selection

If you have plants to donate, call Pat at 692-1769 or Hermina at 692-1442

- or bring the potted, labelled plants to Market Square Sat. morning,

- or to Corona Skakoon's house Friday...
2758 Algonquin Rd. (523-4518)

Dollies and trollies would be very useful for transporting purchases to vehicles.

Thanks for lending them.



“Sudbury in Bloom”

Aline Dupont won two first place ribbons for her displays “Herbs” and “Harvest” display (pictured)

3rd Annual Food, Film & Forum Harvest Celebration



Thursday September 17th

7 pm - 9 pm

Ste Anne Community Garden
Grab your lawn chair and join us for the official opening of the Ste Anne Community garden (30 Ste Anne Rd - east side of Diocese Building)



The Master Gardeners are our partners at our plant sales

Above, Helen Toivonen with some of her 70 potted donations ready for the plant sale.

Ask a Master Gardener

- by Linda Hugli

Question: I am looking for an alternative to grass for a few different areas of my property. What would you suggest ?

Answer: Ground covers are one of my favourite perennial groups. They are becoming increasingly popular as gardeners are looking for alternatives to the traditional lawn. Some of the best performers in my garden include:

- **Best True "Walk-upon"** - any of the thymes. Woolly Thyme and Red Thyme are wonderful together and will grow in sun or partial shade.

- **Most Drought-tolerant Groundcover** - sedums. They thrive in a hot sunny area. Select low growing varieties such as sedum acre or Dragon's Blood.

- **Best Blooming** - lamium and creeping phlox blooming pink, lavender, or white. Lamium leaves will scorch in intense sun. Both begin to bloom in spring, with lamium having a longer bloom period, extending throughout the summer

- **Best Under Trees** - vinca minor (periwinkle). Shiny evergreen leaves.

- **Most Dense Groundcover** - ajuga (bugleweed). deep lavender blue spring blooms. Forms dense mat of very attractive leaves. My favourites are Burgundy Glow and Chocolate Chips. Good for sun or shade.

- **Best Evergreen Groundcover** - pachysandra (Japanese Spurge). It's evergreen (even in Zone 4), forms a dense mat of shiny leaves, and once established is weed free.

- **Most Fragrant Groundcover** - galia (Sweet Woodruff). Usually considered a woodland herb (with white flowers) but does well in partial sun too.

The web site for the Master Gardeners of Ontario ...

www.mgoi.ca

and for Sudbury MG ...

mgsudbury.mgoi.ca



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Dates to Remember !

Sept. 12 - Perennial Plant Sale

Sept. 19 - Judging Update in Elliot Lake

Sept. 20 - Autumn Show & General Meeting - Guest Speaker: Jim O'Neil on "Garlic"

Oct. 6 - Executive Meeting (Red Oak Villa, 7:00 pm)

Autumn Show

and General Meeting

Sunday, September 20

at CNIB

Enjoy coffee & desserts from 1:15 pm and view the entries

Guest Speaker at 2:00 pm
Jim O'Neil - "The Wonders of Garlic"

Door Prizes - 50/50 draw

New Selection of Magazines and White Elephant Table items

Bring entries between 11:00 am & 12 noon at which time judging will take place.

The CNIB Gardens

We would like to thank Madeleine Genier and her helper, Lisa Robinson, for the wonderful job that they have done in maintaining the gardens at the CNIB for us this year. They look beautiful.



Introducing the Guest Speaker

Jim was born and raised in Sudbury. After serving as a Police Officer with the O.P.P. for 31 years, he retired as Sergeant at North Bay Headquarters in 1996. He started to grow garlic in 1984 in Kapuskasing and "...fell in love with the stuff !!! ...loving the taste and aroma, and also the health benefits." Jim has been growing it ever since....improving every year. He has tried several varieties of garlic but settled on Russian (Siberian White) and (Polish Purple) They are conducive to our climate and are also stronger.

Jim will bring some garlic samples and perhaps will have enough for us to purchase.

Announcement !

The winners of the door prizes at "Sudbury in Bloom" are:

- Cast Iron DragonflyAnita Maki
- Candle HolderAlison Storey
- Crystal Bud VaseSherry Scagnetti
- Glass Carafe & CupLinda Makela
- Garden AngelLisa Robinson



The Sudbury Horticultural Society is
"On the Road Again"
in 2010



TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDENS
(TORONTO)
&
ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS
(HAMILTON)

Saturday July 24 & Sunday July 25, 2010

Tickets - \$210.00

(Meals, admissions & accommodation are included in the ticket price.)

**Our 30 passenger coach will depart the New Sudbury Shopping Centre
at 7:00 am. for a two day trip to Southern Ontario.**

**We will spend Saturday afternoon at the Toronto Botanical Gardens
and all day Sunday at the Royal Botanical Gardens.**

**Overnight accommodation will be at Mohawk College Residence in Hamilton.
Each suite will include two bedrooms with a three piece bathroom and kitchenette.**

**A non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 is required to confirm your ticket.
The remaining amount is due before March 1, 2010.**

For further information please contact

**Linda or Wayne Hugli
693-2476**