





## WE'RE "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" IN 2008

The Sudbury Horticultural Society invites you to enjoy one of its horticultural adventures this year!



# CANADA BLOOMS TRIP

**Thursday March 13, 2008**

**5:30 am to 11:30 pm**

**\$85.00 for SHS Members**

Canada Blooms has received national and international recognition and The New York Times referred to Canada Blooms as one of the top three shows of its kind in North America.

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## Dates to Remember !

**November 17** - Santa Claus Parade  
Downtown

**November 18** - Floral Design  
Demonstration at  
Lougheeds on Eyre St.

**December 2** - Christmas Show and  
Annual meeting at CNIB

**December 5** - Hannukkah

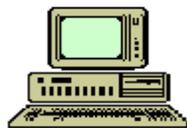
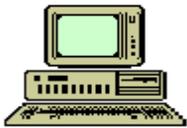
**December 25** - Christmas Day



**Don't forget to pick up your  
calendars at the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.**

## Did You Find a Reddish Sticker ?

If you found a reddish sticker on the cover of your newsletter, you did not win a prize ! This is merely a reminder that your membership needs to be renewed, in January. As there is no newsletter in December.....we are reminding you now.



We now have a new look ! Linda has been working on a new web site...it is more elegant and more user-friendly. We can showcase more information longer, so you can revisit the Plant Sale or the Rose Show. Did you miss last December's newsletter ? Now you will be able to find it.

This new site gives us the opportunity to make donations to the Society by simply clicking on the mouse. View the OHA newsletter, Trillium, in colour. Find the route to the nearest greenhouse on the city map, and much more. Pass it on to a friend who can find more information about our meetings, shows, guest speakers, and special events.

[www.sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca](http://www.sudburyhorticulturalsociety.ca)

*May you Always Have  
Love to Share,  
Health to Spare,  
and Friends Who Care.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This Month

Helen Duncan  
&  
Claire Liinamaa

## BIRD FEED CONES

Tie a ribbon or string to the narrow end of a pine cone. Melt 1 cup chunky peanut butter and ½ cup shortening (or bacon drippings). Add ½ cup cornmeal. Heat and stir until well mixed. Transfer this mixture to a shallow pie plate. Roll pine cone in warm mixture and press between "petals" of cone. Place birdseed in a bowl. Holding the cone over the bowl, spoon the seeds over and into the peanut mixture. Chill on waxed paper before hanging on a sturdy branch (summer or winter).

To attract Blue Jays, use a higher proportion of black sunflower seeds.

## WD-40 - Who Knew...?

Water Displacement #40. The product began with the need for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

Here are some of the uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Removes lipstick stains.
7. Loosens stubborn zippers.
8. Untangles jewellery chains.
9. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
10. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
11. **Keeps terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.**
12. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
13. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
14. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
15. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
16. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
17. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
18. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
19. Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
20. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
21. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
22. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
23. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
24. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
25. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
26. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
27. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
28. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
29. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
30. Removes splattered grease on stove.
31. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
32. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
33. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
34. Removes all traces of duct tape.
35. **Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.**
36. Florida's favourite use is: "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers."
37. The favourite use in the state of New York is "WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements".
38. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time.
39. Use it for "fire ant" bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
40. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
41. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

(Gleaned in part from the internet)



# Christmas Show

and Annual meeting  
Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

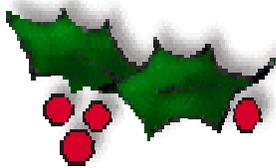
CNIB York Street

Entertainment by Mr. Rick Lamoureux

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm  
View the wonderful design entries.

Buy some **Baked Goods**. Browse through the many  
**Magazines** and **White Elephant Table Items**

Door Prizes - 50/50 Draw



**This show highlights the spirit of the season !**

Please bring many entries.

**Entries can be placed between 10:00 and 11:45 am.**

Check pages 76 and 77 in the yearbook for details.

Convenor: Claire Liinamaa

**Free admission for members !**

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## Do You Like Baking ?

We need your baking for the Christmas Bake Sale. Bring your favourite cookies, loaf, or squares for sale and help us raise some funds.

## Installation of Officers

The Christmas Show is also our Annual Meeting, where reports are read, elections are held, and the new board is installed during a short ceremony.

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*(Left)  
Claire Liinamaa*

*(Right) Carol Skanes  
and Colette Initski  
during the judging  
of designs*



*Creative Designs "Something Lurks in my  
Sleeping Garden" by Hermina Hubert  
(above) and by Lisa Robinson (below)*



*(Left) Barbara Knuff  
and her mom*

*(Right) Helen Toivonen  
won a first  
prize ribbon for a  
spectacular  
centerpiece.*



*Hermina Hubert trying to look as fierce  
as the pumpkin, painted by Lisa Robinson*



## Yuletide Chickadee

No other bird embodies the qualities of courage, cheerfulness, and companionship like the black-capped chickadee. While it boasts no showy plumage and makes no claims as a songster, it always lends a touch of life and a note of gladness to a bleak winter's day with the *chick-a-dee-dee-dee* call from which it gets its name. Chances are this blithe sprite will be your companion if you stray into snowy northern woods. Should two or more accompany you, their constant chatter will cause you to wonder if it is their purpose to report your whereabouts to all the woodland denizens. Still, they are amiable companions and will often flutter to an open hand for a walnut kernel or sunflower seed.



## Advisory Council Meeting Reports

On Saturday, November 3, representatives of District 13 Societies met in Blind River, as they do bi-annually, to discuss matters of importance.

Reports were given as follows:

1. Carol Skanes stressed the importance of recording our volunteer hours...all meetings, excursions, flower shows, weeding & planting, etc. and explained the changes in criteria on the forms.

2. Theresa Cullum read the report from Elliot Lake with an invitation to the next AGM at Collin's Hall in May. Their theme..."Gardening Helps Keep Us Clean."

3. A District 13 judging list has been prepared. To keep their names on the list in good standing, the judges must take part in annual updates (courses, workshops, seminars) They may be called upon for judging at shows or giving workshops for our District.

Our last update was last summer, in Sault Ste. Marie, where 19 judges were in attendance.

4. Claire Liinamaa presented a certificate to the Campbell Society for Bev Webster's prize-winning youth drawing entries.

5. Suzanne Hanna of the Sault Ste. Marie Society announced that they will be hosting a "Seedy Saturday" on February 23. Traditionally, older varieties of seeds are exchanged. There will be presenters from "Seeds of Diversity". For more information, go to seeds of diversity web site.

6. Dates and hosts for OHA Conventions were announced.

2008 - Brampton (Sheridan College)

2009 - Peterborough

2010 - District 16 (Barrie or Collingwood)

2011 - Sudbury (as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration). District 12 (Timmins and surrounding area will lend support and volunteers).

7. A motion was made to increase the honorarium to the society hosting the AGM to \$100. This will be voted on at the March 15 meeting.

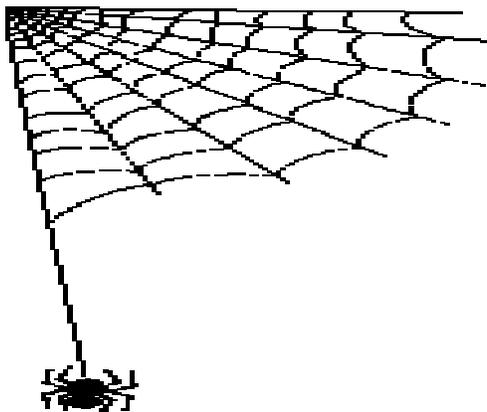
## The Legend of the Christmas Spider



One upon a time long ago, a gentle mother was busily cleaning the house for the most wonderful day of the year - the day on which the Christ Child was to come and bring the gifts on Christmas eve. Not a speck of dust was left. Even the spiders had been banished from their cozy corner in the ceiling. To avoid the housewife's busy cleaning, they finally fled to the farthest corner of the forgotten attic.

'Twas Christmas Eve at last, the tree was decorated, and the children delighted. But the poor spiders were frantic, for they could not see the tree, nor be present for the Christ Child's visit. But the oldest and wisest spider suggested that perhaps they could peep through the crack in the door and see Him. Silently they crept out of the attic, and across the floor to wait in the crack on the threshold.

Suddenly, the door opened a wee bit, and quickly the spiders sneaked into the room. The tree towered so high they couldn't see the ornaments on top, in fact, their eyes were so small they could see only one ornament at a time. They scurried up the trunk, out along each branch, filled with a happy wonder at the glittering beauty. Every place they went they left a trail of dusty, grey web. When at last they had inspected every bit of the Christmas tree, it was shrouded in a dusty grey spider web.



The Christ Child smiled as He thought of the happy spiders seeing His tree. But as He thought of how broken-hearted the mother would be over the dusty tree, He reached out His hand and touched the webs and blessed them. They all turned to shimmering, sparkling silver and gold. The tree glistened in greater beauty than ever before.

And so it became a custom to have a spider among the decorations on the Christmas tree.

Author Unknown

