Gardening on the Rocks

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Best in Cut Specimens – entered by Camilla Yahnke (photo by Linda Hugli)

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Founded in 1911.
Dedicated to the beautification of the Greater Sudbury region and the preservation of our environment.
Great Canadian Bumble Bee Count

Why take part in the Great Canadian Bumble Bee Count?

As many as one-third of North American bumble bee species are in decline. The Great Canadian Bumble Bee Count (an initiative of ‘Friends of the Earth’) aims to raise awareness about the importance and conservation requirements of Canada’s over 40 species of bumble bees.

Click on the link below (or copy/paste in your browser) for more details ...how the ‘Bee Count’ works, types of bees, ways to help bees, and more.


District 13 Judging School 2018-2020
Would you attend?

District 13 of the OHA offers a Judging School every 10 years or so. Why attend? At Judging School, you learn much more than how to judge show entries. You learn about how to grow flowers, fruits, and vegetables, and how to display them for show. You also learn how to construct beautiful floral designs using appropriate materials; also wreaths for your door, corsages, modern interpretive designs, etc. You meet enthusiasts from across the District who share your passion for all things green and growing. You learn from qualified instructors in the province, and YOU HAVE FUN!

When: 6 weekends - Saturday and Sunday over two years (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

Where: Depends on where participants come from. If across the region, Blind River is central. If most are from the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma area, it would be held in Sault Ste. Marie.

Cost: Registration fee is approximately $45 (or less) per Session - payable annually. This covers all handouts, venue rental, light lunch, and other.

Travel & Accommodation: Car pooling! Special rates at motels. Some billeting may be available.

Interested, or have questions? email Chris Nash at crone7@hotmail.com

Guest Speakers for 2018

We are planning the program of speakers for 2018. What topics are you interested in? (a specific plant family, a special kind of garden, environmental issues?)

Is there a great speaker you would like to hear? Send Wayne Hugli the name, contact information (phone #, email address, organization) and topic/expertise. We will do our best to provide you with a variety of great speakers again next year.

Thank you for your input.
Introducing Our Guest Speaker

Meghan Perrin is the coordinator of the French River Community Gardens through her role as Health Promoter for the French River Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic. Her work focuses on the social determinants of health, community development, and sustainable systems change. When she isn’t working, she is a community gardener herself, loves to try new recipes, and is an avid kayaker and hiker who spends most of her time outdoors.

*Grassroots to Community Gardening* will highlight the process the French River Gardens initiative went through to get started, the innovative gardening techniques being used, and the education and community outreach the group continues to do. These self-irrigating raised bed gardens are great for seniors, people with mobility issues, children, and everyone in between!
Once again, the Sudbury Horticultural Society has donated $600.00 to support the schoolyard regreening projects at two local schools through VETAC’s Ugliest Schoolyard Contest. Those funds will be used to purchase plants and supplies for plantings at Sudbury Secondary School and Princess Anne Public School this year. Work began on the projects at those schools during the last two weeks of August.

At Sudbury Secondary School, a work crew from Southview Greenhouse Growers planted three large serviceberry trees to add shade and colour to the schoolyard. They also planted three linden trees in large raised planters to provide shade and outdoor seating for the students and spectators who attend soccer games at the school. A small amphitheatre with three rows of tiered seating was created to provide a teaching and gathering space for students and teachers who participate in the theatre arts program. Two additional linden trees were planted to provide shade for that area.

A large garden bed was developed under the overhang created by the new addition to the school building. In the fall, students will begin planting shade-tolerant plants in those gardens and mulching the beds. The school is seeking donations of hostas, ferns, and other perennials that would thrive in shade and semi-shade to fill this very large garden.

If you have any shade-tolerant plants that you would like to donate to this project - either this fall or in the spring - please contact Wayne Hugli at whugli@hotmail.com or 705-693-2476.

At Princess Anne Public School, five silver maple trees were planted in large raised planters to provide much needed shade and outdoor seating for the students at the school. A work crew from Azilda Greenhouses worked on the tree planting and also created two garden beds that will be planted by students and teachers in September.

One garden bed will be used to create an Aboriginal Healing Garden through the planting of cedar, and native plants (sweet grass, yarrow, coneflower, and monarda) with younger students at the school. The other bed will be planted with plants that produce edible berries such as gooseberry, raspberry, haskap, cherry/plum, currant, and grape, as well as strawberries and rhubarb by older students from the school. Other students will spread and dig in compost while others will assist with spreading mulch throughout the gardens and around the new trees.

Work with the students will take place on Tuesday September 12. If you would be interested in helping to supervise and assist on that day please contact Wayne at whugli@hotmail.com or 705-693-2476 for more details.
Diane’s Pick – A Book Review

First Spring Flowers – author: Stanley Hollow
Published by: Gareth Stevens Publishing

This book, which was purchased by the Sudbury Horticultural Society as part of our library donations, is a book for very young children. It’s a lovely book with library quality binding, so that it will stand up to young handlers. First Spring Flowers is part of the ‘early reader’ series, so has text of the appropriate size for children who are just starting to read. It’s also a nice size book for an adult to read to children as a bedtime story.

Every second page has a beautiful colour photograph of spring flowers, with the text on the facing page. The story tells of how the rain helps the flowers grow, shows several varieties of spring flowers, and teaches the readers several colours. The book is at the Main Branch, but available, as all the books are, by inter-library loan.

Diane Chapman

Balcony Gardens at Ukrainian Centre

The Horticultural Society was asked again this year to judge the balcony gardens at the Ukrainian senior apartments. Every one of the gardens entered in the competition had something special to offer in the way of gardening expertise and nature’s beauty. The balcony gardens had an assortment of herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Maureen Brown was the first place winner of the competition. Her garden had a red and white Canada theme, and quite a variety of plants. She was given a free one-year horticultural membership for her garden. The second place winner was given a Sudbury Horticultural Yearbook. Thank you to everyone at the Ukrainian Centre who participated.

Laura Foreshew

Mark Your Calendar!

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News From the Boardroom

1. There will be a tree planting and dedication at Twin Forks Community gardens (near the end of Gary Street in New Sudbury) for the fruit trees purchased by our Society. Join us at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 27.

2. The little lending library at John Street Park is in need of books (and gardening magazines). Please bring some if you are passing by.

3. Inventory of treasures for the white elephant table is getting sparse. We also accept Christmas items...only three meetings remain this year!

4. Two positions of Director on the Board will be open for this coming year. Please nominate someone who might be interested.....(You may nominate yourself as well). Elections will be held at the November meeting.
August Flower and Vegetable Show

(top left) Camilla Yahnke’s entry in ‘Let’s Do the Twist’; (left) Hermina’s miniature design entry in ‘the Miniskirt’.

(top) Rheo Courchesne and Pat O’Grady; (centre) Donna Dick, Hermina Hubert, and Diane Coggins

Sunflower growing Contest

At the August Meeting, our Society presented Colleen Zilio, coordinator at Delki Dozzi Community Gardens, with a cheque for $200 in support of the “Community Gardens Sunflower Growing Contest”. The competition ends on Saturday, September 30. For more information, click on this website: