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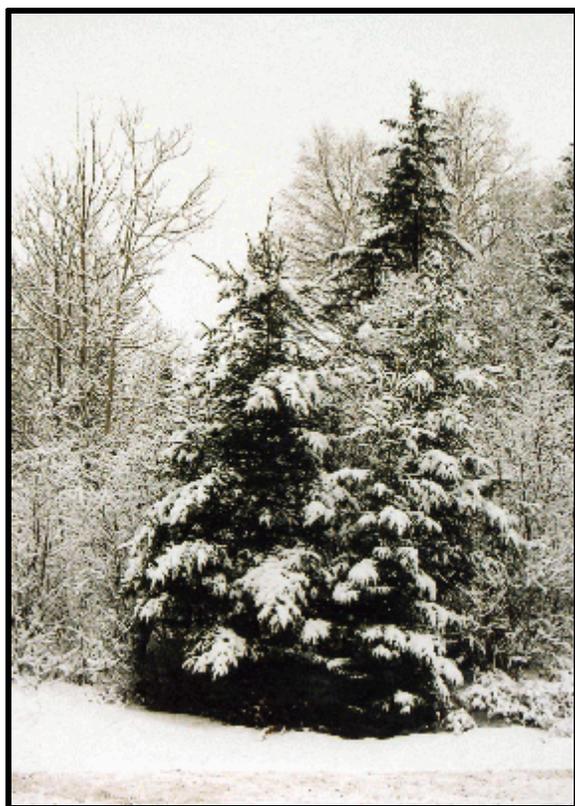
Dedicated to the beautification of the Sudbury region and the preservation of our environment

*There is nothing in the world more beautiful
than the forest clothed to its very hollows
in snow. It is the still ecstasy of nature,
wherein every spray, every blade of grass,
every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig,
is clad with radiance.*

- William Sharp

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS for 2007

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General Meetings	Claire Liinamaa
Compassionate	Claire Liinamaa
Master Gardeners	Linda Hugli

SHOW CONVENORS for 2007

African Violet Show	- Gilberte Lambert
Rose and Perennial Show	- Gilberte Lambert
Sudbury in Bloom	- Hermina Hubert
Autumn Show	- Carol Skanes
Pumpkin Show	- Carol Skanes
Christmas Show	- Claire Liinamaa

Would You Give Advice to a Chair ?

The CHAIRS, referred to on your left, are the chairpersons of various committees that organize the smooth running of our Society. But the word "committee" suggests that there is more than one person involved. **These chairs need you !**

If you are interested in any of the activities listed, have ideas or expertise, we would love to welcome you to join that committee. You do not have to be present at Board meetings to help out.

After all, new ideas and a different viewpoint keep things fresh and growing.



Announcement !

Yearbooks are Here !

If you missed the January General Meeting, you did not get your "hot off the press" 2007 Yearbook.

Full of important information for the meetings and shows coming up this year, it also boasts articles of horticultural interest, plant profiles each month, and photographs from last year's events. (Check if our cameras captured your "portrait".)

Be sure to pick up your new yearbook at the next meeting, **Sunday, March 4**, and renew your membership (if it is due).



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Dates to Remember !

- February 14** - Valentine's Day
- February 18** - Chinese New Year (year of the pig)
- February 19** - Heritage Day
- February 21** - Ash Wednesday
- March 4** - Society General Meeting at CNIB
Guest Speaker: Randy Moratz
- March 6** - Executive Meeting 7:00 pm at Red Oak Villa
- March 8** - Day Bus Trip to "Canada Blooms" in Toronto
- March 11** - Daylight Saving Time begins

REMINDERS !



1. **Next Society General Meeting will be the first Sunday in March (not in February)**
2. Check out the yearbook NOW to prepare for the African Violet Show (not just the plants, but the Hobbyist Arts & Crafts as well).
3. Keep watering those poinsettias ! In a few months, you can cut back the flowers, and place them outdoors. Don't forget to bring them in before the frost.



CANADA BLOOMS TRIP

Thursday March 8, 2007

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MEET THE MEMBERS

This month's profile is of **Hermina Hubert, President of the Sudbury Horticultural Society.**

T N - What is your earliest garden related memory?

I remember posing for a photo in our garden, holding a huge cucumber which seemed even larger in relation to my small size. (I was a skinny child, believe it or not.)

T N - How did you become interested in gardening?

It was a joy watching my little daughter pull carrots from my mother's garden. When I bought my house in Lively, it had a small garden plot...I knew it was time to grow my own vegetables.

T N - What type of gardening do you do?

Low maintenance and pesticide-free ! In the front yard...as little grass/lawn as possible...lots of rock and perennials

T N - What prompted you to join the SHS?

About eight years ago, my mother, Hermine Calyn, and our secretary at the time, Ruth Jenkins, needed a chauffeur to the meetings.

T N - What is your garden philosophy?

Use natural methods whenever possible...instead of fighting to rid ourselves of dandelions, we should be eating them !

T N - Favourite garden tip to share?

Grow Swiss Chard and kale. They are easy to grow and excellent for you.

T N - Pet garden peeve?

*Neighbours that have "companies" come to "spray their lawns"
Tent caterpillars in the red currant bushes !*

T N - What is your most remarkable garden success/failure?

My hops are fantastic...a few roots (in shade & clay soil) manage to grow until the entire deck railing (20 odd feet) is hidden from view by August.

T N - Of what life accomplishment are you most proud?

I would like to say my daughter, Erika, who is working on her PhD at McGill U., but most of her genes were inherited from my father. So I will say having touched the lives of so many students during my teaching career.

T N - Other than gardening, what hobbies do you have?

*Anything to do with fabric: weaving, quilting, sewing, painting on silk.
Also pottery, photography, and of course creating floral designs for our shows*

T N - What hidden talent do you have?

Singing

T N - What do you do in real life?

After 28 years of teaching Art and Geography to high school students, I am now enjoying my third year of retirement.

T N - Anything you would like to share that describes the real you, that isn't covered in this interview.

I am thrifty...one of the original "Junk Brothers"...I rescue things from curbside if they can be refinished or have yet some use. (my butterfly oak veneer writing desk that used to be covered in white paint) Waste is not a good thing...If I can't use it, I take it to the Jarrett Centre.



Note !

Not that many of you regularly telephone me, but just in case, my new number is 692-1442.

Hermina

Next General Meeting

Sunday, March 4th

CNIB York Street

**Guest Speaker: Randy Moratz - Winter Feeder Birds
and Attracting Birds to Your Garden**

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm
while socializing with friends.

Browse through the many **Magazines & Miscellany**
at the **White Elephant Table**

Door Prizes and 50/50 Draw
Don't miss it !

Thank You !

The Board of Directors of the SHS extends a huge thank you to Richard Toivonen, who worked tirelessly to produce our newsletter last year. We appreciate the many hours he spent informing and amusing us. I'm sure we will all miss his unique style.



Introducing the Guest Speaker

Randy Moratz, pictured below, is a member of the Sudbury Ornithological Society and of the Sudbury Naturalists, where he is in charge of bird education and information. He also does volunteer work on bird distribution and population surveys for Bird Studies Canada and the Audubon Society. He presents bird and nature interpretive classes and leads hikes for elementary schools, the Boy Scouts, and Girl Guides. Randy also creates and presents public education sessions to support the opening of a new provincial park, Mashkinonge, near Lavigne. Along with his family, Randy has been an active birder for over twenty years and has travelled all over Ontario in pursuit of new nature experiences.



Profiles of a Horticultural Society

We hope you have enjoyed the section "Meet the Members" in last year's newsletters. Thank you to those who gave us a taste of their autobiographies. We will need more this year, so if you wish to reveal your hidden self, simply fill in the answers to the few questions (not all questions need to be answered...or add something if you wish) in the do-it-yourself interview form below and return it to Hermina (via email or Canada Post)...Thank you in advance for your participation.

Live Longer...Exercise Your Brain !

- Hermina Hubert

Great news ! It has been determined that if we exercise our brains more often, we can extend our longevity. That is to say we should try to solve, calculate, or discern something each day...like crossword puzzles.

One new fad is a numbers game from Japan called SuDoku. I received a book of SuDoku puzzles for Christmas and have not been able to resist picking it up each day. (At this rate, I shall live to be 100.)

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	1			7	5			

How to play ? Simply make sure that the numbers 1 to 9 appear only once in each vertical and horizontal column and also in each of the nine sections.

A word of advice...use a pencil until you are sure of your entry. Many of my pages turned out very messy. Completed SuDoku on page 8. (Don't peek unless you have to.) I wish you good luck and long life !

Chinese proverb

If you want to be happy for an hour, roast a pig.

If you want to be happy for a year, marry.

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, plant a garden.

WEBSITE of the MONTH



Winter...Bah Humbug ! But it really does have its purpose and is a good and necessary season for us and for our plants. Everyone, and everything, needs to rest between work. So in this season of "rest", we can take the time to sit back and dream of days past and warmer days ahead. Idle dreaming is life-giving rest, but intentional dreaming is also life-giving and energizing. To help with your dreaming, you might want to point your browser to this UK website:

<http://www.ukgardening.co.uk/design.asp>

Although the UK is an ocean away, good garden principles, like the principles of every discipline, span time and space to provide us with anchors for living...and gardening. As you dream and draw, may you be renewed and refreshed for the days ahead.

Yours for a greener garden...and a greener world,
Garth Wunsch



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Calling All History Buffs

The OHA has available an interesting reprint of a book covering the Association's history from 1854 to 1973. Although our memories are limited to the latest part of the book, it would be fascinating to see how things have changed within a Horticultural Society, as well as in other parts of the province. Senior members will probably remember some of the conventions and recognize various people on the book's latter pages.

As part of the OHA's centennial celebration, the book has been reprinted both in hardcover and paperback with enhanced photographs and an introduction by Denis Flanigan. We will have this book on display at the February general meeting. You can place an order then, if you wish, or call Claire (524-0670) to pre-order.

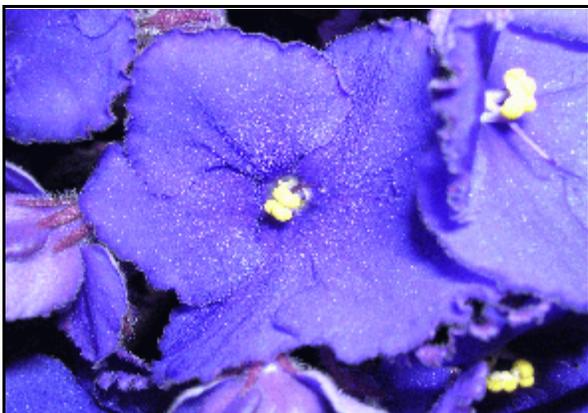
The Sudbury Society has been keeping photos and articles of our events for some time now as well. It is our intention to compile a history book of our own society to help celebrate our 100th birthday in the year 2011. If you wish to take part in this venture, or have photographs or information that you would like to contribute, please contact one of the board members.

The African Violet Show

Have you chosen your African Violet plants that you wish to show ?

Are you thinking about entering the design category?

In just two months we will be anxiously looking at our plants and deciding which ones are acceptable to enter. Do you remember last year and the year before, walking down the row of plants and remarking to yourself, "My plant at home is just as good as that one"? Don't let that



happen again. Step up and enter your specimens. Are you willing to participate? Please help to make this show a big success!

The African Violet Show will be held **April 14, 2007** at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre, in the Centre Court near the Sears entrance. Entries may be placed from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Judging will begin at noon. Sudbury Horticultural Society memberships will be available and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions.

For further information, contact show convenor, Gilberte Lambert, at 524-5779 or glambert45@sympatico.ca.

We Really Need Your Support

New and renewal memberships will be sold at every meeting 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.

/ If you are renewing your membership by mail - Please use the form below:

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NORTH BAY



GARDEN TOUR

June 23, 2007

We invite you to join us as we tour a variety of home gardens in the North Bay area.

Watch for further details about this trip in your March newsletter

Caring For Cut Flowers

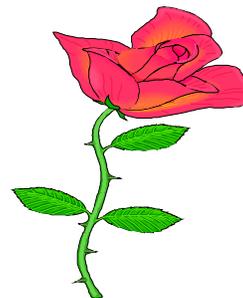
With Valentine's Day near, we thought this would be a great time to share a few tips on caring for cut flowers. Imagine you have just received a glorious bouquet of roses. You put them in your best vase and admire them. You wish they would last a long time, but other than keeping them out of direct sunlight, you're not sure what to do. Here are some tips on how to extend the shelf-life of your roses.

1. Remove the roses from the vase and put in a temporary container.
 2. Clean the vase by washing it thoroughly in water with household bleach.
 3. Fill the vase with fresh water and add a half teaspoon of household bleach for each litre (16 fluid ounces) of water.
 4. Remove the roses from their temporary container and lay them flat on the counter top.
 5. Remove any leaves that will show below the waterline in the vase.
 6. Cut about 20mm (3/4 inch) from the base of each stem immediately before placing it in the vase. This removes and prevents new air bubbles.
 7. Do not place roses in drafts or direct sunlight, nor near fruit, heaters, TVs or refrigerators
 8. Change the water daily to prevent algae.
- Freshly picked roses can last up to two weeks with a little extra care. Enjoy !

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SuDoku Results

About the author: Gerry Belvedere is a former artist who now runs her own online florist service.




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Answers to the January Puzzle:

- 1) The Black Dahlia
- 2) The Sword and the Rose
- 3) The Poppy is Also a Flower
- 4) Cactus Flower
- 5) Flower Drum Song
- 6) Simon Birch
- 7) Steel Magnolias
- 8) The Secret Garden
- 9) Orange County
- 10) Lilies of the Field
- 11) The Grapes of Wrath
- 12) Fried Green