



The Bleeding Heart

Cannington Horticultural Society Newsletter
A Member of the Ontario Horticultural Assoc. & District 17



Water, Ice and Snow—A half frozen stream or river scene.
1st place winner—Shirley Wonnacott. Picture taken in Shirley's backyard.

Programs and Events

We have a great line up of speakers, shows and special events for the spring.

Mar. 27—Growing Iris in Your Garden. Presented by Anne & Don Martin, Cedar Ridge Gardens-Bobcaygeon.

Seed Exchange and Donations to the Lord's Larder.

April 30—Twiners, Stickers, Clingers

& Hookers. Presented by Chris Graham, Garden Consultant-Collingwood.

May 7—Annual Plant Auction. Senior's Centre 7:00 p.m.

May 16 —Salute to Spring. Senior's Centre 2:00-4:00 p.m. Spring Show and Tea.

May 28—Low Maintenance Gardens. Presented by Vicki Taylor-Scott, Garden Consultant, Uxbridge.

Bus Trips

The Beaverton Horticultural Society has scheduled three exciting bus trips for 2007. Fees include transportation and admission to the venue.

Canada Blooms—Thursday, March 8. Cost is \$45.00 per person.

Botanical Gardens/Toronto Music Gardens—Thursday, June 14. More details around the June trip to the Toronto Gardens will be provided when the information is available. Cost \$40 is per person.

Royal Winter Fair—Thursday, November 8. Additional details will be available in the fall. Cost is \$40 per person.

We are using a 24-person bus this year. The limited seats will require that you register and pay for the trips early. Interested persons should contact:

Judy Mitchell-Wilson 705-484-1073
jmitchellwilson48@hotmail.com

Judy Mitchell-Wilson

Awards

Congratulations to the following members who received awards at our Annual meeting in January. Joy Noble received a Service Award, in addition to the Horticultural Society Trophy for Highest Points and the Victoria and Grey trophy for most first prizes.

Theresa Gibson received the Society President's Award for her work on the Nature Trail and 'The Bleeding Heart' newsletter.

Gardening Events

March 8-12—Canada Blooms. South Building, Metro Toronto Convention. Explore twenty-eight fantasy gardens, visit the marketplace, attend lectures, demonstra-

OHA AND DISTRICT 17

OHA

Convention 2007

August 10-12 – Owen Sound

District 8 is excited to invite OHA delegates to the 2007 Convention, August 10th-12th in Owen Sound. Location is the picturesque harbour on Georgian Bay. The convention site overlooks the bay and beautiful community gardens.

District 17

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, April 28

This year's meeting will be hosted by Bowmanville Horticultural Society. Our members are asked to have the \$20 pre-registration fee in by the March meeting. The event will take place in the Faith United Church, 1778 Nash Rd. Courtice and the theme is 'Apple Blossom Tyme'.



tions, flower show and celebrity competitions. 1-800-730-1020 or visit www.canadablooms.com.

March 15-18—Successful Gardening Show, International Home & Garden Show, International Centre, 6900 Airport Road. Speakers in the “Helping You Grow” theatre include Denis Flanagan, Mark Cullen, Cecil Lamrock, Jen Reynolds and Ken Parker. Shop the market place for plants and products. (416)512-1305 or visit successfulgardeningshow.com.

April 13-15—For the Love of Gardening. Peterborough Garden Show. Evinrude Centre, Peterborough. Double the size of previous years. (705) 295-4953 or visit us at www.fortheloveofgardening.ca

Apr. 19, 7:30 pm—Bobcaygeon Horticultural Society “Relax, Enjoy your Garden and the Critters in it”. Presented by Martin Galloway. Meeting open to the public. Knox Presbyterian Church, Joseph Street.

April 21-22—Scugog Spring Garden Show. Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. A variety of vendors and exhibitors, great speakers, a judged floral competition and daily demonstrations. Door prizes will be drawn each day.

Canadian Heritage Seed Program

Mar. 24, 9 am—1 pm. Lindsay, Queen St. United Church Free Admission; Guest Speakers at 10 and 11 am. Swap seeds, purchase seeds, vendor displays, refreshments available. (705) 324-0707.

A Sappy Story

Mar. 31-Apr. 1.—Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival. All Day Pancakes, Bush Tours, Historical Tours, Petting Zoo, Arts and Crafts Sale, Bed Races, Outdoor Vendors, Outdoor entertainment and a Midway. Free Admission. Website www.maplesyrupfestival.ca

Garden Math 101

Save time and money with simple calculations for your garden needs. First calculate the sq. footage of your bed as in the following examples.

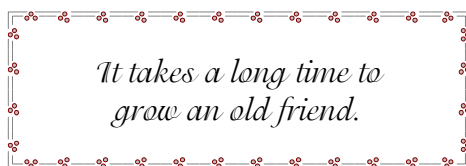
- Rectangle 10 ft. x 10 ft. = **100 sq. ft.**
- To calculate 2 inches of soil or amendment
 - $0.166 \times 100 \text{ sq. ft.} = \mathbf{16 \text{ cu. ft.}}$
- To calculate 6 inches of soil or amendment
 - $0.5 \times 100 \text{ sq. ft.} = \mathbf{50 \text{ cu. ft.}}$
- Convert this to cu. yds.
 - $16 \text{ cu. ft.} / 27 \text{ cu. ft.} = \mathbf{0.6 \text{ cu. yds.}}$
 - $50 \text{ cu. ft.} / 27 \text{ cu. ft.} = \mathbf{1.85 \text{ cu. yds.}}$

Always round up your calculations rather than underestimating your requirements.

Peat Moss—4 cubic foot bale is compressed and will actually yield 6-8 cubic feet.

To calculate the square footage of a 10-foot radius.

- $10 \times 10 \times 3.14 = 314 \text{ sq. ft.}$



Judging

Judging is a lifelong learning experience—having a garden and being knowledgeable on all plant life.

Being a judge was something I always wanted to do from my earliest childhood years. We were a gardening family, growing and showing at school fairs, fall fairs and horticultural societies. I have been an exhibitor in the Cannington Soci-

ety for many years and was judging in various venues before I got my certification. Eventually I attended the Ontario Horticultural Association judging school in District 10—London from 1992-1994 and have enjoyed many years of judging in our Society, with special interest in floral artistry.

Currently, to become a judge, qualified candidates must complete five courses maintaining a 70% average in each. These courses are held throughout Ontario.

The Ontario Horticultural Association maintains a list of all certified judges, as does our District 17. Each club makes their own arrangements with judges for their shows; fees are arranged on an individual basis. To maintain unbiased judging for exhibiting members, our Flower Show Committee will not use the same judge in consecutive shows. Most years I will be asked by other societies to judge 5-6 shows.

If you want to become a judge, the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards Booklet (Pub. 34) is an excellent book to have and a must if you are exhibiting. This informs you as to what judges are looking for using scale of points and explanations of flowers and vegetables. The glossary is an excellent source of information. Read everything you can about exhibiting. Exposure to seed catalogues, garden magazines, design books, etc are great ways of gaining knowledge about plant material and design. You must exhibit in flower shows and fairs. By comparing prizes this will help you see why various prizes are awarded.

Gloria Spellen



www.gardendistrict17.com



www.gardenontario.org

Members are invited to submit articles/news of horticultural interest (nurseries, gardens, day trip destinations, walking trails, or happenings in the community, etc.).

The newsletter is published three times per year —Winter, Spring, and Fall. To be published, society information must be submitted to the editor two weeks prior to the general meeting for the publishing month.

Editor—Theresa Gibson
(357-2026) (email: terryg55@nexicom.net)

Society President—Don Real
Society Secretary—Margaret Real
Society Treasurer—Shirley Park

Box 38, Cannington, ON L0E 1E0
Email: cannhort@yahoo.com

www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.50webs.com/index.htm