



# The Bleeding Heart

Cannington Horticultural Society Newsletter

## Garden Tour 2006

The sun shone and the visitors came! Eight unique local gardens were open to the public with the event raising \$990. A note of thanks to the all the people who contributed their time and energy to make this a success: garden owners, committee members and garden hosts.



Visitors enjoying the gardens of Janet and Carl McIlroy—Cannington

## Programs and Events

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

**Sept. 25—Remember September.** Senior's Centre 7:30 pm. Flower and Vegetable Show.

**Peonies for Your Garden.** Presented by Judy Denny-Stoneleigh Gardens, three-acres of gardens featuring peonies.

**Sept. 30—Dog Walk-a-Thon.** MacLeod Park Nature Trail.

**Oct. 21—Walk the Trail Event.** MacLeod Park: 10 a.m. Meet Trail Committee members at the kiosk and enjoy the fall colours walking the trail.

**Oct. 30—Halloween Magic.** Senior's

Centre 7:30 pm. Halloween show and pumpkin pie auction.

**A Garden for all Seasons.** Presented by Linda & Craig McLeod, Cedar Lane Garden, Fenelon Falls.

**Nov. 27—November Noel.** Senior's Centre 7:30 pm. Christmas show and photography competition results.

**Decorating Your Home for Christmas.** Presented by Vicki Taylor-Scott.

**Dec. 11—Christmas Party & Awards Presentations.**

Senior's Centre 7:30 pm.

Gift Exchange

Donations to Lord's Larder or Toy Box

**Jan. 15—Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper.** Senior's Centre 7:30 pm. Elections.

## Bake Sale

With the generous donation of baking, vegetables, flowers and other items the club made approximately \$450. Thank you to those who contributed their time to organize the event and work on the day of the sale.

## Civic Beautification

Thanks to the great weather, hard work of the committee and faithful watering by the town employees the many gardens, hanging baskets and barrels did very well this summer. Regular deadheading and weeding was done throughout the summer.

The large garden in McLeod Park has been the focus of some major work. Large sections have been turned over to eliminate weeds and many grasses and lilies have been planted to make the bed lower maintenance. Mulching will be added this fall.

## Nature Trail

June saw major work completed at the kiosk. A garden was created with the installation of a large stone retaining wall. The surrounding hillside was regraded into a more gradual slope and the existing gravel footpath was extended to the brow of the hill, ending beside the kiosk. *George Millar Contracting (Manilla)* did a fine job and donated the materials used. Shrubs and grasses were planted (more to follow) and a thick layer of mulch was applied to keep the weeds at bay. Members moved large rocks into the garden to continue with the naturalized look.



Re-seeding will be done this fall.

Trail maintenance continued with two truck loads of wood chips spread on the path by volunteers (in May and August). Members walked the trail weekly to pick up trash, cut back weeds and prune overhanging branches. Plan on joining the Committee for the *Walk the Trail* event on Saturday, October 21 at 10 am.



New stone retaining wall and garden at the kiosk.

The Photography Trail Walk was a great success. Rain cut short the picture taking and the group adjourned to Café Rhythm where professional photographer Bernie Leroux setup his laptop and spent time critiquing the efforts of the group.

The new note cards, featuring bird photographs by Lynne Holtrust, will be on display at the September meeting. Cost is 5 for \$5.00 or \$1.25 each.

## Summer Harvest Show



Best Gladiolus  
Leola English

Best Decorative  
Shirley Wonnacott

Best Vegetable  
Ron Biffert

## Business Memberships

A number of local businesses buy memberships each year. We ask that our members patronize these sponsors and let them know how much the

Cannington Horticultural Society appreciates their support.

All About Hair  
Andrews  
Brandon, Miller and McGrath  
Café Rhythm and Books  
Campbell's TV and Appliances  
Cannington Foodland  
Choo Chews  
Giorgios  
Jingles  
Judd's Home Hardware  
Patterson's Furniture  
Range of Motion  
Scotia Bank  
Super Crust Pizzeria & Restaurant  
The Locker Sports Bar & Grill  
Village Bulk Food Store  
W. L. Edwards Insurance  
Your Computer & Signs

## Tree Planting



Vera Armstrong, a former member of Cannington Horticultural Society, planting a Deborah Maple that she donated to our society in McLeod Park. The tree was planted in memory of her husband Wilbert (Wib).

## Dog Walk-a-Thon

Sponsored by the Township of Brock—Animal Control. Annual walk raises money for the Sick and Injured Animal Fund. Saturday, Sept. 30th.- McLeod Park- 9 a.m. Our nature trail will be used for this event.



Pledge forms are available at the Township office. The Horticultural Society will once again be providing coffee and muffins to the two-legged participants—proceeds to be shared with the Animal Fund. The Lions Club will be providing a BBQ lunch.

## Fall Maintenance for your Lawn

In the fall evening temperatures are lower and the morning dew is heavier. Daytime temperatures are optimum for seed germination. The most important application of lawn fertilizer is in the fall. A winterizing fertilizer should contain a moderate level of nitrogen to avoid a surge in growth. A high potassium content [the last # in the three number analysis] builds a strong root system to condition the lawn for winter.

This is also a great time to overseed established lawns to fill in bare patches and thicken your grass. Fall provides the right conditions for starting a new lawn from seed. A thick healthy lawn is your best defense against weeds.

Preparation is the second most important item that you need to keep in mind. Rake the area lightly to remove debris. Add a 1-2 cm layer of triple mix to level out low patches in the lawn. Water the seeded areas and keep the soil damp until the grass is at least three cm high.



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

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