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Peace Garden

President's Message -

Greetings Friends,

It has been a busy summer season with gardening and family. Parts of the garden got away from me this year but even those areas brightened the yard with foliage and blossoms. On the family side, our eldest daughter was married on Labour Day weekend and our youngest daughter spent 6 weeks at home from Calgary.

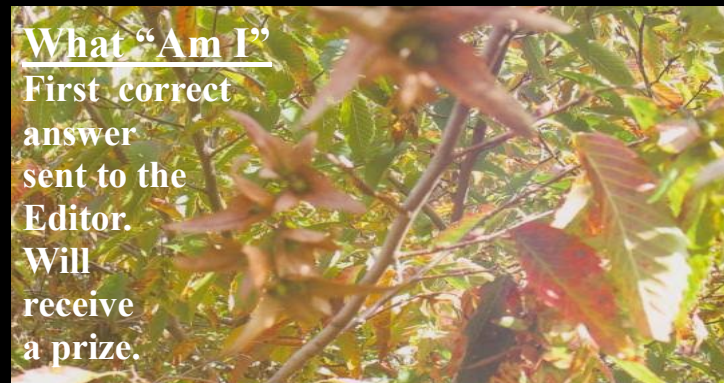
I attended the judges' update in August. It was a fascinating day where among other things I learned about "armatures" - a design technique in which you don't need to use flora foam. I used this technique with an arrangement for the aforementioned wedding and loved it. This past week I attended the London Garden Club Gala with guest speaker international designer Hitomi Gillian. She too used armatures but with a different twist than presented at the judges' update. She included the use of floral foam and styrofoam with lots of bind wire. The results were stunning but way beyond my current skill level. There is so much to learn and observe in horticulture and design.

Helping others has become an important part of our society's work. The society will be sending help to the Goderich Horticultural Society in the form of a tree to help toward the replacement of some of the dozens of trees lost in the tornado. We will also donate the proceeds of our plant sale on Oct. 5th to the St. Marys Hospital a gesture of community support.

This is my last newsletter contribution as president of our Society. Please accept my thanks for your support and kind words over the last two years. I trust that you will continue to extend such support to the new officers as they strive to guide the many activities that make horticulture a significant part of life in St. Marys.

Sincerely,
Nancy.

On the L.-Picture by Devin Johnston from the Sudbury Convention.



What "Am I"

First correct answer sent to the Editor. Will receive a prize.



Devin
Johnston

Next Open Meeting

Wednesday December 7th , 2011, St. Marys Legion Hall at 6:00 p.m.

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2011 Membership

Adults—[1 Year] \$10.00
Youth [ages 6-17 yrs] \$2.00
Available from any board
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meeting or Mail to;
St. Marys Horticultural
P.O. Box 2998,
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2011 Sponsors

Anything Grows
Cozyn's Garden Gallery
Klomp's Nursery-Garden Center
Little Falls Florist
Sebringville Garden Centre
The Flower Shop and More
Tom's Eldon Landscaping Ltd

Gardening Events to Attend in St. Marys and Beyond

If you require more information about one of the above, please contact the Editor.

St. Marys Horticultural regular meetings, held at the Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m., 66 Church St. N.

Wednesday, October 5 Fall Plant Auction
"Special for this Year" All proceeds from the auction
to be donated to the St. Marys Memorial Foundation
"Radioathon"
Monday, October 24 Stratford Horticultural Society
Meeting and "Just for Fun" mini Flower Show
Saturday, November 4 St. Marys Horticultural Society Hosting an
Executive District 10 Meeting, Legion Hall
Monday, November 28 Stratford Horticultural Society,
Tuesday, December 6 Kirkton Horticultural Society,
Wednesday, December 7 St. Marys Horticultural Society
Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Supper, Flower Show
Wednesday, March 7, 2012 To be announced.

For further information contact the editor.

The St. Marys Public Library, May 7th -31st. 2012
The St. Marys Horticultural Society is asked to fill all the Glass Show Cases
with unique gardening related items again.
Jo-Anne Meta.

Garage Sale—Fundraiser, June 11th, 8-11 a.m.
The old Value Mart Parking lot on Queen St. East was where the St. Marys
Horticultural Society hosted their 3rd Garage Sale, which raised \$320.46. The
United Church, UCW- Ladies rented a spot to sell their baked goods and the
Inner Wheel Women rented a spot to sell their unique garage sale items. Ron,
Bernice Hunter, Sandra Mathieson, Kathy Switzer and myself enjoyed a won-
derful, fulfilling day selling a lot of small and unusual items.

I wish to thank everyone for donating their unwanted good quality items and
to my helpers.

The unsold items were split and taken to the Salvation Army and Pass it On
Store.

Looking forward to our 2012 Garage Sale Adventure.

Thank You,
Jo-Anne Meta
Garage Sale Organizer.

Bake Sale—Fundraiser, September 10th,
Another bake sale event took place at the Farmer's Market on Water Street,
St. Marys. The event raised over \$300.00.
Kathy Switzer.

Many thanks to members for supporting these Fundraising Events during the
year, as our horticultural work depends on the funds we raise.
The St. Marys Horticultural Society Executive.

"The Love of gardening is a seed once sown
never dies."

Gertrude Jekyll

October is the happy side of summer
and the pleasant side of winter.

Youth Happenings -

Our Youth program will be
starting soon with monthly
programs at the schools along with
participation, again this year at
the OHA Convention, the CNE and
local flower shows.

The Flower Ladies,

Anna & Dorothy

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Show Time -

The winner of the Charles Vessey trophy for most points in the show was Patricia Foesenek.

The Festival of Flowers trophy for best design in the show was won by Brenda Crawford.

Patricia Foesenek was the winner of the Walter Call trophy for most points in the vegetable section.

Devin Johnston was awarded the plaque for the most points in the youth section.

Our last flower show this year is our Christmas Show, on December 7th.. Bring your entries to the Legion Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on that day.

We would love to have more entries.

Brenda Crawford, Show Convener.

Call me at 284-0959. if you have inquiries

OHA Youth Competition 2011, St. Marys Winners

Class 2 "Walk in the Woods"

1st Devin Johnston

HM Jordanne Butler

Class 3 "Mark My Spot"

2nd Tucker Heinrich

2nd Luka Heinrich

Class 6 "Our Miniature Garden"

2nd St. Marys

Class 7 "My Favourite House Plant"

1st Meg L.

3rd Caleb P.

5th Scott McClelland

HM Eve G.

1st Josie P.

2nd Trevor Brooks

3rd Jarod M.

4th Victoria B.

Class 10 "Maisie Bray Award"

1st St. Marys

Best In Show Ribbon—Devin Johnston.

Achieving starts with believing.

Children have more need of models than of critics.

History of Awards-

Peace and Goodwill trophy for most points in the show donated by Anna Peterson in 1991.

Award plaque for youth for most points in show.

Adult Gardener of the Year Plaque for most points in the year in 1996.

Youth Gardener of the Year trophy for most points in the Year in 2002.

A Growing Experience—From the Ground Up- Excerpts from Trillium

Looking back at the Convention 2011. Just over 430 registered plus District 13 volunteers.

The Convention kicked off on Thursday, July 14th at 9 p.m. when some 60-70 people gathered outside the Radisson. Armed with *Get out of Jail Free* cards, trowels, and surplus plants, this merry band of gardeners marched through the downtown streets to the Market Square to do a bit of guerrilla gardening. Within a very short period of time, they weeded, planted trees along an unsightly chain link fence, and transformed a bare patch of land into a prospective garden

OHA President Vickie Wiemer blessed the garden while her husband Rupert banged in a painted wooden sign bearing the message *OHA Gardeners - Please Water Me* into the ground. It was quite a proud moment to see and hear such an intergenerational group working and laughing together as they "vandalized with nature". MCTV reporters were on hand to videotape the entire event and it was aired on television on Sunday for all to see.

Just a small part of the report by Suzanne Hanna, District 13 Director.

Another very interesting report from Trillium is by Judith Rogers, District 16 Director.

"**Regreening a City**" tells how Sudbury went from a prosperous logging community to mining, where the sulphur dioxide released into the air affected plants and animals alike, leaving a barren, acidic landscape. The report tells how the people of Sudbury are reclaiming their land.

Garlic Mustard Pesto

3 cups Garlic Mustard greens with stems

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon chopped fresh mustard root

2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup pine nuts

Salt to taste

Put everything into a food processor and blend until smooth. Cook your favourite pasta and toss with pesto mixture while the pasta is hot. Garnish lightly with Parmesan cheese if desired. Add salt to taste.

From Pest to Pesto: A culinary Guide

Published by Kalamazoo Nature Centre.

Reprinted from Trillium

The full 2011 Convention report is available on the OHA web site.

Design - Definition of requested styles for the Christmas Show-

A Foliage design—Design with interest in foliage. Foliage is to predominate. Flowers and /or fruits may be present but must be inconspicuous.

A Pavé design—In jewellery making, a term that refers to setting stones so close together that no metal shows. In flower design, pavé is a technique of placing groups of plant material that have been cut very short, close together to form undulating mounds of colours, textures, shapes and sizes. foliage, cut stems, fruits, vegetables, textures, shapes and sizes. Any plant materials e.g., flowers, foliage, cut stems, fruits, vegetables, moss can be used.

Note from Veseys Bulbs, about Daffodils & Tulips -

Today, many of Holland’s exported daffodills are actually being grown in Scotland, Northern France and even British Columbia. With the cost and availability of land in Holland absolutely skyrocketing in the last 20 years growers are looking globally to maintain their competitive edge when it comes to pricing and quality. From the farmers’ soil in the fields of Holland to our customer’ gardens across Canada there is a great deal of time, care and attention paid to each and every bulb. As these are living products, we time our bulb shipments to arrive so we can fulfill our entire season’s orders in a 6 to 8 week shipping time frame. The next time you see a beautiful smiling tulip in the garden, remind yourself of its rich history and how far it has come to provide pleasure to its owner.

Blueberry Oat Muffins—Mrs. Parks
Harvest of Blueberry Recipes, Third Edition.

1 C rolled oats	½ tsp baking soda
1 C buttermilk	¾ C lightly packed
or sour milk	brown sugar
1 C all-purpose flour	1 egg, beaten
1 tsp baking powder	¼ C melted butter or
	margarine
½ tsp salt	2 C Parks Blueberries

Combine rolled oats and milk. Let stand. Combine flour, backing powder, baking soda, salt, and sugar and stir to blend well. Add egg and melted butter or margarine to oat mixture. Mix well. Add oat mixture all at once to dry ingredients. Stir just until moistened. Fold in blueberries. Spoon into muffin tines, filling ¾ full. Bake 400°F, 15-20 min. Makes 12 muffins.
—Marianne Buchanan.
If berries are frozen, do not thaw, just rinse before using. One cup supplies nearly ⅓ of an adult’s daily Vitamin C requirement and only 42 calories.

We Send Wishes -

If you know of a member who has experienced a loss or is (or has been) in the hospital, please contact, The Card Lady—Janis Kapp, 519-284-2127,

Other Horticultural Happenings in Town-

Open Doors, September, 17th., 10-4 p.m.

St. Marys Horticultural Society members Dorothy Elliott, Anna Peterson and Liz Webley manned the Peace Garden with information on the beginning and development of the present gardens. It started out as a cool day so we all thank Bernice and Ron Hunter for coming early to put up their tent and returning to help clean up at the end of the day.

Hospital Memorial Garden Dedication Service Sept 23rd.

The new St. Marys Memorial Hospital, Memorial Garden was dedicated with Rev. Mitchell officiating.

The Garden was accomplished with donations of plant material, funds, labour and services from many volunteers and businesses. The Horticultural Society donated extra plants from the Peace Garden. If you have not visited this garden, please do so, as you may just meet a friend or neighbour taking a short break in a quite restful place. Come take time to enjoy. Anna Peterson and Dorothy Elliott attended the dedication. The garden can be found by the Gazebo, off the hospitals front parking lot.

Heritage and Memorial Trees -
Correction, the following two trees honouring Marie and Merle were incorrectly named, below is correct.
A Tulip Tree, *Liriodendron tulipifera* honouring Marie Metters (long time board member).
A Native Paper Birch, *Betula papyrifera* honouring Merle Pearson, Charter Member and long time board member).
The labeling of all trees planted by the St. Marys Horticultural Society over the last 45 years plus has started with two trees honouring our First President Walter Cull.
The “Crimson King” Maple *Acer platanoides* and the Ginkgo, *Ginkgo biloba* that were planted at the now Hospital Memorial Garden in 1992, received their stake and name plate just before the dedication of the New Hospital Memorial Garden (with many thanks to Tim Wolfe, St. Marys Parks Superintendent).
Another 27 stakes and name plates are ready to be installed, with a few more that require dates etc. verified before being ordered .
Examples: The row of maples planted along the east bank of the river from the Jones St. to Park St.
Three trees planted near the corner of Park and Church Sts. in Cadzow Park.
The Tree Recorder—Anna Peterson