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LONDON FANSHAWE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Thames Valley District 10



ANNUAL SUMMARY 2011:

2011 was a very busy, successful year:



Projects Completed in 2011

1. Presented a second-year Fanshawe College student with a \$400 Bursary.
2. Twelve members introduced a new indoor winter therapeutic gardening program for the Alzheimer participants at the Salvation Army.
3. New front gardens were designed for Alzheimer's Day program cottage. The raised gardens in the secured area grew vegetables and strawberries.
4. By February the website was up and running
5. Hosted a booth at the Master Gardeners Seedy Saturday.
6. Introduced reusable coffee mugs with society log.
7. Twenty members attended the District 10 Annual Meeting in Thorndale.
8. Members purchased 47 bags of Allium Bulbs for the OHA fund raiser.
9. Homemade butter tarts and other dessert treats were enjoyed by all at the general meetings.
10. Grew 400 heritage tomatoes for the plant sale
11. The plant sale rose over \$5000 in profits.
12. Provided plant material to Trafalgar School's Quiet Garden, Northridge's Memorial Garden, and St Anne's Student Gardens.
13. Provided plant material and advice to Veggie City, Kipp's Lane.
14. Additional plants were planted at the Canadian Air Force's Spooner Memorial Gardens
15. McCormick Nursing Home received plants and help with their spring and fall clean-up, May planting day, and weeding and watering throughout the summer
16. Successful bus tour of the Chatham-Blenheim area was enjoyed.
17. An evening tour of the Cuddy Gardens in Strathroy on the hottest day of the summer.
18. Three members attended the OHA Convention in Sudbury
19. Congratulations to Kelly Taylor, new OHA Secretary
20. Participated in the Communities in Bloom.
21. Two new Junior Members joined the society.
22. Moving to a new location, Siloam United, January 2012
23. Secured permanent meeting place for executive meetings and a storage room for all supplies thanks to the Salvation Army.
24. Gave \$1200 to the Cancer Clinic in the form of a bouquet per month for one year.

Many, many thanks to all our volunteers who make these projects possible!
Vince Chicoine, Past President, LFHS

RELOCATION REMINDER!

London Fanshawe Horticulture Society is **moving as of January 1, 2012 to Siloam United Church: 1240 Fanshawe Road East (North side)**. The Church is located 2 kilometers east of our present meeting location at St Judes.

Our first general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in the gymnasium of Siloam Church at the regular start time of 7 p.m. There will be members stationed at the driveway to direct you to the parking lot and the door to the gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you at our new meeting location.

Happy New Year from your Board of Directors!

London Fanshawe Horticultural Society **Executive, Directors and Assistant Directors for 2012:**

President	Kelly Olson
Past Presidents:	Beverly DeMelo and Vince Chicoine
First Vice President	John McLeod
Second Vice President	vacant
Treasurer	Vince Chicoine
Secretary	Margaret Stanbridge

Directors are: Elmer Jorgensen, Ann Larkin, Fred Smithers, Bob Crowhurst, Kelly Taylor, Dee Biggar, Maureen Wilson, and Linda Armstrong

Program/Bus trips	Ann Larkin
Membership	Kelly Taylor
Advertising/Promotion	Bob Crowhurst
Newsletter	Kelly Olson, Editor
Plant Sale	Vince Chicoine, Fred Smithers, & committee
Garden Tour/Walk	Bev DeMelo, Kelly Olson, Fred Smithers
Nominating Committee	Past President, President & Secretary
Photography Show	Bob Crowhurst
Community in Blooms	Vince Chicoine
Awards/Bursary	Linda Armstrong & Fred Smithers
Constitution and Bylaws	Elmer Jorgensen, Fred Smithers & Bev DeMelo
Archives	Kelly Olson
OHA Convention	Bob Crowhurst
Budget	Vince Chicoine & Board
We send wishes & thank you	Margaret Stanbridge
Web Master	Maureen Wilson
Volunteer Hour Record Keeper	Dee Biggar
Fundraising 50.50 draw	Dee Biggar
McCormick Nursing Home Gardens	Vince Chicoine & project team
Salvation Army Garden Project	Bev DeMelo & project team
Schools	Ann Larkin & Vince Chicoine
Market Square	Dee Biggar
Anniversary Committee 2013	Board
District 10, 2015 committee	Bev DeMelo, Lee Nash

Assistant Directors:

Library Table	<i>vacant, volunteers required</i>
Scrap book	Susan Webb

Auditors
Social catering
Salvation Army Project
Membership
Greeters/conversation starters

Nancy Roach & June Watt
David Dennis
Nancy Johnston
Karen Dennis
Linda Hawker, Ann Monkhouse, Nancy Roach, Julie
Sherwood, Fred Smithers, Vince Chicoine, Shirley McLean,
Del Mendham, Colleen Leckie
Lee Nash

Newsletter distribution:



LFHS BOARD GOALS FOR 2012!

1. To increase membership by 5%, to a total of 235 members
2. Not to sell invasive plants at the Annual Plant Sale
3. Complete move to Siloam United Church and improve accessibility
4. Improve volunteer hour record keeping
5. To have fun!



Speakers/ Program Outline 2012 Meetings 3rd Thursday of the Month, Siloam United Church, 7 pm

Jan 19 **Harvey Wrightman of Wrightman Alpines**, presents a technique for **Clay Crevice Construction**, applicable to intensive alpine gardening as well as container and trough gardening. This increases the amount of plant material that can be grown in an area. **Bring entries for Feb. photography contest.**

Feb 16 Would you like to grow a garden efficiently? Do you have little yard space but wish you had salad greens ready to harvest any time? **Square Foot Gardening** is the practice of planning small, but intensively planted gardens. Enjoy an evening of learning from **Elmer Jorgenson** on how to create your square foot garden". The Photography display results will be announced. The judge is **Hugh Fitzmorris**.

- Mar 15** **Bring a friend meeting.** Share our fun and garden information with a friend who enjoys gardening. **John Drummond- Green Belt farms - "Trees are the Answer"** John will share his knowledge and experience in the area of choosing and growing trees.
- Apr 19** **Nina Aprile, Owner of The Wild Things Plant Farm - New Plants for 2012- Hot stuff and Garden Worthy.** New isn't always better. Nina will focus on how they choose from the new offerings and how to choose new plants without being burned. Plants will be available for purchase. Checkout the extensive information on the website: www.wild-things.ca, a fascinating place to visit.
- Apr 21** **District 10 AGM** sponsored by Dutton/Dunwich. Details to follow in February.
- May 17** Have you dreamt of attending the famous **Chelsea Flower Show**, or of visiting the celebrated **Gardens of Sissinghurst Castle**? **Jennifer Smout** travels and photographs as she goes. She will share pictures from her visit to the Chelsea Flower Show and Sissinghurst Gardens.
- May 18/19** **Annual Plant Sale**, 8 a.m. to noon at the Order of the Eastern Star Temple on Fanshawe Rd. E.
- Jun 10** **Bus Trip - \$55.00/each** (\$20 nonrefundable deposit required). This year's trip is to the **Guelph area**. Meadowville Garden Centre <http://www.meadowvillegardencentre.com>, Brock Road Nursery <http://www.brockroadnursery.com>, Royal City Nursery <http://www.royalcitynursery.com>, and Knapp's Country Market http://soto.on.ca/attractions/knapps_country_market.html Book early to save your seat.
- Jun 21** **Janet Anderson** will share her knowledge of **Clematis**, our society flower. She will discuss the many varieties, where to plant them, how to grow them, and when to prune for best results. Janet will also discuss the newer varieties, as well as the breeder's aims in producing them.
- Jul 19** **Garden Walk** - We hope you will join us for an evening garden walk and social. There are 5-6 delightful gardens anticipating your visit. Maps and garden walk details will be available May, 2012 through the newsletter, general meeting happenings and email.
- Sept 20** **Dee Biggar** of "*butter tart fame*" will share ideas on use and storage of herbs with samples to taste. Learn about **fun ways to use up the summers herb bounty**. Rethink the role of fresh herbs and try some tasty creations. The **3P's Meeting returns**. Join us to share your "**Plants, Produce and Preserves**". Details about this exchange will be provided.

Remember to renew your membership for 2013, our 10th Anniversary!

- Sept 30** **Mystery Bus Tour** – Join us for a fun and interesting day with a variety of activities and stops. Trust us if you dare.
- Oct 18** "**Bulbs for 3 Seasons**", fall flowering, spring flowering and summer bulbs. - **Denis Falat of Van Noort Bulbs** will share plenty of great information on care, soil, location, storage etc. Plan ahead for next year!
- Nov 15** Annual General Meeting. **Ken Brown on "Vertical Vegetables"**, <http://www.gardening-enjoyed.com> Check Ken's website and his newsletter. Ken will share tips and tricks to train vegetables and other plants to grow vertically and enable the growth of more in a smaller space. Remember to bring a dessert or an hors d'oeuvre.

NEW SALVATION ARMY PROJECT: Grant Funding Approval Received

Over the Christmas Season we received word from the Nancy at the Salvation Army that the Sisters of St. Joseph's approved our grant application for \$8100. This is very exciting news for both the Adult Day Care Alzheimer's participants and the Children's Day Care Programs at the Salvation Army Village, Highbury and Dundas location. We knew we had received a donation of \$1000 from a family member last fall, and this approval will provide us with a good budget to add new gardens and walk way benches for all to enjoy. The funds will be utilized to:

- Install 3, weather resistant, 2' 6" backed benches, made from recycled materials along the existing paved walkway to the pool and pavilion.
- Pour 3 new 3 x 10 concrete pads to secure the benches on to make them safe and accessible from walkway.
- Establish gardens and tree landscaping around benches to provide opportunities for horticultural programming, sensory stimulation and in time shade and protection from sun/wind, (all construction to be done in an environmentally sensitive way).

This sentence describes the project best: our goal is to enable and enhance the opportunities for all generations of clients at the Salvation Army London Village to enjoy the natural environment. We hope to have the project completed prior to the LFHS July Garden Walk. Anyone interested in helping with this phase two of the Young and Old Working Together Inside and Out Program please contact Bob or Bev.

SECOND ANNUAL AMARYLLIS FLOWER SHOW: SALVATION ARMY

There's something to be said about the happiness and smiles on the faces of the Alzheimer's participants at the recent Salvation Army Adult Day Program Alzheimer's Program Flower Show. Everyone was a winner. The Second Annual Christmas Amaryllis Flower Show was held December 13 at the Salvation Army Village. The show conveners Connie, and Lee, did a fantastic job organizing the show for the participants. An indoor garden program held back in October provided the participants with hands on planting of their own amaryllis bulb. Dirty hands and spilled potting soil did not stop them.

The exhibit area was set up with long tables of amaryllis displays, each with an entry name. June and Lee designed all the award ribbons sought after by all. They had discovered their "Inner Martha", designing the colorful 21 ribbons. What fun they had.

Each budding florist was seated in a circle ready to show off their bloom. The judge, Fred, was ready with clipboard in hand, you see it was his second year of judging and he knows his flowers. The Flower Show Schedule Guidelines were simple, only one class, Amaryllis.

At 2:15 pm it was time to begin. But which of the 21 blooms entered were going to win? Amaryllis are hard flowers to categorize. They look tropical and exotic; large, lily-like trumpet blooms on tall, straight stems, with a base of strappy leaves. Fred studied each pot, each bloom, there were Vera's, Red Lions and Clown varieties to judge.

Which bloom was the largest, which color was brightest, which was tallest? A silence fell over the room, everyone eager to win. Poor Fred! All the Red Iron entries showed splendiferous, bold bright red blooms, a true classic, each stem over 20 inches in height. Vera tooted gorgeous, lovely soft pink flowers, with a white streak on each petal, and The Clown stood up the proudest with striking red stripes on 24 inch stems.

Everyone was quiet and waiting. All those flower show rules to consider, form, and color, and uniformity, size, and stem and foliage. Oh boy, what a big job. The Awards were many, Most Compact, Straightest Stem, Most Promising Gardener, Longest Stem, Most Buds, Biggest Bloom, Best Cared for, Best Effort, Brightest Color and First to Flower. How was he to decide? He referred to the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards and began. First winner was announced, "Most Compact", cheers and applauding sounded out. Scott had won. On and on Fred announced the winners with the cheers getting louder and louder. Soon all 18 participants were winners. With the assistance of Nancy, Fred presented each with an award ribbon. When asked, one participant said the tip for growing the Judge's Choice winner was to "blow on it". Obviously it works.

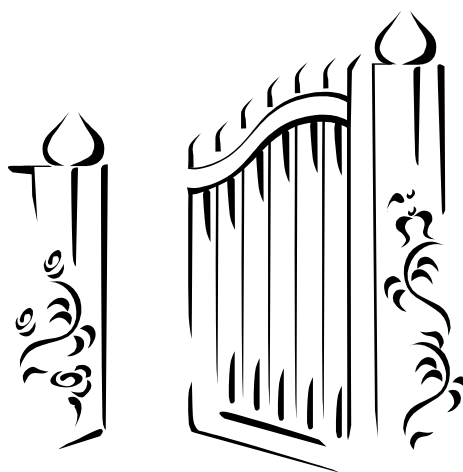
The flower show was a success! We look forward to next year. Hope to see you there!

A special thank you to Parkway Gardens for giving us the Amaryllis bulbs for discount and to all the volunteers who helped with the winter indoor garden program.

A true success story.

GARDEN WALK 2012:

This year's LFHS Garden Walk and Social will be on **Thursday, July 19th** so mark it in your calendar! Like last year, this year's garden walk looks to be quite exciting with new garden features and happenings. But we need your help, as finding the gardens involves a lot of networking and a little bit of sleuthing. If you know of good gardens around and about East London, please let Fred know (519-455-2475) or Bev (519-660-0680). We are looking for **four** gardens for the tour. It is rewarding for the gardeners to show off their prized creations, as well as for the walkers, who get to glean useful ideas from the gardens or simply enjoy a few hours strolling through pleasant landscapes. Plus, we have an outdoor garden pavilion booked for the social after the walk where we can all relax and chat!



FROM TAKE-A-BREAK-TRAVEL, FRIDAY, MARCH 16 & SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Canada Blooms & National Home Show- at the Direct Energy Center Exhibition Place
Toronto

"Get ready for spring with this perennial favourite. Features fabulous gardens, floral and horticultural displays, amateur and professional competitions, garden marketplace and more.

And new this year, admission to **Canada Blooms** includes admission to the **National Home Show**. Featuring over 700 retailers, demonstrations, ideas and advice from top celebrity and industry experts. Together, these shows will create the single largest home and garden experience in North America.

Tour includes admission, transportation, HST Cost \$62 " **Group rate for 10 or more people is \$57. If you are interested email annlarkin@rogers.com or call Ann Larkin (519-433-6261) a.s.a.p. so that I can secure the seats. Please indicate name, which date you prefer and contact info. After the meeting on Jan 19, I will know if there is sufficient interest to go ahead and will let each person know.**



NOTE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT, VINCE: LFHS MUGS!

We still have our new, Made In Canada, Green Acrylic Coffee Mugs with our logo imprinted on them for sale for \$5.00. Tax included!

—Vince Chicoine, Past President

LONDON FANSHAWE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW 2012:

Now is the time to go through your photos and select some entries for LFH's 2012 Photography Show! **Entries are to be submitted at our January Meeting** for judging and display in February. Hand in a few of your best photos and make this year's Show a fun, successful event.

Rules and Categories are as follows:

1. The competition is open to all members of the London Fanshawe Horticultural Society.
2. Photographs, 4" x 6" in size, black and white or colour may be entered and it does not matter in what form they originated, (either on film or digitally). All entries are to be on photographic quality paper only.
3. Each competitor may submit up to two (2) photographs in each seven (7) classes.
4. All entries must be received by **January 19, 2012**. Submit entries to the Photography Show Chair or the society's Secretary. All entries will be returned to you at the March Meeting.
5. Entries will be accepted in the following seven (7) classes:
 - I'm Seeing Red – feature any red flower(s).
 - Winter Magic – feature garden in the winter time – photo to be printed in black and white
 - Colour My World – feature combination of colours in any garden
 - Lily, Lily, Lily!!! – feature close up of any lily (daylily or liliium)
 - Crooked As They Come – feature any oddly shaped branch
 - A Gate To Behold – feature an interesting gate – don't forget horticultural aspect
 - Just Hanging Around – feature a hanging basket (s)
6. Rules for prints:
 - A. Prints must be on photographic paper and 4" x 6" in size.

- B. To ensure an unbiased judgment, **WE ASK THAT YOUR NAME APPEAR NOWHERE ON THE PRINT.** Please provide photos to the Chair or Secretary in an envelope upon which you have printed your name. **Write the class number on the back of the actual print.** A competition number will be assigned to each entry in the envelope and recorded on the back of the print.
- C. If able, identify the name and cultivar if applicable. Please indicate the location where the photo was taken.
7. Viewing of all photographs will be at the February 2012 General Meeting.
8. Presentation of awards in each category as well as the Best In Show Award will be announced the same night by the Photo Competition Judge. Also the same night, all members will participate in voting for the Members' Choice Award which will be presented by the Photo Competition chair.

— Bob Crowhurst, Board Member

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your membership for 2012!

Benefits of membership include monthly gardening talks, door prizes, bus trips and garden walks, great conversation with friendly people, and the Master Gardener's and Library Tables. Best of all, your membership card will save you 10%-20% at selected nurseries and garden centres in and around London and Ontario. All this for only \$10! Please see Kelly T. or Karen at the membership table or send in a hard copy of your membership form to our PO Box to renew.

LIBRARY TABLE:



We are currently looking for 1-2 members to look after our library table of books and magazines which circulate to members. Duties consist of bringing the materials to the monthly meetings, setting up the table, and taking the materials home to store them between meetings. If you're interested please contact Kelly Olson (kolson2@uwo.ca)

GARDENING EVENTS:

The 2012 Stratford Garden Festival: March 1-4 at The Stratford Rotary Complex, <http://www.on.lung.ca/page.aspx?pid=1137> Marketplace, speakers, and displays!

Canada Blooms: March 16-25, at the Direct Energy Centre, Toronto: <http://www.canadablooms.com/>

London Seedy Saturday: Carling Heights Optimist Centre March 10th, London Middlesex Master Gardeners in partnership with the City of London and Seeds of Diversity Canada present our 2012 'Come Grow With Us' Seedy Saturday. Contact: <http://www.londonmiddlesexmastergardeners.com>

Elgin County Master Gardeners: "Digging in the Dirt" March 31st. Knox Presbyterian Church, and the theme is "Sunshine and Shade", as well as a demonstration on decorating gourds.



We invite you to **join** or **renew** your **membership** in the **London Fanshawe Horticultural Society**. Your membership card entitles you to discounts of 10-20% at many nurseries in Ontario: please inquire before you buy.

Please fill out the form printed below and make your cheque (**\$10, annually**) payable to the **London Fanshawe Horticultural Society** and mail to:

London Fanshawe Horticultural Society
1593 Adelaide Street North
P.O. Box 51017
London, Ontario N5X 4P9

2012 Membership Form for New Members/Renewal's

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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