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“SPRING”

In Like a Lion,
Out Like a Lamb,
March roars in like a lion so fierce,
the wind so cold, it seems to pierce.
/ The month rolls on
and Spring draws near,
and March goes out like a lamb so
dear.
by Kipling

**Spring has
come when
you can put
your foot
on three
daisies.**



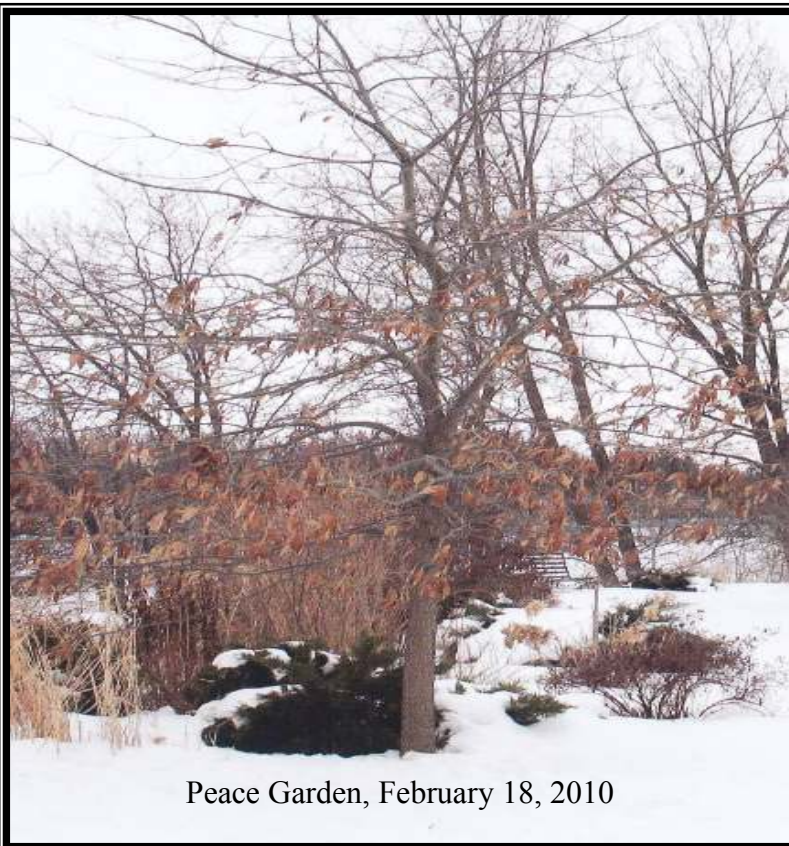
President's Message;

The winter is speeding by and the change in seasons is fast approaching. I am particularly excited to welcome spring this year as I will be hosting a wedding in my garden in late May. I hope that all those bulbs that I planted in October are doing to be ready to put on a spectacular show!

The Board is still searching for members to serve as first and second vice presidents. We meet on the first Monday of each month (except July, August and December) for an hour or so to plan and discuss the affairs of our society. We are also looking for a secretary (my thanks to Helen Youlton who graciously volunteered to assume some aspects of the post until someone else is found).

I will continue to dream about spring flowers, and will hope to see you all soon.

Nancy Habermehl



Peace Garden, February 18, 2010

Next Open Meeting

**Wednesday April 7, 2010, St. Marys Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m.
“Introduction to Bird Watching” by Doug and Evelyn Brown, St. Marys.**

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Dorothy Elliott, Janis Kapp,
Jo-Anne Meta, Anna Peterson,
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Liz Webley, Helen Youlton,
Maggy Dotzenroth, Susan Hicks

2010 Membership

Adults—[1 Year] \$10.00
Youth [ages 6-17 yrs] \$2.00
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Three Newsletters per year,
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Gardening Events to Attend in St. Marys and Beyond

- March 4 to 7 Stratford Garden Festival
"Ten Blooming years"
by The Lung Association
- Saturday, March 13 "Come Grow with Us" Seedy Saturday
London/Middlesex Master Gardeners
Siloam United Church, 1240 Fanshawe Rd.
East, west of Highbury Ave., London.
- March 20 to 21 London Orchid Show & Sale,
North London Optimist Community Centre,
1345 Cheapside St., London at Highbury Ave
- March 17 to 21 Canada Blooms at Exhibition Place
- March 18 to 21 Successful Gardening, International Centre
- Monday, March 27 Stratford, "Wonderful Hostas" by Betty Fretz
- Wednesday, April 7 "Introduction to Bird Watching"
By Doug and Evelyn Brown, St. Marys.
- Saturday, April 17 District 10 ~ Thames Valley Annual Meeting
Dorchester Horticultural Society hosts.
- Monday, April 26 Stratford, "Vertical Gardening"
by Ken Brown
- Wednesday, May 5 Spring Flower Show and Plant Auction.
- Saturday, May 8 Plant Sale
- Monday, May 24 Bus Tour—Buying Trip—plants, trees (see
page 3) and a good time.
- Saturday, June 26 Flower Show, Bill Andrews,
Wildlife Gardening
- Saturday, June 5 Garden Fair and Iris Show,
Milt Dunnell Field, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 23 Flower and Rose Show
"Weeds 101" by Elmer Jorgensen, London
- Saturday, June 26, Kiwanis Centre
- Sunday, July 4 Stratford Garden Tour
- Sunday, July 11 St. Marys Garden Tour, 1 pm to 5:00 pm

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.**

Plant Auction: Please bring your plant donations in suitable pots,
labeled (if you do not know the name, give a description; height,
flower colour, shape etc. Also Dahlia tubers and Glad corms are
welcome. Bring extra bag & boxes if possible.

Questions? Call Dorothy Elliott, 519-284-2346

Help make the 2010 Auction another Great Success.

REPORT from DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR -

My term as District Director, will end on April 17th, 2010, at the District 10 ~ Thames Valley AGM. The one small catch is that I am required to serve as Youth Competition chair until the 2010 Convention is complete along with all reports pertaining to the youth competitions.

At the present time I am involved with London Horticultural Society as they prepare for the Western Fair Farm Show March 10 to 13. My part is very small, I just take care of the paper work and bring some flowers and stuff.

The big production for District Directors at this time of year is Reports, Reports, Reports! and the Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be hosted by Dorchester Horticultural Society on April 17th.

Anna Peterson

*Congratulations
Sophie Bradley
Winner of the
Free Draw at the
Heritage Fair
February 19th*



SHOW TIME -

Thank you to all who entered the Christmas Flower Show. Anna Peterson received the Peace and Goodwill Trophy for most points in the show and the Youth Plaque for most points in the show went to Jacob Milne, The Adult Gardener of the Year Plaque for most points for the year was won by Janis Kapp and Jacob Milne won the Youth Gardener of the Year Plaque for the most points in the year.

Our next flower show will be held on May 5th at the same time as our plant auction. Entries will be received between 10 am and 11:30 am. On June 5th the Iris Show will be held at the Garden Fair at the Milt Dunnell Field. The entries for that show will be received between 8 am to 8:30 am. Show Schedules will be available at the March 3rd open meeting, or you can call me at 519-284-0959 to receive a copy.

A reminder that if you are entering in the novice classes that help is available. We will also be having Pre-show workshops. Call me at 519-284-0959 if you are interested and/or need help.

Brenda Crawford, Show Convener.

You might be a gardener if

- you keep a nail brush next to the soap in your soap dish
- you remember the date you planted your corn but can't remember your first grandchild's birthday
- the trunk of your car contains clump of potting soil and a few dried leaves
- you have forsaken shopping centres for garden centres

TROPHIES FYI -

Spring Flower Show Trophy 1987, given annually for the most points in show, by St. Marys Horticultural Society.

The Hank & Nellie Haveman Trophy 1994, given annually for the best tulip in the show was donated by Hank and Nellie. Hank was president of our Fourteenth President 1991-1992.

An Award Plaque 2002, given annually for the most points in the youth section. This award was donated by the St. Marys Horticultural Society.

The Rath Roses & Flower Fashions Trophy 2004, given annually for the most points in the show was donated by Rath Roses & Flower Fashions.

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Oh, Adam was a gardener  
And God who made him sees  
That half a proper gardener's work  
Is done upon his knees. - Kipling

### Ken's Favourite Shortbread;

1 lb butter, softened      1 1/2 cups cornstarch  
1 cup fruit sugar          3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp salt

Makes one cookie pan—15 x 10 x 3/4 inches.

Cream butter thoroughly; gradually beat in sugar. Add salt and 1/2 cup cornstarch; mix thoroughly. Add one cup of flour and mix well. (You may find it easier to work with your hands).

Repeat until remainder of cornstarch and flour has been used. Shape into a ball and kneed 3 or 4 times on a floured board, until dough is easily handled. Press dough into a cookie pan with sides (approx 15 x 10 x 3/4 inches.) Prick a various intervals with a fork, Bake for approx one hour at 300°F.

Remove from oven; while still warm, cut into approx one inch squares. The shortbread will be about 1/4 inch thick.

**Hint :** I like to use a slightly smaller pan for thicker shortbread (Pyrex 11 3/4 x 7 1/2 inches).  
Thelma Beaubien.

Thelma was our guest speaker at the 2008 AGM, remember that magnificent "Christmas Lights" digital presentation.

### 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, she will send a card from the society.

### Society Lending Library:

Please take some time at our next meeting to look at the books available in the library. There is a wonderful collection of old and new books. The old books are filled with valuable information, as we may add new varieties of plants but the basics don't change. The old ways might even be better with the current ban on pesticides etcetera.  
Keeper of the Library—Janis Kapp

### Bus Tours: Mark your calendars!

A buying trip is planned for May 24th (just the correct time to plant all those treasures you may find).

**Agenda: The Potting Shed;** Jack Kent's nursery that focuses on Daylilies, Hostas and perennials.

**Whistling Gardens;** hi-lighting trees and shrubs.

Luncheon plans are not confirmed at this time.

More to be revealed at Open Meetings or call Tour Guide- Reta Facey, 519-284-1926 to reserve your seat.



### Heritage and Memorial Trees:

The society in attempting to record trees planted by the society or by members in memory of a society member. Hopefully these trees can be recorded and tracked as to their growth and health over the coming years.

The Royalty Crabapple at the left was a gift to our society in 1967, by the Ontario Horticultural Association. The tree was planted by First President Walter Cull, then District 10 Director.

The tree stands between the Town Hall and the Library.

If you know of any trees for this list please contact The Tree Recorder—Anna Peterson, 519-284-0179

## Youth Happenings




Getting ready for Valentines. Those old seed catalogues are just so much fun.  
Thanks everyone for your donation of used catalogues, "The Flower Ladies".

# Memberships @ \$10.00

Can be purchased or renewed at General Meetings

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