

The Hort

St. Thomas & District
Horticultural Society



P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

Wow! Fall is already on our door step. Each Spring we wait in great anticipation for those first flowers to push through the snow and wonder what challenges this year's gardening season has in store for us.

We learned this Summer which of our plants were truly drought tolerant. Were you amazed at how well the weeds held up? Whether it is the weather, bugs, plant diseases or the neighbour's cat, we are an adaptable bunch and adjust our tactics and gardening techniques accordingly. Experience is a good teacher, but there is no need to reinvent the wheel. Come to a meeting and talk to fellow gardeners, listen to the Speakers. There is much to be learned from them.

The September meeting will include our Harvest Show which gives members the opportunity to display their prowess in growing and showing regardless of what challenges we were all faced with this growing season. Denise Hodgins will be on hand to give us "Tips and Tricks the Winners Know".

Also during the September meeting Mike Vecchio from The St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce will discuss the benefits to our group and its members in joining the Chamber of Commerce, for e.g. Group insurances, local business discounts, the opportunity to take part and be more involved in community events. He will be available to answer questions that you may have, as well.

Our Society's events this year have gone very well. We have been really pleased with the members' involvement.

Thank you to those of you who helped to organize the events and were able to volunteer your time, donated baked goods, plants and yard sale items, door prizes etc... Thank you as well to those who participated in the events by exhibiting or attending.

The November meeting this year will include a Silent Auction as well as the Christmas pot luck. Our Annual meeting and installation of the new Board of Directors will be held in January.

As a member, your input with regard to the direction our Society is heading is always welcome. You can speak to any of the Directors, or if you would prefer to be anonymous there will be a suggestion box available at each meeting.

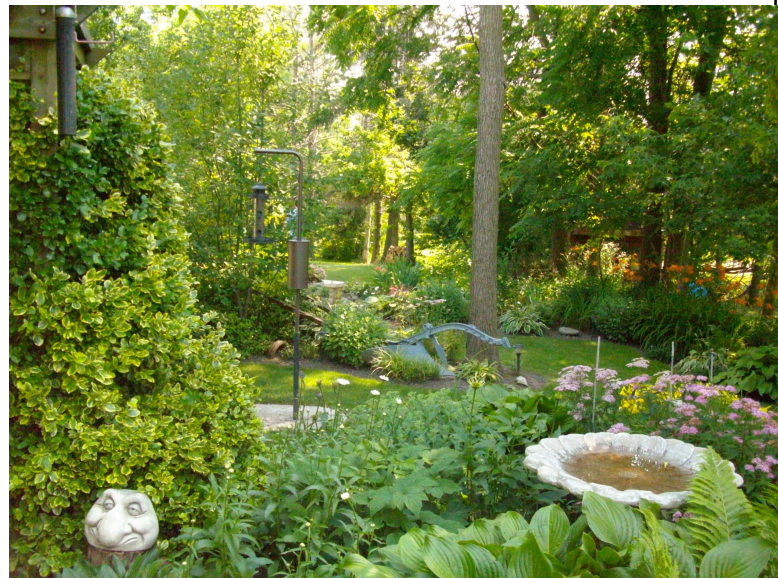
We are very fortunate to have many events and businesses in and around this area, which are of interest to Gardeners. Keep in touch by visiting the web site and attending meetings and we will strive to keep you apprised of what is happening.

Shelley MacKenzie



F L O W E R S H O W

The Annual Rose and Flower Show "Enchantment" continues to evolve and flourish with our memberships creative talents. Our committed Flower Show committee has once again kept the creative momentum going by building upon tradition along with offering fresh ideas to challenge artistic skills.



G A R D E N T O U R

Our Garden Tour was another great success. Many thanks to the combined effort from the Garden Tour committee along with volunteers who opened their gardens, sold tickets, hosted and baked. Here is a link to some Garden Tour pictures taken by relishelgin. <http://www.relishelgin.ca/news/eventphoto.php?id=534>

GENERAL MEETING AGENDAS



GENERAL MEETINGS 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30

MONSIGNOR MORRISON CATHOLIC SCHOOL 10 SOUTH EDGEWARE RD. ST. THOMAS

September 28, 2011

Speakers: Denise Hodgins, ODH Landscape, Designer/Horticultural consultant
 "Tips and Tricks the Winners Know"
 Mike Vecchio, St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce
 Membership Advantages

HARVEST FLOWER SHOW

Entrants are responsible for their own containers in this show.

Most points in show: \$25.00 Gift Certificate

HORTICULTURE SECTION:

Vegetables

1. Tomatoes, small cluster. Calyx on.
2. Tomatoes, three large, Calyx on.
3. Summer squash, two.
4. Carrots, three.
5. Peppers, three. Any variety.
6. Raspberries, five.
7. Herbs, three cut. Any variety.
8. Display of fruits and/or vegetables in a shallow container, not larger than 18 in. X 18in. Arrangement to count.

Flowers

9. Asters, three blooms.
10. Marigolds, single, three blooms.
11. Marigolds, double, three blooms.
12. Zinnias, three blooms.
13. Chrysanthemum, three sprays.
14. Dahlias, under 5 in., three blooms.
15. Dahlias, over 5 in., one bloom.
16. Gladiolus one spike. Any variety.
17. Rose, one bloom. Named.
18. Rose, one spray. Named.
19. Any other perennial or biennial flower, named.
20. Ornamental grass, 5 cut stems, same variety, named.

Design Section:

21. " The Splendor of September " A Design incorporating fruit and/or vegetables .
22. " Autumn " A Line Mass Design Pg. 100.
23. " Pollinators " An Arrangement featuring roadside plant material Pg. 90.

Craft Section:

24. A picture frame decorated with dried and/or preserved plant material
- 25." Busy Bee " A 4" x 6" Photo of a Bee visiting a flower. May be mounted or framed.

October 26, 2011

Speaker: Farley See, Moore Water Gardens
Topic: "Winterizing Your Pond"

MINI SHOW

Horticulture: Chrysanthamum 1 spray any colour
Design: "Time Change" a design using weathered wood
Craft: "Avatar" a decorated pumpkin or squash.

November 23 , 2011

Silent Auction and Pot Luck
Speaker: Crystal Trojek, Canadale Nurseries
Topic: "Christmas Design"

MINI SHOW

Horticulture: Your Favourite Houseplant not to exceed 10 inches in diameter
Design: "Song of the Pines" – a design featuring pine
Craft: "Happy New Year" – a table favour for a new Year's Eve party.

January 25, 2012

Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors
Speaker: Dr. Stan Caveney, University of Western Ontario
Topic: "It's A Jungle Out There"

MINI SHOW

Horticulture: A branch with winter interest, eg. Seed pods or shape or colour (not to exceed 30")
Design: "Footloose" a dried design in an old boot or shoe
Craft: "Bookworm's Fancy" embellish a book mark with pressed and/or dried material.

Page numbers refer to Publication # 34 Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Design. This publication is available at the general meetings for \$6.00. If you have further questions please speak to any of the current Directors.

The Mini Shows are learning opportunities to further your knowledge of what will be expected when entering larger shows. The Exhibitors as well as the Judges must follow what is asked for in the schedule. Points earned at the monthly mini-shows will be totaled at November Meeting.

2011 Officers and Board of Directors

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**Have you considered becoming more actively involved?
Come join our Board of Directors. We have room to grow.
Installation of 2012 Board of Directors at January meeting.**

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PLEASE BRING YOUR MUG TO MEETINGS TO REDUCE WASTE.

COMING EVENTS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Oct. 15th 9:00 am.
Volunteers Needed. Meet at St. Joe's High School
North Parking Lot
Contact: Marlene Robinson (519)685-5447

FALL SEMINAR Wed. Nov.9th 7:00 pm.
"Garden Tool Care and Maintenance" with John Meagher
Learn the proper techniques for cleaning, sharpening,
maintaining and storage of your tools for optimum
functioning and longer life.
Preregistration required – Class size is limited.
Members \$5.00 – Non members \$10.00
Contact: Shelley MacKenzie (519)769-2529 or
s.mack@rogers.com

SUPPORTERS

Bycraft Gardens 15%
11062 Sinclair Drive, R.R.# 1, Ilderton

Canadale Nurseries Ltd. 10%
269 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas

Family Flowers Inc. 10%
44329 Talbot Line, St. Thomas

Fellows Fernlea Flowers
175 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas

Moore's Flower & Garden Centre 10%
R.R.#4, Aylmer

Moore Water Gardens 10%
4683 Sunset Road, Port Stanley

Parkway Gardens Ltd. 20%
1473 Gainsborough Road, Hyde Park

Shades of Green 10%
48855 John Wise Line, Aylmer

Trillium Gardens Perennials 10%
154 Wharnclyff Road South, London

Van Horek's Greenhouses Ltd. 10%
930 Gainsborough Road, Hyde Park

MEMBERSHIP

If this box is checked your membership is due.

REMINDER Membership year starts in January.
\$12 for individual members
\$18 for 2 family members at the same address
Please send your dues to Membership Director
Sherry Burgess
30 South Edgeware Rd.
St. Thomas, ON N5P 2H3

**POLLINATORS IN
THE GARDEN**

by
Richard W. Cartwright

Flowers have adapted their colour and fragrance to attract the particular animals which pollinate them. Among the more noticeable pollinators are bees, birds, butterflies, and moths.

Bee flowers have a sweet fragrance and bright yellow or bright blue petals. Bees see orange, yellow and green as the same color. Blue, violet and purple are also perceived as the same color. They are unable to see red. Unlike humans, bees are sensitive to ultra-violet light. The petals of a flower may be modified to form a platform for the bees. Most annual bedding plants such as begonias and pelargoniums are unattractive because of an absence of nectar. Suitable plants include allium, bluebell, campanula, catmint, chives, cornflower, delphinium, everlasting pea, fox-glove, heather, lavender, lupin, mint, monkshood, poppy, pulmonaria, rose (single-petalled), rosemary, sage, salvia, snapdragon, thyme, and St. Johns wort.

Moths and butterflies visit flowers which are tubular or urn-shaped and have multiple florets that produce abundant nectar. They seek red or orange flowers. It is especially important to have flowers from mid to late summer, when most butterflies are active. Examples are aster, bee balm, black-eyed susan, cone-flower, carnation, Joe-Pye weed, lily, milkweed, red catchfly, sunflower, and verbena.

Since moths are active at night, it is sight and smell which guides them. Moth flowers are white or pale and heavily scented and include moonflower (calonyction), nicotiana, orchid, phlox, and yucca.

Hummingbirds are fascinating pollinators. Their favourite flowers are brightly coloured, large, trumpet-shaped but odourless. Hummingbirds are especially drawn to red. Many hybrid flowers are showy but lack nectar. Some of the best flowers include cardinal flower, columbine, coral bells, dahlia, delphinium, fox-glove, fuchsia, geranium, hibiscus, petunia, gladioli, hollyhock, honeysuckle, impatiens, gaillardia, nasturtium, passion flower, petunia, salvia, and scarlet penstemon.

Attracting Bees To Your garden:

http://gardening.about.com/od/attractingwildlife/a/Bee_Plants.htm

Birds' and Bees' Color Vision:

<http://www.rattlesnake.com/notions/birds-color-vision.html>

Color Sense of Birds: [http://www.sewanee.edu/Chem/](http://www.sewanee.edu/Chem/Chem&Art/Detail_Pages/ColorProjects_2003/Crone/index.htm)

[Chem&Art/Detail_Pages/ColorProjects_2003/Crone/index.htm](http://www.sewanee.edu/Chem/Chem&Art/Detail_Pages/ColorProjects_2003/Crone/index.htm)

Flowers to Attract Hummingbird:

<http://landscaping.about.com/cs/forthebirds/a/hummingbirds.htm>

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Newsletters and other communication can be sent to you electronically.

Horticultural Association's website:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/thomas>
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The Trillium, quarterly newsletter is at:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/gar/news1.php>