



# Blooming News

Haldimand Horticultural Society

Celebrating 25 Years

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**NOVEMBER 2009**

## EDITORS NOTES

Our year has come to an end for 2009. This month starts the beginning of a New Year for the society. The change is as a result of some of the criteria set out by OMAFRA. In order to get our paperwork for the annual grant in by the requested date we have found it necessary to change our year-end. Consequently, our Annual General Meeting is now in November and, as this is our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are having a Dinner to celebrate. See below for more details of the Dinner. A new executive will be installed and we hope you will give them your full support for the upcoming year. Also that night we will be treated to a presentation of the Green Thumb Competition entrants and awards will be presented to the winners. Awards will also be presented to the winners of the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show and our Monthly Competition. For those in attendance at the Dinner each will receive a special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift.

This will be my last issue of the Blooming News as Susan Reeder will be taking over for 2010. I must say that I have enjoyed putting some of my words to the Newsletter and I hope you enjoyed some of my little anecdotes. I would like to thank Susan Reeder for her help in feeding me information regarding upcoming events and for her reports on the speakers we have had throughout the year. Also thanks to those who have submitted reports and other welcome news and lastly to my proofreader, for correcting my "salt and pepper" punctuation errors and corrections making my sentences read better. My grammar has improved somewhat??.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Executive to wish each and everyone of you a

*Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year*

## POTLUCK SUPPER AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our AGM, Potluck Supper and Awards Night will be on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> the **THIRD** Thursday of November, not the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. As it is our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we will be having a turkey dinner prepared by the St. Paul's Church Ladies. Everyone in attendance for the meal will receive a special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift. **Dinner is by reservation only.** If you would just prefer to come for the Awards presentations after dinner you are very welcome. *Dinner will start at 6.00pm please try to be there a little earlier. All utensils will be supplied you do not need to bring your own this year.*

It is with sadness that we tell you of the passing of a long time member and Past President Doug Woodburn. In past years Doug, along with his late wife Shirley, was a very active member on the executive. Our condolences go out to his son Scott and wife Katherine.

Haldimand Horticultural Society offers its condolences to Betty and John Ballanger and their family on the recent passing of their son and brother Darcy.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Our Speaker for October was Dave Wood from Wild Birds Unlimited in Burlington. Dave gave us many helpful tips about feeding our feathered friends through the winter months. His best tip of the evening was regarding the type of feed we go out and buy. How many of us have gone to the store and returned home with a large bag of feed mix only to see the birds go though it in the feeder, scattering all over the ground trying to find the seed that they really like, yes they can be fussy. A number of birds like the sunflower seed for instance and will take it away from the feeder to crack the shell. This sometimes get dropped and the bird, rather than looking for it, will go back to the feeder to get another seed, going through the same scattering process. Dave's solution to this is to use chipped sunflower seed. This goes into the feeder, you will need one with the built in tray, and the birds will eat it right there with no waste. His price per bag (10lb for \$22.00) might seem a little steep, but when you think of that little pile on the ground under the feeder, I think it might be well worth it.

Other tips he had included cleaning your feeders on a regular basis. A number of birds are susceptible to disease from a contaminated feeder. The feed should not be left in the feeder for longer than a week to 10 days period. If you have some finch type feeders like I do, try tipping it on its side so the seed slides to the top of the feeder and check the seed that was at the bottom to see if it has clumped and gone mouldy and bad. If it has it needs to be replaced.

Also don't forget about watering. His store has a number of heated water bowls that can be used.

Now that I have finished some of my jobs around the house I will be spending some time booking speakers for the nine general meetings we will be having next year. I do have some people in mind to contact who I know will be of great interest. If you have a subject you would like to hear someone speak on be sure to let me know and I will do my best to find someone.

Gord

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee will be offering the following names up for election at the Annual General Meeting.

They are as follows:-

President – Dawn Suter

1st Vice President – Catherine McGill

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Susan Reeder

Treasurer – Coby Osinga

Secretary – Susan Reeder

Directors

Karen Foster

Dave Jarvis

Christine Mickeloff

Lena Atkinson

Don Reeder

Karen Spellen

Honourary Directors

Audrey Derii

Irene Baxter

Gordon Roberts

Donna Murray

At the time of going to print, we still need two to four more people for the board. If you believe you can help by becoming a director please let me know. Look forward to hearing from you.

## **LIBRARY notes for November.**

A reminder to our members... we have several complimentary admission passes to the R.B.G. Also available is a Members' free trailhead parking pass, which allows you to park at the cultivated garden areas. As a member of the R.B.G. our society is also able to take advantage of many benefits. Speak with me if you are interested in the listing.

Wendy Roberts

## **CALEDONIA FAIR EXHIBIT**

I noted in last month's issue that the society's entry at this year's Caledonia Fair had won first place again. Fortunately or unfortunately we were the only entry this year. I failed to mention that a great number of our members also had entries in the Fair.

The Society presents three wards to entrants.

Winners this year were

Cut Flowers – Carol Jones (member)

Arrangements – Roz Rumball (member)

Potted Plants – Kevin Beveridge

I'm also pleased to tell you Roz also won the Society Special Award given by the Caledonia Garden centre as the overall winner.

Congratulations to all who entered.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships for 2010 are now on sale. The 2009 total membership was 164 and naturally we would like to do better next year.

Think about registering your spouse or partner or even the neighbour next door. A really nice stocking stuffer would be a membership to the Haldimand Horticultural Society. Memberships can be purchased at all general meetings. A 2010 registration form can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

# MONTHLY COMPETITION

## NOVEMBER 2009

### 1. Design Section

- a). Joy to the World - a design for the holiday season.
- b). Please Be Seated - Create 2 place markers for the holiday table. Need not be the same but should be coordinated. . May use any range of dried or fresh material. Display your exhibit on a table napkin of your choice.
- b). Deck the Halls - a collection of any cut greens attractively designed in an arrangement suitable for a hall table or buffet. May include berries or accessories if desired.

### 2. Specimen Section

- a). Final Bow - the last bloom in the garden, stem, stalk or spray. Think like the Japanese for this class. Look not at its faults but at its beauty. Not looking for perfection here but for the miracle of life.

### 3. Special Exhibit

This shrubs for me. Put together some material that tells the story of a shrub that you value in your garden. It may include a photo or a garden catalogue picture of your shrub. A cutting from your shrub that shows the stem/ leaf structure. A few words about your shrub. Tell us what this shrub offers to your garden in the way of spring, summer or winter interest. (Or you may choose to tell the group about this in a brief presentation). This exhibit is meant to be educational and to make good use of the wealth of member knowledge that can be shared.

### 4. Photo/Craft Section – one entry per exhibitor in each class

- a). I'm Missing the Colour- A photo in black and white, taken by the exhibitor, any subject with a horticultural slant. Need not be framed.
- b). A craft item such as a place mat, writing paper or card that is decorated with natural material, dried/pressed.

## JANUARY 2010

### 1. Design Section

- a). Winter Rhapsody - a design of your choice.
- b). Sweetheart Serenade- a design with a strong line element

### 2. Specimen Section

- a). A Plant I Am Proud Of - a houseplant that has been in the care of the exhibitor for at least 3 months.
- b). A pot of bulb(s) grown by the exhibitor.

### 3. Craft Section” one entry per exhibitor

- a). Craft article made by the exhibitor, floral theme, any medium.  
(An article not to have been previously shown at Hald. Hort. Society)

For those who are interested in putting an Arrangement/Design in the Monthly Competition and are not sure of the “rules”, we do have copies of the “OHA Ontario Judging and Exhibition Standards”, Publication #34 available. The cost is between \$6.00 and \$8.00 and is well worth the purchase.

### October competition Winners were as follows;

#### Design Section:

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| Things That go Bump in the Night. | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Roz Rumball.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Loretta Jones and Lena Atkinson |
| Orange and Black                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Audrey Derii  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson                   |
| Remembering.                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Lena Atkinson |   |

#### Specimen Section:

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| Perennial 1 stem, stalk or spray            | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Roz Rumball      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Roz Rumball   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lena Atkinson | 4 <sup>th</sup> Lena Atkinson |
| Annual 1 stem, stalk or spray               | 1 <sup>st</sup> . Catherine McGill | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lena Atkinson | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Audrey Derii  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Roz Rumball   |
| Collection of mixed annuals &/or perennials | 1 <sup>st</sup> Catherine McGill   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Loretta Jones |                               |                               |

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## HALDIMAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 2010 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.C. \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Membership Fee : Single \$8.00 Family \$12.00 Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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