

# Sudbury Horticultural Society

## “The Newsletter”

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**Rudbeckia hirta**  
( Black-eyed Susan )

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*Dedicated to  
the beautification  
of the Sudbury region  
and the preservation  
of our environment*



*Passion Flower (passiflora incarnata)  
above, found in the Casa Loma  
Gardens, Toronto*



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## WEST NIPISSING GARDEN SHOW

**Saturday April 25, 2009**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Sturgeon Falls Recreation Centre**

(located behind MacDonald's Restaurant)



The event consists of a trade show combined with various workshops on a number of topics.

Plants and gardening accessories will be available for purchase.

A lunch will be available for a small fee.

The goal of the show is to provide an education venue for gardeners in the area.



### *Southview Greenhouse Growers*

BEDDING PLANTS - GERANIUMS - PERENNIALS  
TREES - SHRUBS - FALL MUMS

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## Cover Photo - Passion Flower

The wonderful bloom on this month's cover is one of over 400 known species of passiflora. It is said to have been discovered by the Spanish in 16<sup>th</sup> century Latin America. Its unique form caused missionaries to turn it into a Christian symbol...the blue halo of filaments representing the "crown of thorns"...the style is the pillar at which Christ was scourged...the stigma look like three nails...the stamen are to represent gaul-soaked sponges...and some varieties show a corolla with five red marks (five wounds).

This plant enjoys full sun and well-drained soil. Normally found in zones 6-9, hardy varieties can grow in zone 4. The plant dies back in winter. In spring, the new growth employs tendrils to climb up to twelve feet. Commonly called Maypop because, as the fruits are pulped (mashed) for jams, they make a popping sound.

The plant's medicinal uses include easing tension and headache pain, lowering blood pressure by relaxing blood vessels, calming nerves, and for insomnia. And, it may have been given the name "passion" for yet another alleged use. A unique plant indeed !

- *Hermina and Lisa Robinson*



## Whitewater Greenhouses & Yard Art Centre

Thurs. - Fri. 9am - 9pm

Sat. - Sun. 9am - 5pm

off Montee Principal    Topiary, Weeping Trees  
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## Our Convention Update

We have made some changes in our plans for the OHA Convention that we are hosting in 2011. The location will be at the Holiday Inn on Regent Street, on July 22, 23, & 24. Plans are progressing quickly.

I know it seems like a long way off, but we are going to need many volunteers that weekend, to welcome fellow horticulturists from all parts of Ontario, and to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We hope that we can count on some of you to help.

This is also an excellent opportunity for you to participate in the many seminars, workshops, and bus tours, right here in Sudbury ! When the convention is held elsewhere, there is the cost of travel, food, and accommodation to consider. In 2011, you can experience the event while saving money.

We already have several great seminar presenters on board. If you have any suggestions, they are most welcome.

- *Hermina*

## **Dates to Remember !**

**April 7** - Executive Meeting  
(7:00 pm at Red Oak Villa)

**April 12** - Easter Sunday

**April 18** - Earth Day Festival (Market Sq.)

**April 26** - African Violet Show and  
General Meeting and  
Pot Luck Supper at CNIB

**May 2** - District Annual Meeting in  
Spanish

**May 5** - Executive Meeting  
(7:00 pm at Red Oak Villa)

## **African Violet Show**

# **Sunday, April 26 ... at the CNIB**

**Entries can be placed between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon  
at which time judging will begin.**

Check pages 38 & 39 in yearbook for classes and rules.



**General Meeting  
with Guest Speaker**

**followed by  
Pot Luck Supper**



## Botanix Azilda Greenhouses NEW Plant Introductions - 2009

Our perennial roots were planted this past week. The planting crews were closely examining specimens and making their personal selections! The trees and shrubs won't be on display until late April but we thought we would showcase a few of the new introductions in that department too. Kim can answer your perennial questions and Richard is the person to talk to about tree/ shrub inquiries - telephone 983 - 5252.

### *Coreopsis Red Shift*

This is the result of 8 years of breeding between several coreopsis species. The claim is this will be the truly hardy red species we've been waiting for. Changing colour as it ages, you have a mix of creams, reds, and burgundy to please you. Plant this one at the front of your border for up close admiration.

### *Echinacea Mac N Cheese*

A perfect match to Tomato soup, Mac N Cheese is a gorgeous golden yellow. These 4" blooms make a great cut flower for your table.

### *Echinacea Tomato Soup*

Terra Nova Nurseries always comes out with a plant that just WOWS you. Bright TOMATO red daisies appear reaching 5" across. They boast it is the best red Echinacea on the market and has the strongest branching habit to date.

### *Lilium Red Dutch OT*

This is an oriental / trumpet mix, meaning you get the great fragrance of the oriental lily and the huge trumpets of the trumpet lily. A mix of yellow and burgundy wine, it is a stunner for the garden- and worth battling those pesky lily beetles to enjoy this one.

### *Tricyrtis Lightning Strike*

For those shade gardeners who have nothing "exciting" to plant. HERE YOU GO! The blooms are white with purple spots, almost orchid like, and the foliage, streaks of yellow in with lime green foliage. DIFFERENT! Plant on where it can be enjoyed up close.

### *Euonymus alatus 'Chicago Fire'- Chicago Burning Bush*

The nursery boasts that it is hardier than all others in the species. Chicago Fire also tends to turn red earlier than other varieties. Reaching between 8-10 feet high and wide, this is an excellent plant for a screen or hedge.

### *Exochordia 'The Bride' STD- "The Bride Pearl Tree"*

Picture tiny little pearls sprouting and transforming into a mass of white blooms in mid May. Great as a focal point in the garden. This standard tree is definitely not the average Weeping Peashrub. The added bonus - it is fragrant!

### *Magnolia 'Susan'- Susan Magnolia*

This zone 4 hardy Magnolia may not be a new variety but it is new to us! Fragrant fuchsia coloured blooms appear in early May. A nice compact mounding shaped plant, a slow grower that can be the centrepiece in the garden.

### *Viburnum opulus 'Park Harvest'- Park Harvest Viburnum*

A golden green leaved variety with a red tinged edge to it. Dainty white flowers are followed by red berries in the fall. Great for feeding the birds. It reaches 8-12 feet high.



## Botanix Azilda Greenhouses

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## Earth Day at Market Square

**FOOD, INFORMATION, and HANDOUTS !**  
**On Saturday, April 18, we will have a booth at Market Square to help celebrate Earth day. Many environmental organizations will there to promote anything and everything "GREEN".**

# General Meeting & African Violet Show

CNIB York Street

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Enjoy the show and coffee from 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Karen McAlpine

*“Water Gardens”* at 2:00 pm

## Pot Luck Supper

Our annual pot luck supper follows  
the meeting

New **Magazines and Collectibles**  
on the white elephant table

Door Prizes & 50/50 Draw

## More Than Just a Meeting

On Saturday, May 2, all the societies in our District 13 get together for our Annual Meeting. But this is no ordinary meeting, where only business and finances are discussed over pencil and paper. This day includes a great display of items for the penny table, a fantastic lunch, entertainment, a chance to see old friends, and a few surprises. This year it is hosted by the Spanish Society. Why not mark it on your calendar and join us in car-pooling to Spanish for a great day.

- *Hermina*

## Photography and Art Competition at the 2009 Convention

Any member can enter...even if you do not attend the convention. Call Hermina or check the OHA website ( [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) ) for more details.

**Photo Criteria:** All photos must:

- be 4"x6", matted (5"x7" mat) but not mounted, nor framed.
- have horticultural content, and taken in Ontario
- be postmarked no later than June 1.

**Classes:**

1. **Dancing in the Moonlight** (a night shot)
2. **I'm Seeing Red** (any red flower)
3. **Teardrops Keep Falling** (drops of water on flora -leaves, flowers, grasses, etc.)
4. **I don't Beleaf It** (an odd leaf or leaf formation)
5. **Frosty the Flora** (frost on a plant, tree, etc.)
6. **You Crack me Up** (plant(s) growing in a crack or crevice)
7. **Straight to the Bank** (a river, stream, brook including flora)
8. **I pine for You** (all or part of a pine tree)
9. **Country Roads** (a country road or lane)
10. **Close the Barn Door** (barn door(s) with some horticultural aspect)
11. **Crooked as They Come** (an oddly shaped tree or branch)
12. **Please Be Seated** (bench, chair, seating area in the landscape or garden)
13. **An Open or Shut Case** (gate with some flora)
14. **Lean on Me** (plant(s) growing upward on a structure)

## Art Competition and More !

There are nine classes to enter your art. They include watercolour, acrylic, mixed media, coloured pencil, pressed flowers, collage, and decorative sculpture.

The rules and descriptions are too numerous to mention here. Please contact Hermina (692-1442) or google [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) ...then click on the convention for the necessary rules and forms.

You will also find classes for Floral Design, Poetry Horticulture, and Youth competitions. There are monetary prizes as well as ribbons.

**Why not consider entering some of these categories...but check them out soon !**



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## D.I.G

Daylilies in the Garden  
Hardy Daylilies for Northern Ontario

Tours July 15 - August 15  
by appointment

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Phone:(705) 758-6214

E-mail: [2.digdaylilies@ontera.net](mailto:2.digdaylilies@ontera.net)

# MANITOULIN ISLAND GARDEN TOUR

Saturday June 20, 2009  
Tickets - \$60.00



Tickets for this bus trip will be available at all Sudbury Horticultural Society meetings and events in April and May.

For further information please contact

**Linda or Wayne Hugli**  
**693-2476**



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLANT AND MAINTAIN THE GARDENS AT JOHN STREET PARK

Every spring a dedicated group of volunteers from the Sudbury Horticultural Society gathers at John Street Park to weed the gardens and prepare them for planting. New annuals, perennials and shrubs are then ordered for the season and the group gathers again in late May or early June to plant, and to spread composted manure and mulch.

Throughout the summer, volunteers return to the garden on a regular basis to weed and maintain the flowerbeds. A final cleanup is done in the fall.

Volunteers are welcome to take part in any (or all) of these activities. You can also choose to "adopt-a-garden" and assume responsibility for the weeding, planting and maintenance of a specific section of the garden

**If you would like to donate a few hours of your time to help with this important community improvement project please contact Wayne for more details.**

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