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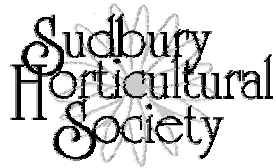
January-February 2008



“Old Tractor” and
“McCharles Lake” by Hermina

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The Sudbury Horticultural Society held its Annual General Meeting on December 2, 2007 at the CNIB on York Street. Carol Skanes, Vice President opened the meeting, which was very well attended. In her position as retiring Secretary, Carol read her report of the society's activities, and accomplishments over the past year. Wayne Hugli, Treasurer gave an in depth, power-point presentation of the Society's Financial status. Both of these reports will be published in the new 2008 SHS Yearbook which will be ready for distribution at the January 27, 2008 General Meeting.

Director (2nd year term) Mr. Pat O'Grady began the election proceedings. After calling a third time for nominations for President, from the floor, he declared the nomination closed. Claire Liinamaa, as District Director (OHA District #13) addressed the members assembled. She explained that according to our Society Constitution, a President may hold office for a term of a maximum of three years, then must step down. Hermina Hubert had just completed her third year. Other Board Members in the line of succession did not feel prepared or ready to step up at this time.

Claire stated that she had a letter in hand, signed and dated by Hermina Hubert, stating that she would be willing to continue as President for this coming year or until such time as a new person could be found. We would, however, need the support of the members that "Although we are aware that it is contrary to our Constitution's directive, we will support Hermina Hubert as our President for another term". A show of hands with red voting cards made the decision unanimous.



The Election proceedings continued with a full slate of officers. Mr. Kees Stryland (left) from OHA District #12, Timmins, and 2nd Vice President of the OHA, installed the officers in a special ceremony. (Also in photo is Kira Dunham, Master Gardener in training and President of Timmins Horticultural Society)

Special Awards, trophies and prizes were given to the winners of our show competition, then, Musical Entertainment was enjoyed by all.



Special Award

Also at the December Annual meeting, two very special people were presented with 'Certificates of Appreciation' from their Society and the OHA. Linda Hugli & Wayne Hugli have tirelessly devoted many volunteer hours of work on many committees and sub-committees in the name of Horticulture, at both the local and provincial levels. We would like to commend them very highly for all they have done on our behalf.

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Dates to Remember !

January 6 - Ukrainian Christmas
(Epiphany)

January 27 - General meeting with
Guest speaker at CNIB

February 6 - Ash Wednesday

February 14 - Valentine's Day

Don't Forget...the Yearbooks will
be available at the general meeting
on Sunday, Jan. 27.



News from Our Vacationers



IN THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS (Ecuador)

Hermina Hubert found that there is diverse flora, even during the dry season on the islands of the Galapagos that straddle the equator. Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, it is difficult to imagine that there is a dry season for about half of the year. This Prickly Pear Cactus keeps its green colour and blooms (fruit is not the one available in our stores, but is eaten by tortoises)

The Palo Santo trees (above) look dried up, but during the rainy season, they come to life and the mountainsides are green again.

IN JAMAICA

Helen Toivonen is getting pointers on how to use tropical plants in a mass arrangement from Jamaican designer Vivian Agulara, during a demonstration at the Royal Plantation Resort. Plants included bird of paradise, orchids, and spathiphyllum. The greenery included various palm fronds and croton.



MEET THE MEMBERS

This month we profile a Past President - Claire Liinamaa

What is your earliest garden related memory ?

Being with my grandfather in his very small city garden plot in Toronto. His passion was Dahlias, the huge dinner plate size. He had come home that Sunday afternoon with a lovely ribbon rosette that he had won at the CNE for the best Dahlia in Show. Another special memory was when my mother gave me a small bowl and I was told to go out and pick my own fresh raspberries for my breakfast.

How did you become interested in gardening ?

My parents always had a lovely garden. During my early married life, we moved fairly frequently into various rented quarters, so I was not able to establish an actual garden but always managed to plant a few flower beds and always found room for my husband's favourite tomato plants. It wasn't until the late seventies when my whole life was turned around. I remember it was early spring and a very dear friend and neighbour, Norma Bramah dropped by. She was coming from a Horticultural Society meeting. She had bought tickets for the both of us to take a society bus trip to attend the CNE Garden Show in Toronto. When I entered the Automotive Building, I was simply blown away. I had never even imagined such grandeur, huge trees had been planted, gorgeous flower beds of every description. Similar to Canada Blooms today, but back then, and to a novice like myself, it was breathtaking and simply out of this world.. I came home, joined the Horticultural Society met some wonderful people and the rest is history.

What type of gardening do you do ?

I am pretty much retired from active gardening now...but I think, in my time, I have grown just about everything. From seed and from cuttings, outdoors and indoors. I specialized in roses outside and African Violets inside. I have done landscape designing both in consultation and installation. I have loved every minute of my involvement with horticulture.

What is your garden philosophy ?

Gardening is good for the mind and good for the soul. I have made many friends with the same interests. We are like one huge extended family, working together to keep our environment beautiful and healthy. I have never met a gardener I didn't like!

What is your most remarkable garden success/failure ?

Into every life, a little rain must fall! We all experience failure. Mine was in trying to make a special Bi-Centennial flower bed back in 1967. I knew it should be red, white and blue but beyond that I really didn't know what I was doing. I grew red salvia, dark blue petunias and white alyssum but they didn't bloom at the right time nor did they stay the same height, it was a disaster. Everyone laughed when they saw it, but then I realized that we were all laughing happily, so maybe it wasn't such a failure after all.

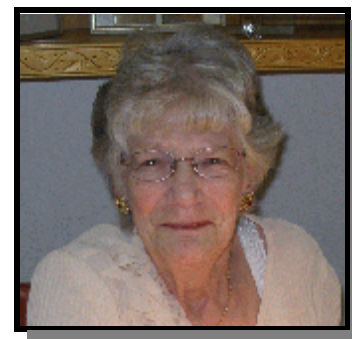
Of what life accomplishment are you most proud ?

Receiving the Ontario Horticultural Association Award of Merit. Being elected District Director and being a member of the OHA Board of Directors.

Favourite garden tip ?

When you are angry or stressed out, or at odds with the whole world, go out into your garden. Get down on your knees and Weed, Weed, Weed. Yank them out by the roots vigorously, and toss them into the bin. Hoe the ground with a vengeance. Soon the anger will dissipate, you will soon feel gentle calm and peacefulness descend and you will be able to face the world again!

Pet garden peeves ? Hoses, hoses, lying everywhere!





WE'RE "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" IN 2008

The Sudbury Horticultural Society invites you to enjoy one of its horticultural adventures this year!



CANADA BLOOMS TRIP

Thursday March 13, 2008

5:30 am to 11:30 pm

\$85.00 for SHS Members

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Awards Presentation 2007**African Violet Show - 117 entries**

Most Points in Show	Winnifred Squires Trophy	Gilberte Lambert	107 points
Best Entry by Senior	Scherzinger Trophy	No Entry	
Best Entry by Novice	Gift Certificate	No Entry	
Queen of Show	Gift Certificate (Stokes)	Gilberte Lambert	
Best in Design	Gift Certificate (Stokes)	Theresa Henderson	
Most Points in Art & Craft	Liinamaa Family Trophy	Not Awarded	

Rose & Perennial Show - 102 entries

Most points in Show	Gisela Daru Memorial	Corona Skakoon	112 points
Best Red Hybrid Tea	K.W. Bigelow	Corona Skakoon	
Best Specimen	Gift Certificate (Veseys)	Carol Skanes	
Best in Design	Gift Certificate (Veseys)	Camilla Yahnke	

Autumn Show - 81 entries

Most Points in Show	Acme Printers	Vettorettis	86 points
Best in Design	Gift Certificate(OSC)	Aline Dupont	

Pumpkin Show - 61 entries


Most Points in Show	Book	Lisa Robinson	44 points
Most Points - Sweets	Helen Duncan Award	Helen Toivonen	58 points
Most Points - Savoury	Rita Fox Plaque	Helen Toivonen	64 points

Christmas Show

Most points in Show	Claire Liinamaa Award	Aline Dupont	112 points
Best in Design	Gift Certificate (Dominion)	Carol Skanes	
Best Festive Feature	Gift Certificate (Dominion)	Pam Cowan	

Overall Awards

Most Points in All Shows	SHS Award	Aline Dupont	395 points
Most Points in Photography	Clara Peterson Award	Lisa Robinson	163 points

Congratulations Everyone !


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Follow the Flower

Floral Design Demonstration



Thank You Lougheeds, who once again offered a design demo in Nov. Denise Abuwa (left) entertained a room filled with design enthusiasts, eagre to learn some new techniques. Some of the arrangements were given to those present. There were also door prizes and refreshments.

Next General Meeting

Sunday, January 27th

CNIB York Street

Guest Speaker: Linda Hugli
"Going Beyond the Zones"

Enjoy coffee and desserts from 1:15 pm while socializing with friends.

Browse through the many **Magazines & Miscellany** at the **White Elephant Table**

Door Prizes and 50/50 Draw

Free admission for members !

Memories of the Christmas Show



Aline Dupont accepts the SHS Award for obtaining the most points in all of our shows in 2007

(Bottom left) Terry and Carol Skanes

(Right) Colombe Charest and Gilberte Lambert



Show Trivia

Number of entries.....91

Number of members that entered....28

Total entries for the year.....452



We Really Need Your Support

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If for some reason you are unable to attend the meetings or a show....
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New Benches

An early Christmas present ! The City has provided its parks with some very sturdy and artistic looking benches. You can catch a glimpse of the variety of colours while driving, or walking, around town. Personally, I am glad we received the "turquoise" colour and not the red or yellow ones. You can look forward to resting on the new benches after the clean-up and spring planting of John Street Park this May.

