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Sudbury Horticultural Society

“The Newsletter”

May 2008



*Spring blossoms both bright and mellow
in shades of red, and pink, and yellow.
(From Hermina's "garten")*

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Timothy Martin: Artist Extraordinaire

by Richard Toivonen

It has become evident to me that each flower show I attend reveals a hidden treasure, or pleasure, that becomes the highlight of the show for me. So too, at the 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show.

It came in the form of, not a unique grouping of flowers, a new exotic plant recently introduced or a must have garden gizmo or gadget, but in a botanical artist, a painter of flowers in all the beauty and glory that we love.

Timothy Martin, pictured at work below, is a classically-trained fine artist whose work has been displayed in Tiffany's windows on Fifth Avenue, New York, and who has been commissioned by Steinway & Sons to paint a series of four one-of-a-kind baby grand pianos marking the four seasons. It is the first time in almost 70 years that Steinway has chosen an artist to decorate one of their fabled pianos. "Summertime", the first completed, toured the United States and was bought by a private individual, for \$200,000. This collector has subsequently purchased one of the other seasons, yet to be completed.

Surrounded by many of his drawings, paintings and reproductions, Mr. Martin worked on the top cover of the piano depicting "Springtime", while answering questions and sharing anecdotes about the process with the many admiring visitors. One of the major challenges is to design the illustration to appear as one when the piano is closed, or open with the keyboard cover folded back and the top raised.

An executive visiting from Steinway found Mr. Martin in his studio, on his back painting a leg, and said, "That will never do.", and delivered, a couple of days later, a hydraulic jack to raise the whole piano to the artist's comfort level. The entire piano is painted, delivered to the factory where it is dismantled and reassembled with all new "guts", and then sealed with a secret process of several coats of sealer.

For an idea of the range of his work, check his website at www.timothymartin.com

The photo above is of the first season completed, "Summer", taken from the website. As unique as his subject matter, are his reproductions, done on canvas, in a process called Giclee, pronounced "zheeclay" which is basically an ink jet printer with at least 8 different coloured ink cartridges. The prints are then hand embellished in acrylic by the artist to capture, on each of the 300 signed and numbered limited edition prints, the textures and highlights of the original oil on canvas.

Negotiations are underway to have Timothy Martin appear at Canada Blooms in the near future, perhaps 2009, so, if possible, stop by and visit with this engaging, talented, and unique artist.



Dates to Remember !

May 15 - Clean-up of John St. Park

May 19 - Victoria Day

May 29 - Planting at John St. Park

June 1 - "Art in Bloom" craft sale on David Street (see page 5)

June 3 - Executive Meeting
(Red Oak Villa, 7:00pm)

June 7 - Plant Sale at Market Square

June 15 - Father's Day

OHA CONVENTION

Would you like to participate in a summer adventure ? ...guided bus tours, interesting guest speakers, catered lunch and dinner ? Plan to attend the OHA Convention in Brampton this summer. It is always a lot of fun and there is so much to see and learn. I can fill you in on all the details, but call soon as hotels are booking fast (unless you're staying with relatives)..... Hermina (692-1442)

CLEAN-UP of JOHN ST. PARK

Remembering that many hands make light work, spring cleaning of our park will take place on Thursday, May 15, from 4:00-8:30 pm. Also join us on Thursday, May 29, from 4:00 to 8:30 pm for the planting of annuals and pizza supper. Please contact Gilberte (524-5779) whether you plan to attend.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE for SPRING

Saturday, June 7

Market Square, Elm Street

Buying plants ? ...8:30 am to 3:30 pm ...Good prices !

Donating plants ? ...please pot & label, if possible.

- a) Keep them healthy until you bring them on Friday to Market Sq. (between 10:00 and 1:00pm).
- b) Drop them off at 1319 Marcel St.in Lockerby area the week before the sale (222-4769)
- c) Call Hermina to make other arrangements.

Helping us pot plants ? ... Extra pairs of hands are always welcome to help us divide and repot at 1319 Marcel St. the week before the plant sale.... also save and bring large plastic pots and newspaper.



Contact Hermina Hubert 692-1442
for more information or
to volunteer your time.

District 13 Flower Show Schedule - If you have time, drop in and show your support !

DATE and TIME	SOCIETY	DETAILS
July 5 (Saturday) 11:00 am - 3:30 pm Entries: Sat.9:30-11:00am	Sudbury	“Raindrops on Roses” Rose & Perennial Show at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre, no charge. Contact Linda Hugli 705-693-2476 or lhugli@hotmail.com
July 19 (Saturday) 1:30 - 4:00 pm	Campbell	“Scenic Manitoulin” Flower Show & Tea at the Mindemoya Community Centre, plant sale & penny table, adults \$7.00, Children 10 and under \$2.00. Contact Carol Lang 705-282-2782 or cclang@vianet.ca
July 19 (Saturday) 2:00 - 4:00 pm Entries: Sat.9:00-11:00am	Elliot Lake	“Bursting With Beauty” Flower Show at Collins Hall, Admis: \$4.00 (includes beverage), pie social at \$2.00 each piece. Contact Mary Barnes 705-848-4678.
July 26 (Saturday) 1:00 - 4:00 pm Entries: Sat. 7:00-9:00 am	Spanish	“Welcome to Spanish Gardens” Flower Show, Royal Canadian Legion, competition of pine board welcome sign, tea & coffee, desserts & fruits \$2.00 admission. For non-members to enter competition \$5.00, children \$2.00. Contact Diane Beacock 705-844-2148 or John Bois 705-844-1510.
August 2 (Saturday) 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm Entries: Sat. 7:00-9:30 am Judging: 10:00 am -noon	Sault Ste. Marie	“The Year in Flowers” Flower and Vegetable Show at Station Mall (Dennis Street Court), no charge, categories for non-members and for professional florists. Contact Veronica Bahun 705-254-3116 or vbahun@yahoo.ca
August 9 (Saturday) 12 noon - 3:00 pm	Assaginack	Flower Show & Luncheon at Knox United Church Hall in Manitowaning, admission: \$5.00. Contact Susanne Smith 705-859-3732.
August 13 (Wednesday) 12 noon - 3:00 pm Entries Tues.7:00-9:00pm or Wed. 8:30-9:30 am	Espanola	“Golden Anniversary of Town” Flower & Vegetable Show at the Elks Hall, 539 Second St., adults \$5.00, children 5 and under \$1.00, includes luncheon, bake table and penny table. Contact Sheila Pope 705-285-4364 or Frank Beer 705-869-2618
August 14 (Thursday) 6:00 - 9:00 pm	Massey-Walford	Flower Show, Massey Legion Hall, admission: \$3.50 includes tea, coffee & dessert, awards at 8:00 pm. Contact Anita Tricco 705-865-2689 or Klara Kluge 705-865-2657.
August 21 (Thursday) 6:00 - 8:30 pm	Blind River	Flower Show at Blind River Community Centre, admission. \$6.00 includes tea, sandwiches & dessert. Contact Janet Robb 705-356-7790.
August 21 (Thursday) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Lake George	Flower Show & Luncheon at Echo bay Community Hall, \$8.00, lunch from noon to 1:30. Contact Verna Lapish 705-248-2289.
August 23 (Saturday) 2:00 - 4:00 pm	St. Joseph Island	Flower & Vegetable Show at St. Mark’s United Church Fellowship Hall, Richard’s Landing, silver collection, refreshments. Contact Sheila Campbell 705-246-3078.
	Bruce Station	No flower show this year.



7th Annual Art in Bloom

June 1st, 2008, 11 to 4 pm
169 David Street (Sudbury)

Each year three locals invite over 25 artists from Northeastern Ontario to gather in their beautiful gardens to sell one-of-a-kind paintings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, quilts, soaps and wood carvings.

Visitors can enjoy a strawberry social & entertainment while visiting. Proceeds go towards improving mental health services in the community.

Tickets for the Event: \$12 (\$15 at Door)

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GETTING A HEAD START

- by Garth Wunsch

Last fall, after digging out my vegetables, I covered the garden with a thick layer of leaves I had shredded with my lawn mower. Today (April 8)

I was able to plant Shallots

and Multiplier Onions (nobody seems to have Dutch sets yet). There was no frost and, as you can see, the snow is "right there" at the edge of the garden bed. I am very pleased with this little experiment. It is a take-off on Ruth Stout's "no dig" method.

MOSQUITOES vs LISTERINE

- Submitted by Aloma Johnson

Comments from annoyed northerners:

The best way of getting rid of mosquitoes is Listerine, the original medicinal type. The Dollar Store-type works, too. I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic

where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.

I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works - in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Zeller's and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of poisonous spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days.

Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), rather spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames and even inside the dog house if you have one. (Make sure the dog is not inside.) It can also be used to dab any bites you receive. It will stop the itching quicker and go away faster.

Photos ! Photos ! Photos !

Now is the time to take photos of your spring garden, all the glorious tulips and daffodils, and anything else that is sprouting. The calendar theme this year is "Gardens". However, you can still take close-ups and various other shots for the photographic classes in our shows throughout the year. Check the yearbook for descriptions.

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TWIGS GALORE

Saturday, May 24 or 31. Make your very own twig chair.

June 28[!]. Make a beautiful arbour for your yard. \$125.00 per person. Supplies & lunch included.

ROCK ART PAINTING

Add your own personal touch to your yard. Saturday, May 31 & June 14. Supplies included. \$45.00

STAINED GLASS FOR THE GARDEN

Saturday, June 7 or Sept.13. Create your garden stepping stone & learn the basics of stained glass. Supplies included. Cost: \$55.00.

CONCRETE/CEMENT LEAVES

Saturday, June 7 & 21. A beautiful art accent for your garden! Make your very own take-home leaf ! Supplies included. Cost: \$35.00.

Life is an adventure
not a destination !

BIRDHOUSE BUILDING

Saturday, July 5. Get those little tweety birds excited by building them their very own birdhouse. Supplies included. Cost: \$25.00

HYPERTUFA *NEW*

2 DIFFERENT COURSES

Part 1 - fabricate your very own plant container. A pleasant alternative to store bought garden pots. Course will be given by Enzo Floreani, a very well known Master Gardener with the Sudbury Horticultural Society. Saturday June 7.

Part 2 - Saturday, June 14. (Part 1 is a pre-requisite) \$55.00 per course. All supplies included. (also plants)

"Private courses can be arranged with a minimum of 6 people.

NEW FOR 2008 !!!!

Halloween Workshop - Create two exciting arrangements one for your yard and one for your house... Bootiful !

Friday, Oct.17.

Christmas Workshop - Create a stand for your outside arrangement & also a beautiful Christmas tabletop centerpiece.

Nov.7th

Workshops will be \$65.00 each and all supplies included.

We will also be part of the Sudbury Arts Tour des Arts, Sept. 28 & 29. Come & see us!! For more information, please contact Nicole or Roger Richer @ Whitewater Greenhouses & Yard Art Centre... 983-0514

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On May third, eight of our membership rose early in the morning, in the darkness, to drive to Elliot Lake. Why? It was time for the Annual Meeting of District # 13. What a wonderful day we spent with our hosts and the members of the other eleven societies.

We were welcomed with miniature gardens decorating the hall, a fabulous hot lunch, and some unique entertainment in the afternoon. The guest speaker was Judy St. Dennis, whose very informative topic was "Green versus Brown" (environmental of course).

Traditionally, at the annual meeting, each society donates a gift for the penny table. This year Tina Hansen won a colossal garden tea pot filled with daffodil bulbs.

Another tradition observed at each meeting is the "in memoriam" ceremony whereby a carnation is placed into a vase for each member who we lost in the past year.

After the necessary business, we had the opportunity to see old friends, view the floral designs that had been entered (and judged by Carol Skanes) and share ideas. It is one of the few opportunities to connect with the other societies in our district.



Above, sitting at the head table, is Bev Webster (Assistant Director for Manitoulin), Theresa Cullum (District Secretary), Claire Liinamaa (Director), and Gilberte Lambert (Treasurer). Not pictured were Carol Skanes (Assistant Director for Sudbury), Lisa Wolfram (past OHA President) and Suzanne Hanna (Assistant Director for Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma).



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You Don't Need to be a Judge!

Are you interested in learning about exhibiting specimens or floral design? The district offers yearly updates for our judges, but anyone can attend. This September we will meet in Burpee /Mills (that's just south of Gore Bay) for an interesting Saturday learning the elements and principles of design, how to use gladiolas and lilies in design, and how to show these as specimens. Our presenter will be Jim Maybee, a professional Floral Designer.

The Campbell Society is hosting the event on Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and lunch will be provided. We would be pleased if you could join us. Call Carol or Hermina for more information.



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Honey Trivia

- Q. How many bees in a hive? (*50,000 or more*)
- Q. How many flowers must a bee tap to make 454 g (one pound) of honey? (*Two million*)
- Q. How far does a hive of bees fly to bring you 454g (one pound) of honey? (*Over 55,000 miles*)
- Q. How much honey does the worker bee make in her lifetime? (*1/10 teaspoon or 0.8g*)
- Q. How fast does a honeybee fly?(*24 km/hr or 15 mph*)
- Q. What is the name given to wine made with fermented honey? (*Mead*)
- Q. How long have bees been producing honey from flowering plants? (*About 10-20 million years*)
- Q. What Scotch liqueur is made with honey? (*Drambuie*)
- Q. How many wings does a bee have? (*Four*)
- Q. How many sides does each honeycomb cell have? (*Six*)
- Q. How many flowers does a honey bee visit during one collection trip? (*50 - 100*)
- Q. How do honeybees communicate with each other? (*By dancing. Honeybees do a dance which alerts other bees where nectar and pollen is located. The dance explains direction and distance.*)
- Q. What is the per capita consumption of honey in Canada? (*One kilo or 2.2 pounds per year*)

Meeting

Mr. Noel Shank (wearing his protective gear) and his honey. There were also jars of honey available.



Many stayed for the annual Pot Luck Dinner, where news and stories were exchanged. We welcomed several new members, some that have just moved to the Sudbury region and are eager to get involved in the Society.

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