

# Sudbury Horticultural Society

## “The Newsletter”

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( Black-eyed Susan )

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of our environment*



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## Ask the Master Gardeners

- by Linda Hugli

**Question:** I'm looking for suggestions for deciduous, flowering, fragrant shrubs for a shaded and moist area. Have any ideas?

**Answer:** There are a few fragrant deciduous shrubs to try in a shady Zone 4 site.

1. Daphne 'Carol Mackie' has beautiful variegated foliage, fragrant pink flowers, and loves the shade!



2. Azaleas: The 'Northern Lights' series are sufficiently hardy for Sudbury gardens. 'Mandarin' and 'Orchid' are the most striking, and prefer acidic soil.

3. Philadelphus (Mock Orange) has a citrus scent and white spring blooms.

4. Clethra (Summersweet) is actually a native shrub which will tolerate even full shade. Clethra alnifolia 'Ruby Spice' bears bright true pink blossoms in July and August. The flowers have a spicy cinnamon fragrance and can last up to six weeks. The plant has glowing yellow fall foliage. This species is high on the desirability list for northern gardeners, but it may need some winter wind protection.

## Announcement !

Some of you may know that Claire Liinamaa has been in hospital with respiratory difficulties. She is now recuperating at home. Claire was thrilled to receive the many cards and well-wishes. She is most determined to make an appearance at the Christmas Show and we wish her a speedy recovery to do just that.

## The Ugliest Schoolyard Contest

- by Wayne Hugli

I thought that you might be interested in viewing some of Lisa Robinson's photos of the regreening project at **Ecole Publique de la Decouverte** in Val Caron. They are now posted on the City of Sudbury's website at... [www.greatersudbury.ca/regreening](http://www.greatersudbury.ca/regreening)

Click on the link to the Ugliest Schoolyard Contest from the menu at the right and choose 2009 contest from the list that appears.

My thanks to the Horticultural Society members and Master Gardeners who volunteered their time and skills to make this project a great success.

A special thanks to Lisa for all of the wonderful photos she has taken to provide a pictorial record of this exciting project. Two of them are shown below.



## Calendars for Sale

We will be selling 2010 calendars at the meeting. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov. 15** - Floral Demonstration at Lougheeds, Eyre St.

**Nov. 29** - Christmas Show, Annual Meeting and Elections at CNIB

**WEB SITE of the MONTH**



Another great web site, courtesy of Theresa Cullum, is [www.pathwaystoperennials.ca](http://www.pathwaystoperennials.ca) Neat garden art, great landscape design, answers to your gardening questions...is there anything you cannot find on the net.

If you do not have a computer, don't despair. You can use one at your local library, for free...and the librarian will gladly assist you.

## If You Missed the Pumpkin Show...



(Above) Linda Hugli was our "auction elf" raising funds from this beautiful spa basket.



Colombe Charest and Colette Initski. No one sported a costume this year, but that purple hat was very popular !



(Above) Aline Dupont This stack of tea cups magically filled themselves with coffee and tea upon the arrival of our members.



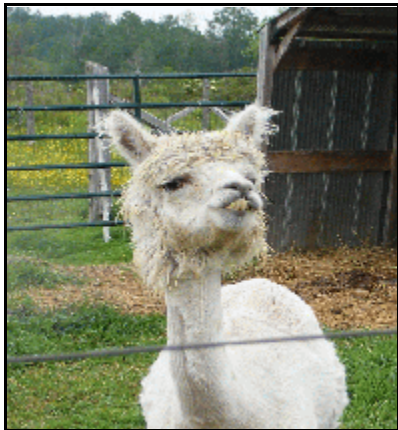
(Left) Our District Director, Suzanne Hanna, gave a fun-filled, hands-on presentation.

(Right) Members had loads of fun rolling clay in seeds to be used (tossed, pitched, or otherwise thrown onto plant-starved land) at a later date. Sorry, but I do not recognize everyone in this group photo.



### August Exhibition - 2009 - Show Trophy Winners

- Most Points in Section A - Plants in Pots ..... Giovanna and Frank Vettoretti - 23 points  
Royal Bank Trophy
- Most Points in Section B&C - Cut Flower Specimens .... Giovanna and Frank Vettoretti - 59 points (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Society Award Award goes to Helen Toivonen - 25 points
- Most Points in Section D - Vegetables & Fruit ..... Giovanna and Frank Vettoretti - 44 points (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Lambert & Mossey Family Trophy Trophy goes to Helen Toivonen - 20 points
- Most Points in Section E - Floral Design ..... Aline Dupont - 52 points  
Roger Mitchell Trophy
- Best Floral Design - Bettina Hansen Award ..... Hermina Hubert
- Best Entry in Section F - Displays ..... Aline Dupont  
Hermine Calyn Trophy
- Most points in Section G - Photography..... Lisa Robinson - 45 points (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Hugli Trophy Trophy goes to Aline Dupont - 26 points
- Best Entry in Section H - Photographic Documentary .... Lisa Robinson  
(20 extra points)
- Most Points Overall ..... Aline Dupont - 147 points  
Agnew Trophy



### ALPACA

This fellow is in need of braces. Actually, their teeth have this over bite to facilitate chewing (so I have been told) They were sheared in June...up to their heads. (Right) Gossip in the corral.



Alpaca farms are cropping up all over Ontario. It's not quite "Horticulture" but they do eat grass, and we spend much time pulling grass from our flower beds, so I see some connection, perhaps. It does fall under the umbrella of Agriculture. I will have to investigate this "Animal Husbandry" further by visiting the Meadowview Alpaca Farm near Bruce Mines.

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- by *Scott Card*

Lots of exciting things have been happening at 28 Durham Street.

- GSEN officially unveiled the new name and logo of the organization, we are now operating under the name reThink Green.

- To match our new name and new logo, we have a new website. Make sure to visit [www.rethinkgreen.ca](http://www.rethinkgreen.ca) and check out the new site!

- After a summer of research and development, Sudbury's Guide to Green Living was finally revealed to the audience. Check it out for the all the ways in Greater Sudbury to green up your life.

- We are now members of Green Communities Canada and will soon be offering new community programs.

Scott Card, Coordinator, can be reached at [scott@rethinkgreen.ca](mailto:scott@rethinkgreen.ca)

## **THE NORTHERN ECHOES**

The Northern Echoes Senior Choir was formed in the fall of 1995 by a group of singers who wanted to get together to sing the popular songs of the past. Over 50 members sing in 4 part harmony, and practise every Wednesday afternoon at the Sudbury Older Adult Centre. New members are always welcome.

We sing at Senior Residences, Retirement Homes and at community functions. We have had the opportunity to sing twice at the Senior Jubilee held at Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto, at the Sudbury Secondary School - Strings of Pearls in 1997 and Songs Forever 2 years later. In 1999 we recorded a tape called "Songs Forever".

In September of 2002 we entertained war brides from across Canada at their annual reunion that was attended by the Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and in April 2003 we sang for the Northern Ontario CWL Convention.

Our accompanist is Nancy Thurston and our two capable directors are Jocelyn McInnis and Joan Pella. Jeannine Longe is our manager.

# **Christmas Show**

**and Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, November 29**  
at CNIB

Bring entries between 10:30 am and 12:00  
at which time judging will begin.



**Entertainment by  
The Northern  
Echoes**  
at 2:15 pm and  
a visit from Santa

**Bus Trip to the  
TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDENS  
and  
ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS  
July 24 & 25, 2010**

All of the guaranteed seats on the small bus have now been sold, but we have the option of upgrading to a larger bus if an additional 10 or more people purchase tickets. A \$10.00 deposit is required to have your name added to the waiting list. The remaining \$200 fee will be due before March 1st if we are able to upgrade to the larger bus.

For further information please contact Linda or Wayne Hugli by phone at (705) 693-2476 or by e-mail at [whugli@hotmail.com](mailto:whugli@hotmail.com)





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