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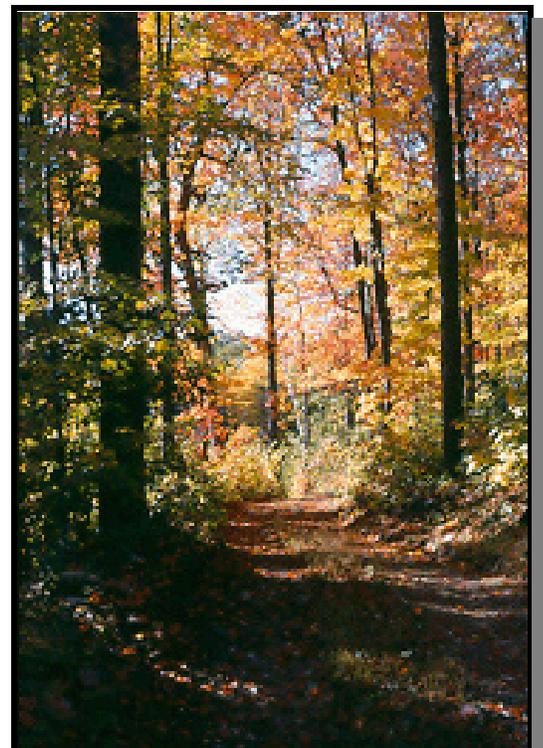
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Colours burst in wild explosions
Fiery, flaming shades of fall
Behold the autumn-weaver
In bronze and yellow dying
Colours unfold into dreams
In hordes of a thousand and one
Bestowed upon the flaming shades of fall

- adapted from Dark Tranquillity, *With the Flaming Shades of Fall*

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Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter.
- Carol Bishop Hips

How Does My Garden Grow?

-by Carol Skanes

I recently received a request from a reader to hear about my rose garden. Since giving several seminars about growing roses, I am often greeted with, "*How are your roses doing?*" Well, for those of you who don't know, I left my rose garden behind a year ago to move into a new home, so I haven't been able to report very much. As soon as our house sold, I carefully selected a few favourites that I could viably transplant, and put them into planters for the summer. Four plants travelled with us and were heeled in and covered just before the snow came. They were sadly neglected throughout the entire season, so I was very nervous about how they would fair through the winter. I peeked anxiously into their shelter early this spring, and was thrilled to find an abundance of healthy green shoots. Soon after, my husband presented me with "Tropicana", a gift to begin rebuilding my rose garden.

I amended the garden bed with plenty of new earth, manure and peatmoss. After a few trips to local nurseries, I was able to fortify my garden with five new roses including an antique Hybrid Perpetual that I have sought after for years. For their first year, I forewent my usual fertilizing routine and opted to rely on my initial soil amendments to ensure that the new plants would set down strong roots and establish themselves. All of them have responded well, and we were rewarded with plenty of beautiful blooms.

At this stage, we are enjoying summer's last flush and watching out for black spot and mildew that can firmly take hold when night temperatures start to fall. A dusting of sulphur or the application of a systemic fungicide at first sign can prevent fighting the disease for several years to come. All faded blooms should be left on the plants from September till frost.

Our shelters constructed with 2x2 framing and plastic connectors (sold for making carport enclosures), will be placed over the roses at the end of October. As soon as night temperatures consistently stay below zero degrees, the plants will be pruned to fit neatly within the enclosure, dusted with powdered fungicide and covered with layers of plastic mesh fencing, foam insulation (sold as laminate floor underlayment) and plastic sheeting. Inside, they will spend a pleasant winter's rest in temperate conditions protected from the harsh winds and drastic changes in temperatures.

Join me next spring for a report on how well they faired and my plans for next year.

A Memo

from your District Director

Have you ever wondered how your Society fits in with your District?

What is the District's relationship with the Ontario Horticultural Association?

What does the OHA and the District do for the Society Members?

You might be surprised to learn that the OHA is a very complex organization and that Horticultural Societies are unique in all of Canada, in the way the whole system works.

They say that "curiosity killed the cat!" Have I piqued your interest just a little? Want to learn more?

District #13 is now made up of **14** Horticultural Societies, encompassing a huge area from French River...Sudbury...along the North Shore to Sault Ste. Marie and including societies on Manitoulin. A representative from each of these societies forms the Advisory Council which meets twice a year. These meetings are open to all society members and we welcome your input.

The next District Advisory Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th at the Marina in Blind River, beginning at 9 am. Brown bag lunch is requested, beverage will be provided. There is no charge for these meetings and everyone is welcome.

Our guest speaker after lunch is Mary Ellen Norry-Car, OMAFRA Representative.

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Interesting facts about the August Show

"Sudbury in Bloom" from Carol Skanes

The number of entries increased to **419** from 253 over last year, and is also the highest number of entries since I started recording the August show in 2000. The number of entrants increased to 27 from 21. Only 2 classes had no entries - Corn and Shasta daisies.

Dates to Remember:

- October 2nd - Yom Kippur
- October 9th - Thanksgiving
- October 29th - SHS General Meeting
Pumpkin Show
End of daylight saving time (clocks back)
- October 31st - Halloween



PUMPKIN SHOW

“A Tapestry of Autumn Magic”
Sunday October 29th
 C.N.I.B. Auditorium

- @ **9:30 - 11:45** Show tables ready for entries
30 Classes of Specimens, Design
Photography, and Culinary Delights
See yearbook pages 71 & 72 for specifics.
- @ **12:00 noon** Judging (The auditorium is closed
to all but the judges and clerks.)
- @ **1:15** Gardener’s Friendship Hour
Free Admission for members; Prize for best
costume; Admire the entries; Enjoy coffee,
tea and treats; Ask the Master Gardeners;
Browse the White Elephant table; Buy a
50/50 ticket
- @ **2:00** General Meeting begins
Guest Speaker Jim Merrick speaking on
“Seed Collection, Storage & Germination”

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%% And the Winners are : %%

“Sudbury in Bloom”

August 20th 2006

SECTION

- A: Plants in Pots**
Most Points: Sharon & Don Cornett 23 Points
Royal Bank Trophy
- B&C: Cut Flower Specimens**
Most Points: Gilberte Lambert 68 Points
Lougheed Award
- D: Vegetables, Fruits and Herbs**
Most Points: Gilberte Lambert 58 Points
Lambert & Mossey Family Trophy
- E: Photographic Documentary**
Best Entry: Rachele Corrigan 20 points
- F: Floral Design**
Most Points: Tie Tina Hansen 58 Points
Camilla Yahnke 58 Points
Roger Mitchell Trophy
Best Floral Design
Betina Hansen Trophy: Camilla Yahnke
- G: Displays**
Best Display: Hermina Hubert
Hermine Calyn Trophy
- H: Photography**
Most Points: Richard Toivonen 29 Points
Linda and Wayne Hugli Trophy
- I: Gardens**
Unfortunately, there were not enough entries to
have a representative competition

The Agnew Trophy winner for the most points in the show,
with 165 points - Gilberte Lambert

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Meet the members

This month's profile is of Gilberte M. Lambert, 2nd Vice President Sudbury Horticultural Society and Treasurer - District 13 Ontario Horticultural Association.

T N - What is your earliest garden related memory?

When I was a young kid on the farm, I planted potatoes and vegetables, and many flowers had to be divided and moved every year. We sold vegetables to make ends meet.

T N - How did you become interested in gardening?

It became a good thing to do when I was young, so that I didn't have to do housework.

T N - What type of gardening do you do?

Everything I have room for: flowers and vegetables and fruits.

T N - What prompted you to join the SHS?

I love gardening, and wish to learn more.

T N - Of what life accomplishment are you most proud?

Purchasing my own house.

T N - Other than gardening, what hobbies do you have?

Fishing, camping, reading, dancing, traveling and many more.

T N - What hidden talent do you have?

I was on the Ontario provincial Archery Team in 1970.

T N - What is your most remarkable garden success/failure?

Giving too much Floralign to my violets.

T N - Favourite garden tip to share?

Make sure that your garden is only the size that you can enjoy.

T N - Pet garden peeve?

Neighbours letting their dogs do their duties in my garden.

T N - What do you do in real life?

I run a small daycare out of my home. When I was younger I was a qualified corsetiere at Levine's Ladies Wear. I also was a physical fitness teacher at Vic Tanny's and at local night schools for the school board.

T N - Anything you would like to share that describes the real you, that isn't covered in this interview.

I like to have things done the minute they are needed: "opposite of procrastinator".

T N - What is your garden philosophy? Don't move perennials unless required, but since I like so many different flowers I am always trying to make room for new varieties.

Optimize small garden spaces.



Possible answers Gilberte might hear in her Daycare to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

POT POURRI



Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.



Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath, "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

Halloween Riddles to Entertain the Grand - kids

Q: Why did the vampire go to the orthodontist?
A: To improve his bite.

Q: What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
A: Frostbite.

Q: Why do witches fly on broomsticks?
A: Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy.

Q: Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers?
A: No, they eat the fingers separately.

Q: What is a skeleton's favorite musical instrument?
A: A trombone

Q: Who has a broom and flies?
A: A honey-covered janitor.

Q: What kind of flowers do zombies like the best?

A co-worker was telling me about her gardening techniques, explaining that she plants peas and corn together so that the peas can climb up the corn stalks for support. "How does it work?" I asked.

"Great," she said, "we have peas coming out of our ears!"

--Rick Orr (from *Reader Contributions*, 1992, **READERS' DIGEST**)

I see that old hammock out back,
 Swaying lightly in the wind
 That Autumn oft expels in October,
 Waiting for me to come and dream.

But the bulbs that fill my
 tired hands,
 Leaving trails of rusty earth
 Must first be laid to rest,
 I must tend to their needs
 first.



Introducing our Guest Speaker

WEBSITE of the MONTH



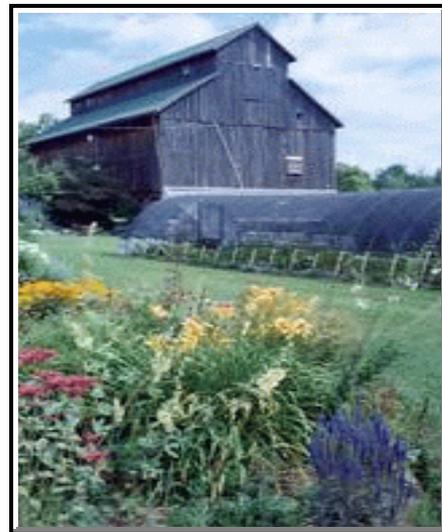
Have you thought about the “C” word yet... Christmas that is? I know it’s only October and you’re still hoping for a few nice days to get out and finish raking those leaves into the compost bins and put your favourite plant babies to bed for the winter, but Christmas will soon be upon us, and those wiser than myself no doubt have much of their shopping and preparations well under way. For those of you wishing to get a head start on some economical decorating that can be lots of family fun, have a look at this website.

<http://www.save-on-crafts.com/wreatmakandd.html>

There are instructions for making wreaths for every season of the year, so you might want to bookmark this one and come back later in the winter and make a dried wreath arrangement out of those items we discussed in the September issue. One particularly interesting wreath idea is down near the very bottom of the website page. There you will find a photo and a link to making a Christmas charm wreath. It is a great idea to use up all sorts of Christmas bits that seem to multiply like spring rabbits. And maybe while your making this wreath you might find some little things to add to remind your visitors of the real reason for the celebrations at this time of year.

So may I be the first to wish you a very merry and blessed Christmas!

Jim and Judy Merrick established a nursery on the farm of Judy’s great grandfather, who first cleared the land in the early 1880s. They have continued this pioneering spirit by founding their nursery in the middle of a mixed hardwood forest. Perennial plants from around the world are grown and tested in a variety of display gardens. All potted plants are grown from their own collected seed, cuttings, and divisions. Plants are guaranteed to be winter hardy. You are invited to tour their many display gardens with mature plants identified by both common and botanical names. Expert advice on growing in our northern environment is always available. Jim & Judy Merrick offer 600 organically grown varieties of unusual and rare hardy perennials, herbs, ground covers, alpines, and grasses. Plants are for sale in various size pots, expert advice on growing in a Northern climate. Remember to visit their 12 display gardens. (Commanda Gardens in photo below)



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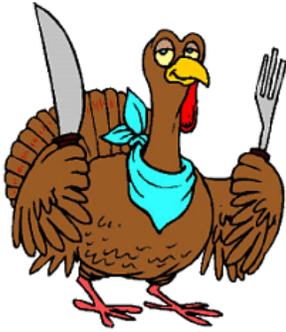
Autumn Show Revisited

-from Hermina Hubert

“The Sweet Smell of Autumn Rain” was an apt title for our September Show as it rained continuously. This did not, however, prevent our members from entering the usual wonderful specimens and designs.

We also enjoyed a special 100th Birthday celebration for the Ontario Horticultural Association with balloons and cake. Life members were gifted with a commemorative, colour issue of the OHA Newsletter, *Trillium*. Chris and Roger Nash and Frank Vettoretti answered questions about growing grapes and making wine which left us thirsty for more than coffee.

On October the 2nd, our Jewish friends celebrated **Yom Kippur**, the “Day of Atonement”, the most solemn day of the Jewish year which is observed on the tenth day of the Jewish month Tishri. It is a day of fasting, reflection and prayers.



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HUNGARIAN TURKEY GOULASH

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups diced cooked turkey
- 1 10 oz. can condensed beef broth plus 10 oz. water
- 1 cup red wine
- ½ teaspoon minced garlic
- 8-ounces tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- Salt to taste
- 2 cups uncooked medium noodles
- 1 cup plain yogurt or sour cream

Put onion into a 3-quart round casserole. Cover with lid or plastic wrap. Microwave on 100% (High) 2 to 3 minutes.

Add meat, broth, water, wine and garlic to onions; re-cover. Microwave on 100% (High) 5 minutes.

Stir and re-cover. Microwave on 100% (High) 5 minutes.

Add tomato sauce, paprika, caraway seeds, salt and pepper; stir well.

Stir uncooked noodles into casserole so that all noodles are below the surface of the liquid. Re-cover and microwave on 100% (High) 6 minutes.

Stir, re-cover. Microwave on 100% (High) 6 to 7 minutes.

Stir in yogurt or sour cream. Cover and let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Serve with thick dark bread and a hearty red wine such as Hungarian **Egri Bikaver**.

A salad of thinly sliced cucumber in vinegar and sour cream makes a delicious authentic Hungarian accompaniment.



The Toronto Argonaut football team were conducting their daily practice session when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to head coach Pinball Clemens and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line. When the turkey returned to the sidelines, coach Clemens shouted, "You're terrific!!! Sign up for the season, and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus."

"Forget the bonus," the turkey said, "All I want to know is, does the season go past Thanksgiving Day?"



5 CUP SALAD

Combine the following ingredients, chill overnight and serve.

- 1 cup drained pineapple chunks ; 1 cup drained mandarin orange pieces; 1 cup desiccated coconut; 1cup miniature marshmallows; 1 cup whipped cream.



HOW DO I KEEP THE RED LILY LEAF BEETLE FROM DESTROYING MY LILIES?

from *iVillage Garden Web*

ORIGIN: The red lily leaf beetle (*Lilioceris lili*) is an insect native to Europe and Asia which was first found in Canada in the Montreal area in 1945.

DAMAGE: If uncontrolled, the beetle will completely defoliate and ultimately kill all true lilies (*Lilium* species, such as Asiatic, Oriental, Easter, Tiger and Turk's Cap lilies). It will also feed on *Fritillaria* species, and many other plants, although the primary targets are *Lilium* and *Fritillaria* species.

DESCRIPTION: The adult beetle is bright scarlet red, with black legs, head, antennae and undersurface. It is 1/4" to 3/8" long and is a strong flyer. The adult lays reddish-orange eggs which hatch into particularly unpleasant larvae, which look like 3/8" long slugs; colored orange, brown, yellow or green with black heads. The larvae cover themselves with their own excrement (known as a fecal shield) which apparently repels predators, including gardeners who are generally very reluctant to handle the larvae. The larvae eventually become fluorescent orange pupae.



LIFE CYCLE: The adult beetle overwinters in the soil or plant debris and emerges in early spring looking for food and a mate. After mating, the female lays eggs in lines on the underside of *Lilium* or *Fritillaria* leaves. Some damage is done by the adults at this time, but the major damage comes when the eggs hatch into larvae in 7-10 days. The larvae voraciously consume all leaves within reach and may then start on flower buds. This continues for 2 to 3 weeks, when the larvae then drop into the soil and begin to pupate. In another 2 to 3 weeks the adult beetles emerge to start eating again. This process occurs from early spring to mid-summer. Reportedly the beetles won't mate and lay eggs until the next spring.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL: There are no known natural predators in this country, although the beetle is well under control in Europe, where at least six parasitoids attack it. Researchers at the University of Rhode Island are actively engaged in releasing parasitic wasps in this country and seem to be confident that biological control can eventually be established here as well.

ACTIVE CONTROL: **Hand-picking** should be the first level of control if possible. Constant vigilance and quick removal and disposal of beetles, eggs and larvae can control an infestation on a small number of plants. Make sure the critters are actually dead! If you squash them, don't leave the squashee in the garden. Some gardeners drop them into a can of water with vegetable oil on the top.

If you suspect the beetles may be lurking around your lilies but you don't see any, carefully dig in the top half inch of the soil - no deeper! They hide just under the surface, so be ready to get them when they pop out.

If this isn't feasible, then treatment with **Neem** is the next choice. Neem will repel beetles and kill young larvae, but must be applied every 5 to 7 days after the eggs hatch. (Mix 15 ml of Neem Oil and 15 ml of Insecticidal Soap in a one litre spray bottle of warm water.)

Merit (imidacloprid) is a systemic insecticide which may work if applied to the soil in early spring.

Bayer manufactures several products containing systemic insecticides, both in spray and in granular form. The **Bayer Rose and Flower Spray** has provided excellent control for many gardeners, without serious toxicity issues. However, it's important to follow the label directions to prevent destruction of bees and other beneficial insects while the spray is drying.

More powerful chemical insecticides can be used, but are not recommended due to their inherent danger to humans and to beneficial insects and insect eaters such as birds and frogs. Carbaryl (**Sevin**) and **malathion** are, however, effective on both the adult beetles and the larvae.

Editor's Note: Many Sudbury gardener's are fighting this problem. e-Mail toivonen@cyberbeach.net with your suggestions for control, to be published in a later issue. Apparently some autumn controls will help.

Visit <http://www.gardenweb.com/> the largest gardening site on the web.

The gilding of the Indian summer mellowed the pastures far and wide. The russet woods stood ripe to be stripped, but were yet full of leaf. The purple of heath-bloom, faded but not withered, tinged the hills... Fieldhead gardens bore the seal of gentle decay; ... its time of flowers and even of fruit was over. - Charlotte Brontë

Profiles of a Horticultural Society

A number of members have responded to my request for ideas for newsletter articles and a recurring suggestion was articles about our membership. I have already included a few, in past issues under the title "Meet the Members".

I have created the following do- it - yourself interview form. If you wish to reveal your hidden self, simply fill in the answers to the few questions I have devised, and return them to me via e-mail or Canada Post.. Thank you in advance for your participation, and yes, I am going to do myself when volunteers run out. *Richard*

Your name and present involvement in the SHS?

What is your earliest garden related memory?

How did you become interested in gardening?

What is your favourite garden implement and why?

What type of gardening do you do?

What prompted you to join the SHS?

What do you, or did you, do in real life?

Of what life accomplishment are you most proud?

Other than gardening, what hobbies do you have?

What hidden talent do you have?

What is your most remarkable garden success/failure?

Favourite garden tip to share?

What is your garden philosophy?

Pet garden peeve?

Anything you would like to share that describes the real you, that isn't covered in this interview?

There are no wrong answers or better right answers, and you don't have to answer them all. Heck, you don't have to answer any, but you will disappoint a lot of faithful newsletter readers.

Have your partner in gardening fill this out as well on a separate form.

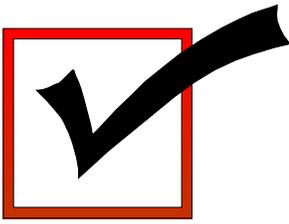
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Each December, we elect new members to the Board of Directors. It is a two year term with half of the Board being elected each year. We also have a place for those who are not sure about making a full term commitment. You could become a Director-in-Training for one year.

The Board:

- i Manages the Society's finances; (this is a good place to learn where your money goes)
- i Organizes the Shows (by appointing Show Conveners and Committees)
- i Approves the categories and classes of exhibits - for specimens, floral designs, arts and crafts, photography, and preserves
- i Chooses the topics and speakers for meetings
- i Finds judges for the Shows
- i Chooses where we go on the Garden and other tours
- i Organizes the annual plant sales
- i Approves the contents of the **Yearbook** and **The Newsletter**

SO...if you have good ideas, concerns and opinions - and you do - think about joining the Board; **RUN FOR ELECTION**

The time commitment: The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month for 2 hours.

We may also attend standing committee meetings.

This is a good time to join the Board because we have a strong and dedicated executive, and a well-organized Society.

To run for election - just complete this form and bring it to the October 29th meeting. Be sure to attend the December meeting as well, to cast your vote. Alternately, complete and mail to Claire Liinamaa, 1789 Springdale Crescent, SUDBURY, ON P3A 5H9

I should like to be nominated to run for election to the Board of Directors of the Sudbury Horticultural Society for the 2006 -2008 term of office. I am a paid-up member of the Society and a resident in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Name _____ Phone _____

OR

I should like more information about how I can serve on a Sub-Committee of the Board:

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