



Kemptville Horticultural Society Newsletter

November 2008

Meeting Minutes for Sept. 3, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order, and a warm welcome was extended to all. Two new members and a visitor were introduced.
2. Acknowledgements: Arline Rutter, Carmen Pincott, and Jane Anne McIntyre were thanked for providing the evening's hospitality.
3. Dennis Bourque moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Anthea Willows; the motion was passed.
4. The Treasurer's Reports for May and June were presented by our Treasurer, Arline Rutter. Jean Sears moved to accept the report, seconded by Carmen Pincott; the motion was passed.
5. Old Business:
 - Hey Day for Kemptville District Hospital: The annual plant booth, staffed by 17 KHS volunteers (headed by Arline Rutter) earned \$924 — down slightly from the 2007 earnings.
 - Oak Leaf Gardens tour (Athens), June 28: Nora DeVette reported on a tour of this lovely private garden. About 12 members attended and were not dampened by the rain.
 - Traffic Circle planting, County Road 43: Nora DeVette reported that about 6 members have planted and tended the traffic circle, including healthy field perennials from Pioneer Nursery and mulch supplied by Ontario Hydro. The county (sporadically) cared for the grass around the edge.
 - Public plantings: Anthea Willows reported on the public plantings at Rotary Park, the Oxford Mills library, and the Kemptville library. Thanks were extended to the volunteers who both planted and weeded all season. Anthea is also looking for a new volunteer to head up this activity.
- KHS Annual Garden Tour: Nora DeVette reported on the success of the July 18 tour of 8 local gardens. It was generally agreed that the gardens were stunning and there was lots to learn from each. The tea at Maplewood was once again a wonderful addition and very popular.
- OHA convention/AGM in Brampton (Sheridan College): Sheila King reported on the very interesting 4-day event attended by 550 delegates. Peterborough (Trent U) will host in 2009.
- Junior gardeners: Grace Forget was thanked for leading this group of 30+ young people.
6. New Business:
 - October meeting: The annual buffet and awards presentations are coming up on October 15 at 7 pm. People were asked to volunteer to provide various dishes. The dinner will be accompanied by a slide show of KHS photos, which are primarily from the July Garden Tour.
7. A motion to adjourn was made by Gillian Pancirov and seconded by Dennis Bourque.
8. Presentation: The summer flower show was conducted with many excellent entries. In addition, Nora DeVette presented a slide show of favorite international gardens, commenting on how features could be adapted to one's own gardens.

Treasurer's Report

Kemptville Horticultural Society Financial Statement for September 2008

Revenue	
Membership	30.00
Total Revenue	30.00
Expenses	
Hall Rental	80.00
Jnr Gardening	70.33
Awards & Prizes	125.00
Hospitality	2.59
Office Supplies	28.43
Flower Show Judging	50.00
Total Expenses	356.35
Net Income	-326.35
Opening Bank Balance	4,631.75
Plus Opening Petty Cash Balance	50.09
	4,681.84
Plus Net Income	-326.35
	4,355.49
Less GST Paid	-0.65
Less Ending Petty Cash Balance	-43.56
Ending Bank Balance	4,311.28
Plus GIC 8607373 Maturity Nov/ 26 /07 3.00%	1,344.29
Plus GIC (Sponsor) Maturity Nov/ 1 /07 3.25%	2,400.00
Less Deposit Error	-10.00
Plus Ending Petty Cash Balance	43.56
Total	8,089.13
GST Credit Due	36.64
Total Assets	8,125.77

(Continued on page 8)



Meet Your Executive

Monique O'Brien, Director Trillium Award

Monique joined the society in 1996 and was the treasurer for 8 years. For the last 2 years, she has been the director of the Trillium award. She has been a professional potter and instructor for 35 years. She also creates with stained glass and often combines clay and glass. She and her husband Steve have been avid organic gardeners since they moved to Mountain in 1973. Every year, they like to experiment with new seeds. They were part of the garden tour this year, giving them a chance to share their passion for organic gardening and composting.



Grace Forget, Director Junior Gardeners

Grace has been a member of the KHS for 6 years now and this is her first year on the Executive. A native of Poland, she, her husband and two sons moved to Kemptville 16 years ago. They have a 1-acre garden on the outskirts of town. Grace, who by profession is a physical education teacher, is very involved in community work as a volunteer and caregiver. She has a 30 × 30 foot vegetable garden in which she grows as many different veggies as she can fit into that space. She also has a beautiful flower garden in which her favourite flowers are dahlias, phlox and irises. She has a particularly nice collection of dahlias of various varieties.



News from Members

The grounds of the Kemptville District Hospital will look much prettier starting in the spring of 2009. On October 21 (in the rain) a hardy group of KHS volunteers (Pat Kiteley, Sheila King, Carmen Pincott and Vicki Foerster) planted almost 400 donated tulip bulbs in a new 150 square foot bed just south of the Public Health Unit. Four May-blooming tulip varieties were planted:

- Blushing Apeldoorn (tall, yellow)
- Apeldoorn's Elite (tall, red & yellow)
- Orange Emperor (mid-height, orange)
- Pink Emperor (mid-height, dark pink)

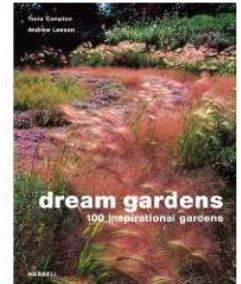
Watch for these next spring. [Coffee and excellent muffins at the Victorian Pantry served as a reward!]



New Books

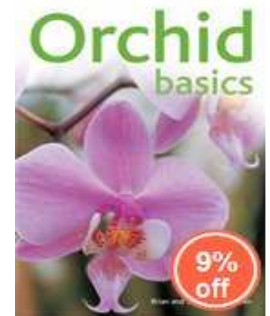
Dream Gardens: 100 Inspirational Gardens. Hardcover. Tania Compton, Andrew Lawson. 352 pages. Published by Merrell. Publication date April 2007. ISBN-10: 185894368X; ISBN-13: 978-1858943688

[The ultimate inspirational sourcebook of modern and contemporary gardens Stunningly illustrated, and written in a lively and informative style. An essential reference for garden lovers everywhere, and for anyone wanting to make their dream garden a reality]



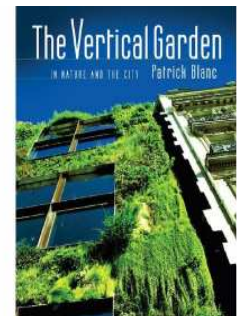
Orchid Basics: A Comprehensive Guide to Care and Cultivation. Paperback. Brian Rittershausen and Sara Rittershausen. 128 pages. Published by Hamlyn. Publication date November 4, 2008. ISBN-10: 0600617572; ISBN-13: 978-0600617570.

[With the expert advice, practical instructions, and beautiful how-to photos found in this book, even a beginner can grow them with confidence.... There are tips on watering, feeding, lighting, and temperature conditions, as well as information on propagation, hybridization, caring for orchids in pots, and handling pests and diseases.]



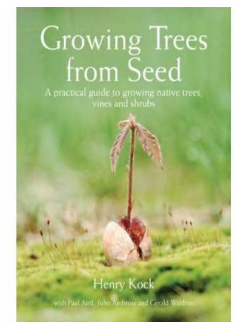
The Vertical Garden: In Nature and the City. Hardcover. Patrick Blanc. 192 pages. Published by W.W. Norton. Publication date August 1, 2008. ISBN: 9780393732597

[Do you want to know the secrets of plants that cling, grip, and climb, from the inventor of the vertical garden? In this book Patrick Blanc, who has created dozens of botanical tapestries in public and private spaces around the world explains how to create plant walls using more than one thousand plants.]



Growing Trees from Seed: A Practical Guide to Growing Native Trees, Vines and Shrubs. Hardcover. Henry Kock, Paul Aird, John Ambrose, Gerald Waldron. 280 pages. Published by Firefly Books. Publication date June 15, 2008. ISBN-10: 1554073634; ISBN-13: 978-1554073634

[This book describes the ecology, abundance, fruit characteristics and edibility of the more than 200 species of trees. It describes when to gather fruits, how to extract seeds from the fruit, and when and how to treat and germinate the seed, plus information on transplanting and expected growth rate. A seed-treatment guide provides a handy reference.]





Plant of the Month

Aster

The family *Asteraceae* or *Compositae* (the aster, daisy, or sunflower) is the largest family of flowering plants. It includes gerberas, sunflowers and the Michaelmas daisy (or Italian aster). Asters are great plants for the fall. They can be grown easily from seed as annuals and the perennials are very colourful also. The one shown on the right is Aster Prince, a zone 5 perennial that comes back beautifully each year. It has dark reddish leaves and very pretty tiny flowers that are white with a dark pink centre. It will grow to 3 feet, but mine now 3 years old is less than 2 feet tall. It flowers right on through the fall frosts. In my garden it is almost the last of my flowering plants.



A Member's Garden

Carmen Pincott: When we moved into our house 13 years ago the only things growing on our 4 acres were trees and grass. Over the years I have created flower and vegetable gardens. They are my raison d'etre for the summer and keep me going through winters. Three years ago I put in a little pond with a water fountain and goldfish. This fall we had a big hole dug to create a pond and I look forward to landscaping it. My vegetable garden consists of four long rectangular plots parallel to each other for easy rotation. My favourite vegetables to grow are corn and snow peas. My favourite flowers in the garden are painted daisies, balloon flower, clematis, sweet peas, Asiatic lilies and peonies. I love all flowers. I love to see colour. I like sunflowers outside my kitchen window so that I can see the birds enjoying the seed in the fall. I enjoy sitting on my screened porch in the summer; it has a perfect view of my front beds, arbor and pond. I like sitting on my back deck, which has flower gardens along its perimeter. Paradise!!!! All my gardens are planted based on how they will be viewed from the house, which cannot be seen from the road since we are set back and secluded. My favourite gardening aid is MULCH! Anything to deter the weeds is great.





Memorable Gardens

A vertical garden, Madrid, Spain.

A colleague of mine was recently attending a conference in Europe. As she was walking in the centre of Madrid, she walked into a square and saw this stunning vertical garden (right).

Frenchman and botanist Patrick Blanc is considered to be the inventor of these amazing gardens. They can be found in Japan, France, Mexico, Thailand and Australia and they are becoming increasingly popular in our cities, particularly Vancouver. Plants are grown without soil. The wall is quite lightweight and can be established either indoors or outdoors. Plants are chosen according to the climate and growing conditions.

You can find more information about vertical gardens (living walls) on the Internet. As a starting point go to www.verticalgardenpatrickblanc.com





News From the Nurseries

From Weatherall Gardens Ltd., 818 South Gower Dr., Kemptville. Tel.: 613 258-4380

Weatherall Gardens has a number of fall workshops. They are as follows:

Seasonal planter. Sunday Nov. 9. Make yourself a beautiful planter you can display till early spring. In traditional style and colours. Cost: \$65.00 all supplies included (combination of natural & artificial materials)

Bird feeders. Saturday Nov. 15. Treat your feathered friends with these easy, inexpensive bird feeders and treats. Cost: \$25.00 all supplies included (combination of natural & artificial materials)

Try the unexpected...a Christmas Wreath with a difference. Sunday Nov. 23. Break with tradition ...this wreath is very natural, in a country-rustic style. All artificial materials so it will last for many years. Cost: \$45.00 all supplies included (all artificial materials)

Christmas urns...they match the wreath above. Sunday Nov. 30. Two black urns to grace your front door all winter long. Cost: \$75.00 all supplies included (combination of natural and artificial materials)

All workshops start at 1 pm. Pictures of all projects are on display at the greenhouse. A \$10.00 deposit (non-refundable) is required to reserve your space.

To register call Carol at 613 258-4380, drop in at the garden center or e-mail: weatherall@xplornet.com

From Gemmell's Garden Centre, 11862 Hwy 15 N, Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S4. Tel.: 613 283-6371

Our fall sales are 40% off the entire nursery (perennials included). We still have lots of interesting stuff! We have several fall workshops that we invite you to attend:

Winter Wonderland evergreen planter. Saturday, Nov. 8, 10.00–11.30 am or 1.00–2.30 pm; Saturday Nov. 15, 1.00–2.30 pm; Sunday Nov. 16, 1.00–2.30 pm or Saturday Nov. 22, 1.00–2.30 pm. We provide instruction, soil, evergreen branches, stems, accessories and a bow. You provide your own container or purchase one: \$5.00 and up. Cost: \$30.00.

Winter Wonderland Christmas centerpiece. Saturday Nov. 29 10.00–11.30 am or 1.00–2.30 pm. We provide instruction, container, evergreen branches, seasonal trims and a bow. Cost: \$30.00. Please pre-register for all workshops at 613 283-6371 or info@gemmellsgardencentre.com

KHS members please give me some feedback as to what you would like to see in your Newsletter. Comments and suggestions are welcome. You are invited to submit any appropriate material for the next Newsletter at least 2 weeks before the meeting. Please send it by email to pancirov@xplornet.com or by fax to 613 989-1309.

Treasurer's Report
(continued from page 2)

Kemptville Horticultural Society
Financial Statement for October
2008

Revenue	
Donations	35.00
Smorgasbord	102.00
Total Revenue	<u>137.00</u>
Expenses	
Hall Rental	80.00
Awards	125.00
Awards Prizes	19.25
Smorgasbord	194.61
Office Supplies	2.21
Public Planting	88.38
Flower Show	42.97
Total Expenses	<u>552.42</u>
Net Income	<u>-415.42</u>
Opening Bank Balance	4,311.28
Plus Opening Petty Cash Balance	43.56
	<u>4,354.84</u>
Plus Net Income	-415.42
	<u>3,939.42</u>
Less GST Paid	-3.83
Less Ending Petty Cash Balance	-0.39
Ending Bank Balance	<u>3,935.20</u>
Plus GIC Maturity Nov. 26 /08 3.0%	1,344.29
Plus GIC (Bursary) Maturity Nov. 7 /08 3.25%	2,400.00
Less deposit error	-10.00
Plus Ending Petty Cash Balance	0.39
Total	<u>7,669.88</u>
GST Credit due	40.46
Total assets	<u>7,710.34</u>

Notes: