



Kemptville Horticultural Society Newsletter

April 2009

(see also www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville)

Meeting Minutes for Mar. 18, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: A warm welcome was extended to all. One new member was introduced.
2. HOSPITALITY: Arline Rutter, June Norgaard, and Nora de Vette were thanked.
3. FEBRUARY MINUTES: Move to accept, Carmen Pincott; seconded by Jean Kilfoyle; motion passed.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2009 as presented by Arline Rutter: Move to accept, Nora de Vette; seconded by Diane Partlo; motion passed.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - District 2 AGM: Saturday, April 25, 2009 in Pembroke. Seven members are signed up thus far.
 - Ontario Horticultural Association convention July 10–12 in Peterborough; attending for even one day would be worthwhile. Pat Kiteley is interested in going and would welcome company.
 - The “Judging Standards” booklets have been ordered at a cost of \$5 each.
 - Hugh Stewart (member for 35 years) and Pat Kiteley are contributing to the OHA History Book Project, submitting photos, personal recollections, and news articles about KHS 1970–present.
 - A thank-you card was received from Dave Langenberg re the KHS donation to his therapeutic gardening initiative.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - Jean Sears: A tree will be planted in Curry Park in honour of deceased member Gloria Anthony who passed away last summer (likely a native species from the Ferguson Forestry Centre).
 - Anthea Willows: Start thinking about donating to the KHS Plant Sale on May 9th at the Forestry Centre. Please plan to pot up all your donations — Anthea is hoping for a wide variety of material.
 - KHS will participate in Earth Day at the WB George Centre on April 19 from 11–3 pm (kid- and family-oriented format), likely a display about the Junior Gardeners Program, KHS information, a plant sale, etc. Pat and Nora plan to man a booth.
- The Friends Society (Quakers) of Canada are coming to the College this summer for a convention. Pat, on behalf of the KHS, suggested the Friends of the Ferguson Forestry Centre respond.
- Orchidophilia (Ottawa Orchid Society) planned at the Nepean Sportsplex April 25 and 26.
- Charing House Gardens in Ottawa is offering a special promotion for Horticultural Societies to purchase dahlia tubers (\$5 each / 6 for \$25).
- The Friends of the Farm is looking for volunteers to help with spring clean-up.
- There is a gardening lecture series starting at the Central Experimental Farm.
- Algonquin College horticulture and florist students spring plant show, March 25th to April 5th, Mon to Fri 1 to 8 pm, weekends 1 to 4 pm, concluding with a sale on April 4 and 5 from 1–4.

 7. The business meeting adjourned at 19:50 on a motion by Sheila King seconded by Margaret Carlson.

The business meeting was followed by:

- Plant de Jour: Chinese evergreen (Jean Sears).
- Member Expert: Starting plants from seed using a coffee filter/baggie innovation (Diane Partlo).
- Speakers: Dave Dunn and Rob Caron from Rideau Woodland Ramble in Burritt's Rapids speaking about “Hostas and Other Shady Characters”.

Treasurer's Report

Kemptville Horticultural Society Financial Statement for March 2009 (As At 31 March 2009)

Revenue

Membership	90.00
AGM Reg (Mem. Con.)	50.00
Garden Tour Sponsors	50.00
Total Revenue	<u>190.00</u>

Expenses

OHA Members Fees /Ins	63.75
Hall Rental	80.00
Speakers' Fees	15.45
AGM Registration	250.00
Office Supplies	74.90
Miscellaneous	30.00
Flower Show Judging	41.82
Total Expenses	<u>555.92</u>

Net Income -365.92

Assets

Bank Balance	2,520.30
Petty Cash Balance	53.45
Total	<u>2,573.75</u>

GST Credit Due	57.03
FLGIC 027 / Nov 26/09 1.6%	2,300.00
Total	<u>4,930.78</u>

Bursary FLGIC 019 / Maturity Nov 9/09 1.6%	<u>2,478.00</u>
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Notes:



Upcoming Events/Notices

Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society. The Society will hold its Hardy Plant Sale on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Toronto Botanical Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto. Invitation is extended to interested members of the OHA.

Sale of rare and unusual plants. To be held by Friends of the Central Experimental Farm (FCEF) on May 10, 2009. Find just what you need for your garden as you visit the many specialty growers and nurseries gathered for this great plant sale. Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions. Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot, K.W. Neatby Building, Carling Ave., Central Experimental Farm. Admission fee: a donation to Food Bank or \$5.00. For further information go to: <http://www.friendsofthefarm.ca/events.htm>

Photographic Competitions: Jean Sears.

Dates to remember:

June 1, 2009 for the OHA competition.

September 30, 2009 for our own KHS competition.

Remember there are forms to be sent in for the OHA competition — see me — and they have to be matted to size 5" x 7". Good luck!

Greater Ottawa Water Garden Society (GOWGS): Founded in 2006, the Greater Ottawa Water Garden Society (GOWGS) is dedicated to the enjoyment, education, promotion, and protection of the water-gardening hobby in the National Capital Region. Its goal is to become a one-stop resource for water-gardening in the area, where members can exchange information about water gardening. Meetings are every third Wednesday in Meeting Room A, Greenboro Community Centre, 363 Lorry Greenberg Drive (between Hunt Club Road and Conroy Road), Ottawa, ON K1T 3P8. Guests are welcome for a \$5.00 fee (credit towards membership).

A Water Garden Tour is planned for June 20, 2009, from 9:00 to 5:00. Cost is \$10.00 per person. More information will be posted on our Web site soon at www.ottawaponds.ca. Tickets can also be bought through our Web site using PayPal. — *Karen Haddon, Secretary*

A note from Jean Sears: I have bearded iris for sale: 4 plant corms for \$1.00. Dug as you wait or as ordered. Available the second week in May. Please contact me.

Notice to KHS Members: If you are interested in some Garden Gossip and a few cups of coffee, join Nora de Vette and Gillian Pancirov at Brewed Awakenings the first Friday of each month from 10:30–11:30 am for a chance to get together and shoot the breeze.

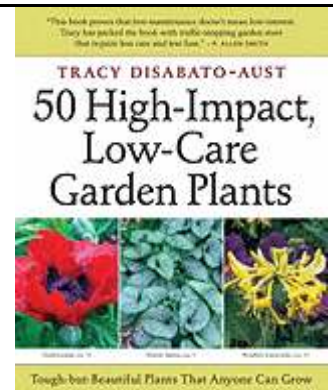
Biodiversity: If you want to learn more on this subject, the OHA has recommended a Web site: www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Biodiversity/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_166796.html



Books

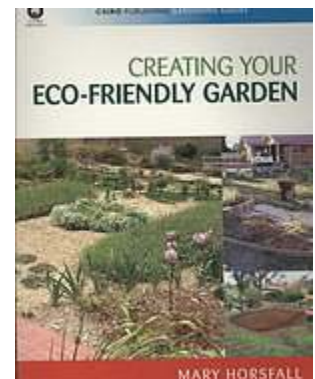
50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants. Tracy DiSabato–Aust. 168 pages. Published by Timber Press, Portland, Ore. Publication date 2008. Paperbound. ISBN 978–0–8819–2950–8. \$16.95.

The author has set 12 low-maintenance criteria, and so this book features 50 easy care plants, perennials, trees, and shrubs with multiseason interest that qualify. There are photos of each plant with a description of the features that make it easy to grow.

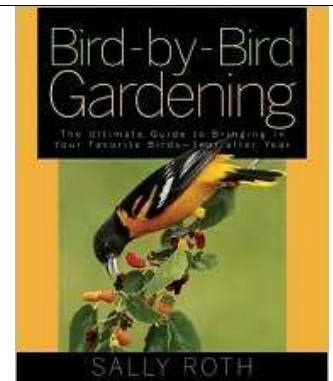


Creating Your Eco-Friendly Garden. Mary Horsfall. 158 pages. Published by CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, Victoria, Australia (distributed in U.S. by Stylus Publishing, Herndon, Va.). Publication date 2008. Paperbound. ISBN 978–0–6430–9494–3. \$35.00.

The author describes the development of an environmentally friendly landscape in a suburban area of south Australia. Although garden styles and native plants may differ significantly from those in Canada, this book contains practical advice for all gardeners. She includes tips on soil preparation, garden construction, when to plant, and safe methods of disease and pest control.

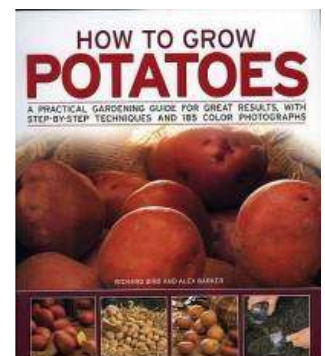


Bird-by-Bird Gardening: The Ultimate Guide to Bringing in Your Favorite Birds Year after Year. Sally Roth. 384 pages. Published by St. Martin's Press. Publication date June 2006. Clothbound. ISBN 13: 781594863110. \$29.95.



How to Grow Potatoes: A Practical Gardening Guide for Great Results, with Step-By-Step Techniques and 185 Photographs. Alex Barker and Alexander Barker. 64 pages. Published by Southwater Publishing. Publication date 2009. Paperbound. ISBN 1844765595. \$15 approx.

A simple, practical guide to growing potatoes. This book describes the different varieties of potato and how best to grow them.





Plant of the Month

Cissus rhombifolia v Ellen Danica (Oak leaf ivy)

A native of South America, this attractive trailing ivy is easy to grow and does well in hanging baskets. It will grow in any light but direct sun, which may cause leaf burn. Pinch back once in a while to retain a bushy growth habit. Grow in any well-drained soil. Allow to become almost dry, then water thoroughly. Fertilize at ½ the recommended rate 3 to 4 times a year (early spring, early summer, late summer, and fall). Dark green leaves mean that fertilizer levels are good. If there is yellowing of new foliage, apply an extra dose of plant food at ½ the recommended rate.



Memorable Gardens

Butchart Gardens, Victoria: In 1904 Robert and Jennie Butchart moved from Owen Sound to Tod Inlet on Vancouver Island where Robert found rich limestone deposits he needed for the cement that he manufactured. When the limestone in the quarry was exhausted, Jennie decided to turn the barren site into a garden, and so Butchart Gardens was born. On 55 acres of land, one of the best known gardens in Canada now attracts over 1 million visitors a year. The gardens are open year round. Visit the various gardens and fountains (Ross Fountain shown here): the Italian Garden, the Mediterranean Garden, the Rose Garden, Dahlia Walk, the Sunken Garden, the Japanese Garden and the Bog Garden. For more information go to www.butchartgardens.com/





A Member's Garden

Diane Partlo. Owning a property on the edge of the Marlborough Forest is a mixed blessing. Of our 3.5 acres, about 2.5 is mature forest, mostly maples, birch and cedar. The trees have been here much longer than we have and they demand all the attention. I have learned to accept the pluses and minuses of living with trees. Except for one long garden by the driveway, there are very few sunny areas on the property, so shade gardening with plants that don't mind competing with tree roots is my main challenge. Fortunately, there are natural ferns as far as the eye can see, and their beauty can only be supported by small pockets of hostas, columbines, foxgloves and other easily naturalized perennials. The deer use the property as their personal salad bar, so I don't even try to grow vegetables. When they start munching the hostas early in the spring, I give the plants a spray with diluted hot pepper sauce, which seems to discourage them. I grow culinary herbs in a steep rock garden that the deer can't navigate (so far). My favourite plants are the old-fashioned perennials like bleeding hearts, peonies, poppies, hollyhocks and coneflowers. I supplement the gardens with pots of annuals that I hide in among the perennials when they need some extra help.



KHS members, please give me 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@explornet.com or by fax to 613 989-1309.