



Kemptville Horticultural Society Newsletter

January 2009

Meeting Minutes for Nov. 5, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order, and a warm welcome was extended to all.
 2. Hospitality: Jean Kilfoyle, Margaret Mohr and Karen Bedard were thanked for the refreshments.
 3. Jean Sears moved to accept the October minutes, seconded by Nora DeVette; motion passed.
 4. The Financial Statements for September and October were presented by Arline Rutter
 - September: Erica Csiffary moved to accept, seconded by John Berendsen; motion passed.
 - October: A small correction was made, Gail Bourque moved to accept, seconded by Anthea Willows; the motion was passed.
 5. President's Report on the District 2 Advisory Meeting, October 26 in Carleton Place (highlights):
 - The annual \$1000 OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Rural Affairs) grants come with "strings attached", i.e., funds must go to education and civic beautification and societies must provide prove these activities via their financial statements. The KHS fills these mandates through education (speakers, tours, flower shows, junior gardeners) and public plantings.
 - District 2 has a surplus of \$10,000. A suggestion was made to donate it to the Ottawa Botanical Garden (OBG), but a motion was made to defer this gift until the OBG is actually established.
 - The 2009 OHA Convention will be in Peterborough at Trent University.
 - A spring flower show at the Kanata Garden show will proceed if a funding sponsor can be found. A summer flower show may be held as well (location not noted).
- District AGMs: 2009 (April) will be in Pembroke; 2010 is scheduled for Kemptville (more below).
 - A motion was made that fees paid by societies to the district decrease from 75 cents to 50 cents per member. This will be up for a vote at the 2009 district AGM.
6. Re Kemptville hosting the day-long District 2 AGM on a Saturday in early to mid April 2010:
 - The AGMs are a combination of business meetings and speaker sessions.
 - Pat Kiteley envisions holding it at the Kemptville College, including use of the cafeteria and speakers.
 - Local person-power requirements will be 6 leaders with 2-3 helpers each.
 - Our commitment to go ahead will be discussed further at the January meeting.
 7. Public plantings:
 - A number of beds around the township are planted, tended, and cleaned up by KHS volunteers. Although the post office was not included in 2008, it will be added back to the mix in 2009.
 - Anthea Willows reported a problem getting volunteers this year; high-school volunteers were suggested.
 8. Awards Night follow-up:
 - Members who were absent at October's Awards Night received their awards, including the Gladiolus Award that went to Gail Bourque and show winnings (\$\$) for a number of members.

9. Ideas arising at the October 29 executive meeting:

- Gardening 101: A new feature at each meeting where a member presents a topic and circulates a 1-page handout for members. Questions will be reserved for the hospitality section of the meeting. As a kick-off in January, Monique O'Brien will speak on worm composting.
- Exchange table will be organized each meeting by Anthea Willows. Note: Unclaimed "treasures" must be taken home by those who contributed them.
- Survey of members will be conducted to determine areas of interest.

10. Society financial issues:

- GIC: Topped back up by \$1,000 borrowed to fund the planting of the traffic circle.
- Kemptville College student bursary of \$1,000: Awarded to Evelyn Turner of Manitoba who is in her final year in horticulture at the College.
- Membership dues: At \$10/yr the KHS has one of the lowest annual dues of any District 2 society. The \$10 does not actually cover the annual costs to the society per member (\$10 hall rental, \$2 yearbook printing, \$3 to OHA for insurance, \$0.75 to the District) and the society is in the black due to funds raised through events like the plant sale and garden tour.

Motion: Increase annual member fees from \$10 to \$15 (includes customized name tags for new members). Moved by Nora DeVette, seconded by Margaret Mohr, passed with none opposed.

- Cost of venue for meetings: The church costs \$80/meeting or \$720/year — a significant cost for our society. Pat Kiteley looked into other possibilities, the strongest contender being Maplewood School in Oxford Mills at \$25/meeting. Discussion: Members were not too keen to move and decided to stay put for another year, anticipating that the increased membership fees will cover costs.

11. Thank you from our President to KHS

volunteers: Pat Kiteley thanked a number of members who had contributed during the past year. She awarded each person a charming hand-quilted Christmas gift.

12. Annual election for executive positions. Hugh Stewart skilfully led "elections" for the 2009 executive positions. All were filled by acclamation, except Public Plantings, which is vacant.

Motion: Acceptance of the filling of executive positions as displayed below. Moved by Anthea Willows, seconded by Arline Rutter, passed with none opposed.

Executive positions for 2009	
President	Pat Kiteley
Vice President	Anthea Willows
Secretary	Vicky Foerster
Treasurer	Arline Rutter
Director, Flower Shows	Gail Bourque
Director Junior Gardeners	Grace Forget
Director, Public Planting	VACANT
Director, Hey Day	Arline Rutter
Director, Garden Tour	Nora DeVette
Director, Hostess & Smorgasbord	Yolanta Blockley
Director, Programs	Mary Carlson
Director, Plant Sale	Anthea Willows
Judge, Photo Competition	Jean Sears
Judge, Trillium Award	Monique O'Brien
Judges, Members' Gardens	Pat Kiteley/Sheila King
Editor, Newsletter	Gillian Pancirov
Editor, Yearbook and Web	Diane Partlo
Auditors	Dennis Bourque/Jim DeVette

12. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Speakers: Debbie King and Catherine Crawford from Kemptville Florist demonstrated how to make Christmas wreathes using local greenery (cedar, white pine, pinecones, etc.) as well as ribbon and wire (can be obtained through them) and flashes of colour from ornaments, birds, etc. (Dollar Store). Tip: Rub your hands with Vaseline before handling the greenery to reduce pitch from the plants.

Notes:

Treasurer's Report

Kemptville Horticultural Society Financial Statement for November 2008*

Revenue	0.00
Total Revenue	0.00
Expenses	
Cash return from flower show prizes	-2.25
OHA Members' fees & Insurance	407.65
Hall Rental	80.00
Student Bursary	1,000.00
Total Expenses	1,485.40
Net Income	-1,485.40
Opening Bank Balance	1,472.18
Plus Opening Petty Cash Balance	62.66
Total	1,534.84
GST Credit Due	43.14
FLGIC 027 / Nov 26/08 3%	1,344.29
Interest FLGIC 027 2008	40.33
Transfer to FLGIC 027	915.38
Bursary FLGIC 027/Maturity Nov. 26/09 1.6%	2,300.00
Total	3,877.99
Bursary FLGIC 019 / Maturity Nov. 7/08 3.5%	2,400.00
Interest FLGIC 019 2008	78.00
Bursary FLGIC 019 / Maturity Nov. 9/09	2,478.00

*No changes for December 2008



News from Members / Recipes

Margaret Mohr's delicious dessert recipe.

CHERRIES ON A CLOUD

(recipe makes two desserts)

Meringue:

Ingredients: 6 egg whites; ½ tsp cream of tartar; ¼ tsp salt; 1¾ cups white sugar

Whip first 3 ingredients until egg whites are foamy. Gradually beat in sugar until mixture is shiny. Spread on 2 spring-form pans, bottoms covered with parchment paper. Bake in oven at 275°F for 1 hour, then turn off the oven and leave the door closed for 10 hours.

Middle filling:

Ingredients: 2 pkg 8-oz cream cheese; 1 cup white sugar; vanilla; 2 envelopes dream whip; can of cherries

Mix first 3 ingredients. Whip dream whip and fold into cheese mixture. Spread on top of meringue. Add cherries on top when ready to serve.

If using only 1 meringue, the cream cheese filling can be stored for use later.

[And here's another one, delicious for winter or as a hostess gift]

EASY CHOCOLATE FUDGE

Ingredients:

3 cups Hershey's (or other) pure semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

¼ cup canola oil

1 cup chopped walnuts or unsweetened desiccated coconut (medium)

Place all ingredients except nuts or coconut in a 2-L Pyrex bowl. Microwave until chocolate chips are melted (about 2 min), stirring once or twice during melting. Stir in nuts or coconut. Pour into well-greased square baking dish (8 × 8 inches). Refrigerate until set. Makes about 2 lbs.



Plant of the Month

Orchid —Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)

If you're looking for a spectacular plant that will flower for months on end with easy care, this is the one for you. I am a total novice with respect to orchids. When a friend gave me the one in the picture, which at the time had two flowering stems, I really hadn't a clue how to handle it, especially as I have no green thumb for indoor plants. I did know enough to keep the plant out of direct sunlight and moist but not wet, but it wasn't until one of the stems finished flowering and I cut it down that I was told "don't cut the stem back, another flower branch will grow from the old one." And indeed that was the case. The second stem was even better than the first, and you can see a new flowering stem growing at the back. So, why don't you give phalaenopsis a try. They come in a number of colours. Go to www.chebucto.ns.ca/recreation/orchidcongress/cculture/phalaenopsis.html for detailed instructions on care.



Memorable Gardens

Newby Hall, Ripon, Yorkshire, UK

If you're on holiday in northern UK, pay a visit to this lovely house and garden. The herbaceous borders, perhaps the longest in Europe, make up the centre point of Newby Hall gardens. Off this striking vista are other gardens: a Victorian rock garden, a rose garden, a water garden and a tropical garden. Newby Hall is also known for its collection of dogwoods. Adjacent to the 25 acres of gardens is the 45-minute Woodland Walk through Bragget Wood where you can see the common British tree species: horse chestnut, oak, holly, beech and lime. There is also a sculpture park, which contains a changing collection of modern sculpture, and a children's adventure garden.





A Member's Garden

Jolanta and Roger Blockley: We moved to our current property in 2003. The first two summers were spent cleaning up construction debris and overgrowth. Since then in the six cleared acres around the house (the remainder of the 100-acre lot is wooded) we have established about four gardens each year of various sizes. To the east of the house are: a vegetable garden bordered by sweet peas and irises; a peony border with spring bulbs and forsythias; two large mixed perennial borders, one of which features large boulders and a variety of lilacs and daffodils; a daylily and hosta borders; and a half-completed long border backed by pyramidal cedars. To the north there is a woodland garden featuring aquilegias, bloodroot, greater celandine, pulmonaria and spring bulbs, and two dry borders featuring sedums and lavender. To the east there are beds containing various hostas and daylilies, as well as a bed of butterfly bushes (*buddleia davidii*). To the south behind an old cedar hedge, there is a hydrangea border and a border of Explorer roses (John Cabot) as well as a round bed of cannas.



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@explornet.com or by fax to 613 989-1309.