



# Kemptville Horticultural Society Newsletter

## June 2009

(see also [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville))

### Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: One visitor was introduced; all were warmly welcomed.
2. HOSPITALITY: Lise Snedden, Carmen Pincott, and Pat Kiteley were thanked.
3. APRIL MINUTES: Accepted with one correction — the member expert talk on geranium cuttings was given by Sheila King.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - Large (>1 acre) & Small Garden Competition: (Left out of yearbook.) Info on classes and guidelines was provided. Will occur in July. Sheila King to judge.
  - Ottawa is Blooming: Good looking booth. Attendance was down over 2008, draw for free membership won by Linda Desroches from Bishops' Mills.
  - AGM in Pembroke (160 attended): Minutes available online. Good preparation for hosting by KHS in 2010. New Director is Jeff Blackadar. Also, the District has purchased 3 projectors. Sheila King will store one for local use.
  - OHA Convention, Peterborough: Early registration deadline is June 10th. Can stay at Trent U.
  - Tree in memory of Gloria Anthony (red oak donated by RWR): Planting on May 23 in Curry Park.
  - Plant Sale (Anthea Willows): Generated \$842 and also 2 new members and 2 renewals. The "Freebie Table" was a hit. A thank-you note has been sent to the Ferguson Forest Centre.
  - Garden Tour (Nora DeVette): June 20; tickets

are available now.

- Hey Days (Arline Rutter): June 11–13. Donations to come to the Curling Club on Thursday only.
  - RWR Summer Day: Planned for August 15 as a District 2 day; potluck lunch, lectures, etc.
  - Public plantings: Rotary Park; Post office; libraries in Kemptville, Oxford Mills, and South Gower.
6. NEW BUSINESS
    - Dandelion Festival: Downtown Kemptville, May 30/31; a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
    - Road trip to Perth: Tentatively planned for Saturday, July 18. To visit Kiwi Nursery and Rock Wall Gardens and have lunch in Perth.

The business meeting adjourned on a motion by Margaret Carlson seconded by Jean Sears.

The business meeting was followed by:

- Plant de Jour = None this month
- Member Expert: Composting (Steve O'Brien).
- Speakers from the Ottawa River Iris Society were Sandy Ives and Maureen Mark (and specimens for sale) (NOTE: the talk preceded the business meeting this time).

*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@xplornet.com](mailto:pancirov@xplornet.com) or by fax to 613 989-1309.*

## Treasurer's Report

Notes:

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

#### Revenue

Membership	90.00
Spring Plant Sale	841.95
Garden Tour Sponsors	175.00
Donations	96.00
Garden Tour Tickets	15.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>1,217.95</u>

#### Expenses

Hall Rental	80.00
Speakers' Fees	50.00
Office Supplies	58.78
Garden Tour	37.80
Flower Show Judging	50.00
Travel / Vehicle (AGM)	136.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>412.58</u>

#### Net Income

805.37

#### Assets

Bank Balance	3,406.14
Petty Cash Balance	40.53
<b>Total</b>	<u>3,446.67</u>

GST Credit Due	61.91
FLGIC 027 / Nov 26/09 1.6%	2,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>5,808.58</u>

#### Investment

Bursary FLGIC 019 / Maturity Nov 9/09 1.6%	<u>2,478.00</u>
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## *Upcoming Events/Notices/News*

**Kemptville Horticultural Society presents the Bud to Bloom Garden Tour 2009** on Saturday June 20th from 10 – 4. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the Tour. Tickets are available at *Brewed Awakenings*, Kemptville, or can be obtained by sending a cheque to Kemptville Horticultural Society, PO Box 451, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0. For information please call 613-258-6485 or 4645, email: [khs\\_oha@yahoo.ca](mailto:khs_oha@yahoo.ca), or visit our website at [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/kemptville)

**Photographic Competitions: Jean Sears.** Date to remember: September 30, 2009 for our KHS competition.

**Weatherall Gardens Ltd** will be running their last spring workshop as follows:

*Sunday, June 21* “Hypertufa Pot.” Work with ordinary cement to create an extraordinary planter for your garden. Cost \$35. Materials and plants are included in the cost. A \$10 deposit will reserve your space. All workshops start at 1 pm. To register call Carol at 613 258-4380 or email [weatherall@xplornet.com](mailto:weatherall@xplornet.com)

### **Central Experimental Farm**

**July 1:** The Friends of the Farm will be holding a Strawberry Social from 11 am to 2 pm in Memory Park in the Canadian Agriculture Museum on the Central Experimental Farm, off Prince of Wales, just south of the traffic circle. Cost \$6.00. Entrance into the museum is FREE. For information: 613 230-3276, [info@friendsofthefarm.ca](mailto:info@friendsofthefarm.ca), or [www.friendsofthefarm.ca](http://www.friendsofthefarm.ca).

**July 26:** Friends of the Farm will be presenting Victorian Tea on Sunday July 26. Classic tea \$6 from 2 – 4 pm served on the lawns of Bldg. 72, Central Experimental Farm Arboretum, east off Prince of Wales traffic circle. Free admission and parking. Bring a patio chair and listen to the music. Enter the best hat contest (judging takes place at 3:45 pm with Maxine, of Maxine’s Design). Don period costume for an old-time CEF tradition (not required). In case of rain, the event will be held in the La Tarasse Café in the Sir John Carling Building on the CEF. For information: 613 230-3276, [info@friendsofthefarm.ca](mailto:info@friendsofthefarm.ca), or [www.friendsofthefarm.ca](http://www.friendsofthefarm.ca).

**Notice to KHS Members:** The next Garden Gossip meeting at *Brewed Awakenings* (Creekside Mall, Rd. 43) from 10:30–11:30 am approximately will be on Friday July 3, followed by August 7 and September 4.

### **Public Planting completed for 2009**

With a dedicated group of volunteers we have completed our Public Planting commitments for the year. This year we had 6 different sites to plant and care for: the Post Office, the Rotary Park flower beds, the 3 library locations, Kemptville, Oxford Mills and returning to us again South Gower. A new location is the bed at the Kemptville Hospital (near the Health Unit entrance). Members who volunteered with bed cleaning and planting are Gail and Denis Bourque, Jean Kilfoyle, Erika Csiffary, Vicki Foerster, Grace Forget, Anthea Willows and Barb McDerby. Alicia Hutton was also with us for planting and has generously agreed to maintain 3 sites with a monthly honorarium. Vicki will look in on the South Gower Library, while Anthea and Barb will see to the Oxford Mills site. This year a lot of funds went to purchase wood mulch to cover the flower beds. It’s hoped that this will cut down on the need for watering and also discourage weeds. As is our custom, we purchased plant material from a number of nurseries. It’s always nice to spread our funds around to local companies. Colour schemes for the beds were chosen to complement the hanging baskets on Prescott Street, which are provided and maintained by the Township.

## Memorial tree planted for Terry McEvoy

On June 6 at the Giving Garden on Hwy 43, Carmen Pincott and I along with some members of the public planted a honey locust tree in memory of Terry McEvoy who was a member of our Society. That afternoon Michelle McEvoy and family gathered with about 30 people to rededicate the site.

The front of the garden contains 6 beds, 3 of which are planted with vegetable seeds and vegetable plants. The other tree beds will be ready for planting next year. A three-part compost bin has been erected, and a garden shed to hold tools will be on site soon. Watering will be done by the Ferguson Forestry Centre. Weeding will be the big challenge, since there is a lot of quack grass in the beds. The honey locust is located at the back of the garden in the centre of a circular flower bed. This area is yet to be developed but should take shape this summer. We'll be keeping you up to date with developments as the summer goes along. Weeders always needed! *Pat Kiteley*

## District 2 News

See the current newsletter at [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2). Upcoming events include the West Carleton Garden Club Guided Walking Tours (see registration form for details.

[www.ottawahort.org/district2public/wcgc\\_walking\\_tours.pdf](http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/wcgc_walking_tours.pdf)). There's a list of garden centres providing discounts for our members (Gemmell's Garden Centre, Kiwi Gardens and Rock Wall Gardens, Perth, Whitehouse Perennials, Almonte, and J.A. Laporte's Flowers and Nursery, Cumberland), a calendar of Society activities for the OHA and District, OHA Competitions, the District 2 2010 Photo Competition, the OHA Convention and the Canadian Peony Society Show.



## *From the Nurseries*

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**Rideau Woodland Ramble, Burritts Rapids:** We will be having our giant *Canada Day Hosta Sale* again this year on the July long weekend. We are also very pleased to be on the upcoming garden tours for Kemptville and Merrickville this year. Please have everyone come down and check out all the improvements to the village of Burritts Rapids the Greening Committee have achieved with the gardens at the bridge, the library and the Community Hall. More will appear in 2009! *Dave Dunn*

**Green Thumb Garden Centre, Nepean:** We have recently overhauled our web site ([www.greenthumbgarden.ca](http://www.greenthumbgarden.ca)). We have a "Plant Search" function on left hand side of our first page that helps people with plant selection for their gardens. Not only does the "Plant Search" enable gardeners to find out about some plants they might not be familiar with, but it also gives some information as to garden conditions that would make the plant happiest. Pictures and hardiness zones are included too. *Mary Shearman Reid*, Green Thumb Garden Centre, 17 Tristan Court, Nepean. Phone: 613 228-0224, fax: 613 224-2652.

**Gemmell's Garden Centre, Smiths Falls:** Grow Your Own! This season we have seen spectacular growth in gardeners interested in growing their own food. Veggies are flying out of the greenhouse in record numbers, with heirloom tomatoes topping the list. Some new varieties to try...Brandywine Pink (my personal favourite!), Brandywine Yellow, Health Kick (50% more lycopene), Rutgers (very disease resistant), Large Red Cherry, and Cherokee Purple (Liz Gemmell's new fav). Huge patio tomatoes available for those who want to grow on a deck or balcony. Check out our extensive line of herbs. Along with all the common favourites we have some more unusual choices such as Stevia, Caraway, Cilantro, Tricolor Sage, Fennel, Bay Laurel and just in, gorgeous Rosemary trees. Gemmell's Garden Centre grows everything right here in our own greenhouses...you can't get more local than that! *Kelly Heath*.

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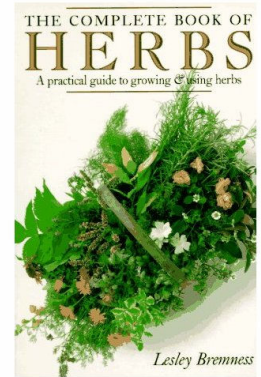
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## ***Books on Growing Herbs***

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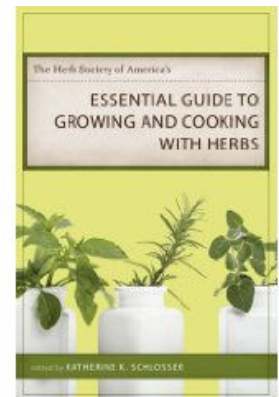
***The Complete Book of Herbs: A Practical Guide to Growing & Using Herbs.*** By Lesley Bremness. 288 pages. Published by Studio. Publication date September 1994. ISBN-10: 0140238026 (paperback)

This book includes information on planting, growing, and harvesting of herbs, and describes the main uses for them. It provides an exhaustive identification guide, recipes and ideas for gifts. It is also published in hardcover.



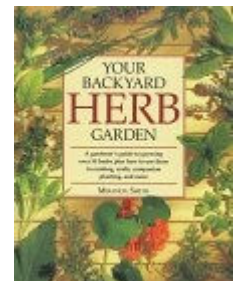
***The Herb Society of America's Essential Guide to Growing and Cooking With Herbs.*** Edited by Katherine K. Schlosser. 349 pages. Published by Louisiana State University Press. Publication date September 2007. ISBN-10: 0807132551 (hardcover)

The first section of this book provides horticultural information for each of the herbs found in the National Herb Garden's Culinary Garden, including a short history of the herb, gardening basics, and suggestions for using the herb in cooking. The second section provides recipes for more than 200 dishes incorporating a variety of herbs and teaches how to use herbs to enhance stews and casseroles, create dips and pestos. This book will be indispensable for all herb lovers.



***Your Backyard Herb Garden: A Gardener's Guide to Growing Over 50 Herbs Plus How to Use Them in Cooking, Crafts, Companion Planting and More.*** By Miranda Smith. 160 pages. Published by Rodale Press. Publication date January 1999. ISBN-10: 0875969941 (paperback)

This illustrated herb directory includes all the most popular herbs, with complete information on growing, care, harvesting, and uses. It tells you everything you need to know about growing your favourite herbs using safe, natural, all-organic methods! The author gives practical tips and advice on all aspects of successful herb growing, and includes many great ideas and helpful how-to's on using herbs in such areas as cooking, crafts, cosmetics, health care, and insect repellents.





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## *A Member's Garden*

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**Jean and Orville Sears:** Twenty years ago, the site of our home was a cow pasture, bush, and maple sugar bush, and it took Orville 3 months to clear the area for our building. Beds closer to the house were started, and then came the ice storm, and we lost many of our large maple trees, changing the landscape for ever. The perennial bed (looking towards Donoghue road), has been there forever, but the hosta bed, and “pink bed” as I call it, were made to either cover the stumps of those trees or to fill in gaps left by tree removal. We have 35 acres of field and bush, with access on it to our own top soil and sand, which has been a great help to us for landscaping. Needless to say, we have a lot of wildlife, including turkeys, deer, herons, porcupines, and squirrels. Most don't do too much damage, but one year I lost all my lilies as they started to bud — the deer just loved them! Since then we have cut up raw garlic, which we grow ourselves, and put around all flower beds periodically during the blooming period, and this seems to have done the trick. I have planned, it seems fairly successfully, to have flowers throughout the summer months into the frost season, creating a blaze of colour to enjoy. *Jean Sears*

