



the gardener  
Autumn 2010

"To plant a garden,  
is to believe in tomorrow."

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## President's Message

What a wonderful growing season we had this year. All of the gardens in the city looked fabulous and those planted by the Horticultural Society were no exception.



Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your president for the last 22 months. It was a pleasure to work with the committee chairs and I am in awe of their dedication and commitment to the society. I know our efforts are appreciated because of the many positive comments I hear. Thank you to all members who work so hard to make our many activities a success.

Our committees are important for the vibrancy of our society and new members are always welcome. Please consider volunteering some time in an area that interests you.

*Penny Keegan*  
**President**

*"Autumn is a second Spring where every leaf is a flower."*  
Albert Camus

## Civic Beautification

A great growing season produced beautiful flower beds and our Society should be proud of the contribution it makes to the beauty of our fair city. The Amaranthus near the swimming pool reached gigantic proportions!

Thanks to the many willing planters – a job that can produce sore backs but also good fellowship and fun. Perennial beds at Centre St. and the Library have received new shrubs and plants – Dennis Rawe keeps a watchful eye. Thanks to Vivien Harding who tends the roses at Churchill Circle and the Library. A few replacement bushes will be needed next spring. We have 80 daffodil bulbs soon to be planted to help replenish spring flowers at Churchill Circle.

A thank you letter has been sent to Steve Coxon at Sebringville Garden Centre for his co-operation in deliveries and great plant material.

We have a good committee who are always up for new ideas and plantings of the beds for next year. **You should join us!!**

*Dorell Brightwell*  
**Committee Chair**



## Social Committee

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 2010

Tickets for the Annual General Meeting Dinner on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 will be on sale at the October General meeting. The cost will be \$17.00 for a full service three course dinner- this includes tax and tip. The meal last year was a sell-out success, as the room can hold 96 diners. To accommodate those of you who would like to sit together I urge you to buy your tickets as soon as possible so that we can assign you a table number when you purchase your ticket.



The dinner will be set in the Griffith Auditorium. There will be a brief social time prior to the **6.00 pm start of dinner service**. The entertainment portion of the event will follow the business portion of the evening.

If you are unable to attend the October General Meeting and cannot get someone else to purchase tickets for you on that evening please call Louise Spandler (519-305-0104) between Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> to arrange for delivery and payment. Cut off date for ticket sales will be November 21<sup>st</sup> as the numbers have to be given to the caterer at Spruce Lodge one week prior to the dinner.

( If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting portion of the evening only you will be able to come after 7:30 pm)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Louise Spandler*  
**Committee Co-Chair**

## Exhibit & Floral Design Committee

With Autumn, comes the end of our competitive flower shows for the year, leaving the committee with a great sense of satisfaction. Leading up to every show, we hold our breath. First, we're anxious that there be enough exhibits to fill the tables; then, we hope for exhibits that get people talking!



*Gloria Hutchison*

Our theme for the year was *Celebrating Canada, Eh!* If you attended the shows in May, June or September, you know that our members found much to celebrate. At the September show, Gloria Hutchison and Bernice Barratt took home the prizes for cultural entries. Gloria won the Moss/Green Cup for Judge's Choice (a richly coloured and tenderly cared for coleus). Bernice received a Dominion Seed House gift certificate for Best Cultural Entry (Lady in Red Salvia).

Linda Murray & Darlene Irwin shared the design acknowledgments – the Lingard Trophy for President's Choice to Linda and the Floralcraft Trophy for Judge's Choice to Darlene.

At every show, we had new exhibitors – a sign of a vibrant society. Congratulations to all, and thank you for sharing your gardens and your knowledge with us!!



*Darlene Irwin*

The shows are over, but the opportunity to present your design ideas is not!

See page 6 for details on the Just For Fun exhibits at the October & November meetings.



*Linda Murray*

A ***Living Art*** workshop was lead by Bub Kelly in September and was a resounding success. Bub sourced most of the materials herself, including picture frames, so the participants could focus on the fun of learning and creating. At the end of the evening, every single frame was a personal masterpiece!



*Bub Kelly*

The buzz afterward spread to the ears of Nancy Lupton, with the result that Bub has adapted the workshop and is instructing the Youth Group at their October meeting. And, the ripples continue ... the Gadsden Antique Show contacted President Penny Keegan and asked if the Society would decorate the Rotary Complex lobby for the Stratford show. Resourceful Penny requested old doors as a backdrop (generously donated by Peter Land, Antiques) and solicited framed designs from members. The effect was terrific, and the Society received a donation from the show organizers! Thanks again, Bub!



*Submitted by Darlene Irwin*      **Committee Chair**

## **Coming Events 2010**

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Garden Chat,** 6:30 -7:15 pm In the Conference Room, Spruce Lodge. Bring your favourite houseplant and share information about it. Bring extras to trade if you wish.

### **Note: Oct 2010 Design Showcase**

Just For Fun (non-judged) in the Griffith Auditorium, Spruce Lodge

#### **Harvest Moon – a design for a door or wall**

Show entries are received from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Annual General Meeting, Dinner,& Floral Design Showcase.**

Design theme is

#### **Hallelujah! - a design for wall or door**

Show entries received from 5:00 pm a non-judged show

Social time from 5:30 pm

**Dinner** is served at **6 pm** Please be seated by this time!

## **In Memoriam**

It is with sadness that we note the passing of our friends in the Society.

**Ab Bowman,** Aug 2010, was a Past President who shared his passion for soil at every meeting. You will learn much about Ab at this link.

<http://yourlifemoments.ca/sitepages/obituary.asp?oId=411673>

**Joan Dickson,** Aug 2010, was a Past President and community builder whose legacy can be viewed courtesy of Beacon Herald reporter Laura Cudworth's article at

<http://www.stratfordbeaconherald.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=2758604>

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Stratford & District Horticultural Society

Monday, October 25, 2010

7:30 p.m.

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