



Newsletter

December 2005

Next Event
Dec 2nd. 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Kanata United Church
33, Leacock Drive, Beaverbrook
POT LUCK SUPPER



KMHS Presidents Message:

We do not normally have a newsletter in December, but for those who can't make it to the Pot Luck, here are a few brief notes.

AGM: the fee increase motion was passed: the new annual membership fee will be \$15 for a single, \$25 for a family membership and \$3 per meeting for a guest.

Election of new board members: thanks to all those who agreed to serve for 2006-7. We still need a secretary and VP. Please think about volunteering to help the Society.

Executive: One year

President: David Davidson
VP: VACANT
Treasurer: Karen Haddon
Secretary: VACANT

Directors: Two years

Norma Davidson
Hanny Ernst
Helene Maria Puetz
Jean Savage
Ken Wallis

Directors: One year

Jane Bouchard
Heather Lee
Nancy Rimmer
Jean Siemens
Carol Thurston

KMHS Memberships are up for renewal. The membership form is on the KMHS website and should be filled out and sent in with payment, or brought to the next meeting, either the potluck supper on Dec. 2 or the next general meeting in January. Annual membership fees received on or before the Pot Luck supper will entitle you to enter a draw for a voucher for Canadian Tire. The winner will be published in the January newsletter. For those of you without web access, a membership form is enclosed.

We have a good line up of speakers for 2006, with topics ranging from managing pests, through exotic plants for Ottawa, to water gardens and wetlands.

Please note that our next meeting is on **January 10th, 2006**. We expect the ground will be frozen solid by then, so the car park at the Old Town hall should be reasonable to walk on. In any case, please carpool as much as possible until new parking is created.

See you all at the Pot Luck on December 2nd.

David Davidson

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Auditors' Report

Tom Rimmer and George Malcolm kindly audited our financial records for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2005. They indicated that in their opinion the records were kept in a satisfactory manner and show an accurate position of the society's finances for the period.

Parks maintenance

We would like to publicly thank the Beaverbrook Community Association for their grant of \$500 toward the cost of installation of the irrigation system extension in Tom Thompson Park, completed this year by KMHS.

Photography Competition

Just over 150 entries were received from 8 participants and the photos will be shown at the Pot Luck Supper. This is always a splendid display so don't miss it. Technology permitting, Karl Siemens will make a short presentation at the supper on some of the improvements one can make on digital photos using software. A great help for those of us who forget to adjust the light meter on the camera!

Things to do and see

Dec 10th: 1.30 pm. Ottawa Valley Rock Garden Society. Don Avery from Vermont will speak on "**Gardening in Living Sphagnum**". Non-members' admission charge of \$5 for the presentation. Building C (main building) Room C346, Algonquin College, Woodroffe Campus. Free parking in Visitor Parking, Lot 7. For information and a map, www.ovrghs.ca.

Some great web sites for winter gardeners: with thanks to the Master Gardeners' Horticulture Book

- ❖ This weed gallery is amazing with tons of photos and various ways to search the data. <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/ontweeds/weedgal.htm>
- ❖ What's happening at the OHA or at other societies? www.gardenontario.org
- ❖ Ask and the answer is there! In depth articles, research and a great newsletter. www.taunton.com/finegardening
- ❖ A great standby site for discussion forums, plus good articles. <http://www.icangarden.com/>
- ❖ A wonderful site for avid seed collectors with germination data for hundreds of unusual perennials. <http://tomclothier.hort.net/>
- ❖ For seed ID, seed germination, seed everything also try www.theseedsite.co.uk/.
- ❖ For those who like native plants or gardening for wildlife, www.wildaboutgardening.org/en/growing/section4/index.htm is a searchable index of several hundred native plants, giving information about what kinds of conditions they like, which regions they are native to, and what wildlife they will attract.
- ❖ And, to keep you thinking about chemical-free gardening, check the website for Canadian Organic Growers. www.cog.ca
- ❖ This company has a product search engine that will help you learn more about any perennial and a what's new section too. www.epicplants.com

Answer to November's Quiz

Rosemary Rhododendron (rhododendron maximum)
This is the only rhododendron hardy down to Zone 3/4