

# Calling all gardeners

## President's Message

Hello all KMHS Members,

Welcome back all; and I hope that you will re-register as soon as you can; when you do, you will receive your 2011 Yearbook/Calendar (worth the price of admission in itself, I daresay).

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I am hoping that we as a society can take greater advantage of the resources available from the greater Ontario Horticultural Association, as well as other societies within our District 2. To that end I began by sending you the links to an interesting prospect that was presented at the Fall Advisory meeting of District 2, namely the opportunity of purchasing chrysanthemum plugs from Mary Ann Berlo of OHA D2. For those of you who may be interested in this, here once again is the link to the [chrysanthemums](#).

Also, I invite you all to visit the [Links](#) page on our website and see what else is available there. Also, we hope to have our website up-to-date soon; we are looking into it. When we do, you will be able to see what speakers we have lined up for this year (the information is also in the Yearbook/Calendar, which you will receive when you renew your membership, or did I already say that?).

I would like to thank all the Executive and members for their efforts in turning out a lovely Christmas potluck supper: lots of good food and good company, and a special thanks to Shirley Monkhouse for all the effort she put in judging last year's photo contest. As we saw, Qing Mao ran away with most of the honours, and so congratulations to her. Having said that, I hope this next year more people will enter and give her a run for her money. Otherwise we may have to name the Yearbook after her (just kidding, of course.)

**I would also like to remind you that our January meeting will be at the Royalton Retirement Residence as part of our community outreach initiative.** The Royalton is located at the junction of Campeau Drive, Knudson Drive and Maritime Way. There is some visitor parking on site, guests may also park near the building on Maritime Way. We will need to "sign in" as visitors at the Royalton upon arrival. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Gerald Bouchard, President*



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## Tulips and Gardens of Holland:

Tuesday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm,  
Royalton Retirement Residence.  
3501 Campeau Drive, Kanata

Come along to our next meeting, where acclaimed garden tour organizer Linda Thorne will show us the "Tulips and Gardens of Holland", a welcome breath of spring in cold, snowy January!



January's meeting will be held at the Royalton Retirement Residence at 3501 Campeau Drive

**As always, guests are most welcome. The \$5.00 charge can be applied towards an annual membership of \$15.00..**



The "member's garden" photo is a bright and cheerful cover for the KMHS 2011 Yearbook

Congratulations to Karl Siemens

### 2011 Membership Renewal Time!

Membership fees are now due, \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families. The membership form is on the web at [http://www.kanata-horticultural.com/Membership/2010\\_Membership\\_Form.pdf](http://www.kanata-horticultural.com/Membership/2010_Membership_Form.pdf) and can be mailed in or brought to the next meeting.

### February Seed Exchange

At our February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will have our annual seed and garden book exchange. Forms

## KMHS Announcements

for packaging your seeds to trade will be available in January on our website at <http://www.kanata-horticultural.com/Meetings%20and%20Events.htm>

### Thanks for a great newsletter!

Many thanks to outgoing newsletter editor, Margaret Turner for providing KMHS members with an informative, attractive newsletter which we have been fortunate to receive! You have left some "big shoes" to fill!

Shelley Sissing,  
incoming Newsletter Editor

### 2011 KMHS Executive and Directors

Here are the people who have kindly agreed to lead our society this year. The yearbook has their contact information.

#### Executive

President: Gerald Bouchard  
Treasurer: David Sissing  
Secretary: Gisele Robertson  
Past Pres.: Robert Barta

#### Directors

2010 – 2011  
Norma Davidson  
Beverley Murphy  
Jane Bouchard  
Sheila Smith

2011 – 2012  
Cheryl Sinclair  
Karl Siemens  
Jean Siemens  
Shelley Sissing

## 2010 KMHS Photography Contest

Congratulations to Qing Mao, who won this year's KMHS photo contest. You can see her five winning photos in the 2011 KMHS yearbook. Each of the other four entrants had at least one winning entry, all of which are also included in the yearbook. In the past few years, there was a close race for the overall winner, but this year Qing Mao easily won the Thomas Trophy with 34 points, far outdistancing Rachelle Spidell and Karl Siemens, each with 18 points. The other entrants, Gerald Bouchard and Mary Stuart had 13 and 5 points, respectively. The photo chosen for the Yearbook cover was from the "Member's Garden" class by Karl Siemens. Thanks go to Shirley Monkhouse for running and judging the contest.

Early in the New Year, the classes for the 2011 photo contest will be decided and placed into our web site. The number of classes will be reduced to six from the current twelve. With the reduction in classes, we intend to publish both 1st and 2nd place winners in the next Yearbook calendar. The Best of Show selection will be dropped and replaced with a wildcard selection. You will be able to enter any horticulturally related photo; the intent being to select from this set of entries the next Yearbook cover photo. Hopefully, with these changes, we can encourage more participants (down this year from 10 to 5, with the number of entries down from 170 photos to 96).

Happy New Year!

Karl Siemens - Chairman, Photography Committee

## KMHS Membership has its privileges



Did you know that as members of KMHS you are automatically part of KMHS group membership in the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society (OBGS)? This entitles you to attend OBGS meetings free of charge and obtain discounted rates for OBGS events, such as the "Over the Hedge Country Garden Tour Car Rally". See the OBGS website at <http://www.ottawagarden.ca> for upcoming events and meeting information.

If you have not re-joined KMHS for 2011 yet, please do so at your earliest convenience to take advantage of this and other benefits.

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### Potluck THANK YOU

Another Pot Luck Supper over and again I would like to thank everyone who came out to help set up on the Friday afternoon and also those who stayed on to clear the hall at the end of the evening.

I hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening. I'm sorry it was all such a rush especially at the end but this was due to circumstances beyond my control. We have a new venue for next year.

Norma Davidson – Potluck Co-ordinator

*Editor's note – and a big thank you to Norma for her dedication and hard work that went into to making this annual event such a pleasure for all in attendance.*

## Peterborough Garden Show

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"The biggest and best local garden show in Ontario, Canada"

KMHS is may organize a trip to the Peterborough Garden Show, to be held April 8 -10 in Peterborough (note that this is NOT Easter Weekend this year), depending upon the interest level within the group. We will be inquiring at the January and February meetings if there is enough interest to charter a bus to take people to this show. For more information about the garden show visit their website at

<http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/Showhome.html>



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### Our society

In existence for over forty years, our horticultural society aims to serve the Kanata-March community through horticultural education, local public garden maintenance, opportunities for young gardeners to earn volunteer hours and various special events. In late May we hold a Plant Sale where many excellent bargains are available to add new dimensions to Kanata and area gardens. We hold monthly meetings in the Old Town Hall, Kanata. Here local gardening experts share their knowledge.

We are one of the twenty plus societies that make up District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association and, through this affiliation, we are grateful to receive grants from OMAFRA and the City of Ottawa. These grants are used for public garden maintenance

### Our newsletter

The monthly newsletter is online at the end of each month, with members being informed of this by email. If you see an article or website that you think would be of interest to others, please let me know by the third Friday of the month. Shelley Sissing, [the.sissings@sympatico.ca](mailto:the.sissings@sympatico.ca).

### Your questions

Do you have some questions about your plants or garden that you'd like answered—preferably from people coping with the same challenges? If so, send them to me, Shelley Sissing, at [the.sissings@sympatico.ca](mailto:the.sissings@sympatico.ca) for inclusion in next month's edition.

Answers will be published the following month.

## Upcoming gardening events

Here are some advance notices for future events that may be of interest to you:

1. March 15 – 20th: Prepare for spring by experiencing the 15th anniversary of the "Canada Blooms: The Flower & Garden Festival at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto! [www.canadablooms.com/](http://www.canadablooms.com/)
2. April 8-10<sup>th</sup>: Peterborough Garden Show, Evinrude Centre, Peterborough <http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca>
3. June 25 & 26th: The OBGS "Over the Hedge Garden Tour and Car Rally" will showcase amazing country gardens west of Ottawa. More information to follow at <http://www.ottawagarden.ca>