



# Calling all gardeners...

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Horticultural Society

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## President's Message

We are now in the Fall of the year, and so far we have had such beautiful weather. Let's hope it lasts long enough to enough the spectacular colours of the season as the leaves begin to change.

Speaking of change, it is time to change the members of the KMHS Executive board. I will be stepping down as President at the next Annual General Meeting this November 8<sup>th</sup>, as will Gisèle Robertson, our Secretary. We are also looking for a Vice-President, as well as three directors. If you feel you might be interested in taking on one of these challenging and exciting roles, please let us know. I would be happy to discuss what these positions involve at our next meeting. We are also planning to put up on our website the job descriptions.

We are putting together our calendar for 2012, and so I would remind those of you who wish to submit your photo entries to please have them submitted to Karl Siemens by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are also planning our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner, and so we need some volunteers to put this together. We have a new venue this year, at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 20 Young Rd. in Kanata. It's a lovely church, modern, spacious, with excellent social facilities. So if you are willing to help, please let us know.

Our next general meeting is on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Disley-Engler will be speaking on "Quick and Easy Ways to Decorate Your Home for the Fall Season". Hope to see you all there, and if you can, bring along a friend.

*Gerald Bouchard  
President*



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### Quick and Easy Ways to Decorate Your Home for the Fall Season

Tuesday, October 4th, 7:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 821 March Rd,  
Kanata



Catherine Disley-Engler will discuss and demonstrate quick and easy ways to decorate for the fall season with garden materials. As always, non-members are welcome. The \$5.00 charge for non-members can be applied toward an annual membership of \$15.00.

## KMHS AGM - November 1st

Our annual general meeting will be held at the beginning of our November 1st evening with John Szczepaniak.

We have several key positions that need to be filled - President, Secretary and three Director positions. If possible we would also like to recruit a vice-president who would assist

the Executive and then take over as president in two years.

We have the important position of membership management to fill as well - Jane Bouchard is stepping down from this role. There are other committee positions that can be filled by a member who is not on the executive, such as program

co-ordinator, social co-ordinator (potluck), parks, and plant sale.

To ensure our society continues to "grow into the future", we need the involvement and ideas of our members, so please consider an active role with the society.

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### KMHS Announcements

#### December Potluck

We are in need of volunteers to help organize the annual potluck supper in December, which will be held on Friday, December 2nd at a new location, St. Paul's Anglican Church at 20 Young Rd.

More details to follow in early November.



October gave a party;  
The leaves by hundreds came -  
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,  
And leaves of every name.  
The Sunshine spread a carpet,  
And everything was grand,  
Miss Weather led the dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.  
*George Cooper*



### Trees in the Urban Landscape - October 15th



The Master Gardeners of Ottawa and Lanark County invite you to join them on Saturday, October 15th for a day-long seminar to learn all about trees!

The seminar will be held at St. James Church, 225 Edmund St. in Carleton Place from 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. The cost per person is \$25 before October 8th, after that date it will be \$30. Refreshments and lunch are included.

Topics covered include “starting them off right”, “trees for backyards”, “what’s wrong with my tree”, nut trees, fruit trees, and under tree planting.

The full agenda and registration information can be found on the Lanark Master Gardeners’ website: [www.lanarkmastergardeners.mgoi.ca](http://www.lanarkmastergardeners.mgoi.ca)

### October Garden Activities

Plant spring flowering bulbs (tulips, crocus, hyacinth, daffodils etc)

Dig and store summer bulbs and tubers (dahlias, gladiolus, tuberous begonias etc)

Plant amaryllis for Christmas blooms

Clean up garden for fall but leave some seed heads for the birds!

Allow a layer of leaves to settle on garden beds for winter protection

Gather remaining leaves for the composter!

Put shelters around first-year evergreen transplants and other broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons and daphne to protect from winter wind and sun



## 2011 Photography Competition Reminder

Submissions for the 2011 photography competition must be provided to Karl Siemens **by Tuesday, November 1st (can be brought to the KMHS meeting).**

The emphasis for the contest will be on material that will make a high quality Yearbook.

An important change to note this year is that **only digital files will be accepted for entry.** Please use the maximum resolution provided by

your digital camera so that the Yearbook committee has more flexibility in cropping or otherwise editing pictures for the calendar. In addition, the number of categories has been changed.

**For six of the categories, both the first and second prize winners will have their entries put into the Yearbook/Calendar. The seventh class is intended to choose the Yearbook cover picture and**

**photos with any horticultural topic may be entered in this class.**

This latter class takes the place of the previous attempts at picking a "Best of Show" for the cover.

**Complete details of entry classes, contest rules, and submission information are shown in the KMHS website at [www.kanata-horticultural.com/PhotoCompetition.htm](http://www.kanata-horticultural.com/PhotoCompetition.htm).**



## 2011 Classes for the Photo Competition:

**Class 1— KMHS Member's Gardens:** Be proud of your gardening and landscaping efforts. A photo of your own garden/landscaping, i.e. front or back yard or baskets, pots and/or ponds

**Class 2—Future Gardeners:** Our children, grandchildren and/or friends children—Any photo which has children (under the age of 12) and a "horticulture element" i.e. gardens/flowers/plants

**Class 3—Sharing the World:** Plants and Animals—A photo which has plants and animals (including birds, fish, insects, mammals, reptiles).

**Class 4—Xeriscape:** A photo of either a garden that needs minimum or no irrigation or a natural dry landscape such as a desert. Photos can include a garden, a landscape or plants such as cactus, succulents, air plants etc.

**Class 5—Water Theme:** A photo of a "water feature" in a garden, park, or natural setting with flowers/plants – i.e. pond, water fall, fountain, etc.

**Class 6—Plants in Far Off Places:** A photo of any plant, garden or natural setting taken on your travel outside of Ontario, preferably outside of Canada—the more exotic, the better. Show us plants that we wouldn't ordinarily see in the Kanata region.

**Class 7—Yearbook Cover:** This is an open category in which you can enter photos with any horticultural theme and which you think will be best to grace the cover of next year's KMHS Yearbook cover.



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## About KMHS

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 area gardens. We hold monthly meetings in the Old Town Hall, Kanata where guest speakers including local gardening experts share their knowledge. A single membership costs \$15 for the calendar year, \$25 for a family membership.

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.

The monthly newsletter is on-line at the end of each month. Content suggestions or items for future editions can be forwarded to Shelley Sissing by e-mail at [kanatamhs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kanatamhs@yahoo.ca).

## Upcoming gardening events....

**October 4th**

**KMHS Meeting “Quick and Easy Ways to Decorate your Home for the Fall Season ”**  
with Cathy Disley-Engler,  
7:30 p.m., Old Town Hall,  
821 March Rd

**November 1st**

**KMHS Meeting “Urban Pocket Makeover”**, an interactive makeover of a townhouse front yard with John Szczepaniak, 7:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, 821 March Rd

**December 2nd**

**KMHS Potluck** and Photo Competition Results, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 20 Young Rd. Bring your favourite dish to share with your fellow gardeners in a social setting.

**March 16-25, 2012**

**Canada Blooms** combined with National Home Show, Direct Energy Centre, Toronto, \$20 per Adult, \$18 for Seniors/Students

