



# Calling all gardeners...

Kanata-March  
Horticultural Society

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## President's Message

As summer is now drawing to a close, I hope that all of you had a wonderful season, and that your gardens are growing and thriving. Speaking of which, I would like to thank those of you who opened up your gardens for visiting. I must say that, for my part, I was very impressed with the ones I saw, the imagination and the effort you have put into your gardens is inspirational, and I left with many ideas that I would like to try myself. I hope that you enjoyed having us as much as we enjoyed visiting, and that this activity will continue in the coming years.

The club's tour of Rideau Hall transpired on July 10<sup>th</sup> as planned. About nine of us attended on a beautiful summer's day.

We had a tour guide with us who showed us all the ceremonial trees that had been planted over the years by celebrities and dignitaries, not the least being our own David Robertson, who in a previous life had been a school principal or teacher, and whose school had planted a tree on Rideau Hall grounds. Did you ever find the tree, David?

I am happy to say that our KMHS finances are in very good shape thanks to our rain barrel and plant sales in May. What to do with the money is our happy conundrum. Members are invited to put forward suggestions, although when doing so to keep our society's mandate in mind, which is to promote gardening enthusiasm in the

Kanata March region, and the OHA District 2 community.

I would also ask members to consider standing for various executive positions on our board for 2012, including those of President and Secretary. I would ask all of you to canvass about for new KMHS members, from among your friends and family members. If you enjoy belonging to the club, then why shouldn't they?

Our next general meeting is on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann Van Berlo will be speaking on "Tips, Tricks and Techniques for the Garden".

Hope to see you all there!

*Gerald Bouchard  
President*

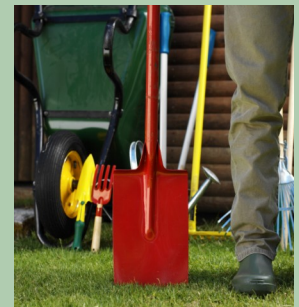
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### Tips, Tricks and Techniques for the Garden

Tuesday, September 6th,  
7:30 p.m.

Old Town Hall, 821 March Rd



Master Gardener Mary Ann Van Berlo joins us to discuss a wide range of topics from weeds and pest control to propagation.

Guests are always welcome. The \$5.00 guest charge can be applied toward the cost of an annual membership of \$15.00.

## Fall Clean Up Coming - Tom Thomson and Molly Wilson Gardens

Last year KMHS contracted out the maintenance of our Molly Wilson Garden, at a cost of over \$800 to our society due to lack of volunteers to help maintain the gardens.

We would like to schedule a few work sessions to get our gardens into shape this fall.

If you are available when the work party dates are known, please come lend a hand for an hour or so when we contact everyone about a clean up. Many hands make light work!

The two parks that bear our name as part of the "Adopt-a-Park" program are the

Molly Wilson Garden at the Old Town Hall and the gardens at Tom Thomson Park in Beaverbrook.

High school students who need to earn volunteer hours are welcome.

- The KMHS Executive

## KMHS Announcements

### KMHS Photo Competition

A reminder to our members to submit your photos to Karl Siemens on or before November 1st in order to have a chance at appearing in our 2012 yearbook. Full rules and more information can be found on our website at [www.kanata-horticultural.com/PhotoCompetition.htm](http://www.kanata-horticultural.com/PhotoCompetition.htm)



### Thanks for Sharing!

Our thanks go out to our members who shared their gardens this summer: Norma and David Davidson, Lucilla and Marcus Fong, Karen and Brian Haddon, Kitty and Willy Langill and Rachelle Spidell. All of the gardens provided ideas and great photo opportunities to those who were able to visit!

### KMHS Members' Tour of Rideau Hall

We had a small group of 9 members attend the private tour of Rideau Hall on Sunday, July 10th. Thanks to those who came out for that event.

*By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summer's best of  
weather  
And autumn's best of cheer.*

*Helen Hunt Jackson*



## District 2 Summer Flower and Vegetable Show

The District 2 Summer Flower and Vegetable Show will be held on Saturday, September 10th in Smiths Falls as part of the Smiths Falls Pickle Fest.

The Show tent opens at 8:30 am and all entries are to be labelled and in place by 11:00 am. Entry tags will be available at the Show. There will be stewards in attendance to help, if you are in doubt about placement of entries. **Entries will not be accepted after 11 am.** Judging will commence promptly at 11:15 am. Show open for viewing by entrants and the general public by 12:30 pm. All entries are to stay in place until at least 3:30 pm.

Members are welcome to bring entries for the pickle contest as well - these must be there for 11 am as well. For more information, please visit the following websites: [www.sfpicklefest.ca](http://www.sfpicklefest.ca) or [www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2/news/online/1511](http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2/news/online/1511).



## Bonsai Exhibition

The Ottawa Bonsai Society will hold its Annual Bonsai Exhibition for 2011 on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Japanese Embassy, 255

Sussex Drive in Ottawa. Come and see the most beautiful bonsai in the Ottawa-Gatineau area.

Dozens of species of trees, some over 100 years old, will be on display. Learn how almost any tree can be trans-

formed into a living sculpture with this ancient art form.

**Admission is free and parking is available inside the gate of the Embassy. Information: (819) 684-0586.**



## AGM - Executive and Committee Members Needed

Our Annual General Meeting will be coming up on November 8th, and several positions on the Executive will be available:

President

Secretary

Directors (3)

In addition, the following Committee Chairpersons positions will be open:

Program Co-ordinator

Membership Co-ordinator

Parks Co-ordinator

Plant Sale Organizer

Potluck Organizer

Many hands make light work, and new ideas are always welcome.

If you have any ideas about how to make KMHS continue to grow into the future, please

consider joining the team! If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Gerald Bouchard, our current President at 613-599-4984 or by e-mail at [gerald\\_bouchard@hotmail.com](mailto:gerald_bouchard@hotmail.com)

We will have more information about what each of the roles might entail for the October meeting.

## September Gardening Activities

- Prepare and seed new lawns
- Top dress existing lawns and garden beds with compost or manure
- Plant evergreens
- Renovate perennial borders, divide perennials and share with friends!
- Change container arrangements to include frost-hardy plants such as chrysanthemums, grasses, salvia or small divisions of perennials such as heuchera (Coral Bells) or sedums
- Enjoy the harvest from your garden (or your local farmer's garden)



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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 students 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 at [kanatamhs@yahoo.ca](mailto:kanatamhs@yahoo.ca).

## Upcoming gardening events....

### September 10th

**OHA District 2 Summer Flower Show**, to be held in Smiths Falls during the "Picklefest" [www.sfpicklefest.ca](http://www.sfpicklefest.ca)

### September 10th

**Ottawa Bonsai Society 2011 Show**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Japanese Embassy, 255 Sussex Drive. Admission is free.

### September 14th

**100 Mile Buffet Dinner at the Herb Garden** catered by "Savoury Pursuits", 2 sittings 6 pm and 7:30 pm, reservations required. 3840 Old Almonte Rd., Almonte, 613-256-0228, [www.herbgarden.on.ca](http://www.herbgarden.on.ca).

### 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

### March 16-25, 2012

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

