



Ontario Horticultural Association, District 2 Newsletter

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Dear member of District 2:

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Upcoming Society events in the District:

Hi Jeff

Stittsville-Goulbourn H.S -Upcoming Events

I am attaching posters promoting 2 of our upcoming events.

Our Annual "Hither & Yon" Bus Trip is Wed. June 24. Destinations are Purdon Conservation Area to see the Ladyslipper Orchids in full bloom, (bring picnic) lunch in Almonte and pm visit to Whitehouse Perennials. Tickets \$20.00. Call 613-831-0878.

see:

http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/2009_sghs_bus_tour_poster.jpg

Stittsville-Goulbourn H.S. Garden Tour on Sat. July 4, 12 - 4 pm. More than a dozen varieties of gardens to see. Tickets \$10. Call 613-836-7931.

see:

http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/2009_sghs_garden_tour_poster.jpg

Regards,

Margret Farr, Pres.

Stittsville-Goulbourn H.S.

613-836-2045

District 2 Fun Day at Rideau Woodland Ramble

Members of all Horticultural Societies in District 2 are invited to this event.

Hi Everyone:

Thank you to those of you who got back to me regarding the possibility of a D2 Fun Day at Rideau Woodland Ramble. It looks like we have adequate support to go ahead. Even if we were to get one car-full of people from each society, we would have 80-100 people which would make this a worthwhile event.

Date: August 15, 2009 (Saturday) - Rain or Shine (we move into the poly houses if it rains)

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Rideau Woodland Ramble, 210 Burritts Rapids Road (County Road 23)

<http://www.rideauwoodlandramble.com/>

Parking: The parking lot is small, but the owners assure me that there is not much traffic on Burritts Rapids Road on week-ends, so park on the side of the road.

Cost: Free

Lunch: 12:00 noon - semi-potluck -- Bring yourself a sandwich and bring a dish for sharing - a salad or a dessert.

(PLEASE use common sense when choosing what dish to bring. Pick a dish that will keep in a cooler with ice packs. Indicate any potential allergy concerns contained in your dish. Bring serving utensils with you.)

So far I have five talks/demonstrations lined up.

- Paul Pietsch of Almonte Hort Society - Hybridizing (how to do it yourself! Using miniature roses to demonstrate.)
- Judy Wall of the Ottawa Valley Rock Garden & Horticultural Society - Hypertufa Trough gardening.
- Kelly Noel of Ottawa Horticultural Society - Variegated Foliage in the Garden
- Nicole Cote of Gloucester Horticultural Society - Ikebana floral design.
- Nancy Seppala, Master Gardener - Water Wise Gardening
- I can put something together too if needed.

If any of your members has a topic they would like to present to our group - please let me know. These are only 20-30 minute demos, but it is great to have gardeners sharing their knowledge - we can all learn from each other.

I'll finalize details once I have a better idea of the number of attendees. If we have a small group I think we'll do one demo at a time. If we have a larger group, then I think two demos at a time in different ends of the garden to break up the group would be good and then we'll have the presenters do their presentation twice so attendees get a chance to see all the demos.

Please make sure your members mark this event in their calendars. I will need to have more definite numbers regarding attendance by August 1 so we can finalize plans. There is no cost

for this event!

Members should bring their own place setting (plate, utensils, etc.), water, a sun hat, and a chair might be a good idea too.

Sorry to take so long to get back to you but, as I'm sure you will agree, spring is a very busy time for gardeners - plus I managed to fit a week of holidays in.

Special thanks to Sheila King who initiated this event for us.

Mary Ann
Assistant Director
District 2

West Carleton Garden Club Guided Walking Tours

See [registration form](#) for details.

http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/wcgc_walking_tours.pdf

Meet your District 2 team

This is a series of articles about members of the District 2 team.

Bonnie Gray Secretary/Treasurer District 2 2009



Hi Everyone;
Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve as your 2009 Secretary/Treasurer.

I have been a member of the Manotick Horticultural Society for over 10 years. From joining as a member and helping out at plant & bake sales, to becoming a Director and then President; I have had great fun and treasure the opportunity to experience wonderful gardeners and greenery along the way. Currently, I wear the hat of Secretary/Treasurer & Past President with our Society.

I love to garden, and have a great husband who loves to dig and help me out with the heavy chores. He has however now declared our yard as a "no more vacancy for gardens" area! Plant sales and nurseries are my downfall.

If I had to pick one thing that I liked best about the Manotick Horticultural Society, I couldn't do it. The wonderful members go without saying, informative speakers and special events such as our Jamboree are soooo much fun, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great meeting treats and potluck dinners!

I look forward to working with everyone over the next year and please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions!

Bonnie Gray

David Archer Assistant Director, District 2

Raised and educated in England with a farming background. Moved to Canada in 1976 with wife Madeline and two young children. Changed career in 1979 to the Folding Carton industry as a steel rule die maker. Retired in 2006.

Member of the Perth and District Horticultural Society for 12 years, serving on the executive including 2 years as president.

Member of the OHA 2006, Ottawa, Convention organising committee, responsible for staging of the flower show. Chairman of the 2007 District II Flower Show, held in Perth. Qualified at the District II judging school and have actively judged since.

Resides near Lombardy with a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre mixed garden.

Main garden produce: Compost.

Main weakness: Roses – almost 50.

Main pleasure: Telling visitors to our garden how good it looked last week.

Main objectives: To continue to enjoy being involved with nature, even if sometimes one appears to be fighting it, to help others who wish to do the same, to keep an open mind and a sense of humour.