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TOGETHER

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"Autumn is a
second
spring when
every leaf is
a flower."

- Albert Camus

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Bill Prawecki

Summer's Past but Not Forgotten



Bill Prawecki, Sarah Holland, Judy Brown, Lorrain Prawecki and Suzanne Anderson at the culmination of the 4 Club Garden Tour on June 19th. This year the event was hosted by the Cramahe Horticultural Society

Help Protect our Urban and Natural Forests.

DON'T MOVE WOOD AROUND

Stop the spread of destructive pests by not moving firewood or other types of wood from regulated areas. These include: trees, nursery stock, pruned branches, logs and forest products with bark attached.

Help prevent the spread of Asian Long-horned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer.

From the Canadian Food inspection Agency

June Mackenzie stands beside the arrangement that she created for this year's garden party held at the home of **Sarah Holland** on July 16th.



Reminders & Events

- Sept 7.** Northumberland's Most NOT Wanted - Mia Frankl
- Oct 5** Heritage Gardens - Julie Oakes
- Nov 2** Proud of My Pruning - Sean James
- Dec 1** Christmas Decor - Sean Pritchard



Best in Show was won by this arrangement of Japanese anemone created by **Carole Hutson**. The Summer Flower and Vegetable show was held on August 13th at the library.

President: Sarah Holland

Secretary: Anne Parks

Treasurer: Suellen Stratton

Garden & Other Tips

As quoted from Ontario Gardener Living

Frost warning. When there is to be an early light frost in the fall (or a late one in the spring), give tender plants a good drenching with water. The moisture moderates the temperature in the immediate vicinity of the plants and may protect them.

Hard pears. Hasten the ripening process by keeping them in a paper bag. Add an apple or a banana to the bag to make it happen even faster. If you pick your own pears, pick them while still hard (they get mealy if they ripen on the tree) and chill them for at least a week before ripening. Pears that haven't been chilled first will not ripen nicely.

Tool cleaning. Try cleaning your clippers and secateurs with coffee grounds. The grit helps remove gunk and the oil in the grounds conditions the metal.



Tip of our Garden Hats to ...

the diligent members of the maintenance teams at the Rose Garden and the Five Corners Garden. Your kind efforts helped those features to look great during a very hot summer!

Fall Shrubs, Perennials and Bulbs

Be sure to plant shrubs and perennials prior to Thanksgiving to allow time for root growth prior to freeze up. To aid the process add root starter fertilizer or compost and water deeply for two weeks.

Daffodils also need to be planted prior to Thanksgiving so they can establish strong roots. Tulips can be planted any time throughout the autumn season.

Fix Your Containers for Fall

Replace spent annuals with fresh fall blooming and cold hardy plants such as grasses, kale, mums or pansies.

Bittersweet or grapevine can also be anchored in the soil and moss will act as a filler between plants.

Apples - Did you Know.....

Malus sieversii is the ancestor of all modern apples and is still growing wild in Kazakhstan. The word for apple is "alma" in their language and is believed to have originated in the region called "ata-alma" meaning father of apples.

McIntosh apples were discovered growing in 1811 on his Dundella Ontario farm by United Empire Loyalist, John McIntosh. These are still top sellers in North America and have been used to breed other varieties including Cortland, Empire and Spartan apples.

Ontario's early settlers participated in paring bees also known as apple frolics, paring frolics or apple bees. These were neighbourly gatherings to combine work and pleasure; an opportunity to exchange news and/or search for potential mates.

There are apple songs, a Greek myth about a golden apple, apple place names and a reference to the apple in the creation story in the Bible. Apple Day in Britain will be 21 October 2011. Apples are nearly everywhere.

The OHA Publications Competition gave our 2011 yearbook second prize in the 8.5" by 7" category. The Cobourg Society also won 3rd prize for its website. Congratulations to **Vikki McEachran, June Mackenzie, Keith Stratton** and **Duane Schermerhorn** of Dray Design - our web designer.

Welcome to new members:

Paula & Tom Hacking
Elaine Rostetter-Saunders
Viola Lyons