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SASKATOON HORTICULTURE SOCIETY NEWS

102 YEARS OF GROWING



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From the Editor

Gardenscape is around the corner and we all know what that means – spring IS on the way!

In this issue of the SHS newsletter we present an update about Gardenscape, details of the board members and committees, information about our programs, member benefits, and SHS events. In addition there is a section on what's going on with other societies and horticulture related activities around our city.

All contributions to the newsletter are welcome ... articles, reviews, photos, columns, events. If you have anything to share just forward it to me at josachoff@sasktel.net

Enjoy, Jennifer Osachoff



Gardenscape update

By Bob Novak, Gardenscape coordinator

This year the Saskatoon Horticulture Society will feature Cactus and Succulents at Gardenscape 2015. We will have a variety of plants of different sizes for all to look at closely and perhaps you could drop by and share your garden experiences growing the many different types.

Late march is a perfect time to get out of the house, come down to the show check things out for the coming year..... and remember to renew your membership to our society along with the magazine subscription. Also a reminder that we will be selling Cherry pitters and cherry cook books as part of our fund raising efforts to enable us to continue with our Horticulture Scholarships.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

SHS Officers, Directors, and Committees for 2015

A few of our positions have changed hands and we have a couple of vacancies. If you or anyone you know would like to fill these positions just let any of the current board members know. There are always positions open for new directors also. Directors meetings take place the second Thursday of each month except November, December, and January. Get involved in the nitty-gritty of the society's functions and volunteer for a board position.

Officers:

President, 1st and 2nd Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Pat Heshka
Treasurer: Janet Jesney

Committees:

Programs: Connie Lynch
Membership: Vivian Laturus
Scholarships: Chris Zerebeski / Angie Skiba
Publicity: Angie Skiba / Frank Zunti
Website: Frank Zunti / Harvey Heshka
Gardenscape: Bob Novak / Don Greer
Plant sale: Bob Novak / Edwin Zarycki / Frank and Agnes Zunti
Bus and Passport Tours: Marj Meger / Chris Zerebeski / Bonita Lundberg
Home Grounds Award: Ingrid Major
Newsletter: Jennifer Osachoff

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Membership Renewal

The SHS membership period is yearly from May 1 to April 30. The membership purchased in 2014 will be expiring at the end of April, 2015. Please complete the membership form at the end of this newsletter and either bring it to the Saskatoon Horticulture Society booth at Gardenscape or mail it to the address on the form. Remember that you must have a valid membership to take advantage of the member benefits. All memberships purchased this year are valid until the end of April 2016.

Member Benefits

The following is a list of businesses agreeing to take part in our Green Gift coupon promotion or offering members a discount this year. Please check future newsletters or the website as additional sponsors may be recruited or offers may change. We hope you will support these businesses as they support the Saskatoon Horticulture Society.

Green Gift Coupons

Clement Farms ***Dutch Growers*** ***Mother Earth*** ***Floral Acres***

Green Gift coupons entitle you to receive two SMALL packs of annuals (usually called 1204 or 1206). Take your coupon to one of the participating greenhouses listed above and trade it for the annuals. Effective dates are printed on the coupon. You must have your coupon with you to take advantage of the offer, and relinquish it when you get your plants. If you're not sure what plants are included please ask.

SHS Member Discounts

Please note that discounts usually apply to regular priced items --- if in doubt, ask!

Early's -- 10% discount on all gardening supplies at both location

Dutch Growers -- 10% discount on gardening supplies plus either one 2 or 4 pack annual

Wild Birds Unlimited -- 10% discount on bird supplies and gardening supplies

Floral Acres -- 10% discount on regular priced items plus either one 2 or 4 pack annual

Mother Earth -- will give one 2 or 4 pack annual

Clement Farms -- will give one 2 or 4 pack annual

To receive your member discount you will need to present your valid membership card before paying for your purchase. Please realize that not all merchandise in a store is eligible for the discount and the products included may vary from time to time.

SHS Sponsorship

If you or someone you know has a garden related business and might like to be involved as a sponsor for a member benefit, please email the SHS at saskatoonhortsociety@sasktel.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are always needed for our many activities. Join the fun and network with other garden-minded people.

Plant Sales: Help with set up, selling plants, and clean up for the plant sale held in May.

Garden Bus Tour: Be a "tour guide" or "assistant tour guide" or help in some other way.

Garden Passport Tours: Be a "Greeter" at the gardens on the tour or help with other jobs.

Garden selection committee: These people "preview" gardens for inclusion on the tours. If you know of a garden that might be suitable for a tour -- your own or someone else's -- please let us know.

Qualifications: Cheerful, helpful, and want to meet other gardeners. Time commitment can be a little or a lot - it depends on you! Meet interesting people, see interesting gardens and get ideas for your own place whether you have a "monster" yard or a "tiny balcony". You won't be on your own, so don't be shy about volunteering.

If you would be able to volunteer for one of these activities please call Marj at 306-249-1329 or email the SHS.

If you are interested in volunteering in some other way or have ideas for the SHS to try, please email the SHS at: saskatoonhortsociety@sasktel.net or contact one of the directors. Suggestions are always welcome.

Scholarships

As part of our commitment to the encouragement of horticulture in this area, the SHS is proud to provide scholarships to assist in horticultural education. There are three scholarships:

- \$1000 is awarded annually to a horticulture student at the University of Saskatchewan

- One \$1000 scholarship yearly for a student in the **Prairie Horticulture Certificate** through the University of Saskatchewan. For more information contact the Centre for Continuing and Distance Education at the U of S or the SHS website. Info will also be available at the SHS booth at Gardenscape.

- The Butterfield Scholarship for students in the **Master Gardener** program at either the University of Saskatchewan or the Saskatoon School of Horticulture. For more information visit the SHS website or the SHS booth at Gardenscape.

The SHS is happy to be selling **Norpro Cherry pitters** to help in funding these scholarships. These cherry pitters are excellent- easy to clean, quick (a 4 litre pail takes about 10 minutes) and easy on the hands. For more info call Frank at 306-249-4522 or come to the SHS booth at Gardenscape.

SHS Events 2015

March 27, 28 and 29 – Gardenscape: Come to the SHS booth to find out about this year's programs, ask questions, get gardening advice and renew your membership. Contact Bob at 306-374-6990. Volunteers are needed for staffing our booth. For volunteering, you will receive a free day pass for the day you help out at the booth. Contact Vivian Laturnus by email v.laturnus@sasktel.net to schedule a spot at the booth.

Saturday May 23 – Garden Plant Sale Fundraiser: Donate your extra plants to the SHS plant sale and buy a few new ones! Save your used gardening books and magazines to be donated for use by other gardeners. Sale will be held at 18 and 22 Churchill Drive. Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Contact Bob at 306-374-6990 or Frank at 306-249-4522.

Friday July 10 - 5 p.m. – SHS Home Grounds Award: Entry deadline. Judging will take place the following day with the award presented the next week. You can enjoy the winning garden on our garden bus tour. Contact: Ingrid at 306-955-4239

July and August (dates to be finalized) – Garden Passport Tours: These are "drive yourself" tours of some great gardens. You will receive a "passport" detailing garden locations. Since these are "drive yourself" events, you can decide how much time to spend at each location.

Sunday July 26 - Garden Bus Tour: Let a city bus take you around the city to visit interesting gardens.

August (date to be finalized) - Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue: Details pending.

For information on any of these events call Connie at 242-6159 or email the SHS at saskatoonhortsociety@sasktel.net



Other Events Around the City

Canadian Orchid Congress: This special event is taking place at Prairieland Park during Gardenscape March 27-29, 2015. It's a rare opportunity to get a really close look at the orchid scene. Exhibits, sales, lectures and workshops are on the agenda. There is still time to register as a delegate but the exhibits and sales are open to everyone attending Gardenscape. Details on the Saskatchewan Orchid Society website:

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

Canadian Prairie Lily Society: One of the biggest sales of lily bulbs will be at Gardenscape. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up a new variety or two for your garden. Information of the website: <http://www.prairielily.ca/>

Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan: This group provides valuable resources for education, workshops, field tours, and conferences for our area. Visit their booth at Gardenscape and learn what they are all about. Details at <http://www.npss.sk.ca/>

Prairie Water Gardening Society: Join the fun and splash around with this group hosting pond tours, swap & shop day, and educational events. Details at <http://www.prairiewatergarden.ca/>

Saskatchewan Orchid Society: Monthly meetings are held at John Dolan School every 4th Sunday at 1:30 with guest speakers, workshops, and orchids both for sale and raffle. Newcomers are always welcome. Details at <http://www.saskorchids.com/>

Saskatchewan Perennial Society: Monthly informational meetings are held at Emmanuel Anglican Church on the 4th Wednesday at 7:30 with guest speakers. Everyone is welcome. Garden tours, labour and learn, plant and seed exchanges make this an active bunch with lots on the go. Details at <http://www.saskperennial.ca/>

Saskatoon Nature Society: This active group promotes a wide range of nature programs, events, and field trips throughout the year. Monthly meetings are held at the University on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm. Visit their website at <http://www.saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca/>

Saskatoon School of Horticulture: Horticulture education is the main focus of this school but they like to have fun too and offer a sociable "Fridays in the Garden" every month on the 2nd Friday at 6:30 pm. Be sure to visit their "Enchanted Forest" at Gardenscape for a completely new and creative experience. Visit their website at <http://saskhort.com/>

University of Saskatchewan: Workshops, educational activities and volunteer opportunities happen all year round.

June 5: U of S fruit plant sale

July 4th to 10th: Hort Week

Details of all events and programs are on the UofS websites:

<https://ccde.usask.ca/gardening> and <http://www.fruit.usask.ca/>



Montreal Botanical Gardens



"Spirits of the Wood" - Montreal Botanical Gardens

Saskatoon Horticultural Society Inc. Membership

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. THANKS!

Bring your completed form to the SHS booth at Gardenscape or mail to

P.O. Box 161 Saskatoon, Sk. S7K 3K4

Name _____

Renewal_____ **New Member**_____

Address_____

Amount Paid:

City_____ **Postal code**_____

Membership only \$10_____

Phone_____

Membership plus 1 year subscription to

Email_____

The Gardener \$25_____

**(We do not share email addresses. You will receive 3
- 4 newsletters from us yearly)**

Paid by: Cash_____ **Cheque**_____

We would like to update our volunteer list so please indicate where you would like to volunteer:

Plant sale_____ Garden tour helper _____ Have my garden on a tour_____

Workshop_____ Gardenscape _____

I'm not sure what I could do, so please contact me _____

Suggestions for programs or activities you would like the SHS to offer: