

Russell and District
Horticultural Society Meeting
Monday, October 17th, 2022
Held in Community Hall, Marionville, ON

President, Grace Stapper welcomed everyone. There were approximately 24 in attendance.

Minutes from the September 2022 meeting: Moved by Marianne Vedder and seconded by Jake Vedder to accept them as presented.

Filing Cabinets for Horticultural Society: The Historical Society in Russell stores the past records for the Horticultural Society. The Historical Society has asked that they be provided with something to hold these files and other items. Linda Duhamel has said that she has a four-drawer filing cabinet that she would like to donate for this purpose. Linda will be leaving soon on a trip and upon her return, Jake Vedder will look into picking it up.

Workshop: Christine Lanthier and Diane Sharp led and reported on the recent workshop where attendees made a painted clay pot nutcracker. Twelve people attended the workshop. Everyone expressed thanks to those who organize our workshops.

The Russell Legion has asked the Horticultural Society for an auction item for their March 2023 trivia. The Legion is recovering from a devastating fire earlier this year. It was decided that we would donate something, perhaps a gift certificate from Green Corners Farm.

The next meeting on November 21st will be the Annual General Meeting. Myra Van Die will be the guest speaker discussing composting and cold storage.

Grace also urged everyone to consider holding a position on the board for the upcoming year.

The Presidents' Meeting of District 1 (via Zoom), will be held this Saturday at 10 am.

A Community Day will be held at the Henry Tweed Conservation Park in Russell this Saturday. South Nation Conservation people will update on the restoration of the park. There will be tours and many other enjoyable events. There are plans to plant 100 trees.

Pegi Holtz brought in Chinese Lanterns and asked that attendees help themselves to them.

Marianne Vedder reported that the twenty-two trees grown on their property sold out in three hours. All proceeds from the sale of these trees goes to the Horticultural Society. A good fund raiser.

Grace Stapper will ask Jacqueline Wyss (our webmaster) to post an article on growing dahlias.

Grace also stated that she had listened to a gardening expert who said that planting Lamb's Ears around your bulbs keep rabbits away.

Susan Ramsay, our District 1 director was in attendance. She reported that the District Annual General Meeting would be hosted by Russell in either 2024 or 2025. The District Annual General Meeting on April 15th, 2023 is scheduled to be in Maxville. The Ontario Horticultural Society Convention and AGM will be held in Kanata July 21-23, 2023. The Brookstreet Hotel in Kanata is offering special 2019 rates for those needing rooms.

Susan has been very busy visiting the eight societies in our district.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated by planting two trees in the Botanical Garden at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa (near Hartwell Locks). Burr Oak Trees were chosen as the leaves are said to resemble the royal crown.

The business part of the meeting concluded and Lindley McPhail introduced Marcel Beauchamp as our speaker. Marcel formerly worked at the Experimental Farm in Ottawa and owns 5 acres of beautifully landscaped property near Morewood.

Marcel gave a very informative talk on pruning trees.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Johnston, Secretary, Russell and District Horticultural Society