

Russell and District Horticultural Society
Minutes of meeting Monday, October 15, 2018
7 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Centre

1. Carole began the meeting with a welcome to all those present (about 30 people).

There were a few new members and guests (Elaine Nelson, Kathy Scott, Natalie Lemoire, Faizah Clermont)

2. Carole enumerated some of the events that are being planned for the 100th anniversary of the society in 2019.

The Horticultural Society's 2019 calendar is now available, and were available for purchase for \$20 from the treasurer at the end of the meeting.

3. Carole reminded everyone that the November meeting is also the AGM and pot luck and craft (being organized by Louise). The meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Please join us. Carole will be calling for members to help with small tasks.
4. Louise saw Rudbeckias at the OHA convention in Kingston earlier this year and has designed some that will be for sale at the plant sale in May, 2019. Louise had one at the meeting as a sample of what they will look like. Peter has cut out 15 flowers and Louise has painted 3. Louise is looking for volunteers to help with the painting of the rest. It will probably be a painting party in November – date to be set.
5. Approval of the minutes from the September meeting has been post-poned until the next meeting as access to them was spotty.
6. Pegi gave a brief outline of the Hamilton Road Christmas House Tour being organized by Mary Chartrand and Catharina Shane. It is to be held December 8, 2018. Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds are to go the Horticultural Society.
7. Pegi also outlined the initiative "100 Trees for 100 Years". In partnership with Beyond the House, Society members are eligible to purchase select trees or shrubs with a 30% discount. Each member is eligible to purchase one tree or one shrub, and must attend a tree planting session. Tree selection is located at Beyond the House as well as on the website.
8. Pegi let everyone know that she and Lindley attended the dedication ceremony for the Serenity Garden at Russell Meadows. The fountain that was installed was purchased by the Horticultural Society.
9. Pegi announced that there will be another Living Locally Fair in January, however it will be smaller, and spaces are filled.
10. Pegi described 'The Raven', a sculpture designed and made by Debbie Lyall's husband. 'The Raven' is a metal sculpture that is to be raffled. Tickets will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

11. Pegi also described 'Rudy' a metal Rudbeckia that will be unveiled at the plant sale in May, then moved around the village once a week by Lindley. People can take a photo and email the photo and name the location for an entry into the draw to win in the fall.
12. Carole announced that there are poppy seeds available from Vimy Ridge.
13. Treats were provided by Sue Barr and Christin Bourgeois.
14. Grace Stapper introduced the speaker for the evening: Master Gardener Judith Cox
15. Judith spoke about "Kitchen Gardens Through the Ages"

Topics included:

- Heritage Vegetables (e.g. Pole beans, gourds)
- Benedictine, Victorian, Cistercian, Victory Gardens
- Cardoon, beets, squash, carrots, purple pole beans, chard, spinach (vine)
- Square Foot Gardening
- Bees and bug motels
- Recipes
- Soil, water, sun, maintenance
- Growing in pots
- Pest control
- Companion plantings

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