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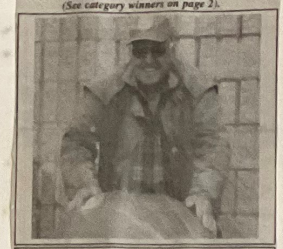
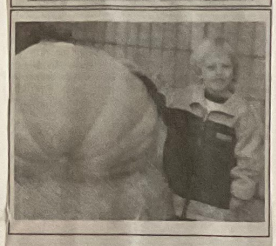
Panorama of Pumpkins

Fun event sponsored by the Campbellford and District Horticultural Society enjoyed by children and adults. (See category winners on page 2).





*Distinct Age Contrast—Growing a giant pumpkin is a fun experience for contestants of all ages. It was never more evident than at the Campbellford Pumpkin Contest held last Saturday. Senior citizen Lou Baiano (**Top Photo**) took top honours in the heaviest category with a 168-pounder while four-and-a-half year old Nash Jones (**Bottom Photo**) placed second overall with a 160-pounder but also won the junior division. The top two growers are next-door neighbours. The fun program is sponsored by the Campbellford and District Horticultural Society.*
Photos/Rolly Ethier.

Poor Year for Big ONES "Pumpkins"

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Pumpkin Contest winners are. . .

Here are the results of the annual Pumpkin Contest sponsoredby the Campbellford and District Horticultural Society at Sharpe's IGA parking lot Oct. 12th

Heaviest Pumpkin
(Child 15 years or younger)—1. Nash Jones; 2. Soren Christianson.

(Adult, 16 and older)—1. Lou Baiano; 2. Lois Vilneff.

Carved Pumpkin
(Children 8 and under)—1. Derrick Beckford; 2. Brianna Parcels.
(Children 9-15)—1. Daisey Spence; 2. Elizabeth Gouvier; 3. Amanda Vilneff.
(Adults 16 and older)—1. Fab Waterson; 2.Patricia Vilneff; 3. Marylynn Beckford.

Painted Pumpkin
(Children 8 and under)—1. Jenny Maxwell; 2. Derrick Beckford; 3. Philip Boivin.
(Children 9-15)—1. Paisley Spence; 2. Betsey Berger; 3. Jennifer Parr.
(Adults 16 and older)—1. Lois Vilneff; 2. Patricia Vilneff; 3. Marylynn Beckford.

Decorated Pumpkins
(Children 8 and under)—1. Eva Osterlee; 2. Brianna Parcels; 3. Austin Waterson.
(Children 9-15)—1. Betsey Berger; 2. Paisley Spence; 3. Amelia Drobot.
(Adults 16 and older)—1. Rose Odell; 2. Heather Clarke; 3. Lida Berger.

Largest Sunflower
(Children 8 and under)—1. Kasey Hislop; 2. Trystyn Hislop; 3. Elaine Jeff.
(Adults 16 and older)—1. John Hopp; 2. Jack Evergroen; 3. Mary Beckford.

Best Pumpkin Pie *(all ages)*—1. Helen Evergroen; 2. Heather Clarke; 3. Marylynn Beckford.

Special Attraction
(Best judged squash)—1. Bob Lisle; 2. Patricia Vilneff.
(Best judged gourd)—1. Glenn Bennett; 2. Bob Lisle; 3. Betsy Berger.
(Heaviest zucchini)—1. Soren Christianson; 2. Dagmar Christianson; 3. Bob Lisle.

Zucchini Weigh-In—Dagmar Christianson finds that her zucchini weighs in at an impressive 16 and a half pounds at the Pumpkin Competition held at the Sharpe's IGA Food Market. Helping her with the weigh-in is Glen Bennett, president of the Campbellford Seymour Horticultural Society. The Pumpkin event is an annual highlight of the Thanksgiving weekend in the Campbellford area. **photo/Rolly Ethier.**

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Horticulturists visit unique gardens on annual field trip

By Madeline Simpson

Campbellford and District horticulturists enjoyed their annual summer field trip in early July. First, they traveled to the Scrimshaw Gardens, just north of Springbrook. Unique gardens have been fashioned in what was once a wooded area. Many trees still remain, and the gardens and a gazebo are framed around them. The miniature train that rambles around or through flowerbeds, is the focus of attention as it emerges from tunnels or speeds over a bridge. All the accoutrements of a railway line were there for accent, and a nearby beach provided a resting place for viewers. A pond with a walkover bridge drew the curious to check for pond life such as plants, fish and frogs.

A Shade Garden

In another place, large containers housed water plants. There was a shade garden, while another area had been cleared and planted with Oriental lilies of shades blending from deep wine to rose, pink, orange, yellow and white. These were for sale, as were many other perennials. A basement shop contained a myriad of garden ornaments.

Next, the group traveled to the home of Glen and Lois Bennett at Glen Ross, along the Trent River. There, we viewed their lovely gardens surrounding the house that consisted of many perennials as well as fruit trees, berries and vegetables. Two large colourful beds of annuals faced the river with an ornate gazebo behind. The roses were particularly beautiful. Glenn and Lois are avid gardeners and there are always new cultivars to view in their beautiful garden. Our thanks go out to our gracious hosts.

Campbellford and District Horticultural Society has adopted Picnic Island Park, opposite Kennedy Park on Saskatoon Avenue, as a beautification project. Last fall the organization planted four Austrian pine and three green ash in the park, and with the help of the Trent Hills public works crew, it erected a 20-foot Ojibwa totem pole made by the late Casey Charles. The society put in flower beds last spring and this past week added four small birdhouses. On hand for the latter work were, l-r, Marg Dooher (vice-president), Nancy Boivin (treasurer), Glenn Bennett (president), Robert Lisle, Marlene Dooher and Jean Tilney.

JEAN Stephens oldest member Celebrates 90 yrs. . Rose ODELL Presents

Tree-planting program gets municipal support

By Rolly Ethier

Calling it a great opportunity for Trent Hills to complete improvements recommended by Communities In Bloom judges, Economic Development Director Don Frise has received municipal approval for a Green Streets Canada tree-planting program.

The Planning Committee approved a resolution endorsing the program at Tuesday night's meeting. By doing so the municipality has agreed to the planting and maintenance of some 150 trees in the urban areas of Campbellford, Warkworth and Hastings. The plan calls for Trent Hills to match funds pledged by River Country, the Warkworth Business Association and other community partners with "in kind" contributions of labour and equipment.

Frise said the program is a very enterprising $52,600 in total investment value with the program receiving $15,000 in Green Streets Canada funding assistance. He said the plan will fulfil a recommendation voiced by Communities In Bloom officials during this past year that the area noting "a strong need for comprehensive urban tree planting and replacement planning for both public areas, roadsides and waterways."

The proposal consists of three components centred in the three urban areas of the Municipality. It includes a replacement master plan for overall project in all three centres, which were developed independently by the communities before amalgamation.

In Campbellford, these include:

* Building of two pedestrian bridges to connect the TransCanada Trail over the Trent River and to connect the Rotary Trail to Ferris Provincial Park and the Seymour Conservation area.

Trail Improvements

* Improvements to the Trail systems, including interpretive signing, lighting and planting.

* Waterfront development connected to the Trails, allowing for increased docking facilities, construction of boardwalks, etc.

* In Hastings, the program combines with the development of a 60-slip marina on the Trent-Severn Waterway, adjacent to the TransCanada Trail.

* In Warkworth, major streetscape improvements, including lighting, paving, trails and trees.

Tree planting program

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the Rotary Trail in Campbellford, a streetscape master plan being prepared in Warkworth and plantings at the main entrance in Hastings.

Frise pointed out that the tree planting would be a major component of a larger

Beautiful Garden Area—Mary Weilandt, an avid gardener, holds a plaque presented to her by the Warkworth Community Service Club in recognition of her work in the development of "Mary's Garden" located near the new gazebo at Warkworth's Centennial Park. A two-year project undertaken by the Service Club, the park and gazebo were dedicated at special ceremonies attended by Municipality of Trent Hills' Mayor George McCleary and Councillors Bill Petherick and Joe Watson. **photo/Rolly Ethier.**

Letters to the Editor:

Save the trees in Old Mill Park

I was very disappointed to read that part of the "Waterfront Improvements" in Old Mill Park was to remove (cut down) existing trees in order for a better view of the Two Dollar Coin. Come on guys, don't take these trees. The trees provide much needed shade when there are different events held in the Park and provide a wonderful spot for those of us who are lucky enough to work by the park to eat our lunch under the shade of these trees!

These trees have provided much enjoyment for boaters who have stopped along the canal and mothers have rocked their babies asleep and citizens have reclined under these trees to the music in Old Mill Park. I for one am not in favor of taking these trees away and I think you are wrong in doing so. You want the Two Dollar Coin to be more visible? Move it to the corner where the rock garden is, people will be sure to see it there!

I am all for beautification of our town, but taking down perfectly healthy trees to install lighting, etc. for a giant metal coin seems wrong. I guess people can seek shade under the Two Dollar Coin? Please rethink this venture. I am sure there are a lot of citizens who want the trees to stay.

Charlene Teasdale
R. R. #2, Hastings

Letter to the Editor

Cutting down trees is ridiculous

Dear Editor:

Campbellford is a pretty town and I love to drive past the waterfront as it changes so dramatically each season. I drag guests out of my warm house into the bitter winter cold to admire the light display at Christmastime. I force them to sit in the full heat of the August sun to watch cardboard boat races. I walk and fish and even swim sometimes in the canal. I think the park is attractive, well kept and welcoming.

I love trees. I hate the idea of cutting down perfectly healthy mature trees for any reason, but to kill a tree to show off those dumb toonies is ridiculous. It's like cutting down tulips to show off garden elves and pink flamingos.

Towns have lapses in taste and judgement just as people do, and this would be an instance of such a faux pas. I hope the town council will reconsider what makes a park and leave the trees alone.

They might instead consider planting kudzu around the toonies. That would serve to beautify the park considerably.

Sue Williams,
R.R. 1, Warkworth

Members see extensive variety of items at sh

Horticultural Society Report

Midweek - Saturday, October

By Madeline Simpson

The regular meeting of the Campbellford and District Horticultural Society took place at Jenkins Hall with over 40 members on hand. President Glenn Bennett welcomed the group and began the business portion of the meeting.

Nancy Boivin reported that some trees, purchased by the Society, had died after being planted but the town is planning to replace the dead ones since they were unable to find time for planting following the purchase. The birches planted at Picnic Island Park are in good health. The Horticultural Society is investigating the purchase of more trees this fall.

Membership convenor Dorothy Thomson reported a membership of 63. Marina Borsford listed useful material at the Library for interested members, such as several videos and she recommended the "Canadian Practical Guide to Gardening" as a useful book to identify and care for plants.

She intends to order a companion book—"The Garden Encyclopedia and Dictionary." Robert Lisle brought the Archives Book for display. Treasurer Nancy Boivin gave her report. Glenn announced that the Fall Plant Sale, featuring perennials, dried, house plants, baking, preserves and vegetables, will begin at 8 a.m. at the Bank of Montreal corner Saturday, Sept. 21st.

The Pumpkin Contest will be held again at Sharpe's Food Market Saturday, Oct. 13th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The bylaws and constitution were briefly reviewed. It was decided that to compete in the mini shows and the photography contest, one must be a member.

Next year, 2003, for Red Barn activities during the Fair, organizers are looking for gourds or birdhouses needed for children to paint. Anyone who has a surplus might contact Joy Petherick. A question was raised regarding poison ivy growing around a tree on the lawn. Try pouring full-strength vinegar over the plant and wait for results.

Mini-Show Judging

Lois Bennett judged the extensive mini-show and pronounced it excellent. Incredible edibles consisted of fruits and/or vegetables arranged in a design. Wild flowers called for many varieties. Apples consisted of baked items with apples such as pies, muffins, fritters, etc. and required four lucky judges to taste the 10 entries. Containers of sunflowers were numerous. No drooping was allowed. Fall flowering bulbs, corms included crocosmia and acidanthera. Show-offs included closed blue gentian, a hibiscus bloom the size of a dinner plate and a flowering episcia. (African violet genes).

The programme, supplied by members, followed:

Klarissa Kocsis showed an annual plant that self-seeds or produces dried pods for decorating. Inside the pod is a berry containing seeds. It grows as high as five feet and spreads for four feet. She wanted to know its name. Suggestions included a relative to the Chinese lantern or a ground cherry.

Helen Evergroen grew Diva cucumbers and found them to be prolific, with thin, light skins and excellent for pickling. She was disappointed in her black magic geranium, whose chocolate-coloured leaf centre was only dark green.

Rope Hoya

Helen Clark grew Beefmaster tomatoes. These are oval-shaped, grow in clusters, medium-sized and not acidic.

Lois Brown wondered why her Indian rope hoya had not flowered, nor grown noticeable.

Rose Odell showed foxtail millet, a tall grass with clusters of brown seeds at the top, which birds enjoy. The seeds were obtained from Floribunda Seed Co., Box 3, Indian River, Ont.

Rosemary Milne showed pictures of the garden areas that she and her husband had created during the 18 months they had moved to this home. She also read a poem she had composed.

Nancy Boivin showed a pineapple lily obtained from Garden Importers. The bulb produced large, wide leaves and sturdy stalks of small white flowers and green foliage on top resembling a pineapple.

Marlene Dooher showed large gardening slippers for persons wearing muddy boots, who can thrust their feet into the slippers, and walk, through the house.

Lorraine Hodge showed Beacon White lamium, whose lemon-lime leaves provide contrast in gardens and planters, especially if placed by purple oxalis.

Garden Statue

Dorothy Thomson showed a garden statue. Tine Lisle made her own from beneficial.

Robert Lisle showed a clay flowerpot pig, with body, head and legs formed from various sized flowerpots, and holes drilled in appropriate places to join it together with clothesline wire.

Gail Fox had large spider hoya and Christmas cactus to give away.

Dorothy Bennett, after four years of trying, finally succeeded in growing honeydew melons.

Diane Reid was proud to show her zucchini, grown on a compost pile.

Jean Tinley brought an apple cucumber grown with seeds from Australia. This cucumber is light coloured, round and sweeter than the usual. Bev Vye explained how she planted daffodils in holes her dogs dug to beautify these places on the lawn.

A remedy for earwigs was presented. Put small piles of cornmeal in places they frequent. After eating, they swell

Glenn illustrated how a large plant with soil, as daffodils, crocus at differ spread fertil The first layer covered light

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