

Club wraps up '98 with awards, election

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GARDENCLUB

Our final meeting for 1998 was held November 30 and combined Awards Night, election of officers and an interesting speaker.

We have had a busy, successful year and we owe so much to the talented growers who bring their entries to our shows. It is a joy to see them receive their awards.

Peg Tozek, sitting in for Jean Filteau, read the minutes and a letter from the village council

expressing their thanks to the Club members for their work and expertise on the village beds this season which added so much to the beauty of the village.

We have several new people taking office for 1999. They will be installed at our inaugural meeting. There were introduced and we are confident we will have a dynamic panel to lead us in the new year.

Come out and meet our new executive on January 30, Saturday, at

noon in Prospect Church Hall for our

potluck luncheon - just remember to bring your own dishes and cutlery!

Gordon Smith presented The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Rose Bowl to

Mary Jackson, the exhibitor with the most points for roses during the year.

Harold Harnden presented the Joan and Harold Harnden Silver Rose Bowl for most

points of decorative section to Amy Gresham. Peg Tozek presented the following four trophies to our President

and tireless gardener Gordon Smith:

n the George Gummer Gladiolus Trophy

for best gladiolus spike in the summer show;

a new trophy, sponsored by Gordon Smith for most points in gladioli;

n the Arthur and Marjorie Rutherford Trophy for most points in all shows;

and n the 25th Anniversary Trophy (donated by Joan Fawcett) for most points in House Plants section.

Peg Tozek presented the following \$10 certificates for points won during the year. The certificates

Flowers to D. Johnston; J&R Variety to S. Compton; New Wave Salon to A. Harrison; Dominion Seed House to G. Barrett; Castleton Gemeral Store to M. Fisher; Wat's Gas Bar to Mary Jackson; Salem Hair Styling to J. Filteau.

The lucky winners of our door prizes were Mrs. M. Fisher, G. Smith and P. Tozek. Gordon Smith introduced our speaker Mark Rupke, teacher and naturalist from Grafton. Mr. Rupke spoke to us of his six-month stay in Switzerland 10 years ago.

His slides of the area, wild flowers, birds and animals were beautiful and his commentary most interesting.

The farm where he stayed and worked had been in the same family since the 1200s and their ancestry could be traced back to the 500s. The farmers of the area of Switzerland he stayed are still using methods and equipment many years old but still do the job satisfactorily. One tool Mr. Rupke used was over 800 years old and others dated back to the 1500s.

They also used modern methods and machinery where needed, often sharing new, larger equipment to reduce costs. He was located in the foot hills of the Alps and did a lot of hiking and photography up in the mountains. We were privileged to see his lovely pictures and listen to his story of farm life in Switzerland. Mr. Smith presented Mr. Rupke with a gift and thanked him on behalf of all present. We ended our evening over a cup of tea and delicious cakes, etc., prepared and served by Gayle Barrett's group.

Woman suffers burns in fire

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Country District Guiding has set up a trust account, number 7155 638, at the CIBC in Colborne for the Bartello family, who lost everything in the fire. — VALERIE MACDONALD

hospital for minor burns to her hands and feet.

The fire originated in the kitchen but the cause is yet to be determined. After four hours the fire was put out but around 8 a.m. the following morning flare-ups occurred in the roof trusses at 13800 County Road 2. It took about 20 minutes to put it out, said the chief.

In addition to the 22 firefighters from his department another eight attended from the Brighton fire department under the Northumberland County Mutual Aid agreement. The Cedar

A woman suffered burns to her hands in a house fire a week ago Tuesday night in a small community just east of Colborne.

The Colborne/Cramahe Fire Department arrived on the scene shortly before 10 p.m. as thick smoke billowed from the eaves of the Salem home of the Bartello family, says Chief Gary Cammack.

Mrs. Davina Bartello had been taken to neighbour's where an ambulance attended when the fire department arrived, he said.

She was treated and released from



Remember those less fortunate

PHOTO BY MANDY MARTIN

Colborne LCBO employee Sandra McBride with the Christmas Food Bank donation box back in place this November and December. Manager Doug Gustar and employees Tammy Staffen and Ms. McBride remind patrons the donation box is in place through December.

We wish all our members, friends and readers a very Happy Christmas and a good year in 1999. We hope many of you will consider joining us next season. — Cecily A. Scroggs