

Garden Club "shows off" at mini event

On Monday, September 24th, Garden Club members met for "Fall Show Off and Social Night".

It was our second mini show and proved very interesting as members brought their best flowers, house plants, and veggies. They were arranged as follows: Annuals: White Dahlia, Jacques Filteau; Perennials: Bi-Colour Rose, Bev Denny; Decorative: Daisy and Russian Sage, Jennifer Heintzman; House plant: Living Vase Plant, Aechmea, Sandra Compton; Vegetable: Egg Plant, Pam Taylor. These winners each received a prize.

Sandra Compton took the president's chair for this meeting and welcomed a new member and three visitors. We now have 56 members and growing.

Treasurer, Mary Jackson gave her report from May to date and told us that from the proceeds of our successful plant sale the sum of \$250 was given to purchase an apple at the new Keeler Centre in the Club's name. A few items left over from the sale have been planted in Linda Arnold's garden and will be available for sale at our Spring Sale.

After some discussion, it was decided that any type of lily would be our "Flower of Choice" for 2002. Mrs. Compton asked any member who is willing to take an office or become a director of the club put their name up for nomination at our

November 26th meeting when we hope to elect our executive for 2002.

If you can help in any capacity, it would be much appreciated. Also, any suggestions for the 2002 Year Book would be welcome as it will soon go to press.

Coming events include a hands-on "workshop" on putting the garden to bed which will be held in a garden in Grafton on Saturday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m. to noon at a cost of \$10. To register call 905-885-6490. It will be held rain or shine.

The O.H.A. District Fall Seminar will be held in Brighton on Saturday, November 17th and there will be more details about this in the next report or refer to you newsletter. These seminars are very worthwhile and, being so nearby this year, we should have a large number from our club able to attend. The secretary would need to know the number so that she can advise the host club.

Mrs. Compton was the lucky winner of a 50/50 draw. To end the meeting cakes, goodies and tea were served by members of Jennifer Heintzman's group while we chatted and had time to look at all the entries in our mini show.

At our next meeting, we will have Inge Bouchardt with us to talk on hardy English Roses and David Austin (English Rose). She will have lots of information for us so plan to attend.

— CECILY SCROGGS

SMITH, MANDY LEE

Suddenly on Monday, October 1, 2001 aged 18 years. Mandy Smith, of R.R.# 2, Colborne, loving daughter of Gary Walter Smith of Cobourg and Myrna Lee O'Brien Smith and Joe Bernier of R.R.# 2, Colborne. Survived by her boyfriend Dean McLellan of Colborne. Dear sister of Cameron Smith and Wayne Smith. Dear niece of Kimberlee Anne Marie Smith. Sadly missed by Gramma Dixie of Rosseau, Ontario, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Predeceased by her grandparents, Glen "Shine" Smith and his wife Ilene Violet Smith and Malcolm David O'Brien and his wife Laura Agnes O'Brien. The family received friends at the **Walas Funeral Home, 130 Main Street, Brighton** on Tuesday, evening from 7-9pm. A private family service will be held in Smithfield United Church on Wednesday, October 10th. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Smithfield. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Irene Osborne's art exhibit opens

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It was a very successful art exhibit opening for Irene Osborne last Friday evening. Less than two hours after her showing of 12 art works was launched, nine were sold.

"I'm overwhelmed. I really am," Irene said at the Colborne Art Gallery reception. "I was anticipating friends and family would come and see, but the fact people would come and buy"

The exhibition of oil pastel and oil stick on paper works is entitled "Fragments of Nature".

"All the pieces have pieces or elements of nature. Little bits," Ms. Osborne explains of the framed works. "Probably the most interesting part was dealing with the light and the effects it has."

A founding member of the Colborne Art Gallery group of artists, this latest exhibit featuring Ms. Osborne works in the main front gallery "is a continuation of what I've already been doing," she explains.

There is a fascination with landscape, be it water or land, and the play between a horizon line and sky. The degree of realism varies from work to work, but the colours and treatment of her theme remain focuses and expressive.

Ms. Osborne didn't begin painting seriously until the 1980s.

"I've always been interested in being an artist, even when I was small, but really didn't take it up until after my children were grown."

The Osbornes moved to a farm in the Castleton area in 1975. She rekindled her talents by joining the Cobourg Art Club, and has never looked back, pushing and developing her artistic expression and direction.

"I do it because I like it," Ms. Osborne says of her artistry. "Other people are able to express it in words, but I don't. I express it in my work."