



Christmas competition winners – These junior members of the Colborne Stamp Club were winners in the "Favourite Season" competition. From left they are Jeff Hill, 13-16 yrs, first; Robin Mounstevan, third; Jordan Grant, second, and Jesse Hagedorn, first. Robin, Jordan and Jesse are all in the 10-12-year-old category. **Courtesy photo**

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Horticultural Society looks at summer garden tour

Garden Club

As happens each January, Garden Club members gathered to enjoy a bountiful pot luck dinner and install officers for the coming year.

On Monday, Jan. 31, the tables at Prospect Church hall were laden with casseroles, veggies and fabulous desserts. After Pastor E. Aldaz gave the blessing, we all helped ourselves from the array before us.

Thanks to Shirley Johnston who supervised the many willing workers and saw that everything ran smoothly in the kitchen in the absence of Valerie Winter.

Marjorie Ferguson introduced our guests, Walter and Dorothy Rutherford, representing the Village of Colborne, and Beryl and Jack Harris from District 4. Others were unable to attend due to this pesky "flu" bug visiting our area.

Reeve Rutherford, speaking on behalf of the village, expressed thanks to the club for all the work done in and around the village which adds so

much to its appearance for residents and visitors alike.

Jacques Filteau (whose knowledge and hard work made these projects so successful) told us that over 250 hours of work by club members and 3,200 flowers went into the village beds.

A dedicated number of Castleton members planted 70 dozen flowers in and around their village and maintained them all season. We can all be proud of these workers.

Beryl Harris brought greetings from District 4 and of events coming up during the year. We will keep you posted on these and hope to attend some of the seminars, flower shows, conventions, etc.

We hope to have a bus available for those wishing to attend the Ontario Horticulture Ass'n Convention to be held this year at Brock University, St. Catharines, June 10 - 12.

Mrs. Harris asked us to remember to plant an extra row of carrots, potatoes, etc. for the local food banks, which can always put these to good use.

Reports were given by the various committee leaders of their 1993 work. We need one more group leader for kitchen duty (only called on twice a year).

Gordon Smith read the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee and asked for any additional nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Harris was asked to install the new slate of officers for 1994 as follows: past president, Marjorie Ferguson; president, Sharon Rusk; first vice-president, Cicely Scroggs; second vice-president, Bill Harris; secretary, Jean Filteau; treasurer, Peggy Tozek; directors, 2 years, Vi Morrison, Ada Winter, Beryl Ward, Valerie Winter

and Arnold Winter; directors, 1 year, Mary Jackson, Carmen Lawrence, Wayne Rusk, Isabel Gummow, Jacques Filteau.

The new executive will continue to work with members toward a successful year, encouraging more residents to join us instilling a love of nature and concern for the preservation of our environment.

Amy Gresham had the pleasant duty of presenting a Horticultural Service Award to Mary Bloomer for convening the refreshment committee and for her untiring work in the kitchen over many years. A job well done; thanks from all of us.

Irene Osborne had prepared a questionnaire

for any members who would be interested in opening their gardens for one day to a garden club tour. We would like to plan a day this season for members and friends to visit some of the lovely gardens we have in our area. Any questions or ideas may be brought to the next meeting.

Our door prizes of potted plants were won by Pastor Aldaz and Ada Winter.

Gordon Smith, our resident photographer, showed his collection of slides taken over the past year. He had pictures from all our flower shows and of local gardens at various seasons from spring to fall.

The winter scenes were all too familiar and these we are trying to forget as we browse through the

colourful seed catalogues and plan our next season's garden.

Thank you, Gordon, for our year in pictures – always a delight.

If you have any gardening questions or any information for gardeners, plan to attend our Feb. 28 meeting at 8 p.m. in Prospect Church hall.

Questions will be discussed and if answers are not readily available, sources of information will be suggested. If you have had any special success and/or failure, come along and share it with us.

Don't be shy – if you're not a member, you're welcome, too, and perhaps you will find a reason to join us.

— Cicely Scroggs