



Gardens Galore, the vegetable gardens at the St. Marys Cemetery, are a project of the St. Marys Agricultural Society with help from the St. Marys Horticultural Society and a number of students from area schools. The harvest goes to the Foodbank at the local Salvation Army. On Saturday, the crop was harvested. Showing the potatoes are, from left: Celisse Van Galen, Brittany Esson, Eric Leslie, Ryan Boyes, Samantha Kerekes and Allie Alderson.

A group of hard workers relaxed following the harvesting of the Gardens Galore project at the St. Marys Cemetery. The bounty of potatoes, onions, tomatoes and more was presented to Janet Lockyer, bottom left, from the St. Marys Salvation Army.

Gardens Galore

On Saturday, September 6, the children of the Gardens Galore Project, their parents, leaders and Horticultural Society helpers gathered to harvest potatoes, tomatoes and onions. The carrots, peppers, sunflowers, squash and pumpkins were left to mature a bit more.

Mrs. Janet Lockyer, Family Services Coordinator at the St. Marys Salvation Army, spoke briefly to the young gardeners thanking them for their hard work in producing food for the hungry. It is good to share what we have with others.

Gardeners were from Central, Holy Name of Mary and South Perth Centennial Schools. Those who participated were Elizabeth Young, Hannah Weir, Darby Alderson, Celisse Van Galen, Laura McAsh, Samantha Kerekes, Rob Gorrie, Eric Leslie, Ryan Boyes, Harley Wilson, Reese O'Brien, Devon Leonhardt, Rebecca Van Massenhoven, Peter Cubberley, Jennifer Spence, Jessica Tweedle and Brittany Esson. Some younger sisters who helped were Nicole Van Massenhoven, Allie Alderson and Deanna Kerekes.

The Horticultural Society helpers were Anna Peterson, Dorothy Elliott, Sandy Pelesh, Agnes and Jack Harkes and Bernice Hunter.

Chris Redfern, Cathie Szmon and Sheila Greason were co-ordinators for the project which was supported by the St. Marys Agricultural Society.

The harvest concluded with a barbecue consisting of hot dogs cooked to perfection by David Proudlove of the Agricultural Society.

The organizers wish to thank the children, their parents, the Horticultural Society, the Hitching Post, St. Marys Landscaping and Hamlet Gardens and the town of St. Marys for their generous support.