

Top gardeners take Society prizes

The Acton Horticultural Society recently announced the winners of its annual Garden Contest, and this town's top green thumbs are on display.

In the category titled *Urban-Residential in Flowers and Lawn* (first time winner class), Harry Norton of Acton Boulevard took top honours.

In the *Urban-Residential in Vegetable* group (first time winner class), Elma Braida, Queen Street, gained the red ribbon.

Wetherby's won in the *Urban Commercial Flowers and Lawn* previous winner class.

Ed and Doddie McGilloway grabbed the honours in the *Ur-*

ban Residential Flowers and Lawn previous winner class.

In the *Urban Residential Vegetable Garden* previous winners class, the late Ytzen Verbeek was named winner.

An *Urban Flowers* special award went to Bethel Christian Reformed Church.

Karin Brozic of R.R. 3, Acton won in the *Rural Adults Flowers and Lawn* (first time winners) category.

Alison Crane of Mill Street West was a children's winner in *Urban Residential for Flowers*.

Children Jasmine and Sarah Ali won awards for *Rural Flowers and Rural Vegetables*.

Crimestoppers keeps getting better

Recently released statistics collected by Crime Stoppers of Halton show continued improvement compared to 1993.

The civilian volunteer-managed program has received more tips from the public during the first six months of 1994.

The result has been a higher number of arrests, charges laid and cases cleared from police files.

From Jan. 1 through June 30, anonymous callers have provided information that assisted the police in clearing more than double the cases solved this way last year — from 22 in 1993 to 48 this year.

The number of people arrested after information was passed along to police rose slightly from 24 in 1993, to 28 in 1994, but the number of charges laid rose dramatically from 36 to 61.

Since its inception in December of 1988, Crime Stoppers of Halton has combined the efforts of the police, the media and the public to help close the books on 675 case files with the arrests of 245 people and the recovery of over \$1,060 worth of stolen property and illegal drugs.

Crime Stoppers averages \$68 worth of stolen property or illegal drugs seized for each reward dollar paid.

Those who provide informa-

tion resulting in an arrest are entitled to a cash reward of between \$50 and \$1,000.

The reward fund is financed through donations from the community and fundraising efforts by members of the Crime Stoppers Board — not through taxes.

The police co-ordinator for the program, Sgt. Rod Cliffe, believes "credit for the success of this program should be shared by all three members of the partnership.

"Without that partnership, this program could not function as well as it has."



ACTON NATIVE: Gary Waller, brother of our own Ena Petty, joined the paratrooping-engineering division of the Canadian Armed Forces after graduating from Acton High some 27 years ago. Here Gary poses after landing in Bosnia. (Submitted photo)

Acton native in Bosnia

Master Warrant Officer Gary Waller, son of Earl Waller, Acton and Dorothy Waller, Acton, is currently serving with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) Battle Group in central Bosnia as part of the United Nations Protection Force.

As the Support Troop Warrant Officer for 17 Engineer Squadron, MWO Waller is responsible for administering to the needs of the squadron's heavy equipment and construction engineering sections.

This is MWO Gary Waller's second tour of duty with the United Nations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. He served in Croatia for six months from September 1992 to March 1993.

In addition to his UN tours, MWO Waller has also served with the Canadian Forces in Germany for over eight years.

MWO Waller is now in his 27th

year of military service. He currently resides with his wife, Lorraine, son Dwayne and daughter Candace, in Chilliwack, B.C.

Gary says he is looking forward to returning to Canada in November. In the meantime, he says hello to all of his friends and relatives back home.

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