

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF RUSSELL held its Annual "Flower Show" at the Curling Rink on Saturday, August 23, 1975.

Although we have had a very dry season, that did not stop those who exhibited both Flowers, House plants, as well as, the Junior and Teenage group, display.

With the interest, and all the hard work during the spring and summer months, one feels they have accomplished well earned prizes.

Some thirty-two vegetable and flower gardens were visited and were judged by Mr. Felix Millette, Rep. assistant Mr. L. Pommerville of Rockland.

The Judge for the Flower Show was Mr. Clarence E. Brown from the "Ottawa Horticultural Society."

In the afternoon dessert and tea and coffee were served, with the Horticultural Queen Miss Kim Eadie and the Princess Miss Nancy Mulder serving. The tea room was in charge of Mrs. Erva Cumming, Mrs. Helen Booth, and Mrs. Beth Baas.

The trophies were won by Mrs. Ann James.

The silver trays were won by Mrs. Mary Hitsman.

The Carleton Saga, donated by the Citizen and presented by Mr. E. Waterton was won by Mrs. Bertha Smith.

At eight o'clock Mr. J. Albert Belanger, M.P., M.P.P., officially opened the Flower Show, and was assisted by the Horticultural Queen Miss Kim Eadie, who assisted in presenting the prizes.

To all who worked to make this 56th Anniversary of Russell Horticultural Society, Flower Show a success, many thanks.



#### GROWING HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS



There are fascinations about a perennial border, that are not found in other forms of gardening.

Among these is watching for last year's treasures as they spring up one by one after the snow and frost are gone. Some hardy ones even push up their tips through the melting snow and send out their flower buds the first warm day. The bronzy color of the peony, the blueish leaves of the Virginia Bluebell and the sword-like leaves of the Iris illustrate this.

In a well-planned perennial border there should be bloom from early spring until late fall. The position of the border depends on the available space but in general it should be placed along a boundary of the garden. This needs care and thought. Usually 4 feet should be left between shrubs and perennials to allow growth.

Perennials rarely grow satisfactorily amid roots of trees, so choose a well-drained sunny spot.

Mark off a strip 2' or 3' wide across the border in the following manner. Remove the top soil placing it in a pile beside the far end of the border. Loosen the topsoil and apply a dressing of three to four inches of well-rotted manure.

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