



RIDEAU LAKES

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the September 3 meeting in Forfar Hall, Karen Garlick of White Rose Nurseries, Kingston, supplied good solid information on handling all kinds of bulbs, including forcing procedures for indoor wintertime blooms. Kay and Don Williams brought some of their beautiful African Violets which were auctioned off to benefit the Society. There were numerous lucky number draws. One of our members brought a plant for identification. It was a very obnoxious weed called Velvet Leaf or Abutilon Theophrasti. This plant can be devastating to corn crops, and if found, should be pulled out and burned. It reproduces only by seed and it may have come from packaged bird seed. It is worse than Purple Loosestrife. On September 11, forty-seven happy souls took advantage of the bus trip to the Montreal Botanical Gardens. It was a beautiful day. We left Portland and then Crosby around 7:30 a.m. and arrived at our destination about 10:30. Lois Mowat handled the entrance formalities smoothly and we were off exploring to our hearts' desire. At 2:30, Lois had arranged for guided tours of the Chinese and Japanese Gardens and although some of us had explored these areas on our own, our guide supplied fascinating information which enhanced our understanding of the landscaping designs. This is the largest Chinese Garden ever built out of Asia. The dream lake garden "of water and mountains" was prefabricated in Shanghai and shipped by sea and assembled in Montreal. It is a copy of a garden belonging to a wealthy family. The entrance is approached through a simple parklike setting with a winding path (the evil spirits always travel

in a straight line). To enter the garden, one must step over the wide highly-polished metal threshold. There are seven pavilions of various sizes, all magnificent in their design, construction and decoration. One of the pavilions represents a boat. This stems from the time that an empress of long ago cheated the powers that be by receiving money to finance a ship she was having built and the authorities discovered it was to be a beautiful pavilion in her garden (sound familiar) so now all Chinese gardens sport a boat--not necessarily afloat. The Japanese Garden is a tranquil setting with pools and waterfalls. The pavilion is a cultural centre which houses an Art Gallery, a Library and a Tearoom where the century-old tea ceremony is ritually performed. The Zen garden, the garden of silence, invites meditation. The Bonsai garden displays a rare collection of dwarf trees, some of them several centuries old. In addition to these special attractions, there are Rose gardens, Annual and Perennial gardens, and Conservatories with Tropical Rain Forest Ferns and Orchids. We arrived home shortly after 8:00 full of enthusiasm for all we had seen and learned and with grateful thanks to Lois Mowat and to our intrepid bus driver, Russel Joint. How fortunate we are to be able to drive to Montreal and take advantage of this wonderful facility almost on our doorstep. The next meeting of the Horticultural Society will be on Tuesday, October 1 in Forfar Hall at 7:45 p.m. It will be the Fall Plant Swap. This is a great time to thin our big clumps of perennials and make room for new varieties. Come join in the fun. To cut down on the use of disposable paper cups, bring your own tea cup or coffee mug. Shirley Horsfall


Regular meeting of Council of the Township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, held in Council Chambers on Monday, July 15, 1991 at 7:30 p.m.

- * approved minutes of regular meeting of July 2, 1991 as circulated.
- * approved General Accounts in amount of \$14,712.93.
- * total amount of General Voucher July 2, 1991 be amended to \$19,182.40.
- * resolution #193-91 dated July 2, 1991 in respect to a postponement agreement on Ont Renewal Loan No. 0816000116 be amended to read: "that a discharge of lien on part of property on which a certificate of lien is registered under Ont Home Renewal Program Loan No. 0816000116 being parts 1,2 and 3 on reference plan 28R7278 as this parcel is being severed and sold."
- * by-law to adopt the official plan amendment number 5 be read a first and second time, read a third time and finally passed and signed under seal by the Reeve and Clerk Treasurer and numbered 19-1991
- * council adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, August 6, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. or sooner at the call of the Reeve.

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