

### JEMIMA'S GARDEN

The roses are in full bloom now. I'm sure all that rain in May and June was marvellous for them. It would be so nice to have a warm not hot summer with frequent showers - at least it would be nice if you are a rose grower. I know many people grow hybrid teas and they are beautiful but I'm a shrub rose fan particularly of the old roses. Shrub roses have a more relaxed air to them - a "sit-down in the lawn chair and enjoy life" look rather than "hurry, hurry care for me". Perhaps that's because the shrub rose generally requires less care than the hybrid tea rose. Pruning is simple - in the spring cut out dead wood. I find I have to leave pruning until quite late because often what looks like dead wood is very much alive. I only spray once or twice a season and then I use a bacillus thuringiensis preparation for some nasty little green worms that like to eat the leaves. One of the nicest aspects of caring for shrub roses is

### DELTA W.I.

Our June wind-up meeting was highlighted by a delightful visitor from England, Ann Budd of Oxfordshire who is a member of the Barford - St. John - St. Michael Institute. Mrs. Budd was able to visit Stoney Creek during her year in Canada and pay tribute to the mutual founders of the Women's Institute, Mrs. Hoodless and Mr. Lee. From the first meeting in Stoney Creek the W.I. has progressed to a world-wide organization for the education and information of all country and village women.

The W.I. in England is organized in a somewhat similar manner as the Canadian W.I.: five or six Institute (our Branches) constitute a Group (our District level) which results in high quality competitions and speakers due to the greater number involved and better finances. Each institute (branch) takes turns at entertaining. The Council Meetings are held in Oxford City and the National Meetings at Albert Hall in London. We were surprised to learn that the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect was not used by the W.I. in England.

Of considerable interest to all was Denham College, which is wholly owned and operated by the National Federation of Women's Institutes (England) and is a residential Adult Education College offering over 200 course-choices to some 4000 students annually; approximately 70 members can be accommodated at a time. Due to the number of courses available, practically everyone's interest must be satisfied; husbands of W.I. members are accepted if space is available, and creche arrangements for young children are well used.

### NORTH LEEDS LANTERN

that the majority do not require any winter protection - no "hilling up". These are practical reasons for preferring shrub roses. The real reason I like them is their beauty and also their history.

Tuscany is in bloom - beautiful semi-double velvety wine flowers with prominent golden yellow stamens, lovely scent and dating at least from the 16th century. John Gerard calls it the Velvet Rose in his book published in 1597. According

to Peter Beales in his book Classic Roses published 1985, Tuscany probably dates back well before 1500.

Apothecary Rose, *rosa gallica officinalis*, a rose of the middle ages, the rose that later became the emblem of the Lancastrians, is an unbelievably bright pink or crimson semi-double rose. This rose "sported" to produce Rosa Mundi which is the same crimson striped with pink and white. Some branches of the plant will show its parentage with blooms of Apothecary Rose. This rose is another ancient rose, according to some dating from the 12th Century. It is



Each county level Institute is responsible for furnishing one room in the Residence hence one room abounds in beautiful Nottingham lace (bedspreads, dresser runners, curtains, etc) and others in the specialities of the particular county.

A great money-raiser covering all the W.I.'s is their continuous W.I. Market which may be a stall in a mall, a small store in a busy area of a town or city, or a stand in an open market. Their stock is varied: vegetables & fruit, baking, preserves, handwork, flowers, etc. Another money-maker is called the bulb scheme: Flower bulbs are purchased at the County or National level and sold to all W.I. members.

Pat LeBlanc expressed our pleasure in having Ann Budd visit our branch-level meeting. The business part of the meeting was conducted at the home of Gwen Derouin. The Delta Fair Committee are responsible for arranging a float in the parade as well as a table in the display area. Pat LeBlanc suggested we have a stall at Delta Fair and all members are urged to bake and freeze; contribute garden produce, preserves & pickles and handicrafts of all kinds, as well as giving time to staff the stall.

The Roll Call response to "What would you like our W.I. to do soon?" were to have a Membership Drive, Craft evenings and Park arrangements organized and maintained.

Nellie French gave a report on recent changes re our organization and reported the old District Minute Books are now stored in the Museum at Chaffey's Locks.

fascinating to me to be able to grow these roses today, centuries after they were first recorded.

Hebe's Lip or Reine Blanche introduced to the U.K. in 1912 is thought to be of very ancient origin. It is beautiful - pink buds opening to a creamy-white flower, almost single, the petals edged with red and sweetly scented.

Ispahan from the Middle East, semi-double, clear pink, is very fragrant. One rose fills a room with its scent.

Most of these old roses do not bloom for a long period, but then neither do honeysuckles, or lilacs, or mock oranges.

Each in its own season has its own particular value and as with perennials one does not become bored with day after day repetitive bloom. There is always something new to look forward to in a mixed garden.

by M. Keates



### PORTLAND ACW

Emmanuel ACW met on June 12 at the home of Reba Bolton with 16 members present and Betty James as president.

Winona Barker conducted the devotions. The treasurer presented her report. The group will not meet again until September. Summer activities include writing to our foster child and arranging to send two children to Camp Hyanto.

After the closing prayers, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Dobson, Cancer campaign chairpeople for this region and Mr. & Mrs. G. Kincaid, campaign chairpeople for the Quinte Thousand Island area, talked about the work of the Cancer Society and showed how the money the Society collects is spent. This was a most interesting and informative discussion. After the talk, Marlene Dobson displayed a cookbook on sensible eating, the purchase of which will help the Cancer Society if it is bought from a member. Many orders were taken at the meeting. A friendly coffee break brought the evening to a close.



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