

20th Anniversary

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Happy New Year!

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Goodies and door-prizes for the January meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting with O to Z.

January 13th, 2009



Richard Aubert:

Magnolias, Japanese Maples & Rare Trees for Ottawa

Richard Aubert has been involved in horticulture since studying at Algonquin 35 years ago. For the last 15 years he has been supplying trees, shrubs and perennials to nurseries and growers from Ontario to Newfoundland. He is involved with growers to introduce new and hardier varieties of trees and plants to the market. He has been collecting and trialing Japanese maples and other shrubs not always considered very hardy in our zone 5. His latest endeavor is the Magnolia Project (a community fundraiser tree sale) in Westboro and now Old Ottawa South. In the last two years they have planted about 250 Magnolias and raised about \$8000 for the community centre.

Christmas Anniversary Potluck Dinner

Dispite the bad weather, we had quite a nice turnout for the potluck dinner. A wonderful time was shared by all who braved the storm. We still have quite a few life time membership pins to hand out to people who were not able to get there. Anne will bring them to our next few meetings.

Future Events

February 10, 2009

Growing Your Garden From Seed

with

Kevin Didsbury

Reminder Judging School - Opportunity

The OHA has given District 2 permission to hold a Judging School during 2009 and 2010.

This is a rare opportunity for anyone who is interested in taking advantage of this learning experience. Please let Ann Gadbois know if you would like to be a committee member or a student. There are 35 to 40 places available in the school.

Preliminary timing for the first two sessions to be held in 2009 will be the end of July and the end of September. Three more will be held in 2010. Each session will be held on a weekend with a full Saturday including dinner and evening.

Plant of the Month



Paperwhites (*Narcissus tazetta*) are the perfect winter indoor growing project for kids and adults alike. In just four to six weeks after planting, jaunty blooms cheerfully promise that spring is on its way. And their fragrance is magnificent! All you need are a few bulbs, a watertight container and some pebbles or marbles. Paperwhites grow well in water, so you don't need soil. Each bulb contains everything else it needs to flower. You and your child can practically watch them grow, and once the bulbs sprout, you can measure the leaves and stems daily—they grow that quickly. When the buds begin to swell, lightly tie a wide ribbon halfway up the stems and make a bow with trailing ends. This helps the stems stand upright and adds to the fun.

In China, paperwhites traditionally bloom for Chinese New Year. This year, the Year of the Snake begins on January 24, 2001. If you plant some bulbs between December 14 and 21, you and your child can usher in the Chinese New Year with your own flowering paperwhites.

Paperwhites are tender members of the daffodil family and are often naturalized in the southern U.S. in places like Houston, Texas, San Diego, California, and Miami, Florida (USDA Zones 9 to 11), where other spring-flowering bulbs won't grow because they require a cooling period for root development. Paperwhites don't require a chilling period. In fact, they're injured at temperatures below 35°F (2°C).

In fall and early winter, paperwhites are readily found at local nurseries and home improvement centres. You can also purchase them through catalogues. (See the Web

Growing the Club

We have had 1500 postcards printed and plan to mail them out to the KOA 1L0 area in January.

John K Szczepaniak, Landscape Artist and speaker sent greetings and items of interest for our membership.

New Years Greetings to All!

I hope you and your families are enjoying the holiday season. It is a time of year I especially enjoy, reconnecting with family and friends over the Christmas break.

This past year has been a great success professionally, and I owe you many thanks for contributing to it! If you have not already checked out our website updates at www.jszla.com, I encourage you to do so. Three residential projects have been added: Arts and Crafts Home under Urban estates, 70s Revived under Suburban Gardens, and Contemporary Court under Urban Pockets. Many new photos have also been added throughout the site, including several night photos.

For those interested, I am delivering a lecture called **Gardens West** on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:30 pm, to the Kanata-March Horticultural Society. The location is the Old Town Hall, March Road at Klondike. Directions can be found on the Kanata-March Horticultural Society website: www.kanata-horticultural.com. Rest assured, I will be sharing some spectacular images to inspire you now that spring and the gardening season are not all that far away!

At this time I wish to extend to you my best wishes for a very happy New Year! Nature never fails to bring beauty to our lives year-round. I am confident 2009 will bring an abundance of blooming landscapes that will stimulate our senses and renew our hopes for ongoing artistry in our everyday lives.

Peace and goodwill always! I look forward to hearing from you in the New Year

John Szczepaniak

