

HORTICULTURAL



SOCIETY

Nobleton Horticultural Society

Due to the fact that we have so many newcomers to the Nobleton district it was suggested by a few ladies of the Women's Institute that a Horticultural Society be formed in this area.

Mrs. Ken Mactaggart arranged the organization meeting, at which Mr. St. Clair Tennant of Kleinburg and the Vice President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, was appointed chairman.

This meeting took place on January 20th 1958 at the Nobleton Community Hall. The officers and directors elected and appointed were:

President:	Mr. J.H. Neate
1st Vice Pres.	Mr. Robert Wensley
2nd Vice Pres.	Mr. C. Flinders
Directors for one year:	
	Mrs. George Lamont
	Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow
	Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart
	Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
	Mrs. St. Clair Tennant

Directors for two years:

	Mrs. James Lunt
	Mrs. Evelyn Huycke
	Mrs. Gordon Chapman
	Mrs. W. McIntyre
	Mr. St. Clair Tennant
Secretary:	Mrs. Robert Wensley
Treasurer:	Mrs. Howard Goodfellow
Auditors :	Mr. Russell Snider
	Mr. Robert Walton

We started with 62 members and ended the year with 123

We held 4 flowers shows the first year at which there were 1002 entries made and 50 junior entries.

We held 6 evening meetings and had 4 speakers.

Civic Improvement projects for the following year are landscaping the Water tower and pump house.

HISTORY OF NOBLETON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Several ladies, former members of Woodbridge Horticultural Society and members of Nobleton Women's Institute were instrumental in helping to form the Horticultural Society in Nobleton some of whom were Mrs. Russell Snider, Mrs. Howard Goodfellow and Mrs. K. Mactaggart. Mrs. K. Mactaggart acted as secretary and made the first necessary steps in the organization of the Society through Mr. St. Clair Tennant and O.H.A. in 1957.

The first general meeting of our Society was held January 20th, 1958 in Nobleton Community Hall with Mr. St. Clair Tennant was chairman. The election of officers were:

President: Mr. J. H. Neate
1st Vice President: Mr. Robert Wensley
2nd Vice President: Mr. C. Flinders
Secretary: Mrs. Robert Wensley
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Russell Snider
Treasurer: Mrs. H. Goodfellow

Meetings were held in Community Hall with rental being \$8.00 for upstairs and \$15.00 for both upstairs and downstairs.

Premiums were given for new members up until June.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mrs. Gordon Chapman	Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Neate
Mrs. Albert Hill	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bean
Mrs. Raymond Huycke	Mrs. Roy Arlow
Mrs. Wilson Armstrong	Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
Mr. Len Bishop	Mrs. Howard Goodfellow
Mrs. Len Bishop	Mrs. John Sheardown
Mrs. Norman Robinson	Mrs. John Mitchell
Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain	Mrs. J. E. Arnott
Mrs. Chris Chamberlain	Mr. John Arnott
Mr. St. Clair Tennant	Mrs. V. H. Nelson
Mrs. Stanley Cain	Mrs. T. Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Snider	Mrs. Irene Bailey
Mr. & Mrs. C. Flinders	Miss Doris Riley
Mrs. E. Wolfenden	Mrs. Monica Dayus
Mrs. J. Merritt	Mrs. Stanley Gillespie
Mrs. Stan Pringle	Mrs. Charles Gorman
Mrs. Helen McIntyre	Mrs. Ken Goodfellow
Mrs. June Curtis	Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow
Mrs. Shiela Kelly	Mrs. James Thivierge
Mrs. James Reid	Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Arlow
Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart	Mr. & Mrs. E. Stanley
Mrs. Dave Talbot	Mr. Robert Walton
Mrs. Geo. Lamont	

1958 & 1959

Membership was 121 and 122 for 1958 and 1959.

Some special programs of 1958:

Mr. Geo. Lumes illustrated lecture on "Roses"
Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart, a demonstration on "Corsages"
Mrs. H. Goodfellow, a demonstration on "Flower Arranging"

In 1959, Mr. Robert Walton gave a talk on growing roses.
Mr. Tennant demonstrated uses of Cold Frames, Hot Beds and early Spring Planting.
Professor Weall of the O.H.C. lectured on Foundation Planting.
Mr. John Clark showed slides for Junior Night.

The first Annual dinner was held in the Community Hall in Nobleton with the Bolton Presbyterian Ladies Guild catering at \$2.00 per serving. Miss Erie Kaake in charge. Flowers were provided by Mr. Neate and Mrs. Pearl Mactaggart made corsages. The Head Table included Mr. & Mrs. St. Clair Tennant, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hodgson (Reeve & wife), Rev. & Mrs. French, Miss Freda James the guest speaker, Mrs. Pearl Mactaggart introducing speaker and Pres. Mr. J. Neate and Mrs. Neate.

There were 4 monthly shows in summer of 1958. Thirty of the members made 1002 entries, 50 made by Junior. Tea was served by Horticulture Social at 3 meetings netted \$51.90 for the Society.

Mrs. Forest Mactaggart was winner of the Women's Institute Trophy with 164 points. Mrs John Sheardown was high Novice.(1958)

In 1959 the Juniors had a membership of 55.

Civic Improvement projects were foundation planting at pump house and flower bed at Nobleton Cemetery. A flower bed was planted twice in the spring with tulips and annuals for summer. Mr. C. Flinders as chairman, and Mrs. Nelson rendered great service on Sales and Supplies.

Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart won the Institute Trophy for 1961.
Miss Cheryl Mactaggart won the Junior Robert Walton Trophy.

Mr. J. H. Neate rendered two years of excellent service for first two years of Nobleton and District Horticultural Society.

1960

Mr. Robert Wensley was 1960's President.

There were several special speakers:

Professor Weall of O.A.C. on Landscaping with drawings.
Art Display with a May Flower Show by Mr. Marshal and friends also Draw for Picture.
Japanese Garden Club put on a Special Japanese Night.
Showing Japanese Flower Arranging in their special.
Japanese costumes, around 100 attended.
Ken Reeves spoke on "Mums".

Mr. Iric Eif on "Soil Improvement".
Mr. Geo. Armitage of Conservation showed slides.

The Seniors had 600 entries in 5 shows.

Mrs. John Sheardown was winner of the Women's Institute Trophy with 174 points.
Mrs. J. Neate Runner up.
Mrs. N. Martyn was high Novice.

The Juniors had 148 entries in 3 shows.

Miss Gail Mactaggart won Robert Walton Trophy with 82 point.
Miss Cheryl Mactaggart was second.

1961

Mr. Cyril Flinders was President for first time in 1961. The Seniors held 7 flower shows, 30 exhibitors with a total of 488 pts.

Mr. Russell Snider had charge of Civic Improvement when they provided flowers for Decroation Day in Nobleton Community Cemetery and took care of the Flower Beds there.

Guest Speakers were:

Mr. Robert Keith on New Flowers for 1961.
Mrs. E. Fisher on Africian Violets.
Open Guest Night with guests from Roselands, Schomberg and Woodbridge Societies.
Professor from O.A.C. on "Landscaping".
Professor Taylor on "Roses & Other Plants".

The Three Nobleton Churches took charge of tea and lunch for Saturday shows.

Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain won Institute Trophy with 92 points.
Mrs. Joe Armstrong highest points in any one show.
Mrs. Marion Pearson was high novice.

It was voted to give 5 cents per point for Seniors and 3 cents for Juniors.

1962 & 1963

These two years were very ably handled with Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart as President. She had two very successful years. Work was continued in both cemeteries. Prizes were given for Outdoor X-mas lights or decorations.

Mrs. N. Martyn acted as secretary. The speakers included:

Mr. Bill Harlnotl illustrated lecture on Shrubs and Perennials.
Mr. E. Fisher on Africian Violets.

Open meeting with guests from Woodbridge and Schomberg. The Aurora Society were our guests and provided program. Mr. Donald Wain on "Spring Annuals". Mrs. Shirley Hulse typed the year book. We were guests of Schomberg and heard Mr. R. D. Little on "Iris." The membership reached 126 for the Seniors. Premiums were given to members.

Planted evergreens at the Fire Hall and annuals in the cemetery.

Cleared, levelled and seeded cemetery by Water Tower. The Juniors had 87 members. The Seniors held 7 meetings in the Community Hall.

1964

Mr. Cyril Flinders served as President for his second term of office having served in 1961. There was a membership of 112 members.

Some Highlights were:

Mr. Johnston of Scarboro Society on Growing Mums

Mr. Siebert on Glads

Greenfield on Garden Products

Mr. Love from Dept. of Lands and Forests for Junior night Demonstration on evergreen planting by Mrs. Elie

Demonstration on making corsage and party arrangements by Mrs. Bruce Chapman

Selection and Preparation of Driftwood by Mr. D. Fox.

Door Prizes given at each meeting.

Annual meeting and dinner held in Community Hall. There were 7 flower shows, 467 entries and 31 exhibitors.

Open house when guests were present from Shomberg, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill.

There were 58 Junior Members.

Mr. Donald Armstrong won Junior Cup

Linda Baguley 2nd.

Most interesting Japanese Flower Arranging Course was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Rutherford.

A tour was taken to Toronto High Park.

Draw made on Oil Painting to raise funds.

Mr. Russell Snider on Civic Improvements planted a privet hedge in cemetery by water tower.

Mrs. Don Farley highest points not having had the cup and so won Institute Trophy.

Mrs. Edythe Fox was high Novice.

Mrs. T. Elie acted as Secretary. Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain headed a most successful year in plant sales and supplies.

1965 to August 1966

Mr. Theodore Elie served as President during this time. Plans were made to have a small park just east of town in the Wedge formed by the old and new King Roads. Premiums were given to members as in previous years. The three Nobleton Churches again looked after the tea for Saturday shows during the summer.

Special speakers were:

Leslie Loking of Botanical Gardens in Hamilton.

Mrs. Dorothy Irwin was presented with a gift from the Society on her recent marriage and departure from the Society.

The Annual Banquet was held at Cedar Glenn for 1965. There were 7 monthly shows.

Horticulture was requested by Mrs. Albert Hill to plant evergreens on her husband's grave. It was carried out by the Society.

RESTORE OLD CEMETERY

A meeting was held at which representatives of the United Church, the Village, Directors of the Lions Club, headed by Mr. William Beacom, and the Horticultural Society discussed the project of restoring and clearing up the Cemetery on the Bolton Sideroad near the water tower. Mr. Snell of the Cemetery Superintendent's Office (Ontario Department of Health) was also present.

The response of the community to help in this project was overwhelming.

The Horticultural Society planted shrubs and perennials to beautify this hallowed spot where many of the district's pioneer families have been laid to rest.

As a fitting climax to the evening's labor the ladies of the society prepared a supper served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain.



The Civic Improvement started development in the Park. The Society provided \$300.00, and the Local residents provided \$150.00

Aug. 1966 - 1967 & 1968

This term of office was taken by Mrs. Ken Mactaggart as President beginning in Fall of 1966, since Mr. Elie moved from the District. All meetings with the exception of summer shows were held in the United Church due to the Hall rent being so high, \$27.00 per month. The Annual Banquet was again held in the Community Hall.

Every year until 1968 baskets of flowers have been given to the Community Cemetery for Decoration Day. In 1967, it being the Centennial year, many things were done to beautify Nobleton.

Flowering Crabapple trees were given to each of the three Churches, United, Anglican and Presbyterian. Two large trees were donated to the Community cemetery (Flowering Crab and Red Maple). A flowering crab tree, a new Canadian flag, a cement-end bench and evergreens were donated to the new Library. Two cement-end benches were given to the Community Park and shelterbelt of evergreens were planted in the Arena Park. As in previous years, petunias were planted in the Community Cemetery and also in small park east of town.

They sold tickets on a Centennial Rose Quilt which was bought from the U.C.W.

They entered a float for the 1st of July Celebrations for Centennial year.

The group took a bus trip to Midland and had a most enjoyable day.

The Society held an antique show in connection with the Flower show in 1967.

In 1968, we sold tickets on Garden Furniture. Much of which was donated by the McMath Convalescent Home.

An extra cup was donated during my term for highest points in Spring bulbs won by Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain in 1967 and Mrs. Tom Walker in 1968. High Novice in 1967 was Mr. Tom Walker, and in 1968 the High Novice was Mrs. Robert Hayward.

A cup winners class was introduced during my term and high winner was Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain in 1967 and Mrs. Stewart Milow in 1968.

1969-70- Pres. Mrs. Tom Anderson

1970-71 Pres. Mrs. Forest Mactaggart

Winners of the Robert Walton Junior Cup from 1958---1968 are:

1958 won by Gail Mactaggart
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1962 won by Neil Irwin
1963 won by John Glass
1964 won by Donald Armstrong
1965 won by Elizabeth Peldszus
1966 won by Debbie Peldszus
1967 won by Laura Simpson
1968 won by Brant Kenny
1969 won by Sandra MacDonald
1970 won by Raymond Armstrong
1971 won by Kelly MacDonald
1972 won by Patti Burton
1973 won by Linda Workman
1974 won by Jennifer Haller

Alist of Institute Cup Winners. This cup was donated by the Womens Institute of Nobleton in the year 1958.

1958 - Mrs. Forest Mactaggart
1959 - Mrs. Fergus Mactaggart
1960 - Mrs. John Sheardown
1961 - Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain
1962 - Mrs. Ken Mactaggart
1963 - Mrs. Ed Fletcher
1964 - Mrs. Don Farley
1965 - Mrs. John Neate
1966 - Mrs. Wm. Rutherford
1967 - Mrs. Stewart Mellow
1968 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1969 - Mrs. Roy Arlow
1970 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1971 - Mrs. Barbara Downey
1972 - Mr. Alex Thompson
1973 - Mrs. Harkwood Castator
1974 - Mrs. Alma Haller
1975 - Mr. Tom Walker
1976 - Mrs. Tom Walker
1977 - Mrs. Elsie St. Jacques