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SSMHS is hosting the District AGM this year, help us make it memorable. Saturday May 4th.



Take a break from Winter

Join us for a photo montage of
The Gardens of Castle
Howard in Yorkshire



THERE'S A LOT GOING ON AT SSMHS!

If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do it at the January 8th meeting. Resolutions & Exec nominees will be voted on that night. Exec member Rod Morrison has a photo montage of **The Gardens of CASTLE HOWARD in Yorkshire, (See page 2)** The Exec members have been busy lining up speakers & topics/events for the 2024 calendar year! We are also hosting the District AGM on Saturday, May 4th. Besides these dates, our annual Seedy Saturday, Plant Sale and a summer workshop are on the schedule. We hope you'll join us!



PG. 4 Remembering Board Member, Alison Walton



UPCOMING SPEAKERS & TOPICS & MORE.....



A LOOK AT THE YEAR TO COME! JOIN US.

IN THE MIDST OF WINTER treat yourself to a virtual tour of one of England's Castle gardens. SSMHS Executive member Rod Morrison will present a photo montage of ***"The Gardens of Castle Howard in Yorkshire"*** at our January meeting.

During a recent trip to England to celebrate his grandmother's 100th birthday near York, he got to visit Castle Howard. Rod says the walled garden was the highlight. His photo montage will include a look at the castle, lawns, walled garden, and kids private play island.

Rod holds a diploma in Landscaping and Horticulture from Niagara College and worked in landscaping for a decade in the GTA. Rod now works in Engineering, but he says he can often be found tending to his own gardens and to his little greenhouse here in the Soo, in addition to his work on the board at the Hort Society!

Don't miss this break in winter to enjoy Rod's presentation at our meeting, where we will also vote on the Executive Board and on a couple of issues, hear from our President Andrea Aubertin and more—as it's our **Annual General Meeting January 8th 7pm at the United Baptist Church basement 41 Malabar Drive. ~ ~ ~**

February 5: Pres. Andrea Aubertin will discuss tips on **"Gardening with Arthritis"** & V.P. Denise Berg has a video for us on **"Fusion Gardening"** — colour & texture with the natural conditions, while reducing watering needs. March 11: **"Pruning- the How to-Where to-When to-What to"** & **"Jumping Worms"**. April 1: **"Healthy Soil"** May 6: **"Beneficial Insects & Pollinators"** with Elisa Muto, professor at Sault College & **"History of SSM Canal Natl. Historic Site"** with Elia Marini/Parks Canada. ~ ~ ~ **More info to come on these in the March newsletter!**



The Lost Apple Project will be highlighted at the District AGM!



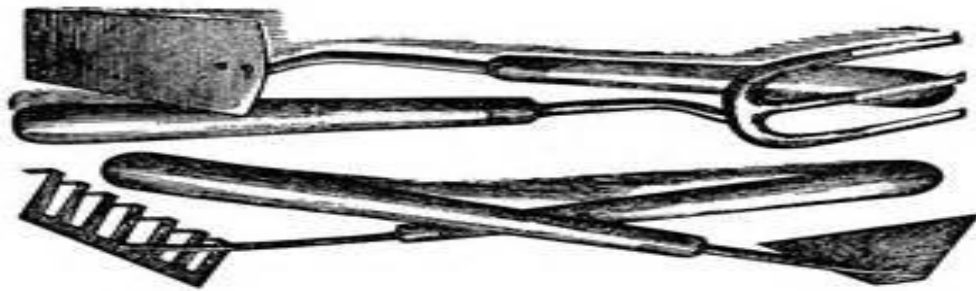
DISTRICT 13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE WATER TOWER INN ON MAY 4TH

This year the SSMS is host to the District 13 Annual General Meeting. **Our Vice President Denise Berg is also District 13 Director.** Berg says, *"The day will begin with the Business meeting including the installation of officers, followed by lunch and then our guest speaker."*

Sheila Campbell of the Lost Apple Project is our guest speaker. Campbell is a Master Gardener from St. Joseph Island and she is the originator of the Lost Apple Project here in Algoma. The project's goals seek to sustain and preserve local apple trees and to discover their natural history.

Campbell's presentation will begin after lunch at 1pm.

Members will need to RSVP, further details will be in the next Newsletter. District 13 consists of Algoma, Manitoulin and Sudbury.



**Please Consider taking a position on the board this January 8th.
We need voices & hands to make things happen!**

SAVE THE DATE IN 2024:

Seedy Saturday: Saturday, March 2nd 9am to 2 pm at the United Baptists Church basement, 41 Malabar Drive.

District 13 AGM: Saturday, May 4th Water Town Inn, details to come.

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 18th 8am to 12 noon, Canal National Historic Site- Greenhouse & grounds

And the first Monday of the month, (exceptions) are our monthly meetings with interesting topics & speakers! See page 2.

OUR HOLIDAY DINNER at Grand Gardens North on

December 4th was enjoyed by a good number of you. With the traditional turkey dinner, photo montage of society member gardens, topped with a game for gardener knowledge, a lot of laughs, and then oodles of door prizes from decorative pillows, pruners, poinsettias, gift certificates scented candles and more. The night was a special one!



President Andrea Aubertin & board member Wendy Bingham dole out the Door Prizes!

A TRIBUTE TO SSMHS BOARD MEMBER



ALISON WALTON

Sadly, we have to acknowledge the unexpected passing of Board member **Alison Walton** on December 7th. She will be dearly missed by the board and many in the Horticultural Society.

Some of the reflections from our board touch on Alison's unique abilities and her love of gardening...

Alison was always so ready to pick up tasks for the society.

She did so much work at the greenhouse, the community garden and the downtown. She will definitely be missed by many people and organizations that she did work for.

She held a never-ending perseverance, and always found a way to get things done. Alison contributed to the former centre on Gore Street; she constantly made pots of soup to share there. She was a remarkable person.

The Board will be discussing further tributes to Alison in the near future.

(Alison's photo right is from our recent fall trip to the Deer tree Apiary Honey Bee Farm. I stopped on the trail and found her sitting in a chair, looking so peaceful and I snapped this photo of her.)

~ Newsletter Editor: Noreen Kruzich

