



Fall Edition – September, 2017

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**Applewood's
Annual Christmas Craft Sale
takes place on
Sunday November 25
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have enjoyed our summer this year. The weather – well, let's just say it was great for roses – was maybe a bit cooler and wetter than we're used to. Picking a date for an outdoor adventure was just that; an adventure. You could look at the forecast a few days ahead, and be sure that on the one you picked, it would change from sun to rain (or worse). Now September is upon us, and surprise! We're getting the summer we missed in August.



But Applewood was extraordinarily lucky with our summer concert series in Broadacres Park, where 3 ½ of our 4 concerts went off without a hitch. Our federal Member of Parliament (MP) served sesquicentennial Birthday Cake for Canada's 150th at two of our July events.

MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj serves Canada 150 Birthday Cake at our July 5 "Twilight Concert in the Park" featuring the Etobicoke Community Concert Band.

This year's Twilight Concerts began on a wonderful evening in June where over 200 listeners came out to Broadacres Park to hear John Liddle conduct the ECCB. However, John was not the only conductor that evening, as Yvan Baker, our provincial Member of Parliament, took to the dais and guest-conducted a rousing march.

Yvan Baker, MPP for Etobicoke Centre, guest conducts the Etobicoke Community Concert Band at our June 21 concert in Broadacres Park.



Our last concert of the summer featured the Toronto All-Star Big Band conducted by Zygmunt Jedrzejek. Together with their fine choreographed quartet, the performance took the audience back to the '40s, even if they had never been there in person.



It was only during the last half of this last concert of the season that we felt the showers that punctuated much of the summer of '17.



The first half was brilliant, but rain halted the second half of our July 26 "Toronto All-Star Big Band" concert. Guests and band members alike were prepared and quickly wrapped up our last music event.

Earlier in the summer, Applewood held our most successful Doors Open and Plant Sale event ever. The reason? This year, our visitors had two days, Saturday and Sunday, to enjoy the house tour and stock up on perennials for their gardens.

May 17 was a special day because two of our Doors Open visitors were none other than the grandson and great-grandson of our namesake, James Shaver Woodsworth. John (grandson) and Paul (great grandson) regaled us with Woodsworth family stories and took in all the historic details of the homestead.



John (L) and Paul Woodsworth flank our sketch of James Shaver Woodsworth. You'll have no trouble spotting the remarkable family resemblance!



John even entertained us by playing a number on Isabel Bishop's old piano in the Victorian Parlour.

hope to see everyone out at our final events of the season (see other articles later in this newsletter). All the best for the rest of 2017.

Dave Young, President

THE GARDENERS JOURNAL

I have looked after the gardens since 2001 and enjoyed every minute of this 'job'. But, this is my last year doing the 'work'. With the help of Anne Marie (and all the rain) they looked wonderful again this year but we need more help to keep them in good shape in memory of Mrs. Bishop, for wedding pictures and just to admire. Please call us if you know of anyone who would like to spend 2 hours a week in spring and fall to maintain the gardens, with all the rain we are having the weeds want to take over.

The gardens also provide plenty of flowers for the arrangements inside the house. Our Canada 150 Anniversary tulips bloomed late, for a long time and were a real show. Now in the large garden we have an eye popping display of Black Eyed Suzan and pink Echinacea in the hope to attract butterflies which we have not seen for a few years.

I had the great pleasure visiting Claude Monet's gardens in Giverny this July. I just wanted to sit down and let all these colours wash over me while listening to the OHs and AHs of the visitors, it was wonderful to see all the mixture of flowers, the water gardens and his house.

Odile Sahl

*Our traditional Christmas Craft Sale fund raiser will again be on
Sunday, November 26, 2017 - 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm.
We have 24 vendors and a great choice of Canadian home-made articles.
Hope to see you there, it is such a friendly event.*

Our other special events are listed in the information enclosed.

