



We are a group of like-minded people who want to learn more about gardening and enjoy the aspects of being a part of a social group.

Let's Grow Together

Meetings:

We meet every first Tuesday of the month from September to June, except for January and December. Start time 7pm. Meetings are held at the Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum
5120-41 Ave, Stony Plain, Ab

Social Media

Facebook – Stony Plain Horticultural Society

Instagram - stonyplainhortsociety

Website – <https://www.sphsociety.ca>

Email – sphortsociety@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT REPORT

Greetings SPHS members!

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer as I have, filled with fun, family friends and activities to enjoy and, maybe some traveling. Part of my enjoyment this summer has been working in my perennial and shrub gardens. I have almost completed a project I started last year. Replacing old tired and dead shrubs and amending depleted soil in all my beds. This work has given way to new energy and vigor for my plants and our yard for us to enjoy for another 20 years.

Here we are in the season of harvesting and canning. This is a time to harvest the most delicious fruit and vegetables and beautiful flowers from our gardens. It is also a time for the SPHS to look forward to upcoming fall and winter workshop and events. The board has set about with plans for an educational fall workshop on soil, a Christmas décor project, and monthly meetings with a line-up of guest presenters.

I would like to take this opportunity and give gratitude to our Board members. I value each and everyone of them for their skills and dedication for the betterment of our garden club. I am so very pleased with their focused effort to continually strengthen our club. We look forward to sharing with you our Strategic Plan that outlines our objectives and goals for the club. This plan will keep us focused and on track so we can deliver what you as members want from this gardening club. Our goal is to make you feel excited and proud about who we are, share our experiences, learn new skills about gardening while befriending people who also have the same passion for gardening.

I encourage everyone to get involved and sign up for a committee, and or perhaps bring a friend to a meeting who might later join our ranks. If you enjoy gardening, horticulture, or floral design, you will never run out of things to do or topics to discuss as you share your skills and help others.

Remember to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and our website, sphsociety.ca

Let's grow together!

Jo-Anne Maw
SPHS President



AGRA FAIR AND BENCH SHOW 2023

The Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society is hosting Agra Fair 2023. A fun filled weekend on August 26 and 27th. The most important news to tell you is about the Bench Show, where we can showcase your garden treasures, like; Cut flowers, potted plants, floral arrangements, fruits, and vegetables.

The program booklets are available at different stores throughout Spruce Grove and Stony Plain or check their website:

<https://sprucegroveagsociety.com/agra-fair>

Judges from the Alberta Horticultural Association (A.H.A.) will be judging the produce! Remember our future plans include hosting a weekend course; for you to learn in becoming a judge.



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKERS

The guest speaker for the September meeting is **Mr. Gary Boehm**. He worked for many years in the Homesteader kitchen at the Multicultural centre. He will share with us his knowledge of home canning and other ways to preserve our garden produce.

September Icebreaker: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GARDEN PRODUCE AS DONATION TO THE PARKLAND FOOD BANK. We will have a representative from the Parkland Food Bank come out, for a short presentation. (please see end of newsletter for suggested items for donations)

The guest speaker for the October meeting is **Ms Kristy Blij**. She will bring to us her knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm to making our own worm bin!

October Icebreaker: Seed swap between members! August and September are a good time to start collecting seeds from your flowers and even some vegetables. Bring them to the October meeting.



ON-LINE SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the member survey! We have collected a lot of valuable information, and ideas for future speakers and workshops. We will share the findings at the upcoming general meeting on September 5.

Your feedback is always welcome and can be sent to the promotions team via email at sphortsociety@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP

Renew your SPHS membership early and save 25%!

Your Stony Plain Horticultural Society **membership expires September 30, 2023** and we sincerely hope that you will join us for another outstanding year of great programs, workshops, gardening expertise and sharing your ideas with other gardening enthusiasts.

We are giving you the opportunity to renew your membership for \$15/year until **August 31, 2023**. Membership fees will be increasing to \$20/year as of September 1, 2023.

Have a great day!

Penny



DAHLIA AND GLADIOLA SOCIETY PLANT TOUR

Sangudo Horticultural Society is offering a field trip to the **Dahlia and Gladiola Society Plant Trial gardens in Red Deer**, scheduled for Monday August 14th. Those who are attending will meet at 12.30 at the garden. **Address for the location is: 37514 range road 273**. Directions: At the intersection of 19th Street and 40th Avenue, turn south 3/4 of a mile and turn right (west). Take the 32nd Street exit south (right) on Taylor Drive then east on 19th Street (595) to 40th Avenue.

Two home garden tours are also planned, but no addresses for those as yet.



COMMUNITY GARDEN



Another great year at the Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum gardens for the horticultural society.

It's amazing what happens when people with the same passion come together to share their knowledge and time.

The gardens have flourished this year with the amount of sun we've had. The peonies still stand out as one of the focal points of the grounds. With more projects in planning and more volunteers signing up, next year is sure to be even better.

The society continues to thank each and every volunteer for their effort and time they put forth to make this happen.

Thank you!

Holly Thompson, Coordinator



SOME MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Hope to see you on the field trip to the Dahlia and Gladiola Gardens in Red Deer. Organized by the Sangudo Horticultural Society.
 - **An invite from one of our members, Mr. Hans Zurcher!** Hans would love to show us his orchard and gardens, on Saturday September 9th at 2 pm! No need to register. Address and directions will be sent out a few days before the date.
 - Most of the local greenhouses have their **50% off sale!** A great way to stock up on some of your perennials.
 - Don't forget to bring your gift of garden produce to the September meeting for the Parkland Foodbank. Suggested items for donation: Carrots-Potatoes-Beets-Tomatoes (can be green ones too)- and other veggies that are long lasting.
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