

Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society

October 5th Meeting Recap

This week's CPDHS monthly meeting was an especially fun and educational night! We had a big turnout including 2 new members plus 2 guests (future members?).

The evening began with two short presentations from CPDHS members Sandy Schaeppert (climate change) and Daniel Brumar (bog plants/moss)



They were followed by our featured guest speaker. At the end of the guest speaker's talk CPDHS members and visitors were invited to check out the Fall Flower Show entries, and to query Patrice on the array of carnivorous plants that he brought with him. Several members also submitted photos for the Photo Competition which will be on display and winners announced at the November meeting.

Guest speaker - Patrice Blais-Laliberte

Our guest speaker, Patrice Blais-Laliberte spoke about carnivorous plants including venus fly traps, pitcher plants and a long list of others. He brought **many** examples and spoke about the plants in terms that were easy to understand.



Patrice's talk began with the most passive feeding carnivorous plants which feed by pitfall, then those which entrap with adhesive secretions, and then the more aggressive feeders that use snap, snare and suction strategies. Truly gruesome, but part of the natural world.

We were able to buy healthy plants from Patrice at reasonable prices after his talk. His coaching on which plants best suited our individual needs was much appreciated. Sandra and I bought a 'B52' Venus flytrap for our sunroom. When we got up Thursday morning, it had already begun earning its keep by catching the pesky house fly that was annoying us before we went to bed. The fly is in the grasp of the top 'clam shell'. A nasty way for the fly to die, but strangely gratifying for us...



The Fall Flower Show was a big success!

There were several tables of exhibits on display covering a wide range of categories from general **horticulture** to **edibles** to **floral design**. Something for everyone. Even with the hard early frost we had earlier this week, members came through with high quality exhibits. The judging was done during the guest speaker's presentation so that attendees and exhibitors could see the results during the browsing period after the main talk.

This event was made possible through the considerable efforts of Flower Show Coordinators Doreen Harris, Heather Lebeau and Pat Morgan, and those who grew, created and displayed their exhibits.

Please find a few photos of the Flower Show on the following pages. Unfortunately I didn't get photos of everything... my apologies to those exhibitors I missed. A special thank you to Doreen Harris for sharing her photos of three exhibits.

All in all, another fun meeting!

Happy gardening :)

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Fall Flower Show

















