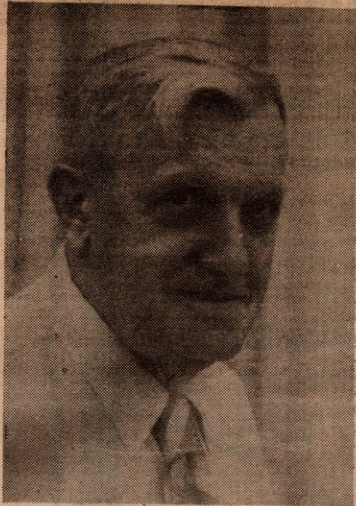


Horticultural News & Notes by Mac Reddaway



Gladys Riddell fashions flowers from leather in a demonstration at the Swansea Horticultural Society.

Here it is December already and 1977 will soon be gone. Whatever happened to all those things I was going to do this year? Well you know how it is, it's too windy to work outside, or it's such a nice day - let's go fishing, I'll leave that job till to-morrow. Well to-morrow never



Mac Reddaway of the Swansea Horticultural Society.

comes and to-day there's something on the T.V. like the World Series. Too bad, I'll do it some other time. Anyway in spite of the missus almost giving up in despair we've had a rather happy year and we hope you've had too!

SWANSEA

The Swansea Horticultural Society also had a happy time on Wednesday evening November 23rd, when they were honoured by having Mrs. Mary Hamilton, the assistant director of District 14 of the Ontario Horticultural Association conduct their annual election of officers. Mrs. Hamilton is an exceptionally good assistant to our director Mr. Clarence Baker. She evidently has some very good friends for

she tells us that on the spur of the moment she'll call one of them up and away they go to some horticultural meeting. There was only one sad part to the evening, she never drew my ticket when the draw was made.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Gladys Riddell, a member of the Swansea Society and also President of the Canadian Society for Creative Leathercraft. Mrs. Riddell demonstrated the art of making items from leather, there being ten basic steps. The following list is only the title of each step: (1) tracing the pattern on a special material, (2) putting in the veins of the leaf, (3) cutting out the maple leaf, (4) glue the pin bar on, (5) saturate with yellow, (6), (7) and (8) add green and other colours, (9) polish coating, and (10) shellac. The demonstration

proved most interesting to the members many of whom crowded around the demonstration table afterwards. The program convenor had also secured three films from the National Film Board but time only permitted the use of one. The film entitled *Tara's Mulch Garden* illustrated the growing of vegetables in mulch with exceptionally fine results. The 1977 officers were re-elected for a further two year term.

ETOBICOKE

The second of November meeting of the Etobicoke Horticultural Society proved to be one of the most interesting of the year. They used their own membership to prove their ability in the various arts of horticulture. All the girls from the workshop on flower arranging gave a demonstration of making various flower arrangements for Christmas. Some of the arrangements were the making of small Christmas trees for side tables, kissing balls, grapefruit balls, swags for the doors, Christmas wreaths, table centres, etc. The Etobicoke group is having their annual election of officers and Christmas party in St. George's-on-the-Hill Anglican Church Parish Hall, Dundas Street, just west of Royal York Road on Friday December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. This is one of the finest such events held by any horticultural society in District fifteen. The members and friends of Swansea Horticultural Society are going to be guests.

KINGSWAY-SUNNYLEA

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On November 9, a sugar maple was planted in Rennie Park by the Swansea Horticultural Society to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Mr. R. Addison (foreground), left-Mrs. J. Roberts of South Kingsway; Mr. W. Small of Ellis Avenue; Mrs. A. Partridge of Beresford Ave; Mrs. M. McFarlane of Beresford Avenue; Mr. H. Roberts of South Kingsway and Mrs. F. Addison of Etobicoke.

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