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Society**

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Greetings from the President

I hope you have all enjoyed our up and down summer, and your gardens are flourishing.

As we head into the fall season it is time for you the members to step up and consider being a part of the executive. We are in need of a vice president and a few directors.

Remember it is vital for us to have a Vice President in order for our society to continue so we need your help now!



A get well card has been sent to Cathy Reid.

Glenn, Bill and Art regularly golf at Tangle Creek Golf Club. Glenn is a bachelor. The eldest of the three men has two daughters in college. Bill's annual income is the lowest of the three but he is not the youngest.

Although it has never come up in conversation, all three know that the oldest of the trio makes the most money. Who is the oldest, and who is the youngest of the trio? Answer on page 2.

The Garden Fairies

The garden fairies flutter
Their wings in proper stride
They hover over your garden
Where you take such pride.

The smiles of the gnomes
The laughter of the brook
They call all the garden lore
To take a second look.

They see all the love you've given
In your beds of shrubs and flowers
The care and patience are seen
In your work of many hours.

So next time you are watching
All the garden life around
You just might hear those fairy wings
As they make their joyful sound.

~Lucy Valente~





Saturday, September 13

Fall Flower and Vegetable Show & Social Tea

See your yearbook for details, the tea is from noon - 1:30 pm \$5.00 pp

October 20 General Meeting

Have your photo entries ready to hand in.

Saturday, November 8 Fall Seminar

at Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club
4730 Side Road 25, Thornton

Morning Speaker: **JoAnne Fleming-Valin** on " Reaching Out With Rusty Hands".

Afternoon Speaker: **Miriam Goldberger** on "Taming Wildflowers" and she'll have her new book for sale.

See president Marilyn Elliott to sign up.

Sunday November 16 GDHS AGM

Think about volunteering for your society board and help with our continuing success.

Thursday, December 4 Holiday Open House at the Toronto Botanical Garden

5:30 - 9:30 pm and at 7:30 pm is a lecture by story teller Paul Knowles. TBG members are free; public fee is \$25.

(Answer: Art is the oldest, Glenn the youngest)



Photo submitted by Dianne Hubbard

Dianne Hubbard sent me a photo of the above bug for identification.

If I told you this was a stink bug, that would be pretty gross. But they are also referred to as shield or soldier bugs because of the medieval shield appearance of the body. Someone obviously experienced the foul odour they can give off when handled for the stink bug moniker to stick.

A member of the Pentatomoidea family and order of Hemiptera, means they are known to have sucking mouthparts like aphids, scale and leaf hoppers. Yes, they pierce stems, leaves and developing fruits to suck out the juices. They are rarely seen in great numbers though as they don't reproduce asexually like aphids. So the odd one you might find on a plant will not do a great deal of harm.

Mexican, Vietnamese and Laotian cultures find stink bugs a delicacy and eat them live, cooked or mashed.

Bon appetit!

Judith