

From the Archives – September 2024

It was lovely to see everyone again at our first meeting back from our summer break. The Fall Flower Show was beautiful, so many colourful blooms, interesting arrangements and fantastic vegetables.

This month's edition is a little different, as I have no photo to go along with it. However, I received some copies of some exciting archival material that I wanted to share with you.

Here are some excerpts of the news article that I received, highlighting the Annual Flower Show which was held 95 years ago here in Orangeville on Saturday August 31st, 1929 in the Auditorium of the Public Library. The President of the Orangeville Horticultural Society was J.A. Matthews and the Secretary was Lamont Campbell.

Adult submission categories included: Asters, Dahlias, Gladiolus, Phlox, Pansies, Sweet Peas, Snapdragons, Roses, Bouquet (wild flowers), Marigolds, Perennial Phlox, Annuals, Begonias, Carrots, Beets, Tomatoes, Onions, Corn, Potatoes, and other Vegetables. Prizes were listed as: First Place 50 cents, Second Place 25 cents in each class.

For children the categories were a Table Bouquet and Best Bird House.

From the Orangeville Banner on September 5, 1929:

The Annual Flower Show staged by the Orangeville Horticultural Society in the auditorium of the Public Library on Saturday last proved to be a very popular feature among flower enthusiasts of the town and surrounding district. The floral display in the professional class exhibited by Mr. George Nicholson of town was most beautiful. [...] Prof. H. L. Hutt of Georgetown, who was formerly head of the Horticultural Department, O.A.C., Guelph, placed the awards. He was very complimentary of the exhibits generally and more particularly of the gladiolus display.

There were a total of 124 entries for the flower show. Admission to show cost 10 cents for Adults and 5 cents for children under the age of 12.

I hope you enjoyed this look back into our archival past.

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