

Garden Tour of July 22ⁿd 2007

What a garden tour! It was absolutely divine, even Mother Nature was very good to us.

Gerald Lawrence Jr. did a great job organizing the day. I'm sure that everyone on the tour would join me in saying: "Thank you Gerald, for a wonderful day. We all enjoyed it tremendously."

Here are the highlights of the tour for the ones who were unable to attend. And for the ones who did, it will be nice to see the gardens again.



We all gathered at the Senior's Centre on Marietta Street around noon, and proceeded to the Quaker Common Park behind Muriel Taylor's home for the dedication ceremony of a bench and tree in the memory of **John Taylor**.



Rick Causton, the Society's President conducted a very moving ceremony. I'm sure that John would have been very pleased.

We then got back into our vehicles and headed to **David Retallick's** place in Sunderland who had mid-sized gardens filled with hostas, lilies, daylilies and some very interesting decorations.





At **Sharon Bognar's** in Udora, We had 2 acres of flowers and Vegetables to savour with our eyes. Sharon sure knows how to attract the butterflies and birds. Some of us were even privileged to see her peacocks.



From Udora to Goodwood where **Robert Clarridge and Gerald Lawrence** live. We visited some of the five acres of manicured grounds with numerous perennial beds, a bog garden, a rose garden and ponds with beautiful plants and many frogs.

The property was surrounded by majestic trees, which made the property very private and quiet. Many sitting areas were scattered around the property so that the wonderful gardens could be enjoyed from different angles. Very well done.



Look at the flower on the right, a tree toad was enjoying a nap.

Back in Uxbridge, on concession 7, we entered **John Statham's** grounds. He has mostly young mixed perennial gardens that are "works" in progress, including a pond, bog and a bed of ornamental grasses. This is not only his home but also his business where he sells a variety of plants. I noticed some of our people getting their wallets out as they could not resist adding to their gardens.



The rest of the tour continued to take place in Uxbridge.



***Bob Shuttleworth and
Sue Robert's***

The property boasts woodland plants native to the area with items from the forest such as logs, driftwood, and ferns. A wildlife paradise with waterfalls, Fishpond and stream leading to a bog garden, with an added touch of Victorian flare.



We ended the tour at ***Dave and Karen Boulton's***.

The property has beautiful perennial and shrub gardens, dining and strolling areas as well as open spaces for kids and dog to play.

Dave and Karen were also the hosts.

Everyone appreciated and enjoyed all the refreshments after a long afternoon of absolute delight. Our thanks go out to them.



Thank you to all the members who let us visit their wonderful gardens. It was a great day.

And our thanks to the organizers, and the ones who supplied the goodies at the end of the day.



Don't forget our next big event on August the 11th: Tea, show and plant sale at the Senior's Centre.