

Garden Tour and Blueberry Tea



Capreol gardening hostess, Connie Goodwin, welcomed visitors during the Gardening With Arthritis Garden Tour, a local fundraiser to maintain the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre, located in downtown Capreol.

The weather was perfect for gardening enthusiasts, armchair or otherwise, to tour private gardens and enjoy a delectable rest stop at Capreol's Museum during the recent Garden Tour and Blueberry Tea, a fundraiser for the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre. This year's tour, whose theme was Gardening With Arthritis, had seven Valley East and Capreol citizens welcoming visitors into their gardens, each of which had a style all its own. The Arthritis Society provided one of the prizes which were

drawn. Valley East hosts included Carmen and André Marchand, Val and Bob Kirwan, Bab and Bryan Groce, and Michelle and Paul Lachance. Capreol gardeners included Linda and Phil Del Papa, Lorraine and Tom Green, and Connie and John Goodwin.

Some gardeners had been concerned about the late spring and cool weather, but the gardens were brilliant with cooperative flowers, and the lawns had been beautifully groomed.

Visitors to the gardens, both gardeners and non-gardeners, were able to share the enthusiasm of their hosts and hostesses, some by asking for, and some by giving, advice on composting and planting.

"It's nice to get some knowledge from gardeners," said Linda Del Papa.