

Capreol, Valley garden tour aids Capreol heritage museum

Popular event takes place Sunday

Whether one is looking for organic gardening tips, ideas for water gardens or water-saving techniques, an upcoming garden show has something for both the novice and experienced gardener.

The 5th annual Colours of Summer Garden Tour takes place on July 13 and will feature gardens in both Capreol and Valley East.

"We try to show a different style at each of our gardens," says Romaine Chappell, co-organizer of the event. "We even have one garden that is in a city lot and is a completely contained garden."

The event provides an opportunity for gardeners to share practical ideas and helpful hints, and at each venue visitors on tour will receive printouts featuring a variety of gardening tips, she says.

"Three years ago we did an environmentally-friendly garden tour," Chappell says. "Visitors received tips on how to manage their gardens without pesticides. We have an organic garden on board this year too."

A soil tester will be located at one of the gardens and soil testing will be provided free of charge.

This year's tour will feature five gar-

dens in Capreol and four in Valley East. The event is one of several fundraisers for the Northern Ontario Railroad and Heritage Centre in Capreol.

The tour attracts about 150 people every year and raises on average about \$1,500 for the museum, which is a non-profit, non-funded organization.

The tour takes place from 10:30 am to 3 pm and is the kick-off event for the annual Blueberry Festival.

Garden passports/maps can be purchased for \$10 at the museum, or at a number of venues in the Greater Sudbury region. Contact the museum at 858-5050 for ticket locations.

Chappell is also looking to recruit new participants for the 2004 garden tour. Anyone interested in participating can contact Chappell at 858-3859.

The museum will also be holding a Heritage Quilt Walk fundraiser Aug. 2 and 3 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Trinity United Church in Capreol.

On display will be quilts from as early as the 1880s, books, needlework, quilting frames and patterns from 1930s to present day. Tickets for the event can be obtained through the museum.



LINDA THOMPSON, a Capreol resident, is one of several Capreol and Valley East residents participating in an upcoming garden tour.