

Field Trip: Central Experimental Farm – June 11, 2011

At our May monthly meeting, the GGG members were treated to a presentation by **Edythe Falconer** on Roses, specifically the *Roses of the Central Exeperimental Farm* and as part two of this treat, our 2011 Field Trip took us to the Central Experimental Farm (CEF) to learn more about these Roses from Edythe.

During the field trip, we learned that pruning was an ongoing task, and that this year the CEF Roses were subject to some new challenges, specifically insect pests. Edythe showed us how some of these pests bore into the flowers in the bud stage and effectively destroy that flower.

Following our visit to the CEF Rose Gardens, Edythe provide a list of '*Pests and Diseases of Roses*'.

The sixteen members who participated in the field trip this year enjoyed Edythe's hand s on insight into the challenges and rewards of growing roses here in the Ottawa area. The experience was enjoyed by those present, and we would like to thank Edythe for her time spent with us on one of the first really 'hot' days of the late spring.

