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(doors open at the Lions Community Centre open at 6:30pm)



"Growing Berries: Haskap and other Small Fruit"

James & Audrey Pott

Meet James and Audrey Pott, owners and operators of Palliser Downs, a successful U-pick operation near Foxboro. They grow strawberries, haskap, Saskatoon berries, goji berries and all berries in between. Cherries, both sweet and tart, currants, jostaberries and autumn berries too. Last on the list (but not least!) are white & red wine grapes as well as a variety of blue, white and pink seedless table grapes. Their journey has not been smooth sailing, but with perseverance, hard work and many life-plan revisions, the Potts

have made the most of retirement, using their farm to promote the ideals of sustainable and organic agricultural practices and regional food security and inspiring other farmers to do the same.

President's Message

And what a great show it was! An amazing effort from some amazing volunteers. There are lots of kudos being offered later in this newsletter, so please do keep reading. The fun doesn't stop with the PHS. Upcoming events include the Fleming Park Cleanup on Saturday April 22 and the much anticipated PHS Plant Sale on Saturday May 13. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both events. At this time of year, the Board also starts to consider speakers for the 2018 year. If you have a suggestion, please let me know – mjpilgrim@live.ca

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

Fleming Park

Hi All Garden Enthusiasts... it sure looks like spring out there, and if you're like me, you can't wait to get your knees and hands dirty! In past years we have Fleming Park Clean-up on the Saturday following Earth day. This year Earth day falls on Saturday April 22, so we will celebrate by cleaning up from 9:30am to approximately 11:00am.

I invite new members to join our regulars to make this all happen. Bring your rakes, gloves and pruners and come help us get the Park ready for Canada's 150th Birthday. The 700 red and white tulips planted the fall of 2015 will be doing double-duty this Spring. Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday!

❖ **Annie English, Greg and Lorraine Barrow, Susan Leask**



LUGAMUG: Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your **Name Tag** to our meeting.

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Community Beautification Grants

Elane and Pat and their crew have received 14 applications (Wow!) for community projects and are currently going through to determine just how many people we can help. Interest is growing every year, which is amazing! The money we raised (in part) from the 2016 garden show goes to funding these grants as well as scholarship funds. Successful applicants will be presented their money at the May general meeting.

❖Elane Kalavrias, Pat Lounsbury and crew.

Hospitality

We have a great kitchen facility at our new meeting place, The Lions Club on Burnham St. The staff has been so accommodating and helpful.

❖Annie English

Flower Show

Reminder... our first flower show of the year will take place at our May meeting. Please consult your yearbook for details/times. We hope that the weather cooperates and that we get many, many lovely entries! From your flower show committee.

❖Shaun Pyper

Membership

We have 3 new members who signed up at the show and several more who expressed interest in coming to a meeting.

BOOKS SOLD AT THE GARDEN SHOW:

Thanks to all who donated garden books from their own bookshelves. We sold almost all of them and brought in almost \$500. This money will go into our professional development fund.

❖Cauleen Viscoff



Spring Plant Sale

May 13, 2017, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rain or Shine

Spring has arrived and so many plants have already started emerging from the ground! As you are cleaning your gardens please keep the **Plant Sale** in mind and dig out your extras, we would be very grateful for those! Last year was our best sale ever, let's make this one even better!

The sale will take place at Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St. West on Saturday, **May 13** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located on the south side of Sherbrooke, just west of Woodglade Blvd. The entrance is at the back and there is plenty of parking. The church will be open from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. On **Friday, May 12**, to drop off your donations. **WE NEED LOTS OF PLANTS** – as many as we can get! This is the perfect time to divide those overgrown clumps and the end result will be a happier plant. Pot up your extra plants a week or two before the sale and keep them watered so they look their best. Larger pots (6 inches or larger) sell the best. Please include as much information about your plants as possible – annual or perennial, sun/shade, height, colour, etc. If you have multiple plants you could use your computer, print the label and attach to a popsicle stick or to the pot. This

could save you a lot of time and effort. Please identify any **aggressive** plants. If you have any gardening magazines, garden decor to donate please bring them to the sale.

PLEASE DROP YOUR PLANTS AND ITEMS AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bring any extra clean containers or garden trays to the April meeting to share with those who may need them.

Thank you to all who have already signed up to help at the sale. If you want to add your name to the list, please sign up at the April meeting. Each person who has volunteered to help will be contacted by phone a week before the sale. Our plant sale will take place rain or shine. Try to plant in 6 inch or larger pots. People want instant colour and large sells before small. We can also sell it for more. Special plants: If you are sending in plants that are special – i.e., named varieties, more unusual plants or a division of a plant that you purchased for more money – make sure we know! Those will be marked at a higher price. If you have any questions, suggestions or you were not able to sign up to volunteer at the meeting please contact:

❖ **Anita Clifford:** 705-748-0267 anitaclifford@bell.net

**Peterborough Garden Show:
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!**

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Congratulations on another successful Garden Show! Our

numbers were great again this year with upward to 6,000 visitors. The weather cooperated and gave us mainly pleasant weather - well, except for Thursday night's snowfall.

This year we received an award from the Canadian Garden Council for "Garden Event of the Year", something we can all be proud of as so many of us contribute to make this Show the success it is. We were also named as one of 150 Garden Destinations in Canada!

A lot of time and effort go into preparing for each Show and I would like to give recognition to the Garden Show Committee who meet monthly throughout the year to plan the Show.

This year's Canada 150 theme was very striking, with red and white rosettes suspended from the lobby ceiling, clusters of red balloons and a landscaped "island" complete with canoe, Muskoka chairs and even an imitation bonfire! **Dayle Finlay** is the creative head of the Decor Committee. Who knew boxes and burlap could be transformed into an island?

Karen Strano and **Susan Bowie** worked together to create the Children's Garden, an active, busy place where children make crafts, a floral arrangement and can play in the sand box, with the fairy garden, have faces painted, play at various centres or match provincial flowers with provinces. Every year the Children's Garden becomes busier and more popular.

Kathy Hewitt organized the Greenhouse Container Garden Competition with 7 participating local greenhouses. The number of people voting for their favourites was an indication of its success.

Calvin Stillman is in charge of our popular Vendors and Volunteers Lounge where he had homemade cookies, coffee and tea available in an attractive setting for those wishing a break. He also organized a very successful Vendors Breakfast Sunday morning with homemade muffins, fruit and his famous hot cross buns!

Linda Stedwill and **Etela Vojnic** took on the big role this year of Publicity and Media. They did a fantastic job, especially as a first time venture and they made sure that the Peterborough Garden Show was advertised throughout southern Ontario.

Cauleen Viscoff is responsible for creating and maintaining our excellent website with all the details people need to know about the Garden Show.

Pat Freistatter and **Rachel Burrows** were responsible for the Speakers, 4 each day covering a range of topics with both local and high profile speakers. Rachel also did the beautiful flower arrangements in the Lobby, the Speakers' Room and at the IGA Pad as well as the floral centrepieces for the tables.

Susan Leask organized the setup and take down crew and patrolled the two ice pads handling situations for a smoother set-up for vendors as well.

Deb Fraser handled the Advanced Ticket Sales, ensuring that rack cards and tickets were available at various places for early

purchase.

And of course, where would we be without the competence of **Claire Sullivan**, our hard-working and efficient Treasurer, to handle all the money transactions that go on throughout the course of Show, before and after!

Donna O'Brien and **Joan Harding** organized all you hard-working volunteers. 480 two-hour shifts!!!!

Most of our members were involved as Volunteers along with our partners, the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners. This Show could not take place without our many wonderful, friendly volunteers and is one of the aspects that give our Garden Show such a good reputation.

Sandy Spremo is our friendly and enthusiastic Show Coordinator who works year round with vendors and the many logistics to put in place for the Show.

She, along with **MJ Pilgrim** as President of the PHS and **Joan Harding** as Coordinator of the Master Gardeners have been my main support helping with all decision making throughout the year.

This is quite a team and I would like to thank all of you for your part in producing another successful Peterborough Garden Show!

❖**Pat de Villiers, Chair: 2017 Peterborough Garden Show**



Heartfelt thanks to all the PGS volunteers especially those who helped with the front entrance. From Signage to curtains, decor, ticket takers, scanning, traffic flow, ticket sellers, and behind the scenes - you know who you are - THANK YOU!

❖**Claire Sullivan**

Upcoming Events

- April 22:** Fleming Park Annual Cleanup 9:30am-11:00am
- May 13:** PHS Plant Sale, Westdale United Church, 9am-noon
- May 20:** Lakefield Hort Plant Sale, 8:30am-11:30am, Cenotaph Park
- May 20:** Omemee Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am-11am, Omemee Legion
- May 24:** PHS Spring Flower Show at General Meeting
- May 27:** Gilmore Street Garage & Plant Sale 8:00am
- June 6:** PHS Bus Trip to Whistling Gardens and Northland Nursery (14 seats left at \$60)
- June 10-18:** OHA Garden Week
- June 13:** Blossom Hill Society Garden Visit, 6pm – 4+ societies are participating... Treasure Hunt!



A Special Thanks:

Our garden show is successful because it is about more than what our visitors see, taste or experience. Its success is about what goes on behind the scenes. For me as a volunteer, I want to express my appreciation for those folks we were lucky enough to work alongside, and whose names rarely make any public list.

Not only is it the number of hours they signed up for, but their cheerfulness; their willingness to spend hours beyond what they signed up for and their commitment to make the show work: it's their passion and love for the show that shows how much we care about our visitors' experience; that is what drives this passion.

For those of you who schlepped boxes and bits and pieces that made no sense till they were put together; for those who made it all work; for those who showed up at all hours of the early morning or stayed later till all was done; for those who made a joke when a groan would have felt better and for those who did what needed to be done when it was needed, thanks for letting Jen and me be part of such a great team.

❖**Cauleen Viscoff and Jen Bird**

Barnyard Gold

What is it and why might you be interested? Worms love it, and weeds don't. But on top of that, it is horse and poultry manure and straw. Some of us have used this product under another name: "Nincompoop" and had great success. As we have a large membership, we find ourselves in the position of using our numbers for buying power; to give our members a deal. This is one of those occasions where we have negotiated a price break to our members - less than retail.



Please look at the web site - www.dirtcheap.ca and if you would like to place an order, there will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting next week. Depending on the number of orders, the price could vary. But it will be less than retail.



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PLANTS FOR PARKINSON'S SALE SATURDAY, MAY 27, 8:00 AM 480 GILMOUR ST. (part of the Giant Annual Gilmour St. Sale)

You are invited to join the fun and come by to pick up some plants.

There will also be bacon on a bun, hamburgers or hot dogs, as well as coffee and baking to purchase.

Master Gardeners are invited to help price, identify and sell plants.

Call Vivian for more information. 705-743-4628

Transition Town Peterborough Presents... Permaculture & Resilient Gardens

Class I: Soil, Compost, Worms & Mulch Wed. April 19; 6:00-8:00pm Learn how to build your soil, 5 ways of making compost, vermiculture and how, what and why to mulch everything.

Class II: Water, Weeds & Wetlands Wed. April 26; 6:00-8:00pm We'll discuss greywater, waterways, ponds and barrels, drought, controlling weeds, and managing your wetland.

Class III: Planting Guilds, Gardens and Design Ideas Wed. May 3; 6:00-8:00pm We'll bring it all together by designing guilds, herb spirals, mixed gardens etc. raise beds and much more

\$30 each or \$75 for all three! Kawartha Loons Preferred: Sadleir House, 751 George St. N., Peterborough, ON

Pre-registration Required Contact Andrea at connellandrea@gmail.com

Peterborough Edible Landscaping: Workshop Series Two

Join us in creating an edible landscape at Camp Kawartha's Environment Centre on Pioneer Road on select Sundays from 1:30pm-4:30pm

April 23: **Herb Gardens**

May 14: **Starting from Seed**

May 28: **Caring for Fruit Bushes and Trees**

June 11: **Weeds and Pests**

Sept 10: **Relationships with Ecosystems**

Sept 24: **Edible Landscaping Tour**

Workshops are \$15 each or PWYC. Sign up at campkawartha.ca/events

OHA Help Wanted!

The Ontario Horticultural Association has a couple of positions to be filled. If you are interested, please contact the OHA secretary at the email below...

- **Marketing & Communications Coordinator** (\$1500 yearly)
- **Webmaster** (\$1500 yearly)

If you are up to the challenge, these positions are exciting, fun and extremely rewarding and they would be an excellent way to accrue some valuable job experience and/or give back to the Ontario Horticultural Association. (Contact MJ at mj pilgrim@live.ca for copies of the actual job descriptions.)

The OHA invites letters of interest, including resume, from qualified individuals until May 1, 2017. Please forward your letter of interest and resume to Kelly Taylor, OHA Secretary at ohasecretary@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!! Kelly Taylor, Ontario Horticultural Association Secretary

Did you know?

- Some of your favorite fruits are actually in the rose family. Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, raspberries, strawberries, and more are Rosaceae, making them cousins to the long-stemmed Valentine's Day variety.
- Deer can jump eight feet high. They might require a running start to reach such heights, but a tiny fence often isn't enough to keep these garden nibblers away. Try a taller one, plant thorny or pungent plants as a natural barrier, or scare them off with lights or wind chimes.
- You don't need to be a dedicated composter to reap similar benefits. Call it cheating, but applying used coffee grounds, eggshells, chopped-up banana peels, and other organic matter directly to your soil (no composting required) can offer plants nutrients as they decompose. For already-growing beds, scatter and bury the items in small quantities within the first few inches of soil.
- "Three sisters" in gardening refers to the ancient Native American planting technique of growing corn, beans and squash together. In the modern garden we call this "companion planting", where each plant helps one another. Corn is planted to support the pole bean, beans help by fixing nitrogen in the soil to feed the corn and squash, and squash is planted underneath to shade both the corn and bean's roots. Together the three sisters grow in harmony.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

~Robin Williams



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Membership 2017

New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Date: _____ Rec'd by: _____

Single @ \$20.00 = _____

Family @ \$25.00 = _____

☐ Please indicate if you wish your yearbook (and nametag) to be mailed to you.

If so, please include \$5.00 to cover cost of postage.

☐ In accordance with the anti-spam law, please check your consent for the receipt of emails for PHS related information to the email listed or on file. Please add **ptbohortsoc@gmail.com** to your safe list.

Please print.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Please list the names of members who are included in the Family Membership.

Names:

Email Addresses:
