

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Wednesday, January 27, 2016 7:00pm



**January Speaker, 7:00pm: Susan Chan** is an advocate for native pollinators and is the author of "A Landowner's Guide to Conserving Native Pollinators in Ontario". She has made many presentations across Ontario to a wide variety of audiences on the subject of pollinator conservation. Susan has an academic background in agriculture (McGill University) and education (U.W.O.), including a Master of Science degree in pollination biology from Guelph University. Susan manages the Native Pollinator Program and the Farming Mentorship Program for Farms at Work. She is also an active ecological beekeeper, member of the Central Ontario Beekeepers Association, lecturer at Trent University and Fleming College's Sustainable Agriculture Program, co-founder of the Lakefield Farmers' Market, and owner of Ten for Joy Farm.

### President's Message

It's hard to believe that it has already been a year that I've been in this role. I've truly enjoyed it — but it's the membership that has made it enjoyable. I've received so many messages and encouragements from people that let me know that we're making a difference and that we're on the right track as a Board. In 2016 we aim to continue to provide you with top-notch speakers that can educate, inspire, and entertain.

We're making a difference with our scholarships, our community grants, and our dedication to Fleming Park. We're making a difference to our children, our grandchildren, our neighbours, and our communities with beautiful gardens that brighten our corner of the world and put healthy food on our tables. Good job, PHS members!

This New Year brings a few changes. The biggest change is that beginning in March 2016, our general meetings will be held NOT at the Peterborough Public Library, but at the Peterborough Lions Community Centre, 347 Burnham Street, just across the Hunter Street bridge in Ashburnham. This is due to major renovations to the public library. The meeting room at the Lions Centre is bright, spacious, and accessible. There is parking onsite and lots on the streets nearby. I think we will enjoy the new location.

As we begin a new year, I hope that we do so TOGETHER. Everyone who volunteers of their time and energy strengthens the entire Society. Let's endeavour to have a lot of fun while we're doing it! Make it a great start to a great year!

❖MJ Pilgrim

**Review of the Weather Cancellation Procedure:** If we decide to cancel our Wednesday night Society meeting, an e-mail will be sent out to all members by noon of the meeting day. Also, a notice will be sent to the local radio stations Oldies 96.7, Fresh 100.5, and Country 105. It is rare that we have to cancel but it is good to be prepared!



### Yearbooks

At the January meeting, you will receive your 2016 Yearbook. Tammy Gibson and MJ Pilgrim are our yearbook editors, and they have again done a fabulous job. Thanks so much, Tammy and MJ! You will find the yearbook to be an invaluable reference for dates and information all year long.



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

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## Garden Show Volunteers

It's time to get into gear for the 2016 Peterborough Garden Show! Mark your calendars. The dates are Friday April 8 (5-9 pm), Saturday April 9 (10am - 6 pm), and Sunday April 10 (10am - 4 pm) with Thursday April 7 for set up.

Each year we have over 100 volunteers for the Show so your time commitment is important to us. A sign-up sheet will be set on your chair at the January meeting. Please check your calendar in advance so that you can let us know on the sign-up sheet when you will be available to Volunteer.



We have a variety of jobs available. If you are unable to stand for a 2 hour shift, helping in the coat check area and vendors' lounge are options. We will try to accommodate choice of days and jobs, but we appreciate flexibility as Saturday (especially morning) is very popular and our needs extend over Friday evening and Sunday as well. It would be helpful if you could put your preferences and also indicate if flexible. Many members sign up for more than one shift which is also very helpful.

If you are unable to attend the January meeting, please contact Joan Harding at [harding@i-zoom.net](mailto:harding@i-zoom.net) or 705-799-5378 to volunteer. Below is a brief description of jobs for new members or for those wishing to try something different.

**Set Up** on Thursday starts at about 9 am and throughout the afternoon includes: getting storage locker items, moving to their places, assembling with cordless drills, decorating, signing out tables.

**Take Down** starts at 4 pm Sunday; it involves disassembly and carrying out to trucks. (The availability of a truck or van is helpful but not necessary.)

**Ticket Sales:** We look for people with experience as some tasks are demanding.

### **Handing out programs and taking tickets**

**Floater:** Approach vendors to offer relief for a quick break or to direct traffic flow in the lobby areas, answer questions

**Horticultural Table:** Promote the PHS, hand out rack cards, answer questions and interact with the public, and take occasional new memberships.

**Patrol** outside at peak hours directing people to appropriate lines or entrances.

**Coat Check and Volunteer Centre:** Check coats and/or parcels for the public. Monitor the arrival of volunteers and hand out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts.

**Vendors' Lounge:** Providing complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies for Vendors who are taking a break in an area separated from the public.

**Children's Garden:** Supervising activities and helping with crafts in a colourful and varied setting; parents must accompany children. Is anyone able to help with face painting?

Your admission to the Garden Show is free the day you work. The Volunteers are what make the Peterborough Garden Show such a Success! Thanks in advance & please join us at this fun-filled event.

### **Specific Volunteer Requests**

- The Volunteer Coordinator (Joan Harding) is looking for an assistant to help with volunteers and bus trip groups. Involved would be email and phone communication.
- **Cookie/muffin bakers for the Vendor/Volunteer Lounge:** We need about 90 dozen. Anyone able/willing to bake (and freeze ahead if necessary), please contact Calvin Stillman ([c\\_stillman@hotmail.com](mailto:c_stillman@hotmail.com) OR 705-743-1293).
- **Face Painters for the Children's Garden:** Any skill level accepted! This would be a good opportunity for high school students looking for volunteer hours! Contact Karen Strano ([kstrano@bell.net](mailto:kstrano@bell.net) OR 705 745-2740).

## Fleming Park

The park is sleeping. With all the mild weather we had in December, I want to be out gardening!! Maybe all the dedicated volunteers on our team feel the same way. Red and White tulips will add a splash of color in the spring. Keep a look-out for them when you are at the corner of Brock and Aylmer in early spring.

❖ **Annie English**

## October 50/50

Sally Rye won \$112.50 at November's 50/50 draw. Sally, I hope you have lots of fun spending the money. Also, we had 2 beautiful arrangements made at Greenhouse on the River for draw prizes. Donated prizes were a CD from our library and another beautiful arrangement from Greenhouse on the River.

❖ **Betty O'Toole and Margi Leeking**



**Note from the PHS Board:** Many thanks to Betty and Margi for taking on this role for 2015. We appreciate the time and effort that you both spent searching out colourful and festive items for the 50/50 draws which are a highlight at our meetings. Thank you both so much!! Cauleen Viscoff and Jen Bird have volunteered to step into this role for 2016. Thanks as well to Cauleen and Jen!

## Hospitality

It's fun to have a social half-hour at 6:30pm before each meeting, with refreshments and conversation. At our December meeting our members were so generous; a total of 10 scarves, 18 hats, and 47 pairs of mittens and gloves, were donated to Crossroads Woman's Shelter. Non-perishable food items that were donated topped the scales at 130 pounds. A big thank-you to all the members! Let's beat the total and try for 131 pounds next November!!

❖ **Annie English and Donna O'Brien**



## Membership Renewals

Yes, time to renew your yearly membership with the PHS. You get a year's worth of meetings (9) where we learn about a variety of horticultural topics from some great guest speakers, make new friends, catch up with old friends, and just generally have a good time. There's our lending library too, the 50/50 draw at each meeting, monthly newsletters (emailed), and let's not forget about the wonderful treats and

coffee/tea at each meeting. All this for only \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family membership!

Whether you are new to the PHS, or a renewing member, you can simply print off the registration form attached with this newsletter and bring it with your payment to the meeting. You can also mail it to us if you wish. Please remember to print very clearly your information thus ensuring that is correctly recorded to our files, and our newsletters can reach you. Hope to see you all at the meeting. Until then, watch the snow and start planning your new gardens! The 2016 renewal registration is attached.

❖ **Membership: Monica White, Cathy Lowes, Diane Raper**

## Beautification Grants

As you are socializing, please have a look at our Thank-You Board. There you will find the following.

- Three personalized notes that have been received from St. Alphonsus students. Michaela, Ruby, and Olivia have shown their appreciation of the grant money they received that enabled them to plant shade trees in their school yard. They took the time to write a message in their own personal way. That is true appreciation!

- A thank you letter from the Green-Up Ecology Park. They received money to plant more willow trees for their willow tunnel and also to create a prehistoric plants' garden. According to our contact, Marcy, the children researched pre-historic plants themselves as well as planted them during their Adventure summer camp. She also says that they will have a sign in the garden in 2016 that will recognize our society. Yay!
- A thank you note from the Bruce Johnston library. They received a grant to begin the process of creating perennial gardens surrounding their library.
- A thank-you note from Norma Evans who received a lifetime membership at our November meeting. (She so deserved it!!)

#### ❖ Pat Lounsbury, Chair of Community Beautification Grants



- ✓ 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 within the first few inches of soil.
- ✓ Got a cold? Green sweet bell peppers have twice the vitamin C of oranges. Red and yellow bell peppers have four times as much. Ounce for ounce, broccoli has more vitamin C than an orange and as much calcium as a glass of milk. Tomatoes are also an excellent source of vitamin C. One medium tomato provides 40% of the recommended daily amount!

#### PETERBOROUGH AND AREA MASTER GARDENERS ([www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca))

##### January Garden Tasks . . .

- ✓ Inspect stored bulbs and discard the bad ones.
- ✓ Clean, repair and sharpen garden tools. Wipe them with oil.
- ✓ Plan and design gardens for this year. Look at ways to add more winter interest and improve habitat for the birds... consider native plants.
- ✓ Try forcing some amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus.
- ✓ Order vegetable and flower seeds.
- ✓ Start slow germinating seeds, e.g., geranium and begonia.
- ✓ Inspect and treat houseplants for white fly, spider mites, and aphids.



## Upcoming Events

**February 13 & 14, 2016:** The Southern Ontario Orchid Society presents its 36th Annual Orchid Show at Toronto Botanical Gardens, Toronto, Ontario, 11 am until 5pm. OVER 30,000 ORCHID BLOOMS! 9,000 sq. ft. of Orchids, Artistic Displays, Orchid Plants For Sale, Gift Items, Art & Photography Displays, Guided Tours & Free Seminars, and a Tea Room. For more details contact [ourtropics@sympatico.ca](mailto:ourtropics@sympatico.ca), [www.soos.ca/Show](http://www.soos.ca/Show). Admission is \$12 for adults; children under 12 are free.

**March 11-20, 2016:** Canada Blooms, Direct Energy Centre, Toronto.

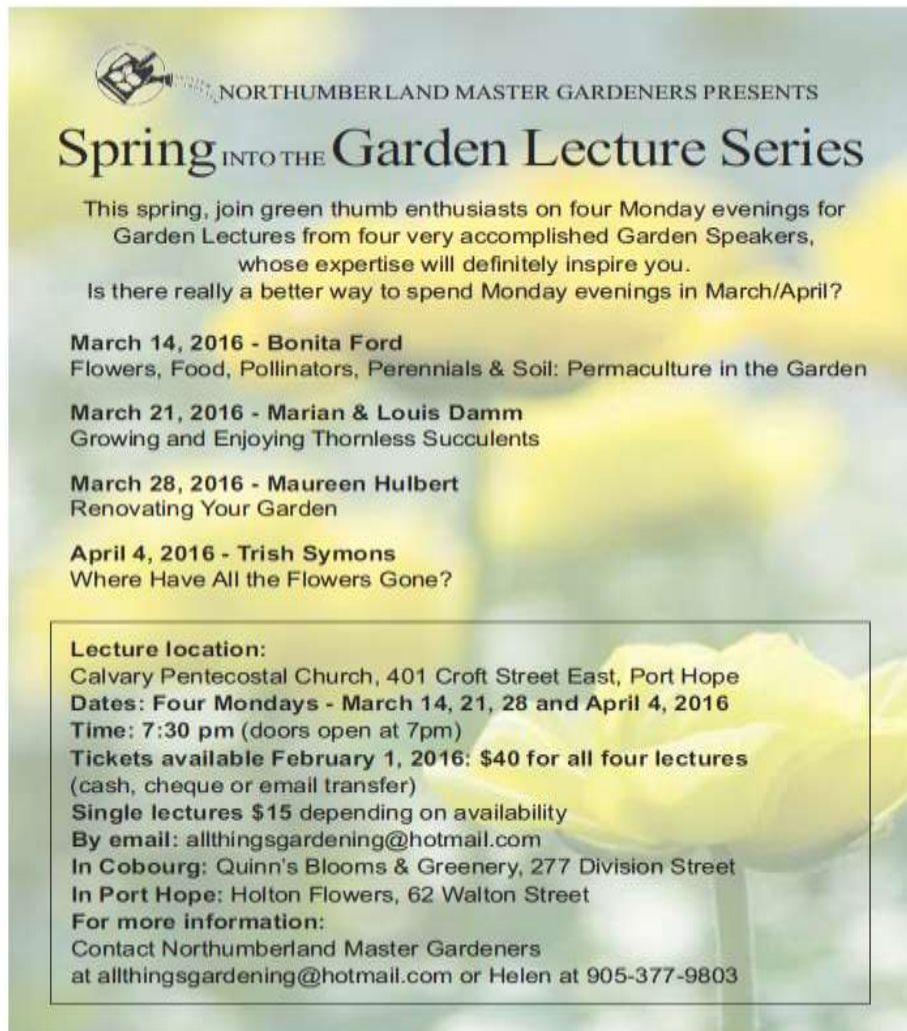
**March 12, 2016:** OHA District 4 Spring Get-Together, Auburn Bible Chapel, 911 Armour Rd, Peterborough.

**March 19, 2016:** A Day for Gardeners, facilitated by Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners, will take place at Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Ave., Peterborough. Watch for the registration forms on the website, [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca), at the Avant Garden Shop, or at Activity Haven.



## May 10-14, 2016: Northumberland Master Gardeners Bus Trip - Brandywine, Longwood, Private Gardens

There are still a few seats available for a 5-day bus trip to Pennsylvania and Delaware - Brandywine Valley - these spring gardens are absolutely phenomenal, and we also have the pleasure of being invited to some beautiful private gardens. Cost of the trip is \$750 which includes transportation, accommodations, admission to all gardens and some meals. This trip is open to anyone interested! Reservations continue to roll in, so if you are interested, I would suggest that you get your names to me - you really do not want to miss this tour. If you are a solo traveller, please do not hesitate to join us - we are more than happy to find you a compatible roommate. Please contact Helen Lackey 905 377-9803 or [allthingsgardening@hotmail.com](mailto:allthingsgardening@hotmail.com)

A poster for the 'Spring INTO THE Garden Lecture Series' by Northumberland Master Gardeners. The background is a soft-focus image of yellow tulips. At the top left is a small logo of a garden trowel. The text is centered and reads: 'NORTHUMBERLAND MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTS Spring INTO THE Garden Lecture Series'. Below this, it says: 'This spring, join green thumb enthusiasts on four Monday evenings for Garden Lectures from four very accomplished Garden Speakers, whose expertise will definitely inspire you. Is there really a better way to spend Monday evenings in March/April?'. Then, it lists four lectures: 'March 14, 2016 - Bonita Ford: Flowers, Food, Pollinators, Perennials & Soil: Permaculture in the Garden', 'March 21, 2016 - Marian & Louis Damm: Growing and Enjoying Thornless Succulents', 'March 28, 2016 - Maureen Hulbert: Renovating Your Garden', and 'April 4, 2016 - Trish Symons: Where Have All the Flowers Gone?'. A box at the bottom contains details: 'Lecture location: Calvary Pentecostal Church, 401 Croft Street East, Port Hope', 'Dates: Four Mondays - March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2016', 'Time: 7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm)', 'Tickets available February 1, 2016: \$40 for all four lectures (cash, cheque or email transfer)', 'Single lectures \$15 depending on availability', 'By email: [allthingsgardening@hotmail.com](mailto:allthingsgardening@hotmail.com)', 'In Cobourg: Quinn's Blooms & Greenery, 277 Division Street', 'In Port Hope: Holton Flowers, 62 Walton Street', 'For more information: Contact Northumberland Master Gardeners at [allthingsgardening@hotmail.com](mailto:allthingsgardening@hotmail.com) or Helen at 905-377-9803'.

**It is a golden maxim to cultivate the garden for the nose, and the eyes will take care of themselves.**

**~Robert Louis Stevenson**



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## Membership 2016

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.

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**Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash in the mail.**

Tell us a little bit about yourself! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS. Circle all interests.

<b>Regular Committee:</b>	Board of Directors	Archives	Bus Trips	District and OHA	Scholarships	Grants
	Fleming Park	Flower Shows	Hospitality	50/50	Library	
	Membership	Newsletter	Nominating	Program	Public Relations	
	Website	Yearbook	Twitter	Facebook	Computer Skills	
	Other: _____					

**Plant Sale:** Friday: Set-Up, Pricing and Organizing Plants. Saturday: Overseeing the Sale of Plants. Clean up.

<b>Garden Show:</b>	Set up (April 7/8)	Tear down (April 10)	Muscle	Trucks	Greeters
	Children's Garden	Admission Ticket	Committee	Cash Room	