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2013 President's Greeting

Best wishes to all members for health and happiness in the coming New Year. I hope you're enjoying the beauty that winter brings, either with outside winter activities, a trip south or just enjoying the beauty of a fresh snowfall and birds at the bird feeder. It's a tranquil time for Gardeners. a time to reflect and plan for the coming spring without the hectic pace of tending to our fast-growing weeds and gardens. However you may pass the winter months, may you find pleasure and enjoyment in each day.



I'd like to take this time to thank Dianne Westlake who has done such an exceptional job with our Newsletter for the past five years. With the coming year, we have a new Newsletter editor, Tammy Gibson. Tammy joined the Board of Directors last year and has been an invaluable asset. She has not only agreed to be our new Newsletter editor, but has also produced the new 2013 Yearbook which we will be receiving at our January meeting. In addition, Tammy is very active with the Garden Show Committee with all programs, rack cards and other printed matter. Oh yes, did I mention she still works full time! Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to both Dianne and Tammy!

Pat de Villiers

LUG-A-MUG

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



Dianne and Gary Westlake

After retirement Gary met and married Dianne, who had been a teacher in Havelock, and they moved to Peterborough to look after an acre of property on a hill overlooking the city. Ten years ago they decided to join the Master Gardeners on Dianne's suggestion (Gary likes to say that Dianne is the brains of the operation). Master Gardeners, are volunteers, who like to help others garden and in doing so they improve their own skills and knowledge. For a couple of years Gary was a Director on the board of Master Gardeners of Ontario, Inc. Dianne is the Coordinator for the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners. Dianne and Gary are also the Editors of the Master Gardeners of Ontario Newsletter. Both are past presidents of Horticultural Societies and Dianne is on the board of OHA District 4.



They use a variety of traditional and non-traditional containers in their garden to grow food and to add a splash of colour where it is needed. In this presentation they will share with you how they design, plant, and look after their container gardens.

50/50

November's 50/50 was another good draw: Donna Manley won \$116.00. The other prizes were supplied by Claire Sullivan (who donated a copy of her book) and 4 Christmas arrangements created by our friends at Griffin's Greenhouse. We also had specially marked tickets for 25 poinsettias that I purchased from Home Depot – a very colorful seasonal display. Thank you to all who play, congratulations to the winners, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.

Dawna Rhodenhizer

Library

Another year, another couple new books to check out in the Library...

Covering Ground: Unexpected Ideas for Landscaping with Colourful, Low-maintenance Ground Covers

Landscape Planning: Practical Techniques for the Home Gardener

Grant Committee

The PHS has received thank you messages from some of the organizations we provided grants to last spring. The Peterborough Exhibition Agricultural exhibits sent pictures of the Junior exhibits, Bridgenorth Beautification sent a thank you letter and Riverview Park and Zoo sent a thank you and pictures. We have a bulletin board where the pictures and letters are posted so you can see them. Spend a moment and take a look at the pictures at the next meeting.

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to all members who participated in our food drive as well as our hat & mitten tree at our November meeting. We received a great note of thanks from Crossroads (a shelter for abused women & their children) for the hats & mittens they received.

One-hundred and fifty-six pounds of food was also donated to Kawartha Food Share on our behalf and was received with much appreciation. Also thank you to those of you who helped to load it - many hands made lighter work!!

Coming Event

25th International Home & Garden Show

February 21-24, 2013, International Centre, Toronto.

We as horticultural association members have also been invited to participate in their Floral & Plant competition. If you are interested, please have a look at the classification forms etc. over by the "Thank You" board or refer to their website:

www.internationalhomeandgardenshow.ca



Winter Weather Warning

We have no control over the weather and rarely have we had to cancel a meeting. If cancellation is necessary, an announcement will be made on the radio and an email will be sent to all members who are on our list. If you have email, please check your inbox before you leave for the meeting. If in doubt, call one of the members of the board (phone numbers are in your yearbook).

Welcome New Members!

Margaret Higgins, Philip Kienholz

Membership

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope the holidays were a time of good cheer and fun family gatherings for everyone. Well, with the New Year comes the time to **Renew Your Membership**. Prices have remained the same: Single is \$15.00 and Family is \$20.00. Wow, what a great deal! (Can you name anything else that has stayed the same price for several years??) Please remember to **print clearly and neatly** so that your information can be recorded accurately, especially phone numbers and email addresses!! My apologies for the lack of the Membership Renewal Form in our last newsletter; I goofed. You can always mail your form with payment to our P.O. Box or bring it with you and drop it off at the Membership table located just outside the boardroom doors. The Express drop-off box will again be set up at the next meeting, as well the new name badges and yearbooks should be available for pickup. We do not mail these out. If you are away during the winter, stop by the membership table when you return to pick up your badge and yearbook (and show off your tan). Remember, you need to show your new badge at the lending library. Thanks, and tell your friends about us.

Monica White, Membership Chair

An Introduction To Gardening

*a course presented by the
Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners*



*Learn to garden from the ground
up in 6 evenings:*

Feb. 4, 11, 25, Mar. 4, 18, 25, 2013

www.peterboroughgardens.ca/courses



April 12, 13, 14

Absolutely the biggest and best local garden show in Ontario and it is operated by the Peterborough Horticultural Society and Peterborough Master Gardeners! Plans are well under way for this year's show with an exciting slate of speakers including Marjorie Mason, Paul Zammit, Dugald Cameron and Beckie Fox and of course our own Dawn Tack.

We have wonderful ideas of how to transform the Evinrude Centre into a garden wonderland and will need help in this area.

The Children's Garden is going to build on its success and there will be a celebrity flower arranging contest, more details to follow.

If you have any special areas of interest such as décor or media relations I would love to hear from you. Give me a call at 705 652 7754 or email me at rburrows@nexicom.net. Don't forget that the proceeds from the show allows the Hort. Society to plan great bus trips, bring in exciting speakers and fund scholarships and beautification projects in Peterborough and area. Let's continue to build the show's reputation by getting behind the planning committee and volunteering wherever your talents lie. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair

Garden Show Volunteers

It's that time of year again!

The 2013 Garden Show will be held Friday, April 12th to Sunday, April 14th. This year it does not overlap with Easter. At the January meeting the Volunteer sign-up list will be circulated. Shifts are set up for 2 hours at a time. Volunteers are needed for set up, take down, cashiers for booths, membership table, runners, ticket takers and booth relievers. For set up and take down we are again appealing for **"men with trucks"** and electric drills for picking up items from the storage locker and assembling at the Evinrude. This would be for Thursday, the 11th in the morning and again for take down on Sunday after the 4 pm closing.

This is a huge undertaking and we traditionally have about 100 volunteers, many of you taking more than one shift over the course of the Show. I thank you in advance for your generous commitment of time. It is one of the successes of our Show.

If you are not able to be at the January meeting to sign up, I can be contacted at 705-741-1101 or by e-mail at patdevilliers@hotmail.com. The list will again be circulated at the February meeting.



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Membership 2013

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New Membership _____

Renewal _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Rec'd by: _____

Single @ \$15.00 X _____ = _____

Family @ \$20.00 X _____ = _____

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

Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society.

Do not send cash in the mail.