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APRIL MEETING

Paula Anderson shared her knowledge and enthusiasm for growing organic vegetables. Don't forget to visit the Downtown Farmers Market for your fresh, locally-grown produce at the Louis Street Parking Lot which is located off Charlotte between Aylmer St. N. and Louis St. – just 2 blocks west of the old location. Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May 5 to October 6. For more information contact Paula Anderson at 705-745-3238 x 205 or email: pauladeniseanderson@gmail.com

MAY MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, May 26 when Dawn Tack will share 'The Evolution of Gardens Plus'. Dawn is the owner of Gardens Plus located in Donwood. Her nursery offers a unique experience with display gardens up front, green houses out back and even a mail order option with a web site. Gardening Life magazine rated the Nursery one of the 'Top 40 in Canada'. Dawn's focus is on growing low maintenance perennials so you can enjoy your gardens not just work in them. She always has lots of tips to share so come out and enjoy an evening of beautiful photos and fun.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library, Aylmer Street. The meeting will begin at 7:30. The PHS library will be open, the coffee pot will be on, sign up for a workshop or purchase your 50/50 Draw tickets. Look for the flowered hat.

MAY FLOWER SHOW

Bring your entries for our first Flowers Show of 2010 to our May meeting. All tagged entries must be put in place between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. Judging will begin immediately following. The Rules and Regulations and Categories are in your yearbook.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shelley Baptie, Katie and Colin Cassin, David and Susan Fairs, Judy Pearce, Valerie Pridmore, William Snowden, Mary Terentiew



50/50

While Dawna was busy enjoying her holiday, Sally Rye and Kathy Hewitt took care of the 50/50 Draw. The winner of \$101.00 was B. Snow Manning-Jones. Congratulations! Many of the other prizes were purchased from vendors who were at our garden show. In addition, a gift certificate for \$30.00 from Griffin's Greenhouse was also included.

LIBRARY

At the Garden Show, you may have seen a booth called 'About Books' from Owen Sound. Naturally, I did a little shopping for our Library and purchased Taylor's Guide to Ornamental Grasses, Gardening with Tulips, First Book of Ontario Wildflowers, Garden's Guide to Growing Hellebores, Herbs Rodale's Successful Organic Garden, and the vendor gave me a bonus, Lois Hole's book 'I'll Never Marry a Farmer', on life learning and vegetable gardening.

MYSTERY TOUR

ATTENTION Members!!

There is a change of date for this year's mystery tour. The new date is Sunday, July 25 and you will love the gardens that we will visit. Further information will be available at our May meeting.



REMEMBER TO LUG-A-MUG

SUCCESSFUL SPRING PLANT SALE

For the second year in a row we had a wet day for our annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 8. The heavy rain held off and most of our plants were quickly scooped up. Many thanks to our great volunteers who worked at the sale and to those who brought in plants – our tables were filled to brimming! Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

OUR THANKS:

Peterborough Horticultural Society gratefully acknowledges the generous bequest which was left by Life Member, Fern Rahmel who passed away in November, 2009. The board is presently considering the best way to make use of this gift.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANN GREER- WOOTEN IN ANN'S GARDEN, 815 VALLEYVIEW DRIVE

In accordance with her wishes, we will, hold our dear friend, Ann Greer-Wooten's memorial service in Ann's backyard garden on Sunday, May 30 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you wish, a donation may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in her name (cheques only please.)

DISTRICT NEWS

The District 4 AGM was held in Downeyville on Saturday, April 16. Omemee HS hosted the day. The morning was filled with the business of the district. Janet Moyser, OHA Secretary brought greetings from President Kees Stryland and the OHA Executive. The new District Executive was installed: Director – Rose Odell; Assistant Directors – Wendy Langham, Carol Mitchell, Dianne Westlake; Secretary – Bev. Silk; Treasurer – Lenna Broatch; Financial Reviewers – Sue Lajeunesse, Diane Morrison.

Following a delicious lunch, seven PHS members enjoyed a lively presentation by Vicki Taylor-Scott. Eleven District Appreciation Awards for contributions to the successful OHA Convention which was held at Trent University in 2009 were given to Lenna Broatch, Beryl Harris, Diane Hearse, Muriel Flagler, Anne Milne, Carol Mitchell, Rose Odell, Bev. Silk, Rodger Smith, Dianne Westlake, and Gary Westlake. Two special awards were also presented to members of the district who have made significant contributions. The 2010 District Service Award was presented to John Sellers of the CRAMAHE society and the Hazel Wilson Award was given to Muriel Flagler of Bobcaygeon.

ANN'S CAT TOBY

TOBY: IN THE PINK, ENJOYING A LOVING HOME

Since you last saw Toby in these pages, he has gained much-needed weight and now enjoys healthy skin and fur. Diagnosis: fish allergy. Remedy: duck based kibble. Over the course of this transformation, he has nestled into the hearts of Clifford and Cathy, formerly 'not cat people'. So he remains with us along with his life-long buddy Ben (Ann's beloved Golden Retriever) and also now enjoys the rambunctious company of Stella, our Golden Retriever puppy. Thank you for all inquiries regarding Toby. Clifford Ballantine and Cathy Forgie

GARDEN SHOW



The 2010 Peterborough Garden Show is over and for three days the Evinrude was jumping. The vendor area was filled and there were many not-for-profit groups represented.

This year, we had some surprises and some opportunities to initiate changes. Our first surprise was the missing divider wall in the speaker's area. This meant that the flower competition needed a new home and we took this opportunity to move it upstairs. Thankfully, the old elevator had been replaced with a new one and we were able to use a bright area overlooking the IGA Pad. Omemee HS, who manage this competition, took it all in stride and did another



great job organizing and manning the area. Our thanks to them for their efforts.

A new feature this year was a demonstration area in the IGA Pad. There was a variety of presentations which were well attended. The speakers' area, organized by the Northumberland Master Gardeners, was also well attended.

We wish to thank: Lakefield Flowers once again provided the floral material for the striking arrangements that Rachel Burrows put together and were seen in the lobby and entrances to the arenas.

Camlin Flowers donated 400 carnations which were sold at the show.

We also would like to thank the 90 volunteers from Peterborough, Lakefield, Norwood and Omemee Horticultural Societies who gave their time to help make the show a success. 2010 Show Committee

ROTARY DRAW

The draw was made on Monday, May 3 at the Holiday Inn. The winner of the trip to Buchardt Gardens in Victoria, BC was Peter Becker from Port Hope.

WORKSHOPS

Pruning Workshop – Master Gardener Rachel Burrows conducted a pruning workshop at Fleming Park on Saturday, April 24.

Showing Your Flowers – Wednesday, May 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library, Board Room on the Lower Level – Show-judge Toni Sinclair.

Vegetable Gardening – Sunday May 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Kathy Hewitt's home just outside of town. Directions to Kathy's home will be available to those attending by email or at the May meeting.

Herb Planting in Containers – Sunday, June 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Master Gardener Sally Rye at Joan Clairmont's home. You will need to bring your own pot, gardening gloves and planting tools. We will supply the dirt and plants. There will be a \$5.00 charge for this workshop to cover costs of dirt and plants.

Hypertufa Troughs – Sunday, June 6 – Master Gardener Sue Lajeunesse. There will be a cost for this workshop for supplies.

Dried Flowers – July 18 – Hazel Cook will take us through her gardens and show us how to cut flowers for drying.

All workshops are free to active members of our society unless specified, and any charges would be for materials only. In some cases, you are asked to bring items to use in the workshop such as pruners, gloves or containers. You can email me at bcfree@bell.net or phone and leave a message at 292-8485. Chris Freeburn

COMING EVENTS

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, June 22 at 8:00 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Rose Show

NORWOOD

Monday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Shades of Ireland – Elaine and Ron Scott

OMEMEE

Monday May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church – Growing, Maintaining and Using Herbs – Master Gardeners

MILLBROOK

Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – \$2.00 Admission at the door. Seeds of Diversity – Shelley Baptie

Wednesday, July 7 – The Naturalist Garden or Bugs, you can't win, so you might as well love them – Martin Galloway

Contact Wendy at 944-8912 or Joan at 799-5378 for more information

LOCAL PLANT SALES

Norwood – Thursday, May 20 – 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Highway 7 and County Road 45

Lakefield – Saturday May 22 – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lakefield Cenotaph

Ecology Park – Sunday May 23 – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Parkinson Society Plant Sale on Saturday, May 29 – 8:30 a.m. on Gilmour Street



Bobcaygeon – May 29 – 10:00 a.m. at the Bobcaygeon Curling Club

Lindsay Horticultural Society Plant Sale – Saturday, May 29

Millbrook – June 6 – 8:30 a.m. at the Old Millbrook School

EVENTS

Film Showing – 'DIRT' with Doug Kennedy – Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Peterborough Public Library.

On Russell – May 23 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 99 Russell Street West, Lindsay – Miniature Dwarf Bearded Iris Show and Sale June 6 and 13 – 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Tall Bearded Iris and Dykes Medal Collection Show and Sale. July 17 and 18 – 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. Daylily Show and Sale. For more information 705-878-5742 or www.onrussell.com

May 29 to June 6 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Lindsay Lilac Festival. Logie Park, Lindsay Street South and Logie Street. www.lilacgardensoflindsay.com

Garden Shed Market Place at the 22nd Annual Apple Blossom Tyme Festival in Colbourne – May 29 – 30 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Products and Services for the Home and Garden

Heart of Northumberland's 10th Anniversary Garden Tour Great Gardens Of The Ganaraska on Sunday, June 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets \$25.00 available after May 1. Call 1-888-278-2484 or visit heartofnorthumberland.ca

June 12 – 13 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 6th Annual Peony Festival at Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, 155 Arena Street, Oshawa

Art in the Garden is being held at the partners of The Garden Route on June 25 and 26. For more information contact Brenda Ibey at 748-0046 or visit their website at www.gardenroute.ca

Coneflower Festival at Old Barn Perennials – July 24 – 25 – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – 13794 County Road 2 (Old Highway 2 between Brighton and Colborne)

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN – MAY

PETERBOROUGH & AREA MASTER GARDENERS

- Harden off seedlings.
- Treat for slugs, aphids, and blackspot if necessary.
- Deadhead tulips and daffodils, leaving the foliage to nourish the bulb and to die back naturally.
- Take notes and photos of bulb plantings for later changes.
- Plant tender summer-flowering bulbs (gladiolas, cannas, and dahlias).
- Check trees for tent caterpillars and other insects.
- Stake and tie trees, shrubs and vines as required.
- Cage peonies.
- Wait until the last week of May to transplant tender flowers (petunias, impatiens etc.) and vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, etc.)
- Weed gardens and apply mulch.
- Top dress lawns with compost and hand dig weeds whenever possible.
- Seed flowering cabbage/kale outdoors..

Have your gardening questions answered. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca