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Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m.



KEN BROWN

Is a horticultural consultant, writer and photographer. He received his bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Guelph. Ken worked as the Superintendent of Horticulture at the Toronto Zoo when it was being planned and built, where he was responsible for the planning and planting of all the indoor gardens and the overseeing of the outdoor landscaping contractors. He owned and operated "The Plant Manager" an interior landscaping company for 20 years where he built and maintained a wide variety of public and private interior gardens. He also has a horticulture teaching degree from the University of Toronto and has taught a variety of courses through programs such as Durham College's continuing education program.

Ken is a certified horticultural judge and he is a frequent speaker at horticultural meetings and seminars. Ken's writing and photography continue to be published in several magazines and newspapers. www.gardening-enjoyed.com, his web page, is a great source of advice, tips and updates all



done with Ken's usual enthusiasm and humour. His own gardens feature a wide range of perennials, especially his Iris and Daylily collections. In a space of their own and interspersed throughout all his gardens, Ken grows a wide range of vegetables in some innovative ways to maximize the use of space.

He currently spends most of his non-gardening hours writing for his web site, www.gardening-enjoyed.com and e-zine Dallying In The Dirt.



SPRING PLANT SALE 2013

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale this year was held at Westdale United Church.

This is an ideal location to hold this event because we can set up the night before and not have to worry about the weather.

The sale started at 9:00 a.m. and by 9:20 a very large portion of our plants were sold! The plants that were not sold were donated to the Parkinson's Society.

Even though Mother Nature was a little late this year our sales topped \$925.40!

Thank you to everyone who supported this event by generously donating plants, and

garden magazines and decor.

A special **THANK YOU** to the following members who helped set up, organize, price and clean up after the sale...you were all awesome!

Annie English
Ann Nelson
Chris Freeburn
Donna Manley
Doreen Jones
Gail Deck
Gail Trotter
Gladys Fowler

Inge Buchardt
Julie Burch
Linda Bunn
Marg Hundt
Marie Doyle
MJ Pilgrim
Pat Lounsbury
Pauline Drake

Sally Rye
Sandy Spremo
Scott Bain
Sharon Carothers
Tammy Gibson
Vivien Falls

Plant Sale Committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Suzanne, John and Mary Liz Allen,
Betty Ann Anderson, Orian Bambrough
Elsbeth & David Boyle, Carol DeRosse, Michele Ephgrave,
Florence Lemieux, Johanna Peirson
Brad Steinberg & Phung Tran & Jack Steinberg

LUG-A-MUG

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



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Peterborough Horticultural Society
The Peterborough Garden Show

50-50

April's 50-50 draw was won by Toni LaPointe - \$111.50. A tidy little sum for spring plant purchases! The other prizes were a mix of donated and purchased items: a group of items purchased from our show vendors, including a carafe of maple syrup, a neck cooler, fun socks, and Chinese scissors. We had donations of a book on Clematis from an unknown member, utility bags and gift certificates from the speaker (Thanks, Dawn Golloher Tack), and a little decorative birdhouse from another member. I also found some great pots of pansies and other blooming things at Sobey's. I hope I haven't forgotten anything...

Next month's focus will be on live material and/or seeds and planting. If anyone has any ideas for 50-50 prizes, I am more than happy to hear about it.

Please forward your suggestions to me at Rhody.77@hotmail.com.

Thanks to all the members for making this such a fun thing to do each month.

Dawna Rhodenhizer

FLEMING PARK

Fleming Park never looked better in the early spring than this year when 15 volunteers showed up for the clean-up. This was the largest turn-out in many, many years and it proves that old adage that 'many hands make fast work'. In two hours we had the fallen branches removed, hydrangeas, Japanese willows and others pruned, sedums dead headed, grasses trimmed and shrubs transplanted to better locations. When the flowering plants start to show their heads we will move into general maintenance such as weeding. I would like to thank the following people for giving up their time on a Saturday morning:

Greg Barrow	Chris Freeburn	MJ Pilgrim
Inge Buchardt	Kathy Green	Claire Sanderson
Pat deVilliers	Kathy Hewitt	Karen Strano
Pauline Drake	Pat Lounsbury	Gail Trotter
Ann English	Doreen Jones	Monica White

We will continue the maintenance every week on Wednesday 10a.m. to noon starting May 1st and ending in September or October. Hope to see some of the same faces, or perhaps some new ones, at the park. Thanks again.

Kathy Hewitt

GRANT COMMITTEE

Has received a thank you from the Campbellford & District Horticultural Society for the lilac bushes we funded with the 2012 Grant awarded to them. All our thank you correspondence is mounted on the bulletin board over by the library cart, have a look at our next general meeting.

The committee is busy evaluating the applications for our 2013 grants.

LOOKING FOR GARDENS FOR GARDEN TOUR

Grace United Church is organizing a local Garden Tour Fund-Raiser and would like to know if any of our members would be interested and willing to have their gardens open for the tour.

The date is **Saturday, July 13th from 10 am - 4 pm.**

If interested please contact Pat de Villiers at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com.

JUNE CELEBRATION EVENT

Wednesday, June 12th from 11 am - 3 pm District 4 OHA will again be holding a June Celebration Event at the Navy Club here in Peterborough. There will be a buffet lunch and awards presentation. Last year 4 of our members received a 25-year pin recognizing their 25 year membership with the Peterborough Horticultural Society. This year we are "in between". No members on our records have been members for 25 years, but next year we have another group of 25 year members to recognize. If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$25, but the PHS will subsidize half of that. The guest speaker is Dalibor Tichak on "Indoor Cacti and Succulents". The theme is "Mexican Fiesta" (dress if you dare in Mexican style). All members are welcome.

If interested contact Pat de Villiers at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com.



2013 GARDEN SHOW



What a great success! We had so many compliments and favourable comparisons to Canada Blooms. Our attendance figures were up slightly over last year despite the ice storm and power outages. Thank heavens for the Evinrude generator. Once Claire returns from Europe we should have a more precise figure for you.

This is a show that has only one paid contract person in our coordinator, Sandy Spremo. Everything else is done by the wonderful volunteers. First of all I want to thank an amazing, dedicated and hard working show committee:

Susan Bowie – who comes up with such exciting and innovative ideas for the Little Green Thumbs Children's Garden. Representatives from other shows were impressed and keen to copy Susan's ideas.

Pat deVilliers – introduced and worked with BE Catering and Kyoto Coffee this year. The food was great and a huge improvement over the Evinrude's offerings. Pat also coordinates the volunteers along with **Joan Harding** and **Inge Buchardt**.

Eleanor Down - is a new committee member this year and organizes and runs the Rotary parking.

Tammy Gibson - another new member, is responsible for all the computer aspects of the show as well as all of our printing requirements. What would we do without her?

Joan Harding – took on selling advance tickets and worked with bus companies to encourage them to bring tours to the show. Great job, Joan. She also works with Pat organizing the volunteers.

Judy Harris – keeps track of our budget and liaises with Northumberland Master Gardeners who brings in the outstanding speakers.

Kathy Hewitt – does a terrific job during set up and during the show. She works with vendors; helps smooth our problems and works closely with Sandy, our coordinator.

Margaret Higgins – is another new member who joined the committee half way through the planning and did a great job on PR and the media. Margaret is bringing new ideas and suggestions to the group.

Marg. Hundt – came up with the innovative and fun idea of a Celebrity Flower Arranging Challenge. Anyone who went to it knows what fun we had. Marg. arranges all the informative and useful demonstrations which included the Scissor Man.

Our last committee member is our wonderful coordinator, **Sandy Spremo**. Sandy does a great job of recruiting and working with the vendors and the Evinrude staff. We will make a gardener of Sandy before too long!

Although **Claire Sullivan**, our treasurer, is not on the committee, we owe her thanks for keeping us straight financially and dealing with such large sums of money.

There are other people who were not on the committee who deserve special mention –

Cauleen Viscoff and **Kathy McMahon** for the lovely lobby décor

Carol Mitchell, our official photographer

Donna Hunter for organizing and running the floral competition

Gary Westlake for updating our website

To all of you, who put in hours of your time to set up, run and tear down the show, thank you, we couldn't do it without you.

This is a show that the Horticultural Society and Master Gardeners can be truly proud of.

Rachel Burrows, Show Chair



GARDEN SHOW VOLUNTEERS



I'd like to extend my warm, heart-felt thanks to all of you who so generously gave of your time to volunteer at the Garden Show. Many of you gave 2 to 3 shifts and there were many who offered more time if needed to make sure all areas were covered. This Show involves extensive use of volunteers and that is what makes it so personal and appreciated by both vendors and visitors. Thanks to you everything ran smoothly. I hope you all enjoyed both the Show itself and the volunteering experience as much as I did. After all, we do want to have fun and enjoy ourselves while there!

Some special mentions include:

Inge Buchardt - organizing volunteers as they check in throughout the Show

Myrtle Wilson and **Pat Lounsbury** - with their home-made cookies and coffee in the Vendors Lounge throughout the Show

Kathy Hewitt - a Show Committee member who was there throughout the Show from 8 am on starting Thurs to help organize vendor set up and oversee the smooth running of the Show

Pat de Villiers, President, Peterborough Horticultural Society

LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Our new year does not start until January, but we are aware of some upcoming changes with Board Members in the coming year so would like to let you know in advance that we will be looking for new members to join us on the Board. It is a friendly, supportive group. There are 13 of us including the President and the work is shared by different Committees to lighten the load. It involves a monthly meeting held at the library on the first Wednesday of each month from 7 - 9 pm, except in July and August and our December meeting which is a pot luck social. It's a great opportunity not only to be more involved and share your ideas but to get to know other Board Members better. In all, it is a very positive experience. If you think you may be interested please speak with Pat de Villiers or any of the current Board Members and you would be welcome to join us for a drop in meeting to try us out. Lists of Committees and Board Members phone numbers are in the Yearbook.



YEARBOOK

I would love to use member's pictures in the upcoming 2014 yearbook. Geraniums will be my first choice but I will consider any photo's emailed to me. If you have a garden sketch/painting you would like to submit let me know, we can make arrangements to have it scanned.



Ask Tammy



I have realized I cannot grow a lasagna, but I can make the sauce (better yet, get my sister to do it for me!) from the 'Lemon' Tomato plant I purchased at the Plant Sale on Saturday!

How many Marsh-Mallow plants do you need to plant to make a tray of crispy treats? If they get too much sun will the 'marshmallows' explode like they do in the fire pit?

