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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30
p.m. at the Peterborough
Public Library. Doors open
at 7:00 p.m.

Be sure to join us for our April meeting. There is always a lot going on. The library will be open and the coffee pot will be on. Tickets will be available for the 50/50 Draw, with secondary prizes purchased at the garden show. Our speaker for the evening will be Rowena Burns, co-owner of Burns Water Gardens in Baltimore, Ontario, which has been specializing in aquatic plants and water lilies since 1992. Rowena has lectured extensively about water gardening and aquatic plants in Canada and the U.S., and hosts several workshops at Burns Water Gardens and other locations every summer. She also writes about water gardening, with a regular column in the International Water Garden Journal, and her articles and photos have appeared in publications such as Ontario Gardener, the Limestone Gardener, Pondkeeper, Pond Trade Magazine and Water Garden News. She was the first Canadian Director of the International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society, having served on the Board for 15 years, and was President from 1999 to 2001.

The title of her presentation is Lands of the Sacred Lotus, a glimpse into the exciting gardens and water gardens in China and Thailand, where the gardens are amazing and fascinating. Burns Water Gardens is located at 2419 Van Luven Road, Baltimore and their website is www.burnswatergardens.ca

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

NANCY DUFFY, SARAH DUFFY



Joyce Higgs offered many practical ideas and inspired us to try Square Foot Gardening

MARCH MEETING

It was a different location but that did not affect the atmosphere at the March meeting. For some long time members, it was a shot of déjà vu. Many years ago, PHS met at Mark Street United Church. Even without access to the library and the coffee pot (the snacks were delicious), it was a busy evening. No matter the facility, we enjoyed a great evening, meeting with gardening friends, sharing a few laughs and learning. Joyce Higgs was our speaker and her presentation on Square Foot Gardening will hopefully inspire many of us to give it a try. What is better than eating fresh vegetables from our own gardens?

50/50 DRAW

Once again Dawna was enjoying time away from Peterborough. Anita Clifford was the winner of the cash prize of \$135.50. Secondary prizes were purchased at Canada Blooms with the addition of dahlias purchased at Home Depot. One loot bag contained items selected by the one, and only, Paul Zammit. Our thanks go out to Phyllis Scott, a member of the Gardening Group of the Women's Art Association who donated a garden journal and to Anne Milne who added a gift certificate for Ontario Seed Company. My personal thanks to Kathy Hewitt, who kept me organized. Dawna promises to return and take her job back. Hopefully she has not lost her hat on her travels.
Dianne Westlake



PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 5 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Rain or Shine**

The period of record warmth we experienced in mid-March has given way to more seasonable weather and before you know it, it will be time for our annual Spring Plant Sale. This year, the sale takes place at Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St. West on Saturday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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. – 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4 to drop off donations or you may bring them at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

We need lots of plants – as many as we can get! This is a perfect time to divide those overgrown clumps and the end result will be a happier plant. As you work in your gardens, keep our plant sale in mind. Pot up your extra plants a week or two before the sale and keep them watered so they look their best. Larger pots (6" or larger) sell 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 to donate, please bring them to the April meeting or to the sale. 'New to You' garden decor items such as decorative pots and bird houses will also be sold. Please drop these off at the church.

Bring any extra 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. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Julie Burch at 705-799-5402 or tyjulie34@gmail.com, Pat de Villiers at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com or Pat Lounsbury at 705-745-2134 or glounsbury@nexicom.net.

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 plants are marked with a higher price.

LIBRARY REPORT

It's Spring and to some of us that means a little 'spring cleaning'. As you may have noticed, our two library carts were jammed packed and some books were a bit out of date and tired. With the help of Cathy Fraser, Kathy Hewitt and Claire Sullivan, we did a major cleanup. Hopefully, this will allow you to view our selection more easily and find books that are a little more current. At the April meeting we will offer the old books to our members free of charge. There is one stipulation; they are not to be donated back!

Now that we have some more room, I purchased a few new books...*Small Space Gardening for Canada* (Lone Pine), *Canadian Garden's Guide* - everything you need to know to create and care for your Garden, by Lorraine Johnson, and *The Concise Guide to Clematis in North America*.

Pauline Drake

Reminder for the April Meeting: Return those library books that were borrowed in February.

CLEAN UP DAY AT FLEMING PARK

We need members to help to get Fleming Park (at the corner of Brock and Aylmer Streets) ready for another season. Traditionally, we do this every Earth Day weekend so we will be meeting Saturday, April 21st at Fleming Park at 10:00 a.m. – noon. Please bring a rake, shovel, pruners and gloves to work with. Come to the park, provide a valuable service and have a great time with gardening friends. For more information contact Shaun Pyper at 705-740-2411

DISTRICT 4 AGM IN MINDEN

The next District 4 Annual General Meeting will be held in Minden on Saturday April 21st from 9:00 – 3:30. Always informative and humorous, the guest speaker is Martin Galloway, presenting 'Plant Adaptations to Different Kinds of Environments'. It should be a great day.

JULY MYSTERY TOUR

Sunday, July 22 – more details to follow. Mark the date on your calendar.

**Don't forget to
Lug a Mug.**



PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

We do not have a full report from the Show Committee, (look for that next month)

The following is a message from Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair: I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers for all their time and effort. All the Show Committee did a great job especially Susan Bowie for her hours of work on the Children's Garden and décor. Joan Harding did a great job organizing and promoting the advance sales tickets and Don and Monica White, Ty and Julie Burch, and Pradeep Thanabalasuriar and Mary Jo Melnyk did a super job taking equipment to Lansdowne Mall and the Evinrude and then hauling it all back to storage again. And a huge thank you to Sandy Spremo, the Show Coordinator for a year of hard work.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Another successful Garden Show has come and gone in a whirlwind of activity. I want to thank all of you who contributed to the success and positive impact of the Show through your help. The Peterborough Garden Show is looked forward to and enjoyed not only by locals but by people who regularly come from Toronto, Prince Edward County, Kingston and many surrounding communities. We even had a bus load of Master Gardeners from Lanark County. One of the positive aspects commented on is the personal nature of the Show and that is you, our helpful, caring volunteers who help it to run so smoothly. This year I counted that we had over 175 two-hour shifts and that does not include the constant presence of Show Committee members. With our new initiative of selling advance tickets and having an exact change entry to reduce line-ups, we required even more volunteers. Need was estimated, so it was a learning curve. Thank you for your understanding when we had to make some last minute adjustments to some shifts. Special thanks to Volunteer Committee members, Joan Harding and Inge Buchardt. Joan not only managed advance ticket sales, but did the data base computer list of our volunteer schedule. Inge 'manned' and directed our Volunteer base throughout the whole Show. A special thank you to Rachel Burrows, our Show Chairwoman, who not only did our fabulous floral arrangements, but committed countless hours of her time in organizing and managing in such an efficient and professional manner. We are fortunate to have a Show Chairwoman of her caliber. Pat deVilliers

LOOKING AHEAD

Camp Kawartha Environmental Centre, one of our recipients of a beautification grant, has graciously offered a tour of their facilities. On May 16th at 5:30 pm, the Peterborough Horticultural Society members are invited to



Organizing Committee: Pat deVilliers, Rachel Burrows (Chair), Marg Hundt, Susan Mackle and Pat Lounsbury. Missing: Susan Bowie, Kathy Hewitt

have a tour of their building, wet lands and arboretum. It is located at 2505 Pioneer Rd. off of River Road N., just south of Trent University. The tour may be 45-60 minutes long, depending on numbers of people and questions that arise. *They suggest wearing comfortable footwear and suitable clothing for weather conditions.* Let's take advantage of this great opportunity. You will also get to see where our money goes to benefit the community! Information will be shared at the April meeting and on our 'thanks' board. Pat Lounsbury, 2011 Beautification Grants Chair

WE FEEL A ROAD TRIP COMING ON...

Sunday, June 3 – The initial planning is underway for a day of retail therapy, garden visits and some fun. We will car pool and visit some interesting nurseries and display gardens. Details to follow. Sign up at the May meeting or contact Sally Rye at 705-749-6135 krye2@cogeco.ca or Dianne Westlake at 705-742-9167 dianne.westlake@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

LAKEFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Vicki Taylor-Scott – Garden Focal Points and Garden Rooms – A fundraising event, admission is \$5, by ticket available at The Avant-Garden Shop. Contact Dot at 705-652-0684 or Brenda @ 705-743-0068.

Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Leslie James: The Edible Landscape

MILLBROOK GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Cottage Gardener Heirloom Seedhouse and Nursery. \$2 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information.



Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Rachel Burrows – Herbs.

NORWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Kerry Hackett, Medical Herbalist – Edible Weeds

Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Member's Panel: Questions and Answers

OMEMEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Monday, April 16 Trinity United Church, at 7:30 – Terry Hotner of Hotner's Garden Centre – Hydrangeas 101

Monday, May 21 at Coronation Hall at 7:30 – Malcolm McDonald – Growing Dahlias With Success

PLANT SALES

May 6 – 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Hardy Plant Sale presented by the **Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society** at the Toronto Botanical Garden Floral Hall,

May 12 at 9:00 a.m. – **Omemee Spring Plant Sale** at the Omemee Curling Club

May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon – Annual Spring Plant Sale at **Hutchison House Museum**, 270 Brock Street, Peterborough. Perennial plants, used gardening tools, garden ornaments and books on gardening. For more information visit www.hutchisonhouse.ca

May 17 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – **Norwood Spring Garden and Plant Sale** on the United Church Lawn at the intersection of Highway #7 and County Road 45 (at the lights) in Norwood.

May 19 – 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **Lakefield Plant Sale** at the Cenotaph

OTHER EVENTS

May 25 – 27 – **Lilacs of Lindsay** – <http://www.lilacgardensoflindsay.com>

May 25 – June 3 – **Warkworth Lilac Festival** – <http://www.warkworthlilacfestival.ca>

Saturday, June 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. – **Norwood Beautification Garden Tour** – Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from June 1st at: Norwood Home Hardware, Audrey's Bulk foods and More, Norwood Convenience, Centennial Pharmacy and Catsass. For information contact Marg 705 639-1419

Sunday, June 24 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Northumberland in Bloom** – The Big Sisters Big Brothers Heart

of Northumberland Garden Tour – Tickets are \$25.00, available after May 1. For more information: 905 885 6422; Toll-free: 1 888 278 2484; Evenings/ weekends: 905 373 4427 or 905 342 3888

ECOLOGY PARK

Opens Sunday, April 29, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Compost, mulch and trees will be available for sale at that time, and weekly thereafter. Perennials, annuals and vegetables will be ready for sale after the Spring Plant Sale in May.

SPRING PLANT SALE

Sunday, May 20 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., the Ecology Park is a plant-lover's paradise. Vegetables, native and exotic varieties of perennials, annuals and grasses, trees and shrubs can be found at great prices.

GARDEN MARKET OPENING DAY

After May 20 – Tuesdays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., as well as Sunday afternoons. For more information visit <http://www.ecologypark.greenup.on.ca>

August 17 – 19 – **OHA Convention** – Niagara on the Lake – details and registration forms now available on line at www.gardenontario.org Please see Pat deVilliers if you wish to attend

LOCAL WORKSHOPS

Gardens Plus – 134 County Road 4, in Donwood – Workshops are \$5.00 per person and all proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society

Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. – My Top Low Maintenance Perennials and Why

Thursday, June 28, 7:00 p.m. – All About Hostas

Thursday, July 12, 7:00 p.m. – A-Z about Daylilies

For more information visit <http://gardensplus.ca> or call 705-742-5918

Griffins Greenhouse – 3026 Lakefield Road (5 km north of Trent University)

Thursday April 19, 1:00 p.m. – A Warm Spring Welcome.

Sunday April 22, 1:00 p.m. – Earth Day Bring Your Own Container (BYOC),

Wednesday April 25, 1:00 p.m. – Bicycle Beauty,

For more information visit their website at <http://griffinsgreenhouses.com> or call 705-652-8638 or 877-647-4334