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LAST MEETING

Kyle Griffin shared his beautiful photos along with some very wonderful tips for improving our own pictures. This was just what we needed on a cold January night!

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, February 24th for a respite from winter weather. It is always warm inside. We will have our 50/50 draw and the library will be open. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30.

Speaker

Our speaker for the meeting is Cathy Dueck of Peterborough Greenup – Trees and Plants to Attract Birds and Butterflies. Cathy is the Coordinator of the Ecology Park and was the recipient of two Ontario Horticultural Association's awards – the Environmental Award and the Community Improvement Award. They were presented to her at the Awards Banquet at the Convention last July. Cathy is extremely knowledgeable and is a most engaging speaker. Come out and forget the winter weather.

Please be considerate of others during the meeting and restrict your 'visiting' during the meeting itself and don't forget to Lug-a-mug. It is good for the environment and for the Society.

Welcome new members

Doris Baskerville, Debbie Brown, Donald Finigan, Peter Haward, Gail McNabb, Marie Olver, Danielle Rourke, Van Rourke, Karen Thomas, John and Fiona Whitee

50/50

Doreen Jones was the winner of \$115.50 in the January 27th 50/50 draw. The non-monetary prizes had a theme: "For the Birds" – a variety of feeders, feed, and books on backyard birds. There was also a selection of little gadgets for the garden, and some small birthday giveaways. Prizes for this month came from Rural Routes, the Avant Garden store, and Dollarama. If you have suggestions for prize themes, please let me know.



Kyle Griffin helped us look at the garden differently and started us on the path to taking better photos.

Thanks this month to Kathy, Pat and Gail for their help with the draw. I couldn't do it without you!

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

In the event we are forced to cancel a meeting: If you have an email address, we will endeavour to contact you using this mode of communication. It is imperative that you check your mail box before venturing out in bad weather to be sure that the meeting was not cancelled. If you do not have email, you will be telephoned by a member of the phone committee. Joan Clairmont is the member of the board who is responsible for this committee and her number is 745-8268. Please feel free to call any member of the board if you have a concern about a meeting cancellation.

SOCIETY MEETINGS:

Mark the last Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December.) All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Library on Aylmer Street.



YEARBOOK

The 2010 yearbook is filled with information and Chris Freeburn did a great job of putting it together. Thank you Chris!

WORKSHOPS

Our first workshop for this year is on Houseplants – Keeping Them Happy and Healthy. Marg Hundt will show us how on Sunday, February 28th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at her home. We still have spaces available. You can call me at 292-8485 and leave a message or email me at bcfree@bell.net. It is on a first come basis, so contact me soon. For those of you who have already signed up, I will contact you with directions the week before the workshop.

We have also set up workshops for Tips on Showing your Flowers in May, Hypertufa in early summer and forcing bulbs in the fall. There are other workshops being planned as well. More information will be available as plans are finalized. Chris Freeburn.

MEMBERSHIP

At this time, your membership fee for 2010 is due. For 2010, the cost will remain the same as last year thanks to the success of our Peterborough Garden Show. A Single Membership is \$15.00 and Family Membership is \$20.00. You may send a cheque by mail to the Society's mailbox or bring it to the next meeting. At that time you will be asked to take a moment to update your contact information. If there are any changes during the year, be sure to send the information to Dianne Westlake. Having the correct information is necessary in order to ensure that you receive your newsletter.



No matter the season, Butchart Gardens is one of the most beautiful garden destinations in the world.

2010 PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

The 2010 Peterborough Garden Show is April 9th, 10th and 11th. There are some spaces still available. If you know of any potential vendors please ask them to contact Niki. The complete listing of vendors, with their websites when available, is on our website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca. Look for our road signs, print advertisements in newspapers and magazines and our commercials on CHEX-TV. The show will also be promoted in February at Get a Jump on Spring at the Toronto Botanical Gardens in February and at Canada Blooms in March. Remember that word of mouth is still the best form of advertising. So talk about the show to everyone you know and meet. Flyers and posters will be available at the February meeting.

Enter the judged flower show. The show schedule and entry forms are available on line at our website or pick one up at our meetings. Something new this year, demonstrations will take place in the IGA Pad throughout Saturday and Sunday.

The Rotary Club has organized a raffle. Tickets will be sold at the show and the draw will be made on Monday, May 3, 2010. The grand prize is round trip airfare for two to Victoria, British Columbia, two passes to Butchart Gardens and three nights accommodations for two. This prize has a value of \$3000.00. Second prize is an Ambassador Limousine Tour tour for four people in the area to stop at four local garden centres. Also four gift certificates of \$25.00 each and a lunch provided by Shish-Kabob Hut is included. Value \$800.00. Third prize is a three hour consultation in the winner's garden with two Master Gardeners (within 150 km of Peterborough.) Value \$300.00. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for sale at our March meeting so if you are not able to get your ticket at the show, this is your chance.

Volunteer at the Show

It is time to sign up to volunteer for the garden show. We need people with a range of abilities and interests and who can help us with a variety of duties – there is a job that is perfect for you! In the past we had a great response and we are counting on your help again. If you are a new member, don't hesitate, come out and see what great fun it is. Our volunteers are the main reason for such a great success of our show. So, please sign up at the next general meeting or call Etela Vojnic (749 0730), Pat deVilliers (741-1101) or Anne Milne (741 3995).



ANN GREER-WOOTTEN

Ann Greer-Wootten passed peacefully on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre after a long fight with her illness. Her energy was boundless, her spirit was infectious, her optimism kept us all afloat, and her love for this organization was as large as was her kind heart. She was the sparkplug for our Society and for the Garden Show for many years. Ann will be missed. Her request was to pass quietly with her family and a memorial service will be held in the spring in Ann's garden. The Society has created an endowment at Trent University in Ann's name. A deserving student will be awarded a scholarship each year forever.

PLANTING TIME

For all you homesteaders out there, it is getting to be that time of year to plant some seeds indoors. Food is getting more and more expensive and it does not take too much work to grow some of it in your back yard or on your balcony. Vegetables vary greatly on when they need to be planted. There are a few like Asparagus or Rhubarb that are perennials so you have to plant roots and wait for them to mature. Asparagus is planted in the spring and Rhubarb in the fall. Others can be planted as seed directly as soon as the soil can be worked (usually April). Examples of these are Carrots, Parsnip, Radish, Beets, Turnip, Rutabaga (winter turnip), Peas, Garlic, Onions, Lettuce, and Swiss Chard. Beans can be planted directly in the garden as seed but you have to wait until the danger of frost is over. Seed Potatoes are planted at this time as well. Brussels

Sprouts, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Broccoli can be planted early but they take a long time to mature so they are best started indoors ahead of the season. Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers, Squash, Cucumbers and Pumpkin are tender so they have to be planted after the danger of frost is over and they need a long time to mature. Therefore, they should be started indoors to get a jump on the weather. Many vegetables can be planted again later in the season.

Our website has been expanded with a new section on Growing Food at Home which has all kinds of help for the home gardener. .

You can find much more information on planting and growing vegetables on our website www.peterboroughgardens.ca. Look on the Resources page. If you have highspeed, check out one of the many links to interesting videos, such as this one on [Ruth Stout](#)

CANADA BLOOMS

Tickets are available for the Thursday, March 18th bus trip to Canada Blooms which is being held at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place this year. Everything is on one level. The cost is \$ 45.00 which includes the bus, entry into the show and the show magazine. The bus leaves from Coach Canada on Webber Ave. at 8:00 a.m. and we return back to Peterborough at approximately 6:00 p.m. The fee is due on February 24th (the date of our next meeting. Joan Clairmont and Gail Deck and myself will be on hand at the meeting to collect your money or sign you up for the trip. Call or email Sally Rye at 749-6135 or kar@nexicom.net for more information or to reserve a space. Come join us for a day in the garden.

COMING EVENTS

Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show
Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 at the Toronto Botanical Gardens located on the Southwest Corner of Lawrence Ave. E at Leslie Street – General Admission 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. A special time for Photographers only on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Admission \$10.00. Go to www.soos.ca to download a coupon for \$2.00 off the price of admission.

Norwood

Monday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Dianne and Gary Westlake – What Not to Plant.



Omeme

Monday, February 15 at Trinity United Church, fellowship time from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available at 7:15. Meeting begins at 7:30. . Speaker: Paula Anderson, Peterborough Greenup – Growing Vegetables.

Get the Jump on Spring

Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Toronto Botanical Garden at 777 Lawrence Avenue E. (at Leslie Street) in Toronto – mini-lectures and demonstrations along with a floral design competition, advice from Master Gardeners, a chance to check out local horticultural societies and to buy plants and products from a variety of vendors.

Millbrook

Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook –\$2 Admission at the door. Melissa Spearing, Bethany – Shady Tree Ideas.

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

Lakefield

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Paula Anderson: Growing Organic Vegetables. In addition there will be a seed exchange Decorative: Photograph "Stages or Seasons"

Seedy Saturday - Peterborough

March 13, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at St. James Church, 221 Romaine Street

Canada Blooms 2010

March 17 – 21 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Park, Toronto

Successful Gardening Show

March 18 – 21 at the Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Road - Toronto

Seedy Saturday - Lindsay

March 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Queen Street United Church. Admission is \$2.00. Lunch is available.

Heart of Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers

'Spring into The Garden Speaker Series' at the Calvary Pentecostal Church at 401 Croft Street, Port Hope which is south of the 401 and east of Highway 28 (Exit 464, Highway 401 at Highway 28

On Thursday evenings in March at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00), you will enjoy four excellent speakers talking about gardening. – Liz Primeau, Frank Kershaw, Marion Jarvie and Paul Zammit

Tickets are \$35 each for the series and will be available February 1st at the Big Sisters Big Brothers Second Helpings Store, 18 John St. Port Hope, or at two Cobourg locations, Jardiniere, 22 King St. E. and DGY (Days Gone Buy), 12 King St. E.

Tickets will also be available for mail order at the Big Sisters Big Brothers office on John St., Port Hope by calling 905-885-6422 or toll-free at 1-888-278-2484.

Brighton Horticultural Society

Tuesday, April 27 at King Edward Community Centre, 81 Elizabeth Street, Brighton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Brighton Horticultural Society presents Martin Galloway presents Holes in Leaves

THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN – FEBRUARY

PETERBOROUGH & AREA MASTER GARDENERS

Take stem cuttings of geraniums and fuchsias.

Plant impatiens, peppers and eggplants indoors.

Prune fruit and shade trees except maple and birch.

Check out the dates of garden shows.

Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is now open throughout the entire year. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca