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Next Meeting Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library, 345 Aylmer Street N. Our speaker for the evening will be Kerry Hackett, Medical Herbalist and Peterborough Master Gardener who will present **Eating Your Weedies**. Learn about which common garden 'weeds' can become part of your daily diet. Kerry achieved the UK equivalent to a BSc in Herbal Medicine after five years of intensive education in Herbal Studies, Medical Science, Nutrition and supervised clinical training. She also holds a diploma in Veterinary Homeopathy and has worked with both domestic and wild animals. In addition, Kerry is a member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists (UK), the Ontario Herbalists Association (Past-President) as well as the Veterinary Botanical Medicine Association. Visit her website at <http://kerryhackett.ca/>

With so many things to do, you will want to give yourself some time before the meeting. The coffee pot will be on and the library will be open. Dawna is always willing to sell you some tickets for the 50/50 Draw and of course this is an opportunity to share some time with other gardening friends.

JANUARY MEETING

Our very own members, *Joe and Hazel Cook*, brought us sights of summer within their presentation about delphiniums. Not only lovely photos, most taken by Joe but a few by Hazel, but also lots of advice and tips for growing those fabulous flowers. We also learned about 'sex in the garden after the husband went to work' (cross pollination.) Many thanks for an instructional, amusing and visually engaging presentation. Just what we needed on a cold January evening! Now we just need summer to arrive to visit Blossom Hill. I have just the place to plant some of those stunning white delphiniums.



Kerry Hackett, Medical Herbalist, will present Eating Your Weedies at our February.

50/50

Well, it was a fun evening for the 50/50 draw. I don't know how long I can keep giving these super deals on tickets, but it sure is fun to talk to everyone and have a few laughs. The big prize for January was \$142.50, won by a most worthy player, Mr. Gary Westlake himself. Well done, Gary – I am sure your wife will enjoy having you take her to a fine restaurant to celebrate your win – and hers! The other prizes were gift certificates from one of our local seed suppliers, Floribunda of Indian River, and from Vesey's Seeds in PEI. Our speakers, Hazel and Joe, also contributed a gift certificate and plant markers, which is much appreciated. Thank you, Joe and Hazel – someone is going to be thinking about buying those tall, gorgeous white delphiniums! Claire Sullivan donated a signed copy of her newly published novel 'Master Gardener'. (Thank you very much, Claire!), and to top things off, we also threw in some tickets to our up-coming Garden Show. I would also like to publicly acknowledge

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Kathy Hewitt's quiet, competent assistance, and her donation of a brand new ticket bucket. It takes more than just one person to do this job, and I really appreciate the help.

Any ideas for the prize in February? Suggestions really are welcome. Dawna Rhodenhizer

p.s. To the winners of gift certificates from Veseys: There is a new spring catalogue out with the offer of free shipping if orders are placed by March.

HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to Gail Deck and Joanne Heather for all of their help they have given me in making sure the coffee was on and the snack was out for our avid gardener friends over the last while. Please welcome Gail who will now be taking over the head of our Hospitality Committee for 2012 and I will be staying on in the 'helper' role. I am sure she is still open to any suggestions you might have. Thanks again, Pat Lounsbury, 2011 Chair

YEARBOOK

At our January meeting, our members received our wonderful 2012 Yearbook. Chris Freeburn prepared this great resource, filled with information and beautiful pictures. After putting the yearbook together for ten years, Chris has decided to retire. The entire society offers our thanks for these beautiful publications. Your effort and commitment are appreciated.

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

We have received a thank you note from the Peterborough Exhibition for our financial support we had shared with them in 2011 for flower exhibits at the Exhibition. They also used it towards enhancing their flower garden in Morrow Park. Hutchison House was also grateful for the grant they received to redesign and replant their heritage gardens. Gratitude was expressed by Fairhaven who was able to plant three pyramidal cedars and assorted shrubbery in their front circle garden, which was destroyed by construction. A thank-you was also received from the Ecology Garden in Peterborough for funding that was used to encourage gardening projects for children and their families.

Please have a look at our 'THANKS' board placed over by the library at our general meeting. There are pictures of all of these worthwhile projects.

Remember that the grant money was earned through our hard work and some of the profit received from the 2011 Garden Show! Pat Lounsbury, 2011 Chair

Welcome New Members

Greg Barrow, Lorraine Barrow, Toni LaPointe, Mary-Jo Melnyk, David Retallick, Pradeep Thanabalasuriar

GARDEN SHOW

Spread the word, the biggest and best Garden Show in central Ontario is coming very soon! Come and enjoy a taste of spring at the Evinrude Centre on April 5, 6 and 7, over the Easter weekend. The Organizing Committee is hard at work arranging the finishing touches and you will not be disappointed. With lots of new and returning exhibitors, speakers, demonstrations, a flower show, children's garden area and more, it will be another fabulous event. This will be the 12th year for the show so let's make it bigger and better than ever. It is extremely important to spread the word. Rack cards and posters will be available at the February meeting. Take some and display the posters wherever people congregate; at your workplace, on community bulletin boards, etc. Make like Hansel and Gretel and leave your breadcrumbs (rack cards) wherever you go, the hairdresser, doctor's or dentist's offices, restaurants or coffee shops, etc. Keep some in your car so you have them handy when you need them.

We Need You

Remember that the profits from the show ensure that the members of Peterborough Horticultural Society have great monthly speakers, workshops, garden tours, etc. without an increase in annual membership fees. It also enables us to provide scholarships and funding for beautification projects in Peterborough and Area. To ensure that things run smoothly, we need lots of volunteers to help out with a variety of activities, from set up to take down. There is a job that YOU can do so please volunteer a few hours of your time. Be sure to get your name on the list at the meeting or contact Pat deVilliers at pat-devilliers@hotmail.com or 705-741-1101.

Flower Show

Consider placing an entry or two (or more) in the Flower Show. Omemee Horticultural Society is organizing this portion of the programme again this year. This show has grown over the years. It just gets bigger and better! Categories include houseplants, orchids and cacti and design. Take a look and share your creativity.

Skip the Lineup!

Advance sales tickets will be available at the February meeting so be sure to purchase yours. Advance sales tickets will allow holders to bypass the long lineups and go in a special entrance. The tickets are also available at Titles, Avant Garden and Lakefield Flowers. Continued on page 3



Check out the website at <http://peterboroughgardens.ca/Showhome.html> for the list of exhibitors, speakers, demonstrations, the rules and application for the Flower Show and other information. Rachel Burrows

SPRING PLANT SALE

Our Annual Spring Plant sale is being held on Saturday, May 5th at Westdale United Church, Sherbrooke Street just east of Brealey. Be sure to mark your calendars. Please change the date on page 31 of your yearbook. While we usually have many perennials at the sale we also sell other plants e.g. vegetables, annuals, shrubs, houseplants, etc. If you are planning on starting seeds or taking cuttings, please consider doing a few extra for our sale. Watch for more information in our March newsletter.

PLANNING AHEAD!

For your 2013 Yearbook, I would like to do a collage of members' Red geraniums. This is a heads up so everyone can buy red ones and take lots of High Resolution photos. Send them to: tammygibs@hotmail.com and use the subject line: 'Yearbook Collage'. Tammy Gibson

PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD

This permanent award at Trent University was established in the fall of 2008 by the PHS and in honour of Ann Greer-Wooten, Past President. The award is funded through the interest earned on the original endowment. The first awards were presented in 2011. Daniel Radoslav received \$650 and Adam Mueller received \$1000. Both students are majoring in Environmental and Resource Sciences. Congratulations to both recipients.

LIBRARY

Something old...a few older additions but still good resource books: '**Rodale's No Fail Flower Garden, How to Plan, Plant and Grow**', '**Garden Ideas**' (lots of photos), and '**The Traditional Garden Book**'. And something new... '**Annuals & Perennials – a Gardener's Encyclopedia**' (over 1300 plants), and '**The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener**' – how to grow your own food 365 days a year, no matter where you live!

*Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. on PBS (18 with Cogeco) there are two garden programmes – **Garden Smart** followed by the **Victory Garden**.*

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THE MARCH MARCH MEETING

The March 28th meeting will be held at **Mark Street United Church**, 90 Hunter St. East in East City (across from Tim Horton's). Guest speaker will be **Joyce Higgs** and her topic will be **Square Foot Gardening**. NOTE – this change is for the March meeting only.

DISTRICT 4 EVENT

On Saturday, March 17 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. **District 4 Spring Get-Together** for all executive officers and members. Location: Peterborough Public Library. This is an opportunity to meet members from other societies of District 4 and share your ideas and experiences. There is no charge.

HUTCHISON HOUSE MUSEUM

The Hutchison House Museum gardens on Brock Street represent garden of Peterborough in the 1860's. The Garden Committee would be delighted to welcome any Society members who would enjoy being part of an enthusiastic group of gardeners at the museum. We have a wealth of resource material. If interested please phone Hutchison House Museum (705) 743-9710 or Betty Hinton (705) 745-1463

WINTER WEATHER WARNING

We have no control over the weather and rarely we have 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. 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.)

SEEDY SUNDAY

Peterborough's 7th Annual Seed Exchange will be held on Sunday, March 11th, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at George Street. United Church, 534 George St. N. There will be a number of vendors and special interest groups represented. For more information go to <http://urbantomato.blogspot.com/search/label/seed%20exchanges>

HELP WANTED

Riverview Park and Zoo is looking for some volunteer help to help with the maintenance (weeding, pruning, etc.) of the sundial garden and /or the butterfly garden. Tools would be provided if needed. For more information contact Krista Macklin, Groundskeeper 705-748-9301 Ext 2320 or KMacklin@peterboroughutilities.ca



HUMBER NURSERIES

We have received coupons for Humber Nurseries 2012 exclusive offer to members of Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs for 30% Off Herbaceous Perennials and 30% Off Any ONE Nursery Stock Item! Any Day of the Year, One Day Only Please see Pat deVilliers.

7TH SCHOOL FOR FLORAL DESIGN JUDGES, INSTRUCTORS & EXHIBITORS.

Plans are being put together for the course, which consists of six three day sessions with sessions being held in the Spring and Fall of 2013, 2014 and 2015. Prerequisites for admission are: evidence of exhibiting in at least two flower shows in 2012 and completion of a Basic Flower Arranging course. This course can be taken through Royal Botanical Gardens or Toronto Botanical Gardens. For more information, please contact Wendy L. Downing, 1000 Creekside Drive, Unit 401, Dundas, ON L9H 7S6 Phone: 289-238-8626 Email: wendydowning@cogeco.ca

COMING EVENTS

LOCAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Joe Cook – Choosing and Maintaining Your Tools

Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Paul Heydon – Wildflowers and Invasive Species

NORWOOD

Monday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Brenda Ibey – The Avant-Garden Shop – Attracting Birds to your Garden

Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Beryl Harris – Peterborough Master Gardener and Flower Show Judge – Flower Arranging and Preparing for Judging

OMEMEE

Monday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church – Paula Anderson – Community Gardens

Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Church – Brian Nichols – The Garden as a Therapeutic Space

OTHER EVENTS

February 24, 25 and 26 at 700 Gardiners Road, Kingston – **Kingston Garden Festival**. For more information visit <http://www.kingstongardeningfestival.com/>

February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – the first **Workshop at Avant-Garden**. Local author Claire Sullivan will read passages from her book "Master Gardener" while an herbalist relates her stories through herbs.

March 1, 2, 3 and 4, at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford – **Stratford Garden Festival**. For more information <http://www.stratfordgardenfestival.com/>

March 11 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – **Seedy Sunday** – George St. United Church, 534 George St. N

March 14 to April 11 at 7:30 p.m. – Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers **Spring Into Gardening Speaker Series**

March 14: Jack Kent – Working with Ornamental Grasses

March 21: Paul Zammit – Planning and Planting for All Seasons

March 28: Martin Galloway – A Naturalist's Garden: Growing Native Plants

April 11: Sonia Day – Our Love Affair with Plants

Location: Calvary Pentecostal Church, 401 Croft Street, Port Hope. Dates: – March 14, 21, 28 and April 11, Tickets are limited. For more information: Call NBSBB - 905 885 6422, toll free 1 888 278 2484 or contact Helen Lackey - 905 377 9803, wlackey@cogeco.ca

March 16 – 25 – **Canada Blooms** at the Direct Energy Centre, Toronto

March 17 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Peterborough Public Library. **District 4 Spring Get-Together** for all executive officers and members. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, April 1 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Hosta Forum** at Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington More information vanessa.chaborek@gmail.com. or 905-269-2430

April 12 – 15 – **Success with Gardening Show** at the International Centre, Toronto

June 9 and 10 – **Through the Garden Gate – Resplendent Rosedale** torontobotanicalgardens.ca

June 24 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – **Northumberland in Bloom** – The Big Sisters Big Brothers Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour