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Matthew Logan - "Emerald Ash Borer"

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A native of Lakefield, Ontario, Matthew Logan has been in the arboriculture industry since 2001. He graduated from the arboriculture program at Fleming College in 2003. In subsequent years, Matthew has become a **Certified Arborist, Tree Worker and Tree Risk Assessor** through the <u>International Society of Arboriculture</u> and has focused his interests on arboriculture safety and proper practises. Matthew is a trainer for <u>Arboriculture Canada Training and Education</u>, a nationwide arborist training company focusing on safety and innovation. He also instructs Arborist Theory at Humber College and is a columnist for <u>Ontario Arborist</u> trade magazine.

With a large support group of friends, family, and his fellow brothers and sisters in arboriculture, Matthew feels very lucky to be able to pursue his goals and to offer his services and abilities to others. Matthew lives in the Buckhorn area with his wife Tracy and daughter Emma. Together they enjoy camping, canoeing and other outdoor activities that the Kawartha Region has to offer.



50-50

For January congratulations to **Dawn Macklin** for winning **\$87.00** the cash portion of the 50/50 draw. Other prizes included a copper basket, butterfly bath and book, 2 jars of herbs & a cookbook and 2 Ontario Gardeners Guide books.

❖Margi Leeking & Betty O'Toole





President's Message

Thoughts of Spring are sneaking into different forms of media these days. Seed catalogues, seed exchanges, pictures and ideas on Facebook and Twitter -- and they're all pointing to my favourite season of all -- Spring. I have to admit that I am awed that every plant remembers what it is supposed to look like after the long, cold winter, and that they are all so unique. We have some great months to look forward to.

The Garden Show is just around the corner. Each year we have about 100 volunteers with many of you doing multiple shifts. Remember that it's "OUR" show. The Hort Society and the Master Gardeners have worked together for years to develop, promote and operate this show. There is an amazing amount of pride and satisfaction involved. I would encourage as many of you as possible to volunteer for at least one shift. After the first one, you'll be hooked too! Look in the other sections of this newsletter for volunteer contact information.

A big WELCOME to our new members. There were many who

joined us in January for the first time, and some that reconnected with us after some time away. Welcome, welcome, welcome. We do try to make the general meetings interesting, informative, and fun. I would also encourage you to wear your nametags. I'd like to get to know everyone by name, but need a little help that way.

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As always, if anyone has any suggestions for the Society, I'll be happy to receive them. Call me at (705) 652 6993 or email me at mjpilgrim@live.ca.

♦MJ (Mary-Jane) Pilgrim



New Email for all areas of the PHS

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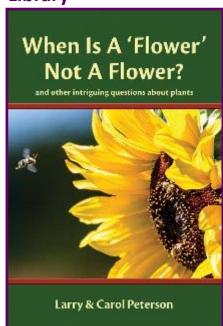
Please add to your safe list!

LUG-A-MUG

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



Library



New in the Library...

"When Is A Flower Not a Flower? and other intriguing questions about plants" by Larry & Carol Peterson (University of Guelph) - a straightforward book because it takes common observations of plants and presents scientific explanations for all to understand. The book is in a question and answer format, and each answer is accompanied by highquality images.

♦Pauline Drake

Large Plastic Platters and Lids

Please bring any large plastic platters and lids you have collected as well as to keep collecting them.

❖Dayle Finlay

Grants for Beautification

Community Beautification Grants – Reminder
Applications for our Community Beautification Grants are due April 1, 2015.

For new members who may not be familiar with the process....some of our surplus funds from our previous years successful garden show is used to share with non- profit organizations for worthwhile gardening projects. Applications are available on our website on the Peterborough Horticultural tab for Scholarships & Grants. We aim to continue to share what we can so pass the word

Any questions, feel free to call me, (705-745-2134)

❖Pat Lounsbury, Chair

February Flower

British Style

Violet - Faithfulness, Wisdom and Hope. Violets convey the meaning that you will always be true. Violets come in shades not only of Purple, which is what people commonly think of, but also of White.

US Style

Primrose - modesty, distinction, virtue.

By Month Explanation

February: This month is associated with St. Valentine's Day and red roses. However, the flower for the month is Violet. The flower symbolises faithfulness, humility and chastity. Gifting violets in the Victorian era conveyed the message' I'll always be true'. The flower is found in shades of blue, mauve as well as yellow and cream. One must remember that an older English name for the plant is "heartease."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birth flower

Welcome New (and Returning) Members
Carol Allen, Earl Belsey, Susan Bowie, Annette Diamond, Mary Adrienne Fitzpatrick,
Anita Mahy, Carol Noonan, Sylvie Provost, Cyndy Richards, Pamela Rudolph,
Elinor St. Louis, Jean Wang

Guests -January 10

Weather Cancellation Procedure

In light of the recent bizarre weather we have been having, I thought it would be prudent to review the cancellation procedure for our monthly meetings. By noon of the meeting day, an e-mail would be sent out to all members. Also, a notice would be sent to the local radio stations, Magic 96.7, the Wolf, the Cruz and Country 105. It is rare that we have to cancel but better to be prepared. Hopefully better days are ahead!

Membership

Wow! What an evening! Thank you everyone for your patience while Don & I dealt with each of you. I do hope you weren't waiting in line too long. This is my fourth January in membership and I've never seen one that busy. More than 50 of you renewed that night while the more than 25 of you who had renewed early came in and picked up your name tag and yearbooks. We also welcomed 10 guests to this meeting and signed up 12 new and returning members! All this translates to a total of 130 members to date, including our 10 Life members. A great start to the year. Please remember that when volunteering at any of the horticultural society events such as the garden show or competing in the flower shows, you need to be a member in good standing with your dues paid; this ensures our insurance coverage. I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting

♦ Monica White

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26th 7pm-9pm Keeler Centre, 80 Division Street, Colborne,

Lone Pine Marsh Land Trust presents "Creating native and pollinator gardens"

March 1st 1-5pm: Seedy Sunday, George st. United Church, 534 George st N. Peterborough

Drop by to trade or buy seeds & to get inspired for spring! FREE!

March 7th – A Day for Gardeners hosted by Ptbo Master Gardeners, Choose three out of six demos/workshops held at Activity Haven.

\$30.00 Landscape design (Lee Edwards), Pruning (Rachel Burrows), Soils/Composting (Gary Westlake),

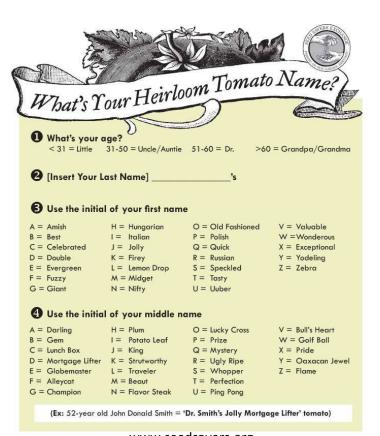
Forest Gardens (Cathy Hooper), Square Foot Gardening (Gladys Fowler) and Herbs (Kerry Hackett).

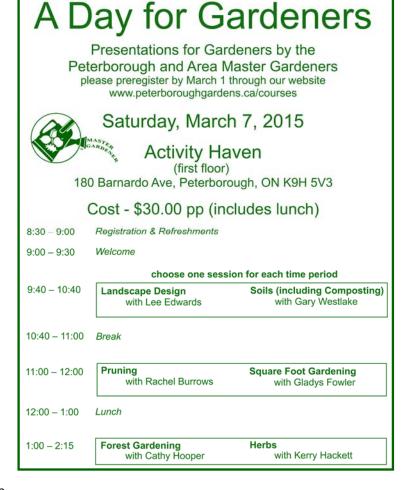
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April 14th, Paul Zammit, 7:30p.m. Diverse and Dramatic World of Succulents, The \$5.00 tickets for Paul Zammit are now available!

They can be purchased at The Avant-Garden Shop or from Emma Murphy at February and March meetings.

If you need tickets reserved please call Emma at 705-740-4676. Limited seating available so don't wait!!







For The Love of Gardening - 2015

Just to whet your appetite and encourage you to, not only attend the show, but to be part of what may be the most exciting show ever...

Here is what you have to look forward to:

Excellent, professional **Speakers**: learn new techniques and ideas. Check our new web site for the bios for our speakers and demos- come to hear them all.

The Horticultural Couture is back because the audience, the vendors and the models had so much fun last year. (Opening night *only*: Thurs. April 2 at 6:30 pm)

The Opening Night (Fundraising) Reception: inviting corporate Peterborough to get to know us and where our money goes while giving them an opportunity to support and sponsor us. Tickets are \$40 each; with appetizers and wine along with a silent auction: (Thurs. April 2 from 4pm to 5 pm - before the show opens) (Sandy Spremo has tickets - her info is on the web site)

New this year, is our little **Garden Market**; giving small market gardeners a table and an opportunity to sell their wares at a fraction of the cost of a booth. We want to extend our show to include local gardens in order to promote local and sustainable food sources. We have vendors with honey, goat cheese, veggies, local fudge and more.

The Children's Garden's theme this year is all to do with Bee's - pertinent as we have been learning about pollinators and want to pass on their importance to our children.

And back by popular demand (via our "suggestion box") we have our young people involved in **The Floral Competition**. Both TASS and Kenner students will be competing. (Upstairs)

As if TASS was not busy enough, the students are making garden chairs; bird, bat and butterfly houses for us to sell at the show. The chairs will have a floral theme along with some of the bird houses which will be decorative and the rest of the bird, bat and butterfly houses will have a natural finish so they can be used for their intended purposes.

As our **vendors** are essential to a successful show, we are again presenting their **breakfast** on Saturday morning before the show opens; giving them the same nice **lounge** with fresh coffee and goodies. And, at their request, we are closing the show earlier on Saturday - 10am to 4 pm.

Volunteers get in free when they sign in for their shift but please be kind enough to pay the ticket price when not volunteering.

Remind your friends to buy an Advance Ticket, they will not have to stand in line. Joan Harding has them (info on web site).

And wait until you see the **lobby decor!!** Dayle Finlay has an amazing group of dedicated folks who have been working for weeks now.... those **decorations will be for sale** at the information booth.

Together, we are a formidable group of gardeners. Let's make this show the most fun, the most exciting, and the most profitable.

❖Cauleen Viscoff, Co-Chair

Volunteer & Attend www.peterboroughgardenshow.com



Save The Dates:

Thursday, April 2nd. 5 – 9 pm Friday, April 3rd. 10am – 5pm Saturday, April 4th. 10am – 4pm

Thanks to all the generous time-giving folks who either signed up, emailed or phoned during January to help at the Peterborough Garden Show. Dayle Finlay is also very grateful to those who have been attending her Craft Evenings making Crepe Paper Flowers.

Over 100 Volunteers complete over 1000 hours every year to make the **Peterborough Garden Show** such an overwhelming success. We appreciate and need your help. Many hands make the load light. Please consider filling out the "Help Wanted" sheets that will be on your chairs at the next meeting. You can also email me at djharding2014@outlook.com or contact me, Joan Harding at 705-799-5378.

A variety of volunteer positions are available. **No experience is necessary.** Guidelines will be sent out to everyone & everyone will be contacted just prior to the start of the Garden Show to confirm your hours, who you are working with & what you are to do. Unable to stand for a 2 hour shift, consider helping in the Coat Check area or the Vendor's Lounge. We try to accommodate your choice of days, times, and positions but we also appreciate your flexibility as Saturday is very popular with a number of Volunteers. Our needs will extend from Wednesday through to Saturday evening. If you could **PRINT** your preference but indicate if you are flexible as well, it would be very helpful. Many members also sign up for more than one shift.

Listed below is a brief description of positions for our New Members or those wishing to try something different:

- Set Up/ Take Down Wed. starting about 9am throughout the afternoon, includes getting storage locker items, moving to their places, assembling, decorating, signing out tables, opening doors for vendors, patrolling the vendor area.
- Take Down at 4pm Saturday, disassembling, carrying out to trucks. (Available truck or van helpful but not necessary)
- Ticket Sales Members with experience needed as some shifts are very demanding.
- ♦ Handing out Programs and taking Admission Tickets
- ◆ **Vendor Relief** Approach vendors to offer relief to take a quick break or to direct traffic flow in the Lobby areas, answer questions etc.
- ♦ Hort. Society Table Promote the PHS, hand out Rack Cards, answer questions and interact with the public, and take occasional new memberships
- Patrol Outside at peak hours directing the Public to appropriate lines or Entrances.
- Coat Check Check coats and/or parcels for the Public as well as Volunteer Centre to monitor arriving volunteers, hand out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts.
- ♦ Children's Garden Supervise activities and help with crafts in a colourful and varied setting Parents must accompany Children. Face Painting experience appreciated but not necessary.
- Hort. Couture help organize and prepare models with plants, clothing, props and timing of entrances etc.
- ♦ Garden Stools and Birdhouses Assist Thomas A. Stewart students sell these new hand-made, local garden products
- Bus Tours Assist with Welcoming Tour groups in the Coat Check area. Assist with Departure & aiding drivers in finding the
 Kinsmen Centre to park Coaches. Being available to answer groups questions. Most groups will be identifiable by their
 name tags.

~ BE FRIENDLY, SMILE, AND HAVE FUN ~

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Membership 2015

New Membership	Renewal 🗆	Date:	Rec'	d by:			
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Tell us a little bit abo	ut yourself! There are n	nany ways you can partic	ipate within the PHS	5.			
Regular Committee:	Board of Directors Fleming Park	Archives Flower Shows	Bus Trips Hospitality	District and OHA 50/50	Scholarships Library	Grants Membership	
	Newsletter	Nominating	Program	Public Relations	Website	Yearbook	
	Twitter	Facebook	Computer Skills	Other:			
Plant Sale: Friday Night: Set-Up, Pricing and Organizing Plants. Saturday Morning: Overseeing the Sale of Plants. Clean up.						n up.	
Garden Show:	Set up (April 1/2) Children's Garden	Tear down (April 4) Admission Ticket Sales	Muscle Committee	Trucks Cash Room	Greeters		