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**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**



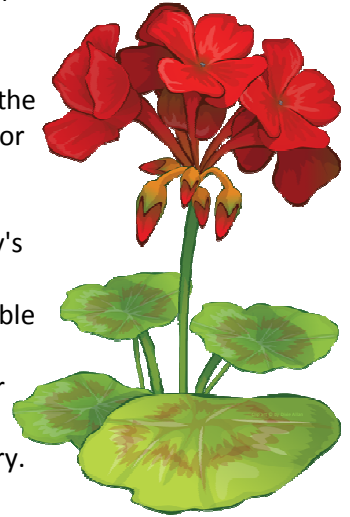
## President's Welcome

A welcome to the beginning of 2014 at PHS to all you hardy members who are braving the dark, COLD month of January here in Peterborough. What bizarre weather! The ice storm, that deep freeze and the ice quakes (that's a new one for me) followed by the thaw and rain. We can only hope it's uphill from here!

The Wednesday, January 22nd meeting will have the induction of the 2014 Board Members. Our thanks to Dianne Westlake, who as a District 4 OHA director, will officiate. At the November AGM the elections were held and we thank Carol Mitchell, also an OHA District 4 Director, for holding these for us. We split the two as a few of our Board Members were unable to attend in November.

At the January meeting you will receive your new 2014 Yearbooks. They are fabulous! We have Tammy Gibson to thank for all her efforts with them. We are fortunate to have someone of Tammy's talents to undertake this and I know you will enjoy them all year long and find them an invaluable reference for dates and information. Tammy is also responsible for our monthly Newsletter - a double whammy this month!

When your 2014 Membership is paid you will also receive your new Members' card to wear on your lanyard to monthly meetings. We encourage you to wear these to each meeting to help newer and longer term members get to know each other as well as to use for signing out books from our Library. Looking forward to seeing you at the January meeting. **Pat de Villiers**



## Speaker - Evelyn Wolf "Think Like a Plant"

Evelyn has been gardening with perennials since they were the "new" thing in gardening almost 30 years ago. Self taught through thousands of books and years of personal experience, collecting and testing plants and different gardening methods has become close to an obsession for her. Through her business, Garden Possibilities, Evelyn consults with clients on designing unique perennial gardens and helps them solve soil and site problems. While tending her own display garden of over 500 perennials and ornamental grasses, Evelyn writes articles for her website and newsletter based on her experiences, and has been teaching gardening through private workshops and public seminars like this for over 15 years.

## Membership

It's January.....and that means it's time to renew your membership. You can fill in the form with this newsletter and either mail it in, or you can bring your payment in to the general meeting on the 22nd. Please advise us of any changes to your contact info. As a new feature, we are asking for your areas of interest within the society, where you would like to help out. In order to help minimize our costs, we will not be mailing out the new 2014 nametags, yearbooks and rack cards: they will be available for pickup at the meeting. Thank you, **Monica White**

## 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!



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Peterborough Horticultural Society  
The Peterborough Garden Show

## LUG-A-MUG

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



## 50-50

November's 50-50 draw of \$107.00 was shared by two ladies: Eleanor Cavanagh and Elaine Sturgeon. That's \$53.50 each, if anyone is doing the math – certainly enough to buy several of the terrific bird feeders that Brenda Ibey showed us, if they are so inclined.

The other prizes for the evening included a couple of lovely poinsettias, as well as boxed paperwhites and amaryllis from the Superstore. The Red Lion amaryllis also had a hidden prize in it: a \$40.00 gift certificate from Griffin's. We also had a selection of bird-related products purchased from the Avant Garden shop, purely a happy coincidence - I didn't know that Brenda would be our speaker for the evening when I went shopping.

As most of you know, I have decided to turn over the 50-50 draw to someone new (any volunteers?). It has been fun, and it's always great to shop with other people's money, buying things that appeal but don't clutter up my house. ;>) But I think it is time to have someone with fresh ideas. I have enjoyed the job a long time but I believe it's time for someone else to enjoy it too.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have been supportive of my efforts with the 50-50: the PHS Board members, my "helpers" (Kathy, Chris, Joan, Gail and others), and especially the PHS members themselves. I got to know many of you better than I otherwise would have - a real bonus for me, without a doubt. Your support and enthusiasm made it fun every time, and I truly appreciate it. **Dawna Rhodenhizer**

## A new book in the Library....

"Refresh Your Garden Design with Colour, Texture & Form" by Rebecca Sweet. Creative examples of how to 'wake up boring beds', 'make a cramped garden feel bigger', add 'four season interest', and my favourite, 'downplay eyesores'.



## Grants for Beautification

The Peterborough Horticultural Society, with some of the proceeds from the annual Garden Show has provided grants to various non-profit organizations in Peterborough and the surrounding communities for gardening/beautification projects. If your organization is interested in applying for a 2014 grant, applications can be accessed at [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca) under the Peterborough Horticultural Society heading. Application must be received by **April 1, 2014**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Attention Members: If you get a chance, have a look at the display case of the library's front doors

**February 3 – 10, 2014**

For the first time, we are trying our best to promote our great Society and Garden Show.

**An Introduction To Gardening**  
*a course presented by the  
Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners*



*Learn to garden from the ground  
up in 6 evenings:*

*Feb. 3, 10, 24, Mar. 3, 17, 24,  
2014*

[www.peterboroughgardens.ca/courses](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/courses)

**February 8 - 9 - The Southern Ontario Orchid Society** presents its' 35th Annual Orchid Show Toronto Botanical Gardens, Toronto, ON, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM [ourtropics@sympatico.ca](mailto:ourtropics@sympatico.ca)

**March 7 - 9 - Garden Geek Getaway, Elmhirst's Resort**, Reservations 705-295-4591, 1-800-461-1940 or [elmr@elmhirst.com](mailto:elmr@elmhirst.com)  
Our weekend includes two nights in a private cottage (room for 4-8 friends), meals and informative gardening sessions with Victoria Whitney of Griffins Greenhouses and our own gardener Bob Phillips. Victoria will also offer a hands-on workshop where you create an arrangement to take home.

**April 6 - ONTARIO HOSTA SOCIETY HOSTA FORUM** at the Glencairn Golf Club 9807 Regional Road 25, Halton Hills, ON  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cost: Non-members: \$60.00 Members: \$55.00



## 2014 Dates – April 11, 12 and 13

The show committee is coming up with some great new ideas for the Garden Show and need your help. We will need small yoghurt pots and cardboard egg cartons for the **Children's Garden**. Please soak the yoghurt pots to remove the labels and bring them to Hort. meetings and give to myself or Karen Strano.

We are going to have 2 exciting new happenings and we will need special volunteers to assist us.

**Horticulture Couture – Posh New Plants** and **Phenomenal Products on Parade**. This will happen once on the Friday evening and again on Sunday afternoon and will showcase all the latest gardening trends in colour, product and design. We need 'models' who will have fun, dress up and show off these new products. We plan to have a celebrity MC and this should be an exciting event to publi-

cize our wonderful vendors and the latest ideas. Please see Pat deVilliers or Joan Harding.

Happening number 2 is an area of **Hand Painted Garden/Kitchen Stools** that we will sell off. If anyone has an artistic flair and would like to learn more about this please contact Cauleen Viscoff, Kathy McMahon or myself. We will also need volunteers to look after this area.

We will have advance tickets for sale at the meeting at \$7 each, cash only. We will also have show rack cards that you can pass onto all your friends and neighbours. All your favourite vendors will be there as well as some interesting new ones. Take a look at the show website at <http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca>. The Scissorman will be back on Saturday and Sunday so get ready for spring by bringing your garden tools to be sharpened. He takes cash only and I will have some price lists available at the meeting. See you on the 22nd.

Rachel Burrows

# PETERBOROUGH AND AREA MASTER GARDENERS

<http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/MGhome.html>

[http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/mg\\_factsheets/Task%20Facts%202008.pdf](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/mg_factsheets/Task%20Facts%202008.pdf)

## January Garden Tasks . . .

- ◆ Inspect stored bulbs and discard the bad ones.
- ◆ Clean, repair and sharpen garden tools. Wipe them with oil.
- ◆ Plan and design gardens for this year. Look at ways to add more winter interest and improve habitat for the birds. Consider native plants.
- ◆ Try forcing some amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus.
- ◆ Order vegetable and flower seeds.
- ◆ Start slow germinating seeds, e.g. geranium and begonia.
- ◆ Inspect and treat houseplants for white fly, spider mites, and aphids.

## Garden Show Volunteers

It's time to get into gear for the 2014 Peterborough Garden Show! Mark your calendars. The dates are **Friday, April 11th (5-9 pm), Saturday, April 12th (10am - 6 pm) and Sunday, April 13th (10am - 4 pm) with Thursday, April 10th for set-up.** Each year we have over 100 volunteers for the Show so your time commitment is important to us. A sign-up clipboard will be circulated at the January meeting. Please check your calendar in advance so you can let us know when you will be available to sign up for.

We have a variety of jobs available, some of them newer ones, including Children's Garden, helping with the Horticultural Couture Fashion Show and selling our new Garden Stools. The other jobs needed are set up/ take down, ticket sales, handing out programs/ taking tickets, float, horticultural table and patrol. If you are unable to stand for a 2 hour shift, helping in the coat check area and vendors' lounge are options.

We will try to accommodate choice of days, times and jobs, but appreciate flexibility as Saturday, especially morning, is very popular and our needs extend over Friday evening and Sunday as well. If you could put preferences but indicate if flexible as well it would be helpful. Many members sign up for more than one shift - also very helpful.

If you are unable to attend the January meeting, please contact me at [patdevilliers@hotmail.com](mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com) or [705-741-1101](tel:705-741-1101) to volunteer. We need an early start to scheduling with the February meeting being for fine tuning. I even get e-mails from Snowbirds who will be back by April 11th to volunteer their time. Below is a brief description of jobs for new members or those wishing to try something different.

- ◆ Set up/Take down - on Thurs starting about 9 am throughout the afternoon, includes getting storage locker items, moving to their places, assembling with cordless drills, decorating, signing out tables etc and Take Down at 4 pm Sunday, disassembly and carrying out to trucks. (Available truck or van helpful but not necessary.)
- ◆ Ticket Sales - we look for people with experience as some times are demanding
- ◆ Handing out programs and taking tickets - as expected
- ◆ Float - approaching vendors to offer relief to take a quick break or to direct traffic flow in the lobby areas, answer questions etc - this will involve arriving 15 minutes earlier this year
- ◆ Horticultural Table - promoting the PHS, handing out rack cards, answering questions and interacting with the public, taking occasional new memberships
- ◆ Patrol - outside at peak hours directing people to appropriate lines or entrances
- ◆ Coat Check - checking coats and/or parcels for the public as well as Volunteer Centre for monitoring arriving volunteers, handing out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts
- ◆ Vendors' Lounge - providing complimentary coffee, tea and cookies for Vendors taking a break in an area separated from the public
- ◆ Childrens' Garden - supervising activities and helping with crafts in a colourful and varied setting - parents must accompany children. Anyone able to help with face painting?
- ◆ Horticultural Couture - new this year - help organize and prepare models with plants, clothing, props and timing of entrance etc
- ◆ Garden Stools - selling of this new hand-made, local garden product in a booth like setting

## Food Donation/Mitten Tree from the last meeting.....

130 pounds of food was collected at the November General meeting and was taken to Kawartha Food Share.

Dayle Finlay took the 41 pairs of mittens, 2 scarves and 7 hats to Crossroads.

The leftover goodies were taken to Brock Mission.

To the members of the Peterborough Horticultural Society,

Thank you so much for the wonderful collection of mittens, scarves and hats for the women at Crossroads Shelter.

What perfect timing! These are always in high demand this time of year, and will make it possible for children to get out and enjoy the simple pleasures of the season, like building a snowman, making angels and constructing forts. Its a magical thing but kids can enjoy being kids.

With much gratitude, Lynn Zimmer, Executive Director

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## Membership 2014

New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

Single @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Family @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of members who are included in the Family Membership.

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**Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash in the mail.**

Tell us a little bit about yourself! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS.

<b>Regular Committee:</b>	Board of Directors	Archives	Bus Trips	District and OHA	Scholarships	Grants
	Fleming Park	Flower Shows	Hospitality	50/50	Library	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.

<b>Garden Show:</b>	Set up (April 10/11)	Tear down (April 13)	Muscle	Trucks	Greeters
	Children's Garden	Admission Ticket Sales	Committee	Cash Room	