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June Meeting

Our last meeting before the summer break will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Peterborough Library on Aylmer Street. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the company of other gardeners. This will be your last opportunity to borrow a book from our wonderful Library before the break. Be sure to enjoy a treat that Pat Lounsbury and her committee will have on hand. It is great to see so many people bringing their mugs but some of you may have discovered that we ran out of coffee at the May meeting. It is hard to judge how much is needed, as mugs tend to have a greater capacity than Styrofoam cups. Our speaker for the evening will be Peter Keeping who is an International Clematis Society Council Member for Canada. Peter has been growing clematis since 1986 and cultivates more than 150 varieties on his half-acre property. His wealth of knowledge and lovely photos will make this a worthwhile meeting. Why not plan a visit to Sheila and Peter's Country Garden at 2152 Maple Grove Road in Bowmanville? Come out and enjoy the company of other gardeners and don't forget to wear your nametag. If you do not have a lanyard (you should have received one when you joined) see Sally or Dianne.

MAY MEETING

Last meeting Cecil Lamrock spoke to us about his passion – roses. We are all familiar with Cecil from previous talks over the years and from seeing him at the annual Peterborough Garden Show. He spoke about the care of roses and how we can all grow beautiful roses if we just follow his expert advice.... buy the right plants, plant them deep in the proper soil, water well, fertilize, spray, prune, and enjoy! Why not take a trip out to his gardens this summer and really smell the roses. Lamrock's Little Roses is located at 1670 Coates Road West, Port Perry. Check him out online for open times. <http://www.lamrockscountrygarden.com>



'Guernsey Cream' is a climbing clematis with large white flowers often tinged with green.

50/50

The May 50/50 draw was won by Chris Freeburn – \$137.50 to add to the money she won LAST month. Way to go, Chris! But if it happens again next time, we are going to have to charge you more for the tickets, OK? (Just kidding!) The prize lots included tools – with industrial-strength dandelion pickers from Home Depot, pots full of items like vine holders and hand rakes from Hotners – who gave me a spectacular deal. Is there any particular thing that you would like to see as a prize in the 50/50 draw? If so, just let me know. "Thank you" always to those who play, making the 50/50 draw such a fun part of the meeting for me. Dawna Rhodenhizer



ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Canada Day Parade

A sign up sheet was passed around at the May general meeting and there is still time for you to add your name to the list. The parade starts at noon at City Hall and will travel down George Street to Morrow Park. It will take approximately 1½ hours to walk the route. The theme of this year's parade is "Team Spirit". You can team up with a partner and share walking with a decorated wheelbarrow, help carry the PHS banner, wear your best garden hat, carry a watering can or just join us for some social time. There will be prizes awarded for the best ideas and originality. It will be a fun event and an opportunity for you to get know other members of our society. Come join us!

ANNIVERSARY MUGS

Everyone should have received their complimentary 150th Anniversary mug at one of the last three meetings. If you have not, there will be some at the June meeting for you to pick up. You can also purchase extra mugs for \$5.00 each. See Chris at the table at the back of the meeting room.

FLEMING PARK

The park is looking quite lush thanks to the extra rain we have had throughout May. Members have been out every week to continue with maintenance. Many people have comment on the condition of the park and thanked for their efforts. If you are able, come and help out on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon throughout the growing season. If this time is not convenient, go to the park at any time. Contact Shaun Pyper for more information.



Join us on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library on Aylmer Street when Peter Keeping will share his expertise and passion for clematis.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

COREY EVANS, CHRIS McMAHON AND KATHY McMAHON

PLANT SALE

Thank You Our recent plant sale was very successful even with the threat of bad weather. A little drizzle did nothing to dampen the spirit of enthusiastic buyers and our sales topped \$900! Thank you to members who generously donated such a variety of plants, garden decor and magazines. A special thank you to the following members who volunteered their time to help with the sale: Inge Buchardt, Marie Doyle, Pauline Drake, Vivien Falls, Tammy Gibson, Elaine Goselin, Jo Heather, Corrine Hemstock, Marg. Hundt, Grace Kobes, Ann Nelson, Shaun Pyper, Cyndy Richards, Sally Rye, Karen Strano, Gwen Summers, and Etela Vojnic. Plant Sale Committee: Julie Burch (Chair), Pat deVilliers, Pat Lounsbury

SCHOLARSHIPS

Six scholarships of \$1000 each are being offered this year by the PHS. Please help us find eligible students. Application information and scholarship eligibility can be found in the yearbook on page 10 and at the PHS website:

<http://peterboroughgardens.ca/Showspending.html>. For more information contact Julie Burch 705-799-5402 tyjulie@sympatico.ca or Karen Strano 705-745-2740 kstrano@bell.net

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

Through our great "2011 Garden Show" event, we were able to support many organizations to beautify their environments with many interesting "plant related" ventures. Funds were shared with the following: Festival of Trees, North Kawartha Public Library, Lakefield Youth Unlimited, Barnardo Garden Society, St. Joseph's at Fleming Long Term Care Facility, Lower Trent Conservation, Canadian Red Cross, Peterborough Historical Society (Hutchison House Museum), Asphodel-Norwood Beautification Committee, Kawartha Heights Public School, Riverview Park and Zoo, Queen Mary Public School, Liftlock Community Garden, Robinson Place Garden, Peterborough Exhibition Agricultural Society, Ecole Monseigneur, Camp Kawartha (Environment Centre), Fairhaven Nursing Home. I am sure many people may not be aware of this important service that the Horticultural Society provides – so pass the good news around! Pat Lounsbury, Chair, Beautification Grants



MAY 25, 2011 FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Class

3. African Violet 1st S. Pyper
5. Daffodil/Narcissus 2nd K. Hewitt
7. Iris 1st E. Steinbeck; 2nd M. Doyle;
3rd I. Buchardt
8. Tulip, single 1st A. Clifford; 2nd S. Pyper;
3rd I. Buchardt
9. Tulip, double 1st P. McAllister
10. Bulb Collection 1st A. Clifford
11. Bleeding Heart 1st S. Pyper; 2nd K. Hewitt;
3rd G. Fowler
12. Columbine 1st S. Pyper; 2nd J. Graham
- 13a. Hosta – miniature 1st M. Doyle; 2nd C. Freeburn
- 13b. Hosta 1st G. Fowler; 2nd P. McAllister;
3rd S. Pyper
14. Spring Branch 1st K. Hewitt; 2nd G. Fowler;
3rd S. Pyper
15. Spring Vine 1st S. Pyper
16. Spring Perennial 1st G. Fowler; 2nd A. Clifford;
3rd S. Pyper
17. Asparagus 1st K. Hewitt
18. Rhubarb 1st K. Hewitt; 2nd S. Rye;
3rd A. Ballantine
20. “Celebrations” 1st J. Graham
21. “Seeing Red” 1st J. Graham
22. “Suits Me To A Tea” 1st J. Graham
23. “Splish Splash” 1st S. Pyper; 2nd P. Haward;
3rd P. Watson
24. “Garden Helpers” 1st P. Haward; 2nd P. Watson;
3rd S. Pyper
25. “Morning Has Broken” 1st P. Watson;
2nd S. Pyper; 3rd P. Haward
26. “Memories” 1st S. Pyper; 2nd P. Haward
27. “Shadows” 1st P. Haward; 2nd P. Watson;
3rd S. Pyper
28. “A Gift” 1st K. Hewitt; 2nd J. Graham

“Best of Show” – Horticulture – Bulb Collection –
Anita Clifford
“Judge’s Choice” – Design – “Celebrations” –
Jane Graham

CONGRATULATIONS

Norma Evans has been a member of PHS for many years and is a founding member of the Peterborough Master Gardener group. Local gardening enthusiasts have been aware of the beautiful garden she has created and lovingly tended for many years but finally the word is out. Her beautiful garden was featured in the May issue of Gardens Central.

JUNE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

1. What is the theme of the Canada Day Parade?
2. Where does our June speaker live?
3. How many scholarships are available?
4. Who was recognized with the ‘Best in Show’ award?
5. How many gardens were open for the PHS Garden Tour?

The winner of the May Newsletter contest is Amelia Gibson. Congratulations!

PHS GARDEN TOUR

On Saturday, June 11 the gardeners who offered to open their gardens for the PHS Garden tour enjoyed a pre-tour. With 16 gardens to visit, it was a full day but in spite of the thunderstorm that made for very soggy conditions in the afternoon, we had a wonderful time. Every garden was different in terms of size, style and growing conditions but every garden showed the love and attention of the owner. Thank you to Inge Buchardt, Julie Burch, Anita Clifford, Pat deVilliers, Pauline Drake, Pauline Duffett, Norma Evans, Cathy Green, Kathy Hewitt, Ruth Hillman, Marg Hundt, Noriko Merrett, Shaun Pyper, Judi Wilson, Dianne and Gary Westlake and Joanne Windrem who were so gracious opening their private spaces to our members.

INTERNET RESEARCH

The internet can be a great source of information but exercise caution. Do not accept all information without question as some sources are more reliable than others. Also remember that the writer may not have the same growing conditions as we experience or be governed by the same constrictions (e.g. the Ontario Pesticide Ban.) Using a search engine like Google can simplify your research. Just enter a few words to describe the information you are searching for, e.g. 'clematis' 'care' and you will find many different sites.

Some websites of interest:

Summer edition of the Trillium, the OHA newsletter
http://gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2011-02_summer.pdf

Master Gardeners of Ontario <http://www.mgoi.ca/>

And the PHS website <http://peterboroughgardens.ca/>





COMING EVENTS

LOCAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND GARDEN CLUBS

NORWOOD

Monday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m. – Potluck dinner

OMEMEE

Monday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Glenn Pleasance of the Municipality of Durham - Drought Loving Plants and Grasses

Monday, June 27 at 8:00 p.m. On-site visit to Steven's Landscaping at Fowler's Corners. Meet at the parking lot of Trinity United Church at 7:30 p.m. to carpool. For more information contact Carol Mitchell at carol@afflowergeek.com.

MILLBROOK

September 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Succulent Dish Workshop – Vikki Whitney from Griffins Greenhouses. \$2.00 at the door. For more information please contact Wendy Olsen 705-944-8912 or Joan Harding 705-799-5378

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, June 21 at 8:00 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Rose and Flower Show

OTHER EVENTS

August 10 and 11 – Lakefield Antique and Flower Show

June 25 – 26 – Garden Route Second Annual "Art in the Garden" event. Local artists will set up displays at each of the Garden Route locations, often working on a new piece of art right before your eyes. This is a free event and art can be purchased or simply admired. For more information, contact Brenda Ibey (743-0068). Join the group on Facebook or visit the website at www.gardenroute.ca

July 15 – 17 in Sudbury – Annual Convention. For more information go to <http://www.gardenontario.org> or see Dianne Westlake.

July 30 – 31 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Third Annual Coneflower Festival at Old Barn Perennials – 13794 County Road 2 (old Highway 2 between Brighton and Colborne) 10% discount to horticulture/garden club members with your membership card. Information 905-355-2000

GARDEN TOURS

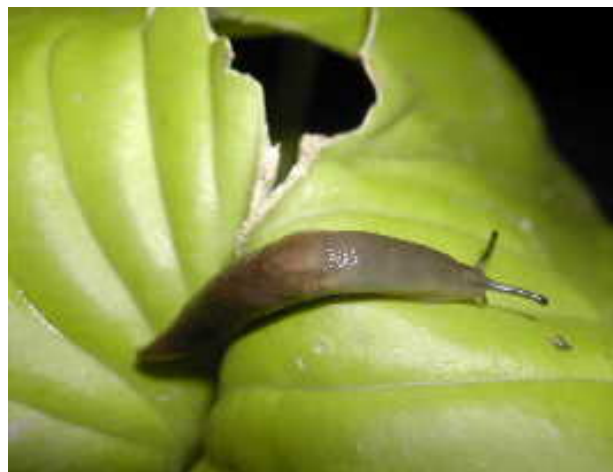
June 26 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Northumberland Big Brothers Big Sisters 11th Annual Garden Tour – Hillside Havens and Lakeside Retreats – Tickets: \$25, available at NBSBB Second Helpings stores in Port Hope and Colborne; Cobourg: Cobourg Paint & Wallpaper, Pine Ridge Nursery; Port Hope: Holton Flowers; Baltimore: Baltimore Valley Produce and Garden Centre; Gore's Landing: Viking Nursery For advance information about garden-related events, join our emailing list: heartofnorthumberland@live.com For more information: 905-885-6422; toll-free 1-888-278-2484. Evenings/weekends: 905-373-4427 or 905-342-3888. Once again, the Birdhouse Boutique will be open for business at one of the gardens, featuring handcrafted birdhouses and birdhouses painted by well-known local artists.

July 9 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Campbellford Horticultural Society Garden Tour in the Campbellford and Trent Hills Area. Passports – \$10.00. For more information call 705-653-3769

July 9 – 11:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Prince Edward County Green Trust Garden Tour. For more information call 613-393-2111

ART SHOW

June 25 and 26 – Garden Art Show at the home of David Hickey – 1611 County Rd. 4, Lakefield. David works mainly in metal but also uses grapevine and other materials. For more information www.davidhickeyartist.com



If you find slugs are damaging your hostas, spray a solution of 1 part household ammonia to 9 parts water directly on the creature. Slugs are active at dawn and dusk so inspect your plants and take action immediately.