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June Meeting Wednesday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Peterborough Public Library, Lower Level

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

This will be our last meeting before our summer break so be sure to come along and enjoy the company of fellow gardeners. Our speaker for the evening is Sonia Day speaking about 'The Untamed Garden'. Sonia writes, talks and breathes gardening. She also paints when she has the time (which isn't often nowadays). Her books and opinionated gardening columns in the Toronto Star, Canada's largest newspaper, have gained her a wide audience of fans (and a few hate emails). She is a well-known speaker at events like Canada Blooms and has won several awards including one for 'best writing' from the Garden Writers Association. Sonia lives on 48 acres in rural Ontario with her partner, three cats and a funny-looking pooch called Ollie. She maintains a huge garden there and considers growing fat globe artichokes her greatest gardening achievement. She will have her new book for sale the night of our meeting – so bring some money if you are interested in adding to your personal library.

MAY MEETING

At the May meeting, Paula Anderson was very informative as usual and asked us to be aware of any spaces that might possibly be used for a community garden – they have people waiting for plots.



***Don't Forget
Your Mug***



Join us at our June meeting when Sonia Day will entertain and share her gardening insights. Her latest book will be available for sale.

50/50

The May meeting's 50/50 draw was won by Donna Manley: \$95.50 – a pretty good sum if judiciously spent at a garden sale! The other prizes all came from Hotner's Garden Centre: five absolutely gorgeous hanging baskets that I purchased at a fantastic price. Trust me on this one, folks – Hotner's has some really wonderful plants and arrangements, at very good prices. My appreciation and thanks goes out to all who played (you all really make it fun for me) and congratulations to those who won. Dawna Rhodenhizer

DONATIONS COMMITTEE

The Community Grant Committee has sent out the grants for the 2011-2012 year. Our funding budget for this year was \$5,000. Grants were given to: Bridgenorth Beautification Committee, Campbellford and District Horticultural Society, Peterborough Festival of Trees, Peter Robinson Community and Student Association, Peterborough Exhibition Agricultural Society and Riverview Park and Zoo.



Welcome New Members
Kirsten Goeckel, Sharon O'Brien

FLEMING PARK

With all of the rain we have had lately, the plants in the park have suddenly grown...a lot! Until it was trimmed, the climbing rose had grown right over the crab apple tree and was flowing onto the ground. Everything is bursting with colour and there are lovely scents in the air for all visitors to enjoy. Again, we encourage all members to join us any Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Come for 30 minutes or come for an hour. We would really appreciate the help. Some parts of the garden are often ignored as we simply can't get to them. Help is needed. Shaun Pyper

MAY 23, 2012 FLOWER SHOW

Class

1. Houseplant – 1st A. Milne
6. Iris – 1st A. Ballantine, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd A. Clifford
7. Tulip, single – 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd A. Ballantine, 3rd G. Deck
9. Bulb collection – 1st A. Clifford
10. Bleeding Heart – 1st A. Milne, 2nd S. Pyper
11. Salvia – 1st A. Clifford
12. Hosta – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd K. Hewitt
13. Spring Branch – 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd A. Clifford, 3rd S. Pyper
14. Spring Vine – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd B. O'Toole
15. Spring Perennial – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd A. Ballantine, 3rd A. Clifford
- 16a. Soloman Seal – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd K. Hewitt
- 16b. Spring Perennial – 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd A. Ballantine
17. Asparagus – 1st K. Hewitt
18. Rhubarb – 1st K. Hewitt

Design

22. 'Spring...' – 1st A. Clifford
24. 'Signs of Spring' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd P. Watson
25. 'Garden Statuary' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd P. Watson, 3rd S. Pyper
26. 'Water Feature' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd P. Watson, 3rd S. Pyper
27. 'Raindrops Keep Falling' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd P. Watson, 3rd S. Pyper
28. 'Macro Mystery' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd P. Watson

Best In Show– Soloman Seal – Anita Clifford

I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers.
~Claude Monet



This stone arch, build by John Shaw-Rimmington is a wonderful feature of the Mason House Garden Centre near Coppins Corners.

RETAIL THERAPY ROAD TRIP

On Sunday, June 3 a band of merry gardeners/shoppers set off to expand their horizons. Our first stop was **John's Garden** (near Uxbridge) where many wonderful plants were seen being loaded into vehicles. After a scenic tour (compliments of a GPS that led us down the garden path) we arrived at **Mason House Gardens**. More plants including Echeveria and two varieties of climbing hydrangea were set free to go to their new homes. Our last scheduled stop was **Sheila and Peter's Country Garden** in Bowmanville. Sheila manages to tastefully pack more plants into a square foot than I would have though possible (what an inspiration!) while Peter continues to propagate and grow many varieties of clematis. More plants left with the band of wanderers (including a magnolia tree). We had hoped to squeeze in a stop at David Hinton's Rhododendron Woods but the weather had other ideas. Although we had driven through light rain from time to time all day we had managed to stay dry in the gardens but Mother Nature made up for it as we drove home. A good day, plants were 'rescued' and given good homes. Thanks to Sally Rye for organizing a great day!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please help us find students for the four \$1000 scholarships being offered this year by the PHS. Scholarship eligibility and application information can be found on page 13 of our yearbook and on the web at www.peterboroughgardens.ca. Click on PHS grants and scholarships. For more information call Julie Burch 705-799-5402 or email tyjulie34@gmail.com



TREASURED TREE HUNT

Peterborough's Treasured Tree Hunt Nominate your favourite tree in Peterborough. It can be nominated for any other reason that makes the tree a treasure to the person nominating it; perhaps for height or thickness, or for special memories connected with it. Photographs or stories about local trees can also be entered in the contest. There is a July 1st deadline. Nomination forms are available on-line at www.treasuredtreehunt.com or can be picked up at the Peterborough Green-Up office at 378 Aylmer St. Prizes will be awarded during National Forest Week in September.

GARDEN SHOW

The 2013 Garden Show committee is looking for a creative, innovative person to work with our coordinator, Sandy Spremo, to produce an exciting and stimulating décor for our 2013 Peterborough Garden Show. The show continues to grow and we are attracting visitors and vendors from a wide area of Ontario and beyond. It is held at the Evinrude Centre and next year's dates will be April 12, 13 and 14. We would like to transform a double hockey arena into a visually stimulating, exciting and wonderful garden! If you have ideas or would like to take on this challenging opportunity please contact Rachel Burrows at 705 652 7754 or rburrows@nexicom.net I look forward to hearing from you. Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair

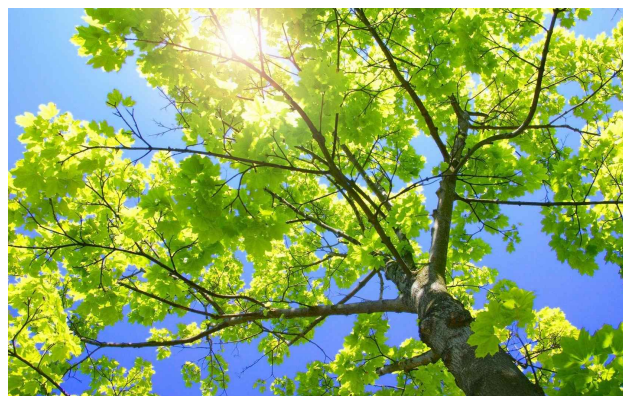
PETERBOROUGH ECOLOGY PARK

SUMMER HOURS

Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Compost, mulches, garden supplies, perennials, annuals, shrubs, selected trees, herbs, vegetables and other food plants are available for sale For more information visit <http://www.ecologypark.greenup.on.ca>

JULY MYSTERY TOUR

Be sure to take part in this summer's Mystery Tour on Sunday, July 22nd leaving the Canoe Museum parking lot at 9:00 a.m. A Mystery Tour always promises to be a great day to spend with friends and to get to know new people. While the destination is always a surprise, we can all be assured that the trip will include some wonderful garden sights and great company. This will be a car-pool event. You can either arrange for your own group or we will organize this for you. A sign up sheet will be at the June meeting. If you are not planning on attending the June meeting and wish to be included, contact Sally Rye at krye2@cogeco.ca



FRIENDS OF THE ECOLOGY PARK

An annual membership supports the activities of the Ecology Park and gives you a 10% discount on all plants and garden supplies purchased at the Ecology Park. Memberships are \$25.00 (\$20.00 – students/seniors/unwaged)

8TH ANNUAL PEONY FESTIVAL AT THE OSHAWA VALLEY BOTANICAL GARDEN

The festival takes place on June 16 and 17 – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 155 Arena Street, Oshawa featuring:

- One of Canada's largest contemporary peony collections
- Over 300 varieties in the gardens
- Canadian Peony Society's judged Peony Show - open to the public
- Garden inspired works by painters, sculptures and artisans
- Trails and gardens along the Oshawa Creek Valley
- Expert advice and demonstrations
- Musical entertainment and cultural performances
- Silent Auction
- Delectable fare from local restaurants

COMING EVENTS

LOCAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, June 19 – 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – **Annual Rose and Flower Show.** – Admission is free.

Wednesday, August 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 9 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – **34th Annual Antique and Flower Show and Sale** at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre. Admission is \$5.00 and Children under 12 are free. For more information or to book a table, contact Mike Dean at (705) 652-3924.



MILLBROOK

June 20 – Millbrook Garden Club outing to Connon Nurseries in Trenton. Connon Nurseries website is www.connon.ca. Also there is the potential for a visit to 'Garden House Perennials' – website is www.garden-houseperennials.com. To sign up and arrange for car pooling, please contact Joan Harding at 705-799-5378 or harding@i-zoom.net

NORWOOD

Monday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. – Summer Potluck dinner at the home of Gary and Dianne Westlake

OMEMEE

Monday, June 18 – Permaculture on Your Property. Please note – on site tour at the home of Paula Anderson (Green Up)

GARDEN TOURS

Saturday, June 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – **Norwood Beautification Garden Tour** – Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from June 1st at: Norwood Home Hardware, Audrey's Bulk Foods and More, Norwood Convenience, Centennial Pharmacy and Catsass. For Information contact Marg at 705 639-1419

ART IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Ten local garden centres will be alive with creative masterpieces as we celebrate our fabulous local talent. For more information about 'Art in the Garden', visit www.gardenroute.ca

Sunday, June 24 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Northumberland in Bloom** – The Big Sisters Big Brothers Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour – Tickets are \$25.00, available after May 1. For more information: 905 885 6422; Toll-free: 1 888 278 2484; Evenings/weekends: 905 373 4427 or 905 342-3888

July 28 and 29 – **4th Annual Coneflower Festival** at Old Barn Perennials, 13794 County Rd. 2, Colborne

August 17 – 19 – **OHA Convention** – Niagara on the Lake – details and registration forms now available on line at www.gardenontario.org

But a weed is simply a plant that wants to grow where people want something else. In blaming nature, people mistake the culprit. Weeds are people's idea, not nature's. ~Author Unknown

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it. ~Russel Baker

LOCAL WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Gardens Plus – 134 County Road 4, 136 County Road 4, Donwood – Workshops are \$5.00 per person and all proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society

Thursday, June 28 – 7:00 p.m. – All About Hostas

Thursday, July 12 – 7:00 p.m. – A-Z about Daylilies

Hosta Fest – June 13 – July 4

Daylilies in Bloom – July 5 – 30

For more information <http://gardensplus.ca> or call 705-742-5918

Griffins Greenhouse – 3026 Lakefield Road – <http://griffinsgreenhouses.com> or call 705-652-8638 or 877-647-4334

Saturday June 16, 1:00 p.m. – BYOC (Bring Your Own Container) for Summer

Blossom Hill Nursery – 681 Fifes Bay Road – 705-742-9923 – www.blossomhillnursery.com

Peony Open Garden – June 16

Delphinium Open Garden – June 30

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

Peterborough Master Gardeners: www.peterboroughgardens.ca and join them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/overthefencepeterborough/>

Landscape Ontario: <http://www.landscapeontario.com>

Monrovia: <http://www.monrovia.com>

Perennials: <http://www.perennials.com>

Veseys: <http://www.veseys.com>

The Plant Encyclopedia: <http://www.theplantencyclopedia.org>

Wild About Gardening: <http://www.wildaboutgardening.org>

Compost Council: <http://www.compost.org>

Natural Insect Control: <http://naturalinsectcontrol.com>

Harvest Ontario: <http://www.harvestontario.com>

Toronto Botanical Gardens: torontobotanicalgarden.ca/