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Wednesday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m.

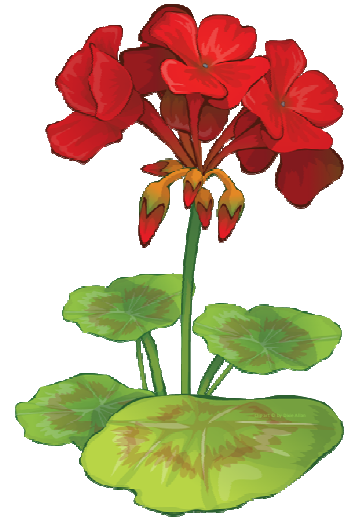


David Retallick

David Retallick was born and raised on a mixed farm near Millbrook Ontario. Gardening has been a huge part of his life. David had a great mentor in his grandmother who showed him how to grow food in clay soil. That was the start of David's gardening journey that has taken many directions over the years.

David owns a garden maintenance company called **"David's Garden Service"** which allows him the pleasure of keeping other peoples garden beds in top condition from spring to fall.

David has been hybridizing daylilies for 15 years now and has 13 registrations with the American Hemerocallus Society with more new ones in 2014. He has around 180 named varieties for sale in July and August. David has been developing his own type of daylilies that bloom long and have high bud counts. Naming these beauties is done by having a story to go with everyone. Even the grandchildren get ones named for them. David has his own way of breeding and growing daylilies that work very well.



He also grows about 75 varieties of TRUE LILIES as the fragrance of some is definitely intoxicating, can't be without smell in the garden. Please visit his farm, see what he has, enjoy the colour and the view. You can't miss the farm; it's the one on Highway 28 with the 8 foot **E+R** letters on the front bank.

President's Report

This is an exciting time of year at the PHS! Not only is spring finally breaking after a long, hard winter but the Garden Show is just around the corner. Many of you will be involved in it. Each year we have about a hundred volunteers with many of you doing multiple shifts.

A welcome to all our new members. As we have a large membership of over 200, it is often hard to meet people. Volunteering at our events is a great way not only to meet people but to have fun too. I received many calls to volunteer at the Garden Show from members who did not want to venture out in the dark and cold for our January and February meetings, but contacted me because they didn't want to miss volunteering at the Garden Show. They enjoy it too much - as do I. I practically live there from Thurs set-up to Sunday take-down but enjoy it and find it exciting! If you are not able to help with the Garden Show there are other opportunities coming up soon. Anita will be sending around the sign-up sheet for the Annual PHS Spring Sale on May 3rd, another fun event to be involved in. Also, Annie English is looking for more volunteers for Fleming Park, the lovely heritage garden we maintain for the city. A group volunteers there every Wednesday morning from 10 - 12 throughout the spring, summer and fall. You can drop in and join them anytime and be sure of a warm welcome.

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!



@PtboHortSoc
@PtboGardenShow



Peterborough Horticultural Society
The Peterborough Garden Show

LUG-A-MUG

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



50-50

February's 50/50 draw of \$90.00 was won by Gladys Fowler. The other prizes for the evening included 2 lovely books purchased at Peterborough Green-Up. A copy of "Beneath the Canopy" is also available in our library. Gardena gardening gloves, mini greenhouses, seeds, plant stands etc. rounded out the other prize packages. Betty and I were trying to streamline the 50/50 portion of the evening, at the request of the executive, in order to allow the speakers to start at 8:00p.m. However, we will work on our presentation and will hopefully improve next month. We are looking forward to this fun activity.

Betty O'Toole & Margi Leeking

Community Beautification Grants

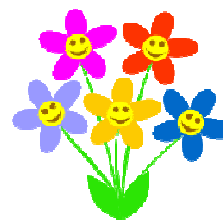
One of our recipients of a 2013 Beautification Grant, "The Stewart Street Garden Community" has created a beautiful book on their accomplishments. The book can be viewed at the "Thank You Board" area. Look for our Society's name on the last page!

A thank you has also been received from the Millbrook Garden Club and the Millbrook Heritage Committee. They were also a recipient of a 2013 Beautification Grant who worked as partners putting their money towards a parkette that involved square foot gardening techniques.

Reminder: Please pass the word around that applications for the 2013-14 Grant dollars are being accepted and that **April 1/2014** is the deadline.

Application forms are available on our website
www.peterboroughgardens.ca under the
Peterborough Horticultural Society tab.

Pat Lounsbury, Chair, Beautification Grants



Thank You!

Thank you/Bulletin Board

Please look at the "Thank You/Bulletin Board" over by the library for our recent thank you notes or announcements of upcoming events.

The suggestion box which is also in that area is available for any of our members to communicate any suggestions regarding our meetings/garden club. Suggestions will be taken to the board executive meeting to be discussed. Please give us your contact information on the form that is provided OR if you wish to remain anonymous, that is okay too! Your input is valuable! **Pat Lounsbury**

Fleming Park * Saturday, April 26th - 10 a.m. till approx. Noon

Spring is just around the corner??? and most of us in the PHS can't wait to get back to gardening. Spring Clean-up in Fleming Park is always done around Earth Day (April 22, 2014). With all our snow, clean-up will be Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. till approx. noon. In past years we had great attendance, so don your rubber boots, bring rakes and pruners and many hands will make light work, and we can "Gab about Gardening".

Fleming Park is losing two great volunteers this year. **Kathy Hewitt** and **Inge Buchardt** are retiring after several years of adding expertise knowledge of horticulture and hard work to the beauty of this little park. **Greg and Lorraine Barrow** will return again this year, so the three of us would love to have new volunteers join us. The park is located at the corner of Brock and Aylmer. We meet Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. till noon. Please contact me at 705-917 3173 or anniemargaret43@hotmail.com

Thank you, Annie English

Spring Plant Sale * Saturday May 3rd - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Our annual plant sale will be held at Westdale United Church located on Sherbrooke Street West on Saturday May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the March meeting. If you are able to volunteer some time at the sale either Friday or Saturday morning your help would be appreciated.

We welcome any plants, seedlings, garden magazines and garden decor in good condition you can contribute to the sale. If you have any extra trays or pots, please bring them to the March or April meetings for those who may need them.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our plant sale, please contact **Anita Clifford** @ 705-748-0267, or anitacifford@bell.net



Peterborough Garden Show April 11, 12 and 13

It's fast approaching and the show planning committee is very excited about all the new vendors and happenings at this year's show. We are welcoming back many of our wonderful exhibitors such as **Garden Import** and **Lee Valley** and members of the **Garden Route**. Don't forget that the **Scissor Man** will be there Saturday and Sunday ready to sharpen all your garden and kitchen tools and that he takes cash only. The **Horticultural Couture** parade of all that's new in horticulture for this year is all set for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. The decorated garden stools are looking amazing and will be for sale at the show.

The Children's Garden will be fun with a critter theme. **Henry Clarke**, the

deputy mayor, will be officially opening the show on Saturday morning, cutting a ribbon between 2 trees that will later be donated to the city. It is also the 25th anniversary of the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners and Henry will cut the anniversary cake.

As you know Saturday is always very hectic and Sunday is usually a quieter time, so encourage your friends to come to the show on the Sunday. Save yourselves a long line up and get your advance tickets from **Griffins**, **Avant Garden**, **Greenhouse on the River** or **Lakefield Flowers**.

We are putting on a vendors breakfast on Sunday morning and have 3 bus tours coming so we need all the volunteers that we can get. Vendors and visitors always remark on how helpful the volunteers are so if you haven't already signed up contact Pat deVilliers at 705 741 1101 or Joan Harding at 705 799 5378. You are entitled to free admission to the show on the day that you volunteer.

Check out our website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca and click on garden show. Spring is coming, although it may not seem much like it on some days! **Welcome spring at the Peterborough Garden Show!**

Rachel Burrows
Show Chair

Garden Show Volunteers

Thank you, thank you to all those who signed up at meetings or phoned and e-mailed to offer their time. With the Garden Show just over a month away, we are in great shape with only a few specific openings left to fill.

The following spaces are still needed:

Float Sun 10 - 12

Hort Table Sat 4 - 6 (promoting and giving information about the PHS to those interested)

Vendors' Lounge Sun 10 - 12 (complimentary refreshments for exhibitors taking a break)

Ticket Taker and Program

Fri 5 - 7 and 7 - 9

Sun 12 - 2

Selling Garden Stools

Fri 7 - 9

Sat 2 - 4

Sun 10 - 12, 12 - 2 and 2 - 4

Children's Garden - a few more - could be students looking for Volunteer hours as well, and also anyone able to do face painting

If you are able to fill any of these positions, please contact **Joan Harding** at 705-7995378 or harding@i-zoom.net

Membership

Well, considering the weather this winter, we've had some good success with the renewal of memberships. We are currently at 125 paid members out of last year's total of 210. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Please remember to renew your membership.

Thanks, Monica

Welcome New Members

Christine Aikin

We had 1 guest in January and 1 guest in February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OHA Convention 2014

This year's annual OHA Convention will be held in Cornwall on July 18th - 20th. With delegates from Horticultural Societies from all over Ontario, a full list of speakers and tours, it is an interesting event. If you are interested in more details you can visit the OHA website at <http://ohaconvention2014.org/> or contact Pat de Villiers at patdevilliers@hotmail.com or 705-741-1101. Anyone who is a member of PHS is eligible to attend.

April 5 - District 4 AGM 9 - 3:30 Norwood Legion. Speaker is Paula Anderson. Topic: "Vegetable Gardening".

April 17 - Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society Thursday, 7pm. Keynote speaker is Paul Zammitt. Topic: "Creative Containers, The Appeal, The Potential and The Possibilities" Tickets \$10. To reserve contact maggie_mcisaac@hotmail.com or Ruth at 705-738-2397.

May 10 - Jamaica Self Help Plant Sale 9 - 12 at my house 170 Morrow St. Ptbo. If anyone has plants to contribute, they would be most welcome. Please pot up and label and drop off the day before. Thank you, Marg Hundt

June 21 - Peterborough Master Gardeners' Garden Tour, 10 - 4, \$20 -- <http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/tour>

July 12 - Bobcaygeon and District Horticultural Society Garden Tour and Tea

July 12 - Campbellford and District Horticultural Society Garden Tour

PETERBOROUGH AND AREA MASTER GARDENERS

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

http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/mg_factsheets/Task%20Facts%202008.pdf

March Garden Tasks . . .

- ◆ Start tomatoes indoors (late March early April).
- ◆ Order summer-flowering bulbs.
- ◆ Prune summer-flowering shrubs (e.g. Hydrangea)
- ◆ Start summer flowers and tender perennials (tuberous begonias, cannas, callas and caladiums in pots).
- ◆ Apply dormant spray to fruit trees and pest-prone shrubs (non-freezing temperatures, before buds open).
- ◆ Loosen packed mulch and press back frost heaved perennials.
- ◆ Cut some spring flowering shrub branches for forcing inside.
- ◆ Plant flower and vegetable seeds indoors.
- ◆ Prune grapevines.



Ontario Horticultural Association Judging School District 4



District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association is pleased to send out an invitation to all horticultural and agricultural members in Ontario to join them for a **Judging School course**.

The course outline includes 5 segments. It has been decided that the first of these five segments will be held in September of 2014 in the Peterborough area. The following four segments will be held in the spring of 2015 and fall of 2016. Each segment is to be 2 consecutive days held on a weekend.

In order to proceed with the planning we need to know many people are interested in attending so we can select the correct size of facility.

If you are interested, please complete the information requested below and return same to us with a "good faith" non-refundable deposit of \$10.00 which will be applied to the first segment's fees. Qualified judges are also welcome to attend any segment. The same non-refundable deposit applies.

Once the deadline is closed we will forward the course outline, the fee and what is required to all those who have responded.

Please return by April 30th, 2014.

Thank you,

Barbara Twiner,
Principal
905-839-7600 (d4judges@gardenontario.org)

Christa Marton,
Co-Principal
705-277-9548

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Hort./Agric. Society _____ District _____

Please make cheque payable to District 4 and send with this form to:

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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.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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.

Regular Committee:	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.

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