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Next meeting

Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a great time. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The coffee pot will be on so make sure to bring your mug. The library will be open so come and check out the huge selection. Get your 50/50 ticket. Look for Dawna in her flowered hat. Or just spend some time with your gardening friends.

Cecil Lamrock will be our speaker at the May meeting and he will share his tips to 'Care for Roses.' Cecil is the owner of Lamrock's Country Garden, located at 1670 Coates Road West, Port Perry. He specializes in roses, also has beautiful show gardens containing more than 300 miniature and large roses as well as daylilies, hostas and many other perennials and annuals.



Miniature roses add impact in small spaces.

LAST MEETING

Paul Jenkins showed us wonderful photos of Wildflower Farm, providing us with many suggestions and techniques for starting meadows and other low maintenance alternatives. They have 120 species of hardy, perennial native plants, seeds and site-specific wildflower seed mixes for sale as well as beautiful display gardens. www.wildflowerfarm.com

50/50

Well, I must say I am flabbergasted: the pot for the April meeting was \$157.00, won by Chris Freeburn. (She had a good evening: kudos from her fellow members for all her hard work, plus cash and cake! What could be better? And well-deserved, too.) But I digress... This was the biggest pot we have ever had, and I think it reflects so well on the members: your support and enthusiasm are wonderful.

Thanks to an infusion of supplementary monies from the Board, we also had a big prize table. All of the items came from vendors at our show and they were grouped into seven prize lots. Items ran the gamut from bamboo garden gloves to the ligularia that my cat chewed up (sorry about that...) to the lovely little vase of flowers that Joe Cook brought.

The vendors were all very generous: I got terrific prices for the things I bought, and some simply gave me the items. The vendors included:

Anna's Perennials – hypertufa bird bath
Avant Garden Shop – squirrel buster feeder, wasp trap, etc.
Blossom Hill – herb garden container and plants
Burley Gardening – gloves, weed digger, notepads, etc.
Florabunda Seeds – a sun garden and a fragrant garden
Gardens Plus – live plants
Griffin's Greenhouse – garden statuary and bag
Lee Valley Tools – Chinese scissors and reusable shopping bags
Peterborough Landscape Supplies – live plants, watering can

The prizes included a number of items that were donated. Most notably, Dirk Berghout of Florabunda donated both seed gardens and drew planting guides for each one – a very generous gesture. Lee Valley tools donated the colourful bags, Marg Burley gave us the little garden notepads, and Griffin's also provided a colourful bag. Joe and Hazel Cook, in addition to the vase of flowers, also provided the starter herbs for the container. This was a terrific addition to our anniversary celebrations! Thank you to all who participated. Dawna Rhodenhizer



IN THE LIBRARY....

Looking to plant a vegetable garden and have some of these questions? "What are the easiest vegetable crops to grow? How soon can I plant my peas in spring? Can I grow vegetables in containers?" Well, look no further. "Veggie Gardener's Answer Book" is a new little book that has solutions to every problem you'll ever face and answers to every question you'll ever ask.

MAY FLOWER SHOW

The first Flower Show of the year will be held at our meeting on May 25th. There are twenty-eight categories ranging from houseplants to photography and even a 150th Anniversary Special Award. Use your imagination to create a design, show one of your photographs or simply go into your garden and choose something great to share. Categories are listed on pages 26 and 27 of your yearbook, Rules and other information are on pages 24 and 25 and additional tips are on page 23. All tagged entries must be in place between 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Entry tags will be available when you bring in your entries. Give it a try!

ROTARY CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW RAFFLE DRAW

The draw for the three prizes from the Rotary Club of Peterborough's Garden Show Raffle was held Monday April 18 during the club's weekly Monday noon hour meeting at The Holiday Inn. Chair Susan Mackle and her Garden Show committee members conducted the draw. The winning ticket holders were: 3rd Prize – Garden Equipment – Marie Bradford from Omeme, 2nd Prize – A Niagara Adventure – Kelly McEvenue from Mississauga and 1st Prize – A Montreal Getaway – Roy Wood from Peterborough.

FLEMING PARK

In 1991 funds were raised and planning began for a heritage garden in Fleming Park

A small but enthusiastic group met on Saturday, April 23 to do the initial clean up between the rain drops. Spring has been slow in coming but there are signs of new life everywhere. Plants are starting to emerge from their winter rest. Ongoing work on the park has started and will continue throughout the summer. If you have time on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – noon, bring your gloves and tools and help out.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER EDITH STEINBECK.

ALLIUM FUNDRAISER – LAST CALL

Premium high quality bulbs can be ordered with full payment at our May meeting. Four different varieties are available – Purple Sensation (10 per package), Bulgaricum (10 per package), His Excellence (1 per package) and Sphaerocephalon (50 per package). The cost is \$5.00 per package. Bulbs will be distributed at our September meeting.

SURVEY

Winner of the April Newsletter Contest is Vera Briscoe. Thank you to all who completed the survey.

Questions for the May Newsletter Contest are:

1. What is Sphaerocephalon?
2. When did PHS begin taking care of Fleming Park?
3. Who will be the speaker at our May meeting?
4. What is the date of the PHS Plant Sale?
5. Who is the District 4 Director?

1ST ANNUAL DISTRICT 4 AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, June 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Gzowski College at Trent University. Join members of other societies of District 4 to honour members who have volunteered their time and expertise to make their societies strong and vibrant. The Hazel Wilson Award will also be presented. Following a buffet lunch, Terry Sprague will present 'Keep it Natural and They Will Come.' His website is www.naturestuff.net. The cost is \$30.00 per ticket and PHS will subsidize a limited number of tickets so that the cost to our members will be \$15.00. If you would like to attend, please contact Pat deVilliers at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com or speak with her at the April meeting.

DISTRICT 4 AGM

The District 4 AGM was hosted by the Grafton HS on Saturday, April 16. The morning was filled with the business of the district. Carol Dunk, OHA 1st Vice President brought greetings from President Vickie Wiemer and the OHA Executive. The District 4 Executive was installed: Director – Rose Odell; Assistant Directors – Wendy Langham, Carol Mitchell, Dianne Westlake; Secretary – Bev. Silk and Treasurer – Lenna Broatch. Following a delicious lunch with time to socialize with members of other societies, four PHS members enjoyed an informative presentation by David Tomlinson entitled 'The Making of Merlin's Hollow'.



ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Wow! What a beautiful cake! Hope everyone enjoyed their celebration treat at the April meeting and we ate almost the whole thing in one sitting! What a great turn out we had!

There are still about 40 members who have not yet received their anniversary mug. If you haven't made it to the last two meetings, please try to join us in May and pick up your complimentary mug. A table will be set up just inside the auditorium doors. All new members are also entitled to this gift.

PETERBOROUGH CANADA DAY PARADE

We are working on finalizing our participation in the Peterborough Canada Day Parade. There will be a clipboard going around at the May meeting, where you can add your name to the list to be included in the parade. Organize your team of two for the wheelbarrow event or just join us with your garden hat or watering can and walk the parade to celebrate Canada Day and our 150th Anniversary Year. There will be prizes awarded!

150TH ANNIVERSARY GARDEN TOUR

Everything is in place for our Members Only 150th Anniversary Garden Tour which will be held on Sunday, June 12th. Our gardeners are opening their gardens from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

On May 20th all members who have provided an email address to the membership committee will receive the listing of our members' gardens. If you have email and do not receive it on that date, send an email to editor@peterboroughgardens.ca and a copy will be sent to you. PLEASE PRINT OFF YOUR TOUR GUIDE, so you can plan your route ahead of time. A limited number of guides will be available at the May meeting for those members who did not receive their information electronically.

Please follow these important touring tips below:

1. Remember to take your membership card with you as you will be asked to show ID.
2. Smell the roses, but do not pick the flowers.
3. Thank your host; they have done a lot of work to prepare for your visit.
4. Compliment the garden. Be positive!
5. Try to carpool to save money and make it a more social day.
6. Use the Tim Horton's for bathroom runs.
7. Tour only during the 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. open time. This is a long day for our gardeners.
8. Take your camera to take photos of those garden ideas you love!
9. Park and use extreme caution when walking on the road.

10. Please, no strollers or pets

Anniversary Committee – Chris Freeburn, Gail Deck, Pat de Villiers, Dianne Westlake

THANK YOU

Because of the efforts of members of the Horticultural Society, the Peterborough Master Gardeners, the Northumberland Master Gardeners, Omemee Horticultural Society, the Peterborough Rotary Club and volunteers from nearby Horticultural Societies, this year's Peterborough Garden Show was a great success. We had more than 8000 people at the show this year and, although the final numbers are not in yet, we expect the profits to be similar to last year. Our new Show Coordinator, Sandy Spremo did a wonderful job even though she had never been involved with previous shows. There is no way we would have been able to do it without her. There is also no way we would have had the show without the tireless efforts of the Show Committee who worked all year long to make sure everything worked flawlessly. Your committee is Susan Bowie, Carol Bulmer, Rachel Burrows, Betty DeLong, Pat DeVillers, Susan Fairs, Judy Harris, Kathy Hewitt, Pat Lounsbury, Susan Mackle, Sandy Spremo, Dianne Westlake, and me. Dianne and I are leaving the committee for 2012. Joining the committee is Marg Hundt. Rachel Burrows will be replacing me as chair. Thanks to all for a great job. Gary Westlake, Chair, Peterborough Garden Show Committee

HELP WANTED

David and Susan Castle from Shining Waters B & B just outside Warsaw have an extensive garden that Rachel Burrows helped to design. They need help with weeding and edging and are looking for a student to work 5 to 8 hours a week, any time to suit the person. They are away until May 25th but can be reached by email at ssncastle@yahoo.com.

MASTER GARDENER BUS TRIP TO MONTREAL

The Peterborough Master Gardeners are hosting a 3 day bus trip to Montreal on July 21, 22 and 23. We have a full itinerary with stops at specialty and private gardens and of course garden centers for plant purchases. A full day will be spent at the Montreal Botanical Gardens. The cost is \$350 per person if sharing a room and \$450 per person if you request a single room. We have 3 seats available. If you would like more information, please contact Cathy Fraser at cathy.j.fraser@gmail.com or 705-933-9231.



Peterborough HS Plant Sale

May 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

at St. Alban's Church

567 Monaghan Road – just south of Kenner Collegiate

COMING EVENTS

NORWOOD

Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Fundraiser featuring Vikki Taylor Scott – Phenology or Gardening by Natural Indicators, Rather Than by the Calendar. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Followed by refreshments and viewing the Spring Flower Show

OMEMEE

Monday, May 16. On-site visit to Steven's Landscaping – Fowler's Corners. Meet at the parking lot of Trinity United Church at 6:30 p.m. to carpool. For more information contact Carol Mitchell at carol@aflowergeek.com.

MILLBROOK

Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – John Stratham of John's Garden near Uxbridge – 'Grasses' – \$2 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 705-944-8912 or Joan 705-799-5378 for more information

LAKEFIELD

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

OTHER EVENTS

May 24 – 31 – **Lindsay Lilac Festival** – Logie Street Park in Lindsay

Sunday, May 29 – **Kids Day** at the Lilac Festival

June 25 – 26 – **Garden Route Second Annual "Art in the Garden"** event. Local artists set up displays at each of the Garden Route locations. often working on a new piece of art right before your eyes. During this free event, art can be purchased or simply admired. Artists will be in this fun event "creating" at one of the 10 businesses. For more information, contact Brenda Ibey (743-0068). Join the group on Facebook or visit the website at www.gardenroute.ca

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

For more information: heartofnorthumberland@live.com or 905-885-6422; toll-free 1-888-278-2484. Evenings/weekends: 905-373-4427 or 905-342-3888. The Birdhouse Boutique will be open at one of the gardens.

July 15 – 17 in Sudbury – **OHA Annual Convention** – Even if you are not planning on going to the Convention, you can enter in a number of categories because items can be mailed to the judges. For more information go to <http://www.gardenontario.org> or see Dianne Westlake.

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

PLANT SALES

May 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – **Peterborough Horticultural Society** at St. Alban's Church (567 Monaghan Road-just south of Kenner Collegiate)

May 14 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Plant Sale at **Ander-Vale Farm, Art Gallery and Country Gardens**, 937 Webster Road, (705) 652-6637 – Farm grown including some rose varieties and heirloom tomatoes. More information at <http://www.ander-vale.ca/Plant%20Sale.htm>

May 19 at 9:00 a.m., Rain or Shine – **Norwood Horticultural Society** Plant Sale – Norwood United Church lawn at the corner of Highway 7 and County Road 45.

May 21 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. – **Lakefield Horticultural Society** – Cenotaph area

May 22 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Ecology Park** on Ashburnham Drive beside Peterborough Utilities. A great selection of perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, native plants, heirloom vegetables and more.

May 28 at 8:30 a.m. – **Parkinson's Plant Sale** at 480 Gilmour St. as part of the Annual Giant Gilmour St. Yard Sale



**CONGRATULATIONS
PETERBOROUGH
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SOCIETY 150TH
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STILL GROWING.**