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Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30 p.m.



"Herbal Lore and Remedies-Then and Now"

Claire Sullivan, past president of the Canadian Authors Association, has been gardening since age 10, when she planted white alyssum, and pink and white candy.-stripe petunias with her father in perfect, straight, rows along the front path. Now, over forty years later, her plantings are more complex and the mythic lore of herbs and healing are a synchronistic fit with her work as a gardener and writer.

Claire is a long time member of the Ontario Horticultural Association and has published in trade magazines on such topics as farming, gardening and exercise. When not writing she is a bookkeeper, an artist, a blogger, a traveller, a tweeter, and works at Gardens Plus where she can be found talking to the plants And getting answers.

www.dantemastergardener.blogspot.ca

Jill Cockerell has studied herbs for the past 20 years. As well as constantly following her own lines of study, she obtained a Chartered Herbalist diploma from Dominion Herbal College and has attended many other seminars and courses in herbal practices.

Currently Jill lives on Franklin Farm, her herb farm just outside Bethany, where she grows over 150 species of helpful plants which she makes into herbal teas, tinctures, soaps, creams and balms. Jill grows heirloom tomatoes, lettuce and peppers which are available during the summer months and does Garden-side lectures, a weekly hands on series of lectures in the gardens, the green house or the shop.

Jill is available for demonstrations.

Check out her blog at www.kawarthaherbs.blogspot.com

LUG-A-MUG

Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your **Name Tag** to our meeting.
Please remember a small donation to the Hospitality Fund is always very welcomed.



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Peterborough Horticultural Society
The Peterborough Garden Show

President's Report

Spring is a busy time for the PHS! Thank you to all members who have contributed to our spring activities. The Garden Show being the biggest commitment in terms of volunteers and involvement, followed closely by the Spring Plant Sale and of course our clean up day at Fleming Park which marks the beginning of the weekly Wednesday morning gardening of our lovely little heritage park. Hopefully you have been able to be a part of some of these activities. If not, the Fleming Park committee would welcome any Wednesday morning drop-ins to help out as they continue throughout the summer in their up keep. At last we are able to get into our own gardens as well after a particularly long, cold winter. It's been a long wait, but it's finally here! Enjoy!

♦Pat deVilliers

50-50

Our lucky winner of the 50/50 draw was **Elaine Goselin**. She went home with \$111.00. Additional prizes were purchased from **Griffins' Greenhouse, Blossom Hill, The Greenhouse on the River** and **Anna's Perennials**.

♦Betty O'Toole & Marg Leeking

Library

At the Garden Show at one of the many vendors (I think it was Terra Edibles), I came across a book called **"From Seed to Table"**, a **Practical Guide to Eating and Growing Green**, by **Janette Haase**. This book is organized on a month-by-month basis explaining what work needs to be when from planting, harvesting and eating (including recipes) in a small home garden. Best of all, this book is written for our zone.

The author lives north of Kingston.

Check it out; I think you'll like it.

♦Pauline Drake



Membership

Each year our goal is to have a minimum of 200 paid members which allows us to receive grant money of \$1500. To date we have 180 paid members which includes our new members this year (see Welcome box). Have you renewed? Perhaps you've been away or busy and forgot. (Happens to all of us). If you haven't renewed yet, why not take a minute now to do so? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: 705-749-3034 or email monicawhite_962@hotmail.com

♦Monica White

Welcome New Members

Caulleen Ford - Norma Gorling
Sue Kenton - Susan Musclow

We had **1** guest in January and **1** guest in February
1 guest in April

Fleming Park

A big thank-you to everyone who came out Saturday April 26, for **"Clean Up"** at Fleming Park. Although the weather was cloudy, cool, and drizzly, **Martin** from **"Magic Rolling Pin"** restaurant stopped by with flasks of hot coffee and gingerbread cookies, much appreciated by all. After our little break the many hands and hard work "woke the park up" after a long cold winter. We work every Wednesday morning, and finally the buds and plants are emerging. We all welcome **Norma Gorling**, a new volunteer.

♦Annie English



SPRING PLANT SALE 2014

Once again our Spring Plant Sale was held at Westdale United Church.

It was a very cold spring and because of this we did not have the usual number of plants to sell and the day of the sale was cool and cloudy. Attendance at the sale was down but despite all this we had a successful day with sales of **\$894.75!** Plants that were not sold were donated to the Parkinson's Society.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event by generously donating plants, garden magazines and garden décor.

A special **THANK YOU** to the following members who helped set up, organize, price and clean up after the sale ... you were all awesome!

MJ Pilgrim, Dianne Gerdanu, Patricia Day, Monica White, Pat deVilliers, Lorraine Barrow, Kathy Hewitt, Sandy Spremo, Pat Lounsbury, Maija Demaria, Annie English, Gail Trotter, Dawna Rhodenhizer, Sally Rye, Ann Nelson, Donna Manley, Beth Williams, Marie Doyle, Gail Deck, Pat Day, Pauline Drake, Etela Vojnic, Scott Bain, Marg Hunt.

♦Anita Clifford

June Celebration Event

The District 4 OHA June Celebration Event will be held at the Naval Club here in Peterborough on Wednesday, June 11th from 11 am - 3 pm. The PHS will be recognizing four long-term members with a **25-year pin**. Those members are **Velma Dorris, Trudy Minicola, Inge Buchardt** and **Giovanna Ronco**. There will be a luncheon, a guest speaker **Tena van Andel** on **"Orchids"** and a Silent Auction. The theme is **"Hawaiian Luau"** - if you want to dress for the part (optional, but some do - a challenge to see if you can come up with a floral lei or grass skirt!) Cost is \$25, but half is subsidized by the PHS for this event, so your cost would be \$12.50. It is a fun, social event and opportunity to recognize different members. If you'd like to join us, contact **Pat de Villiers** at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com

Thank You to Griffin's Greenhouses

On Friday March 23rd and Saturday March 24th, Griffin's hosted a **"Spring Fling"** donating 10% of sales to the Horticultural Society of the purchaser's choice. We were presented with **3 \$20** gift cards to Griffin's in the amount of \$60. The Board has decided to give out a \$20 gift card with the 50/50 prizes at each of the next 3 meetings. **Thank you Griffin's!**

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.

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

July 5 - Open the Door Home and Garden Tour 2014, 10 - 4, \$25 - www.ptbogardentour.com

All proceeds from our Homes and Gardens Tour will support **Cameron House** ("Women Helping Women")

July 5 - Omeme and District Horticultural Society 75th Anniversary Garden Tour "OMEMEE BLOOMS 2014" 10 - 4, \$20
(includes a light lunch) **Donna Hunter** 705 799-6656 dphunter@sympatico.ca
Need more information? **omemeeblooms.ca** or Barb: lakehouse54@bell.net

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

May Garden Tasks . . .

- * Harden off seedlings.
- * Treat for slugs, aphids, and Blackspot if necessary.
- * Deadhead tulips and daffodils, leaving the foliage to nourish the bulb and to die back naturally.
- * Take notes and photos of bulb plantings for later changes.
- * Plant tender summer-flowering bulbs (e.g. glads, cannas, and dahlias).
- * Check trees for tent caterpillars and other insects.