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OCTOBER MEETING

Anna Leggatt gave us some great advice for constructing a rock garden as well as numerous suggestions for planting. Her photos of gardens she has visited were inspiring. Anna provided a handout which included a number of resources and a recipe for hypertufa. If you did not receive it, it has been uploaded to our website [here](#).

NOVEMBER MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, November 25 for our last meeting of 2009. This is our Annual General Meeting. The election of officers for 2010 will take place but the induction of the officers will be held at our January meeting. Of course, we will have our 50/50 draw and the library will be open. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30. Our speaker, Roger Hill, will share his enthusiasm and many ideas to make your home beautiful for Christmas.

To celebrate the festive season, we are asking our members to bring a food item to donate to Kawartha Food Share or a contribution to the mitten tree. Please be generous.

Let's get in the festive mood! Anyone wishing to share a plate of a favourite finger food treat is welcome to bring it to our decorative Christmas table. If you are willing to share your recipe, just place it on your container. This does help people who have food allergies. We know there are lots of treats just itching to get into our tummies! Any leftover goodies will be shared with Cameron House and Brock Mission and will be delivered there. And don't forget to lug-a-mug. Thanks, Gail and Pat

Welcome New Member Bev MacDonald

50/50

The winner of \$95.50 was Anita Clifford. Other prizes included amaryllis bulbs, ceramic dishes with hyacinth



Trudy Minicola, Rachel Burrows, Beryl Harris and Velma Doris were recognized as Life Members in appreciation for their support of PHS over the years.

bulbs, a copy of the Farmer's Almanac and Peggy Immel's book; I'd Rather Be Gardening. Thanks to our members who donated a \$20.00 gift certificate from Dominion Seed House and a gardening book. A number of packages of tulip bulbs (complements of the PHS) were also distributed to those members who had the lucky tickets in their possession. Congratulations to all!

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

We are still in need of a few volunteers to assist with the phone committee. This action will only be taken in the case of an emergency like a major storm that would mean the cancellation of our meeting. Many of our members have email and they would be informed using this method. But some will need to be contacted by phone. If you can help, contact Joan Clairmont at 745-8268.

FLOWER SHOW – OCTOBER 28 RESULTS

1. Chrysanthemum – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd S. Rye, 3rd M. Doyle
3. Hydrangea – 1st N. Evans
4. Ornamental grass – 1st A. Milne, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd S. Carothers
5. Rose, 1 bloom – 1st C. Fraser, 2nd S. Carothers
6. Rose, 1 spray – 1st N. Evans, 2nd S. Carothers, 3rd S. Pyper
7. Sedum – 1st H. Cook, 2nd K. Hewitt, 3rd N. Evans
8. Annual – 1st S. Carothers, 2nd K. Hewitt
9. Perennial – 1st H. Cook, 2nd S. Carothers, 3rd N. Evans
10. Seed Stem – 1st H. Cook, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd G. Fowler
11. Carrots – 1st K. Hewitt



12. Garlic – 1st N. Evans
13. Vegetable Misfit – 1st G. Fowler
14. Vegetable, large – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd J. Cook, 3rd K. Hewitt
15. Vegetable, small – 1st S. Carothers, 2nd K. Hewitt
16. 'Gone to Seed' – 1st S. Carothers, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd M. Doyle
17. 'Gourd Thinking' – 1st S. Carothers
18. 'Shell Out' Miniature – 1st N. Evans, 2nd K. Hewitt, 3rd S. Carothers
20. Peach Jam – 1st H. Grassie, 2nd A. Milne
21. Open Jam – 1st H. Grassie, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd A. Milne
22. Dill Pickles – 1st A. Milne, 2nd G. Fowler
23. Relish – 1st H. Cook
- Best of Show – Delphinium – Hazel Cook
- Judge's Choice – 'Gone to Seed' – Sharon Carothers

WORKSHOPS

We have had two successful workshops this fall. Our hydrangea wreath workshop gave members a chance to use the flowers in their gardens to make beautiful wreaths. Thanks to Penny Johnson for her expertise and her encouraging words. And thank you to Cathy Fraser for the use of her garage, the delicious snacks and drinks, and for letting us sneak into her garden for extra flowers. It was great fun and everyone went home with a beautiful and unique decoration.

On October 25th, Joe Cook of Blossom Hill gave a wonderful workshop on sharpening tools. He gave us detailed instructions and demonstrated how to sharpen everything from pruners (even left handed ones!) to shovels and edgers. And what a collection of great tools he had to show us. Hope you got your own sharpening jobs done, Joe! Thanks for the presentation! And thanks to Hazel for the yummy treats.

These were the last workshops for this year. We hope to have a houseplant workshop in March and are setting up more workshops for spring and summer. Workshops will be posted in the newsletter as soon as dates are set and signup sheets will be available at general meetings or through email. Chris Freeburn

Wow, I Should Have Entered The Flower Show!

Who knew that my lovely round, brown hydrangea which was originally a beautiful blue would still have been acceptable to enter in the show. Next year I'll know that brown and dried up is still acceptable, but if still blooming and colorful that's even better!

I walked by my sedums quite a few times and didn't even think of bringing one stem in. I didn't check the show classes well enough.

Gee, I'd better check the rule book about showing specimens of flowers so I know the difference between stem, stalk, branch, spray....who knew they were so fussy! Thank goodness they put 'cut flower' beside the class otherwise I wouldn't have known what a specimen was.

The display was amazing...I saw flowers and grasses that convinced me to add them to my garden next year. It's always good to see the bloom of something you are considering planting in your garden.

Weren't the vegetables great! I am resisting planting veggies...but that display is shaking my resolve. I remind myself to "stay strong".

I loved the design group, sweet miniatures and amazing arrangements with mostly dried material.

I'll need to look up some ideas in the books we have in the library. I'm not very crafty so maybe that will help. The judge's comments were very interesting and inspired me to really consider entering. Next year...count me in. Ms No Show

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce this year's recipients of the Peterborough Horticultural Society's scholarship awards. Six candidates have been selected to receive these \$1000 awards towards their post secondary education in a field related to Horticulture. The following are our 2009/2010 recipients.

Laura Crowe grew up in Young's Point and attended Lakefield District Secondary School. She graduated from Trent University in 2008 with a BA degree in Environmental Studies. Laura is currently enrolled in an Environmental Technology programme at Fleming College and is looking forward to a career in the environmental sector.

Mike Arnold graduated from high school in Hamilton, and then completed an Aquaculture Diploma from Fleming College. After living on Vancouver Island, BC, he developed an interest in trees, their ecosystems and the environment. He returned to Fleming College in 2008 and is currently enrolled in the Urban Forestry programme. Mike is also an arborist assistant with Hyland Tree Care in Lakefield. Mike has an interest in germinating and maintaining tree seedlings and in improving green areas in urban centres.

Daniel Weihing was raised on a farm in the Omemee area and is a graduate of St Peter's Secondary School. In addition to gardening skills and practical experience learned on the farm, he has had a summer landscaping



job at Scott Concrete in Lakefield. Daniel is in his third year of an Environmental Technology Programme at Fleming College.

Tamara Little is a resident of Omemee and a graduate of St Peter's Secondary School. She is interested in flower and vegetable gardening without the use of pesticides or chemicals and has been involved in volunteer tree planting. Tamara is currently enrolled in her second year of an Ecosystem Management Technician programme at Fleming College and hopes to work for the MNR and eventually complete a master's degree in science at university.

Lindsey Hawke is from Toronto but has been attending Trent University since 2005. She completed an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Studies. Her honours thesis was in the Conservation Genetics of the Pitcher's Thistle, developing a conservation strategy for the survival and breeding success of an endangered species. She is currently enrolled at Trent University in an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biology. Lindsey developed an early interest in gardening working with her mother in home flower and vegetable gardens and later in assisting others with gardening, lawn care and maintenance.

Melissa Spearing has been accepted into the prestigious Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. Her two year programme will start in March, 2010. Melissa grew up in Bethany and was involved from an early age working with her family's business, Ground Covers Unlimited, in Bethany. After a few years working in Toronto, Melissa returned to her roots and became involved in the family business. She and her father, Ted Spearing, began researching air root pruning and have developed a secondary business, Shady Ideas, involving improved survivability in tree planting. Melissa has been a speaker and presenter for numerous groups and conferences, including the OHA, and has been invited to speak at the 2010 For the Love of Gardening Show in April.

We are excited about the potential in this year's group of scholarship recipients and wish them success in their future careers.

At the Kenner Collegiate and Vocational Institute Commencement on November 6th, Stacey Drury was presented with the Madge Harris Award, a cheque for \$100 and a certificate of excellence in horticulture. Presenter was Pat de Villiers. The Olive Isaac Award will be presented by Claire Sullivan at the TASS Commencement on November 20th. Beige McIntosh will receive a cheque for \$100 and a certificate of excellence in horticulture.

Since 2002 the Peterborough Horticultural Society has awarded \$30,000 in scholarships, benefitting 30 local students. Since 2005, 10 students from Kenner and Thomas A Stewart Secondary Schools have received \$100 each for excellence in their horticulture programme. Pat de Villiers, Claire Sullivan, Julie Burch

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for 2010 will remain at the current rate - \$15.00 for an individual membership and \$20.00 for a family membership. You can beat the January rush and pay for your membership renewal at the November meeting. Look for the membership table in the hall as you enter the meeting room. At this time, you will be asked to verify your contact information. Please check this information carefully. If you wish to mail your membership fee, please complete the form that is included in this edition of the newsletter or download the form from the website. Please pay by cheque made payable to Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash though the mail.

BOARD NEWS

Etela Vojnic, who has served on the board for a number of years, has decided to take a break. She has been a member of a variety of committees over the years including the plant sales and the library. Etela will continue to organize the volunteer assignments for the garden show. Many thanks Etela for all you have done for the society.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Would you like to work with some interesting people? Do you have a specific interest or some special skills that you can share? We would like to share your talent and your enthusiasm. Please consider joining a committee or the board of directors. Most tasks do not take a huge amount of time – but as with all things, many hands make light work. If you can help, contact Anne Milne at 741-3995 or rmilne3@cogeco.ca

2010 GARDEN SHOW

Planning is progressing well for the 2010 Garden Show. Be sure to mark Friday, April 9th, Saturday, April 10th and Sunday, April 11th on your calendars. Remember that the show is not on Easter weekend. Visit our website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca for the list of speakers and other information about the show including the vendors that have already committed. There will be a judged flower show again this year and the schedule and rules will be available soon. Many vendors/exhibitors have already signed up, but at this



point there are still booths left so if you know of any business that might be appropriate, please let Niki know. Once again we will be asking for our members to volunteer for many tasks throughout the show. It only works if you volunteer to help. Please see Anne Milne to make sure you are on the list.

DISTRICT 4 FALL SEMINAR

On Saturday, October 24 eight members of our society travelled to Lindsay to enjoy a speaker and a delicious lunch with other members of horticultural societies from across our district. It was good to see some of the volunteers who helped out at the convention. After lunch we enjoyed a power point presentation of the convention.

COMING EVENTS

Lakefield

Tuesday December 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Annual Christmas Party and Potluck dinner. "Make or Bake" silent auction.

Norwood

Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Annual General Meeting and Winter Potluck Dinner – Christmas Decor - Mini Show

Omeme

Monday, November 16 at Trinity United Church, at 7:30. 2009 Annual Meeting: Election of 2010 Executive and Board Members. 6th Annual Photography Show, Monthly Competition in Design and a slide show featuring club activities and our members' gardens.

Millbrook

Wednesday, December 2 – Christmas Social at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

Our fall flower show provided a beautiful reminder of the bounty of the season. Here members enjoy the many entries of specimens, arrangements, vegetables and preserves.



THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

PETERBOROUGH & AREA MASTER GARDENERS

- Fertilize lawn.
- Make sure evergreens, shrubs and young trees are well watered for winter.
- Protect young trees from rodents.
- Plant some spring bulbs in pots for forcing.
- Store tools, hoses and other garden equipment and ornaments for the winter.
- Watch for bugs on houseplants (white flies, spider mites, and aphids).
- Protect rose bushes with plastic cones or by adding soil or compost just before the ground freezes.
- Apply mulch to tender perennials just as the ground starts to freeze.
- Protect pyramidal evergreens, rhododendrons and other shrubs using burlap screens.
- Cut branches for winter decorations.
- Order seed catalogues

Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is now open throughout the entire year. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca