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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 24 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the coffee pot will be on. This is the last meeting of 2010 and also is our Annual General Meeting. We will conduct our elections and the installation of our new executive. If you are willing to stand for a position or join a committee, please contact Anne Milne at 741-3995 or Gary Westlake 742-9167.

Our speaker for the evening is Vicki Taylor Scott. Vicki has her degree in Ornamental Horticulture (from the University of Guelph) and is a Certified Horticulturist and a Certified Landscape Designer – “she is just certifiable”. She is a regular guest on television and radio programmes, writes articles for newspapers and magazines and her speaking engagements (including Canada Blooms) take her across the province. Vicki has recently moved to Guelph where she will commence writing her masters in addition to teaching at her old alma mater next year. She developed and nurtured her garden club for over 300 children called S.L.U.G.S. (Special Little Uxbridge GardenerS) and in her “spare time” she is the mother of the “best son in the world” and a wife...to a very understanding husband. Her topic is Nursery Rhymes and Riddles – Solving Garden Problems with Tenacity and Laughs. We can promise lots of information and laughs. This is one meeting you will not want to miss.

Food Bank

To celebrate the season, we are asking our members to bring a food item to donate to Kawartha Food Share or a contribution to the mitten tree. They particularly need peanut butter, canned fish or meats, pork and beans and pasta sauce but have lots of spaghetti and rice. The collection area will be situated just outside the main entrance of the meeting room. Please be generous.

Yum

Attention: All cooks who love to make/bake lovely goodies but don't want to eat it all week by yourself!



At our October meeting, Sean James gave a lively presentation about hardscaping. His contact information is www.fernridgelandscaping.com and Sean's email sdjames@on.aibn.com Telephone 905-876-4852

You are invited to share finger food (sweet or otherwise) with your "Gardening Friends" at our November 24th meeting. Just bring your contribution on a disposable dish and place on our snack table. With your permission, any leftovers will be delivered by the Hospitality Committee and gratefully accepted by Cameron House (a house for homeless women).

Don't forget your coffee mug!

50/50

The October 50/50 draw was won by Christine Christianson. Although my hat needs repair, members still supported the draw in their usual wonderful fashion, and Christine took home a nice little sum: \$114.50. Congratulations Christine! The theme for the other prizes was “For the Birds”, and included some lovely little feeders and bird food from our local Zellers store and The Avant Garden Shop. Brenda Ibey at The Avant



Garden Shop also donated a beautiful book on landscaping, which is now available from our library. Thank you, Brenda – this was very thoughtful of you. Again thanks to all who play the 50/50 – it's fun for everyone. Dawna Rhodenhizer

Membership

Membership fees for 2011 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. If you wish to mail your membership fee, complete the form that is included with this edition of the newsletter or you can download the form from the website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca/about_society.html. Please pay by cheque made payable to Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash though the mail. Dianne Westlake

EXPRESS REGISTRATION IS HERE

To reduce the amount of time you spend in line in order to renew your membership, this year we introduce 'Registration Express'! Just complete the form included with this newsletter, include the correct fee (cash or cheque,) place in an envelope and deposit it in the designated receptacle. What could be easier or quicker?

Leaving the Board

Many thanks to each of the following board members for all of their work on behalf of the society.

Marg Hundt and Joan Clairmont, have served on the board as Directors and have been members of a variety of committees.

Dawna Rhodenhizer has left the Secretary's position but she will continue to conduct the 50/50 draws at our general meetings.

Marie Doyle is also leaving the Board. She has served as a Director before taking on the Treasurer's position.

Communities in Bloom

Congratulations to the City of Kawartha Lakes has received a five bloom rating and a special mention for floral and stone signage landscape in the 2010 Communities in Bloom awards. The municipality was competing in the 50,001 to 150,000 population category.

Weather Alert

We have no control over the weather. In the rare case that a meeting must be cancelled, an announcement will be made on the radio and an email will be sent to all members. If you have email, please check your inbox before you leave for the meeting. If in doubt call, one of the members of the board (phone numbers are in your yearbook.)

OCTOBER 27 FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Section A: Specimen-Class

1. Chrysanthemum – 1st S. Carothers, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd G. Fowler
2. Hydrangea – 1st S. Carothers, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd G. Deck
3. Ornamental Grass Collection – 1st A. Milne, 2nd H. Cook, 3rd G. Fowler
4. Rose, One Bloom – 1st S. Rye, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd A. Milne
5. Rose, One Spray – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd A. Milne, 3rd H. Cook
6. Sedum – 1st H. Cook, 2nd, K. Hewitt, 3rd C. Freeburn
7. Late-flowering Annual – 1st H. Cook, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd S. Carothers
8. Late-flowering Biennial or Perennial – 1st H. Cook, 2nd S. Carothers, 3rd A. Milne
9. Stem with seeds – 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd M. Doyle
10. Stem with berries – 1st H. Cook, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd K. Hewitt

Section B: Fruits and Vegetables

- Class
14. Any Other Autumn Fruit/Nut/ Vegetable – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd S. Rye, 3rd K. Hewitt
15. Squash – 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd K. Hewitt, 3rd J. Cook

Section C: Design

- Class
18. Very Gourd – design using squash, gourd or pumpkin – 2nd S. Pyper
19. Halloween Magic – 1st C. Freeburn
20. Fall Colours – miniature 1st S. Carothers, 2nd S. Pyper

Section D: Preserves

- Class
21. Jam – 1st G. Fowler
24. Relish – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd H. Cook, 3rd P. deVilliers
25. Chili Sauce or Chutney – 1st G. Fowler

Section E: Photography

- Class
26. Reflections of Summer – 1st P. Watson, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd S. Pyper
27. Harvest Moon – 1st S. Pyper
29. Birds Dining Out – 1st P. Watson, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd S. Pyper
- Best in Show – Hazel Cook 'Candytuft'
- Judge's Choice Chris Freeburn 'Halloween Magic'



The Flower Show Committee would like to thank everyone who brought in entries for the May and October shows during 2010. The exhibits were wonderful and hopefully the 2011 shows will be just as successful if not more so. Kathy Hewitt

Fleming Endowment Award

This fall a decision was made to create a permanent annual award of \$1,000 at Fleming College similar to the one established at Trent University in 2008. Fern Rahmel, a life member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society, left us a generous bequest of \$5,000 which we chose to help fund this endowment award. In September 2010, a cheque for \$12,500. from the Peterborough Horticultural Society was matched with equal funding from the provincial government to establish an Endowment Fund at Fleming College. It will be called the "Peterborough Horticultural Society Award" and will be awarded to a student in financial need with at least 85 % who is in the Urban Forestry programme. As the award is created through interest earned on the original endowment, it will first be given in February 2012.

We are fortunate to be in the position to make such a substantial financial contribution because of the continued success of the Peterborough Garden Show. By establishing the endowment funds with both Trent University and Fleming College, we ensure that at each institution an annual award of \$1,000 will continue to be made in the name of the Peterborough Horticultural Society in perpetuity.

Annual Scholarships

In addition to the one time commitment of \$12,500 to the Endowment Fund, we were able to grant four other \$1,000 awards to students pursuing a post-secondary education in a field related to Horticulture. We received 12 applications and our committee deliberated carefully to select four from amongst them. The following are our 2010/2011 recipients.

Darren Miller is a student at the University of Guelph in his 3rd year of a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture programme. Darren grew up in Peterborough and attended high school at Holy Cross. After graduation, he would eventually like to have his own design/ build landscape architecture firm in Peterborough.

Colin Cassin is a student in the new joint Fleming-Trent Ecological Restoration programme. He has completed his 2 years at Fleming and is now in the first of the 2 required years at Trent University. Colin is from Whitby and has spent previous summers as a landscape

technician and then as a Trent University assistant researcher doing experiments with invasive aquatic weeds.

Anna King is a mature student just starting in her first year at Fleming in the joint Ecological Restoration programme. She is from London, Ontario and has spent five years working in a local greenhouse where she apprenticed with their Horticultural and Greenhouse Technician. She then spent 2 ½ seasons with a landscaping firm.

Kristin Redden completed the Urban Forestry programme at Fleming last year and is now enrolled in Fleming's Forestry Technician programme. Kristin has had experience tree planting in the north and hopes to work in a tree nursery.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. We wish them success in their future studies and careers.

At the Kenner CVI Graduation on November 5th, Rebecca De Waard was presented with the Madge Harris Award, a cheque for \$100 and a certificate of excellence in horticulture. The Olive Isaac Award was presented by Claire Sullivan at the TASS Commencement on November 5th. Kathryn Krystal received a cheque for \$100 and a certificate for excellence in horticulture. Pat deVilliers

Peterborough Garden Show

With the 2010 show financials completed, our total income was \$85,803 which includes \$49,080 in booth fees, and \$34,950 in admissions. The total of our costs were \$50,205 which included arena rental, curtains, electrical, and advertising and other expenses. Consequently the net profit for the 2010 show was \$35,598 which was split \$20,400 for the Horticultural Society and \$13,600 for the Master Gardeners. \$1,598 was left in the account to get us started for the 2011 show. Many thanks to Niki Dufresne who managed the show for a number of years. The Show Committee has hired a new Show Coordinator, Sandy Spremo, for the 2011 show and next year's show is well under way with more than 60% of the booths sold as of early November. The lineup of exciting speakers includes Frankie (Flowers) Ferragine. Gary Westlake, Show Chair

Thank You

We received a note of thanks from the Peterborough Agriculture Society for our support of the 2010 Peterborough Exhibition.



COMING EVENTS

Lakefield

Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Merry Christmas! Annual Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner at the Lakefield Marshland Centre. As well, members bring a "Make or Bake" item for the silent auction. Also welcome are non perishable items for the Food Bank.

Norwood

Monday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Pot Luck Dinner and AGM.

Omeme

Monday, November 15 at Trinity United Church, fellowship time from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available at 7:15 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting: Election of 2011 Executive and Board Members, Photography Show and Design Competition. Speaker: Kyle Griffin – Photographing your Gardens

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS TO THE MEETINGS. ▪

Orange Cake

1 2/3 cups Robin Hood Flour (Regular or Instant Blending)
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
½ cup milk
¼ cup orange juice

Spoon or pour flour into dry measuring cup. Level off and pour onto waxed paper. Add baking powder and salt; stir well to blend. Cream sugar, butter and vanilla thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture alternately with milk and orange juice starting and ending with dry ingredients. Mix well after each addition but do not overbeat. Stir 1 tbsp. grated orange rind into batter. Spread batter evenly in two greased and floured 8" round layer pans or in one 8" square pan.

Bake layer cakes at 375°F for 25-30 minutes, square cake at 350°F for 45-50 minutes. Cool cake 10 minutes in pan before turning out on wire rack. Frost as desired.

Yield: One 8" double layer cake or one 8" square cake.

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.

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