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Next Meeting November 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening will be Victoria Whitney and she will dazzle us with 'Christmas Décor.' Vikki is member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society and is the General Manager of Griffin's Greenhouses her family business. Griffin's is celebrating its 35th year of business and Vikki has been actively involved as Manager since 2002, but she grew up in the business and acquired most of her horticultural training during that journey. She is formally trained as a high school teacher; she enjoys leading the numerous seminars and workshops that Griffin's offers. When not digging in the dirt at the greenhouse and playing with pine at this time of year, Vikki is busy at home in her own gardens (her passion is Container Gardening) and with orchestrating her family's life as wife to Darryl and a mom to Olivia and Ben (ages 7 and 10.) Vikki's sense of style with delightful (and useful) ideas are sure to start the season off right. So come and get into the Christmas spirit and get lots of ideas for your own Christmas decorating style.



Be sure to come to our November meeting when Victoria Whitney will inspire and entertain.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for 2012 will be held at the November meeting. If you wish to place your name on the slate for election, please contact Anne Milne 705-741-3995 or rmilne3@cogeco.ca as soon as possible.

***PLEASE NOTE, THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AND THE INDUCTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD
AT OUR JANUARY MEETING.***

OCTOBER MEETING

Marjorie Mason joined us for an entertaining evening of wonderful photos and amusing stories about beautiful places she has visited from around the world. As an added bonus, she also brought bulbs to sell.

50/50

The winner of our October draw was Bruce Lister, who took home \$144.50 – one of the highest amounts we have ever had! Congratulations, Bruce. The secondary prizes came from a variety of sources: the trugs and most of the items in them came from our good friend Brenda Ibey at the Avant Garden Shop. Brenda – you always provide good value, and it's much appreciated. Thank you. I also threw in a selection of bulbs from the local Home Depot store – we all can appreciate some indoor paperwhites and hyacinths come March, eh? There was a surprise donation: a copper sculpture piece from the Garden Show Lost and Found. I don't know whom to thank for it, but it was snapped up pretty quickly! And of course, my three pumpkin friends: the Owl, the Witch, and the tree Ent. I carved them myself, and I hope the winners had fun with them on Halloween. As always, my congratulations to the various winners, and my thanks to all who play.
Dawna Rhodenhizer



Welcome New Members Linda Bunn, Suzanne Seryck, Margaret Tough and welcome back Dawn Macklin

TREATS AND SHARING IN NOVEMBER

Please feel free to share one of your favourite finger foods for our social time at our November meeting. Since the topic of the evening is 'Christmas Décor', it could be one of your specialty Xmas recipes! Surprise us – the idea is just to share!

And a reminder – we will have a mitten tree and food share box for anyone that cares to participate. They will be delivered to Crossroads (a shelter for women and their children). Gail, Jo, Pat.

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

A thank you letter has been received from Lakefield Youth Unlimited with pictures of their amazing summer projects. Camp Kawartha Environment Centre also sent a note of appreciation for the donation they received and used for the purchase of trees.



Don't forget your coffee mug!

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce this year's recipients of the Peterborough Horticultural Society Scholarships. The following four students have been selected to receive these \$1000.00 awards:

DARIO GABBANI lives in Lakefield and graduated from Lakefield College School. He is enrolled in the first year of Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph. Dario has had a hand in designing gardens and terraces at his family's cottage and landscaping their new home. His future goal is to own his own landscape architecture company.

EMILY MASK grew up on a small-scale heritage farm and at a young age was helping with farm and garden duties. Presently she lives in Millbrook and is at Trent University in her fourth year of the Indigenous Environmental Studies major with an emphasis in Food and Agriculture. This past year she began an independent research project working in the Trent Vegetable Gardens. She would like to further her research into communal gardens and education and hopes to pursue a Masters degree in this field.

LEIGH RAMSAY is in her second year in the Environmental Landscape Management Co-op programme at Seneca College in King City. She grew up on a farm at Young's Point and at an early age was involved in her family's gardens. She has volunteered in a number of areas including Imagine the Marsh in Lakefield where she helped work on restoring the natural shoreline habitat with native plants. Some day she hopes to start her own landscape business.

JOSH WILLIAMSON lives in Bethany and graduated from Holy Cross Secondary School. He is in his second year of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College in London. As far back as he can remember he has helped his mother with her extensive flower and vegetable gardens. He worked at Richardson's Pine Needle Farms for four summers. Josh would like to run his own landscape design/build company after he has gained more experience in the field.

VANESSA MOORE of Kenner Collegiate is the winner of the Madge Harris Award and KASSANDRA STEVENS of Thomas A Stewart Secondary School is the winner of the Olive Isaac Award. Cheques and certificates were presented to these students at commencement ceremonies on November 4th.

Congratulations to scholarship and award winners and best wishes in your future endeavours.

MEMBERSHIP

Your membership fee for 2012 is due in January. If you wish, you may take care of this at the November meeting. The Registration Express box will be on the membership table in the hall for envelopes containing your registration form, exact change or a cheque. You may also see Monica and Sally at the table to renew your membership. Another option is to send your cheque with the completed information sheet which is available on the website. If you renew your membership early or are a life member, your membership card and yearbook will be available at the January meeting. Look for the sign.

FLORIADE 2012

Marjorie Mason mentioned a tour she is leading to the Floriade 2012, Exhibition in April. Although this tour is filled, there are other tours available. Mary Larocque of Marlin Travel has a tour, entitled Floriade 2012– Spring Time in Holland available. This tour is leaving Toronto on April 18, 2012. She can be reached at (705) 748-6200 or mary.larocque@marlintravel.ca



YEARBOOK

I am currently putting the 2012 yearbook together and am looking for interesting gardening stories, quotes, tips or jokes. If you have a short story to tell about a gardening adventure, destination or misadventure with a particular plant, type it up, hand it to me at the November general meeting, or email me at bcfree@bell.net. Be sure to put "PHS yearbook" in the subject so I know what it is about. Thanks! Chris Freeburn

2012 PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW APRIL 5, 6, 7

The booths are rapidly filling up with all your old favourites plus some new and exciting vendors such as Dugald Cameron from Garden Import. A free bus shuttle will be running to the Evinrude from the Kinsmen Centre where there will be free parking. To help speed up the lineups we will be selling advance show tickets, which will allow holders to go through a separate entrance. They make terrific stocking stuffers for friends and family! Joan Harding and I will be at the November meeting with tickers for sale. They are \$6.00 each and we would appreciate it if you are able to bring the correct change. See you at the meeting!

OCTOBER 26TH FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Section A: Specimen

1. Chrysanthemum – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd P. McAllister
2. Hydrangea – 1st M. Doyle, 2nd P. McAllister, 3rd C. Fraser
3. Ornamental Grass – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd J. Primavesi, 3rd G. Deck
4. Rose, 1 bloom – 1st P. McAllister, 2nd S. Pyper
5. Rose, 1 spray – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd P. McAllister
6. Sedum – 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd P. McAllister
7. Annual – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd G. Deck, 3rd S. Pyper
8. Perennial – 1st J. Primavesi, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd P. Lounsbury
9. Stem with seeds – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd M. Doyle, 3rd J. Primavesi
10. Stem with berries – 1st M. Doyle, 2nd G. Deck, 3rd K. Hewitt

Section B: Vegetables

12. Carrots – 1st C. Freeburn
13. Misfit – 1st K. Hewitt
14. Any other – 1st S. Rye, 2nd K. Hewitt, 3rd G. Fowler
15. Squash – 1st P. McAllister, 2nd K. Hewitt

Section C: Design

16. 'Autumn Joy' – 2nd M. Doyle
17. 'Witches Brew' – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd C. Freeburn

Section D: Preserves

19. Fruit Jam – 1st P. McAllister, 2nd G. Fowler
20. Beets – 1st P. McAllister, 2nd G. Fowler
21. Relish – 1st G. Fowler, 2nd P. McAllister
22. Chili/Chutney – 1st M. Tant, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd P. McAllister

Section E: Photography

23. 'Autumn Splendor' – 1st J. Primavesi, 2nd C. Fraser, 3rd A. Clifford
24. 'Thru the Mist' – 1st S. Pyper, 2nd P. Watson, 3rd J. Primavesi
25. 'Down to Earth' – 1st P. Watson, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd J. Primavesi
26. 'Hidden Treasures' – 1st A. Clifford, 2nd E. Goselin, 3rd S. Pyper
27. 'Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow' – 1st J. Primavesi, 2nd E. Goselin, 3rd P. Watson

Section F: 150th Anniversary Special

28. 'Carved Pumpkin' – 1st C. Fraser, 2nd C. Freeburn

Best of Show – Horticulture – Chrysanthemum – Shaun Pyper

Judge's Choice – Design – 'Witch's Brew' – Shaun Pyper

Thank you to all the exhibitors for making the flower shows a success. The October Show had the highest number of entries since we restarted the shows and it could not have been done without your contributions.

WINTER WEATHER WARNING

We have no control over the weather and rarely we have had to cancel a meeting. If cancellation is necessary, 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.)

LEAVING THE BOARD

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

For many years, Chris Freeburn has held the position of a Director acting as editor of the newsletter, organizing workshops, chairing the 150th Anniversary Committee and editing our yearbook.

Gary and Dianne Westlake are also leaving the board after a number of years. Gary will continue to maintain the website and Dianne will continue to edit the newsletter.



COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Congratulations to the City of Kawartha Lakes which received the highest classification (five Blooms) for the 10th consecutive year. The City received a Special Criteria Award, one of 12 awarded every year between the more than 100 municipalities competing. For the third time, Kawartha Lakes was recognized as the Scott's Best Community of Gardeners. Congratulations to all the volunteers, staff and council for their efforts.

DISTRICT 4 NEWS

GARDENERS CARE!

On August 21, 2011 the town of Goderich was struck by the most powerful tornado to hit Ontario in years, causing widespread damage and one death. While much of the damage was to buildings, a huge number of trees were destroyed along the path of the tornado. It has been estimated that nearly 39% of the town's tree canopy, which covered close to 15% of the town, has disappeared. At the District 4 Fall Seminar, a motion was passed to send \$500.00 to help with tree restoration in Goderich. Members also donated \$211.80 to this cause.

GARDENING ON THE WEB

Here are some websites with ideas and tips for taking care of those Christmas Plants

A General Guide for a Variety of Plants

http://www.brucezimmerman.com/articles/CHRISTMAS_PLANT_CARE.htm

Poinsettia

<http://landscapeontario.com/home-care-tips-for-your-poinsettia>

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Since the October contest was the last one, the winner will not be announced in the usual way. Come to the November meeting when the winner will be revealed.

CLAIRE SULLIVAN

As was announced at the October meeting our Treasurer, Claire Sullivan, has another talent. She recently published her book entitled Master Gardener. She was inspired by people she has met and is the life story of a woman as she ages and the things she learns from her garden. Claire will have some copies available for sale at our January meeting. Congratulations Claire!

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER

As previously announced, beginning in January, the way the PHS Newsletter will be distributed will change. Monthly editions will not longer be sent via Canada Post to the general membership. However, we will continue to mail them to our Life Members who do not have email. Hard copies will be available at the general meetings and an electronic version will be sent to all members who provide their email address. The newsletters are also posted on our website. We expect to save approximately \$1000 in the first year by following this method.

The way the newsletter will be created is also changing. Since I will no longer be attending board meeting I will be relying more heavily on others to provide information and write some of the items. Everyone is welcome to send me news items, information about coming events, articles, etc. This could be your opportunity to become a published author! You can contact me at editor@peterboroughgardens.ca or my personal address – dianne.westlake@gmail.com Dianne Westlake

COMING EVENTS

NORWOOD

Monday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – AGM – Winter Potluck Dinner – Christmas Décor

Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Joyce Higgs – Catherine Parr Trail and Native Wildflowers for the Garden

OMEMEE

Monday, November 21 at 7:30 at Trinity United Church, Rachel Burrows – Decorating for the Season

No Meeting in January

MILLBROOK

Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Caring for Christmas Plants – \$2.00 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

No meetings January or February

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, December 13 – Christmas Potluck

January 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Kyle Griffin of Griffin's Greenhouse – Photography in the Garden.