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Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, October 26 when Marjorie Mason, owner of Mason House Gardens in Uxbridge presents 'Inspirations from Gardens Around the World'. Marjorie started gardening at an early age at her parents' market garden farm near Peterborough. She is a popular garden speaker, author and garden tour leader. Marjorie also hosts a weekly Saturday morning radio programme, "Let's Get Growing" on CKDO 107.7 FM or 1580 AM. Perhaps Marjorie will bring some bulbs to sell at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and enjoy a great cup of coffee and snack. Pat Lounsbury and her committee always provide tasty and attractive presented refreshments.

50/50

The first 50/50 draw of the fall season was a good one: Pauline Drake won \$139.50 – Congratulations, Pauline! Because I was off in the wilds of Ottawa doing highly important stuff (ahem...!) Sally Rye stepped in to run the draw. Sincere thanks to her for taking over on short notice – I truly appreciate it. The prize table included mums – lots and lots of mums in different sizes and colors – and a “carpetbag” full of goodies: gloves, bulbs, hen manure fertilizer, bulb booster, a bulb planter, etc. Everything came from Hotner's, who were very kind and generous. Thanks Terry – you are always fun to deal with on 50/50 purchases. I hear also that an anonymous donor provided a 'Pinkie Winkie' hydrangea as a prize. Thank you, anonymous donor. As always, I invite suggestions for the prize table – see me after a meeting if you have some ideas. Dawna Rhodenhizer

Welcome new members Judy McElroy, Jean Snider, Sharon Tomlinson



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Brian Nichols gave a thought provoking presentation on The Garden as a Therapeutic Space. He uses his garden as oasis for his clients in the healing process. His garden was featured in the July issue of Ontario Gardener Living. Brian shared a short video in which he and his garden were featured. This segment is part of a programme entitled 'My Backyard' which will be airing on Cogeco Television.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

A little advanced reminder about our November 23rd Christmas Meeting. We will again be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Kawartha Food Share and also mittens to decorate our mitten tree. The mittens will be donated to Crossroads (a shelter for abused women and their children). When you are out shopping please remember to pick up an extra item or two for donation at our November meeting. Thank you. Hospitality Committee – Pat, Jo and Gail.



PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

APRIL 5, 6 AND 7, 2012

Exciting news! Charlie Dobbin has been confirmed as a speaker on Saturday, April 7th! She will be broadcasting her radio show on 740 A.M. live from our show and will then speak in the auditorium later in the day. Preparations are moving along well and already one third of our booths are taken. Make sure that you tell all of your friends about this great event and mark it on your calendars. It promises to be even bigger and better this year. Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for 2012 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 October or November meeting. Your membership card and yearbook will be ready for you at the January 2012 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 it can be downloaded 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.

REGISTRATION EXPRESS

To reduce the amount of time in line renewing your membership, once again this year, we will have '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?

FOR SALE

Jade Tree – approximately 15 years old, 4' tall and approximately 6' in diameter. It has bloomed many times. Christmas Cactus – approximately 15 years old – 2' tall and approximately 4' in diameter. Massive, red blooms in November. Both specimens have been lovingly owned by a couple from Belmont Lake who are finding these two beauties too much of a chore to manage any longer. They are looking for good homes. Call Nancy at 705-778-2292 for further information if you are looking to adopt.



Hazel Wilson was a long time member of PHS. She contributed a great deal over the years.

HAZEL WILSON

Hazel Wilson passed on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Extendicare in Peterborough in her 94th year. Hazel was a long time member of Peterborough Horticultural Society. She held numerous positions of responsibility providing many years of service to PHS. She was also a charter member of Omemee, which she was instrumental in forming in 1939. Hazel also was active at the District level, ultimately holding the position of Director. She was a founding member of the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners, acting as both Secretary and Treasurer. She also spent many years at Lang Village, playing the organ in the church and designing their flower arrangements

PLANT NOW FOR SPRING BLOOMS

This is the time to plant those beautiful spring-flowering bulbs and with a little effort now, you can enjoy them for many years to come. Snowdrops are the earliest, often flowering when there are a few warm days in February. Here are some links for information about growing them. <http://peterboroughgardens.ca/MGarticles.html> and

this [Canadian Gardening Newsletter](#)





NEWSLETTER

At their October meeting, the Board took a look at ways to reduce operating expenses. One of the areas that was identified is the cost of mailing out the monthly newsletters to our members. PHS is the only Horticultural Society in our District that distributes the newsletter in this way.

In January 2008, we started sending our newsletters by email to anyone who requested this mode of delivery and this has decreased the cost of distribution by more than one half. One other thing that needs to be considered is the amount of volunteer time that is required to prepare the envelopes and take them to the printer. Even with the reduced number of mailings it still takes approximately two hours of volunteer time each month.

The Board unanimously decided to discontinue mailing the newsletters except to our life members who do not have email.

Beginning in January 2012, printed copies will be available at the next general meeting for members who are unable to obtain an electronic copy. An electronic version will be sent to all members who are on the list. It will also be available on the PHS website. A hard copy will be sent by Canada Post to our life members who do not have email.

COMING EVENTS

NORWOOD

Monday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – John Murrell – Lavender Hill, Brighton

OMEMEE

Monday, October 17 at Trinity United Church. Fellowship time from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available at 7:15. Meeting begins at 7:30. Erika Thimm – Things to be Thankful For

MILLBROOK

Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Joe Cook of Blossom Hill – Tool Maintenance – \$2.00 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Peter Green – Behind the Scenes Preparations for the Growing Season

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER CONTEST

1. What is the name of the new Cogeco series?
2. What are our members asked to bring to the November meeting?
3. When is the 2012 Garden Show? Did you record these dates in your calendar?
4. How many new members did we register at our last meeting?
5. Name two radio stations noted in this newsletter.

The winner of the September Contest is Marie Olver. Congratulations!

Because we are changing the way the newsletter is delivered, in fairness to all of our members, this will be the last contest. The winner will be announced at our November meeting.

OCTOBER SHOW

Don't forget to place your entries for the October Show between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. There are many categories that include specimens, vegetables, design, preserves and photography. The complete listing can be found on pages 28 and 29 of your yearbook. Rules and other helpful information can also be found on Pages 23 to 25.

WORKSHOPS

In order to concentrate on our 150th Anniversary Celebration, PHS did not conduct workshops in 2011. We are considering reinstating them in 2012. To help with the planning, we are gathering some information about what you would like to participate in. Please answer the following questions and leave at the membership table at the October meeting. If you would rather, send your answers by email to dianne.westlake@gmail.com before November 1st.

1. What would be the best time for workshops for you – weekdays, evenings, Saturday, Sunday afternoon, other?
2. What would be the best time of the year? Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall
3. What would you like to see as an activity or topic for a workshop? Share your ideas – all of them.
4. Would you be able and willing to lead a workshop? What would your topic or activity be?



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