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**Wednesday,  
October 24 at 7:30  
p.m.**

**AT THE PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
LOWER LEVEL**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M.**

Our speaker for the evening will be Paul Zammit. His presentation is entitled *The Soul of the Garden*. Undoubtedly, this will be one of the very best meetings of the year. Paul is extremely knowledgeable, dynamic and entertaining. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee and some lovely treats. The library will be open and be sure to see Dawna for your 50/50 tickets.

## **PAUL ZAMMIT**

Paul Zammit, a graduate of the University of Guelph, is the Nancy Eaton Director of Horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Formerly, he was employed at Plant World, a large retail garden centre where he was the perennial department manager for almost two decades. He is a regular speaker at garden clubs and horticultural trade shows across Canada and in the United States. In recent years, Paul has presented in Germany, Switzerland and Bermuda. He has appeared both on television and in print. Paul and Uli's home garden has been featured in *Canadian Living*, *Gardening Life*, *Canadian Gardening* and *Gardening How-To*. His personal garden was awarded first place in the environmental garden category in the 2001 City of Toronto Garden Contest followed by an award in 2003 for the Best Use of Plant Material in the City of Toronto West District Garden Contest. Paul's container designs have also been showcased several times in assorted gardening magazines. Most recently, in the May 2011 issue of *Canadian Gardening*. In 2008, he won first place in the Scotts Miracle-Gro, *Do Up the Doorstep* competition, for his container entry at Canada Blooms. Paul has been awarded the Young Professionals award by



the Perennial Plant Association. In 2010, he was the recipient of an Industry Service Award.

## **LAST MEETING**

Dugald Cameron brought beautiful photos of a huge variety of bulbs that flower throughout the year, lots of advice to make the most of

them and some fall flowering gems for sale. Some were already to start pushing up their flowers. For more information and ordering information visit the Gardenimport website at [www.gardenimport.com](http://www.gardenimport.com)

## **50/50**

The winner of the September 50/50 draw was Hazel Cook: \$127.50 – certainly enough cash to buy lots of Dugald's fantastic bulbs. The prize table was largely comprised of mums - lots and LOTS of mums. We had huge ones, mid-size ones, and little ones, plus a couple of arrangements of ornamental kale, all acquired from Farmboy on Lansdowne at super prices. The prizes also included two of Sonia Day's books, both signed by the author when she spoke at our June meeting, and two other items (a book and a lovely little wall plaque) donated by members. As always, my thanks to those who play and make it fun for everyone. Any ideas for prizes for the October meeting? Pumpkins all around perhaps? Dawna Rhodenhizer

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

We are very excited to show you the new logo for the Garden Show. This will help to brand us and will be on all of our communications for all future shows. Thanks to Tammy Gibson and her team from Custom Copy for a great job. Don't forget to put April 12, 13, 14 2013 in your diary. tell all your friends from far and wide and check out our revised web site at [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)





## MEMBERSHIP

Well, it's that time of the year! No, I am not referring to the raking of the leaves and putting the gardens to bed (although it is that time too), but rather, I'm referring to Membership Renewal. A fast and easy way to renew is to print off and fill in the enclosed form and send it with your cheque to: Peterborough Horticultural Society, PO Box 1372, Peterborough, ON, K9J 7H6, Attention: Membership. Or, if you prefer, print off and fill in the form and bring it with your payment to drop in the Express Pay box at the October or November meetings. Nametags and yearbooks will be available for pickup at the January meeting. A reminder to please fill in the form neatly so that your information can be accurately read and updated. Please encourage your friends and co-workers to come and join us also and let's make 2013 another great year! Monica White, Membership Chair

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

At the end of December, there are a few long-standing Board Members who will be leaving the Board. We will miss them as we have a great team, but this provides an opportunity for others to get involved. Our two most recent members, Tammy Gibson and Monica White, have both been great assets. We have 13 Board Members at present, each in charge of a different committee or two. We want to keep this number as sharing the responsibilities makes the load lighter for all. The committees vary in terms of time commitment. Some are time specific in terms of organizing, for example The Spring Plant Sale, so the work can be balanced with winter travel plans. Most committees do not require speaking at the general monthly meetings. We have a Board Meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of approximately 2 hours (excluding July and August) with December being a potluck social. This is a great group of people with a very positive, cooperative approach. It's an opportunity to become more involved and get to know other members better without a huge commitment. I urge you to consider joining us as there is much to be gained and we need you! If you'd like to discuss the possibilities, please call Pat de Villiers at 705-741-1101 or by email at [patdevilliers@hotmail.com](mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com).



***DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN  
YOUR BIRD FEEDERS AND  
FILL THEM. THE BIRDS  
WILL THANK YOU!***

## Welcome New Member Kaila Kusmenko

## RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 26 FLOWER SHOW

### Class #

### Specimens

1. Aster 2nd G. Fowler
4. Dahlia 1st A. Clifford
6. Gladiolus 1st K. Hewitt
7. Hydrangea 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd A. Clifford
8. Ornamental Grass 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd G. Fowler
9. Rose, single 1st S. Rye, 2nd A. Clifford, 3rd K. Hewitt
10. Rose, Spray 1st G. Fowler
11. Rudbeckia 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd K. Hewitt
12. Any other annual 1st G. Fowler, 2nd A. Milne, 3rd K. Hewitt
13. Any other perennial 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd A. Milne, 3rd G. Fowler
14. Sedum 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd A. Clifford, 3rd M. Doyle
15. Stem with seeds 1st M. Doyle, 2nd K. Hewitt, 3rd C. Freeburn
16. Stem with berries 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd A. Clifford
17. Flowering vine 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd S. Rye

### Vegetables

20. Beets 1st C. Freeburn
21. Peppers 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd G. Fowler, 3rd S. Rye
22. Tomatoes 1st K. Hewitt, 2nd C. Freeburn, 3rd M. Doyle

### Design

23. 'In a Blue Mood' 1st C. Freeburn, 2nd K. Hewitt
  24. 'Good Morning' 1st K. Hewitt
- Best in Show – Dwarf Campanula (#13) K. Hewitt  
Judge's Choice – 'Good Morning' (#24) K. Hewitt

## REMINDER

Our new format for the Flower Shows means that October 24 is the night for the Photography Show and The Preserves Competition. Check your Yearbook for the classes. The entry tags will be available at the meeting starting at 6:45 p.m. for early set-up.

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

I have several flower vases from the estate of the late Hazel Wilson. I will bring them to the October General Meeting. If anyone would like one, please contact me at 705-799-6836, otherwise it will be first come, first choice. Thank you, Kathy Hewitt



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## LIBRARY

Check out the new books in the Library.

In Pursuit of Garlic: An Intimate Look at the Divinely Odorous Bulb, by Liz Primeau

The Well-Tended Perennial Garden: Planting and Pruning Techniques

Dryland Gardening: Plants that Survive and Thrive in Tough Conditions

Pocket Guide to Clematis by Mary Toomey

Incredible Edibles – 43 Fun Things to Grow in the City by Sonia Day

## PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW

### APRIL 12, 13 14, 2013

The preparations for next year's show are well underway and all of our speakers are booked. Mark those dates in your calendar, you won't want to miss the 2013 show! Is there a member who is creative and likes to deal with the media? Due to family responsibilities, the committee person who was looking after this area has had to step down and I am looking for someone to take on this area. It is not essential that this person attend committee meetings but there would be lots to do especially as the show gets closer. If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, please give me a call at 705 652 7754 or email me at [rburrows@nexicom.net](mailto:rburrows@nexicom.net). Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair

## OHA FUNDRAISER

Summer Flowering Bulbs

Again this year the OHA is organizing a fundraiser with the sale of summer flowering bulbs. As well as making premium bulbs available to our members at a fantastic price, the profit will benefit both the OHA and our own society. Two types of bulbs are available, *Crocasmia* and *Camassia*. There will be colour posters available to see what these plants are like in flower. Orders for these bulbs were taken at the September meeting and there will be a final opportunity to purchase them at the October meeting. The cost is \$7.00 per package with delivery times in March/April for the *Crocasmia* and September 2013 for the *Camassia*.

## FLEMING PARK

Heuchera, Sedum, sage and Gaillardia are still peeking out here and there but we have finished work on the park for this year and the garden will soon be asleep. Shaun Pyper

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to the wonderful committee who have worked diligently throughout the hot, dry summer. Inge Buchardt Kathy Hewitt and Shaun Pyper have made a huge difference and without their commitment Fleming Park would not have flourished. Also thank you to the members who were able to come out and help with cleanup and maintenance. Fleming Park would be far less without you. Bravo!

## POSSIBLE FLOWER SHOW JUDGING SCHOOL

It has been many years since such a judging school has been run in District 4 and we need more qualified judges. With this in mind, we have begun to look into what is involved in running such a school. It is expected that the meetings would be held on weekends over a span of one year, with two weekends in the fall and perhaps ten weekends in the spring. Many meetings occurred when popular plants were in bloom, i.e. peonies, roses so some would be on-site. There would be a written exam. If you are interested in pursuing this course of action, please contact Pat deVilliers at 705-741-1101 or by email at [patdevilliers@hotmail.com](mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com). This first survey is just to access interest. Members will not be expected to fully commit until we have more information concerning: duration of sessions, times, dates and cost.

## COMING EVENTS

### NORWOOD

Monday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion  
Gary and Dianne Westlake – Thrifty Gardening

### OMEMEE

Monday, October 15 – Pot Luck Supper at Christ Church  
– Followed by Slide Show of 2012 Omeme Horticultural Society's Activities.

### MILLBROOK

Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Judy Kennedy – Eco Stewards – Butterflies Forever – \$2.00 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

### LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Victoria Whitney – Container Gardening, Transitioning to Winter

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New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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