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SEPTEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT THE PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Our speaker for the evening is Brian Nichols – The Garden as a Therapeutic Space. Brian is a psychotherapist who runs a private practice specializing in grief and trauma counseling from his 160-year-old East City home. He has a Doctorate in Psychology and is a certified member of the Canadian Association for Child and Play Therapy. Brian has been an instructor in the Center for Community Development and Health at Sir Sanford Fleming College for 25 years and has been teaching courses in the expressive arts for the past 15 years. His garden was featured in the July issue of Ontario Gardener Living. A virtual tour of his garden is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwAQ5d0GCd0>

The Library will be open and the coffee pot will be on. You can even buy your 50/50 tickets and catch up with your gardening friends after the summer break.

JUNE MEETING

At our June meeting Peter Keeping entertained us with his pictures and information about Clematis – the Queen of the Climbers. Clematis is not just a vine; there are a number of varieties that emerge from the ground each spring to become a flowering bush or to be more precise, a sprawling perennial that usually needs some assistance to stand erect. Or you could leave them to get their support from surrounding plants. With many varieties, growth habits and flower size and colours the choices go on and on. This is one stunning and and versatile plant.

LUG-A-MUG

Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your nametag to our meeting.



A garden is a personal space that provides a refuge, not only for wildlife, but also for the gardener. Come to our September meeting and enjoy Brian Nichols who will share his Garden as a Therapeutic Space.

50/50

The 50/50 draw for the June meeting was \$128.40, won by Lois Morse. I don't know how we managed to get the extra 40 cents (I choose to believe it was an overpayment, rather than a shortfall), but every little bit goes into the pot, right? Our other prizes were all live material: a hanging basket in purple and yellow, a potted elephant ears plant, a honeysuckle vine, dragon wing begonias, a gorgeous red geranium, and a wicker teapot full of plants. All of it came from Griffin's Greenhouse, who gave me a terrific deal. I like to support local businesses as much as possible, and I am always grateful to them that they are supportive of us – Thanks, Griffin's! The products were lovely, and the price was great. I should also note a small correction: Last month's draw was only \$135.50, not \$137.50 as originally reported. I know, I know... gotta' keep better records, right? But Chris still won it, and spent it all on flowers. (Good girl!) So that's it for this report. To those who won stuff – congratulations. To those who didn't – keep trying. I actually bought a ticket myself this time (full disclosure!) and I just might buy another one in September. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy gardening season. Dawna Rhodenhizer

ALLIUMS

The allium bulbs that were ordered before the summer break will be available for pick up at the September meeting.



FLOWER SHOWS

There is a correction to the May Show results. The first place ribbon for class 23 in the photography section should have been for Phylliss Watson. We are sorry Phylliss for making this error.

This October is our Fall Flower Show. Please look in your yearbook for the various classes. The special is a carved pumpkin and the show is just a couple of days prior to Halloween so why not prepare your pumpkin ahead of time and bring it to the flower show first. Hope to see you at the fall meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The September 30th deadline is fast approaching. Applications for the PHS Scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year must be received by the Scholarship Committee not later than September 30th. Application information and scholarship eligibility can be found in the yearbook on page 10 and at the PHS website: <http://peterboroughgardens.ca/Showspending.html>. For more information contact Julie Burch 705-799-5402 tyjulie@sympatico.ca or Karen Strano 705-745-2740 kstrano@bell.net or Pat deVilliers 705-741-1101 patdevilliers@hotmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We are offering new PHS memberships for the balance of 2011 for \$5.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to 'test drive' our fabulous group. If you know of someone who would like to become a member of our society, bring them along and have them join for this low rate and enjoy our September, October and November meetings. They will be able to enjoy three great speakers, bring entries to the Fall Flower Show, receive monthly newsletters and the 2011 Yearbook and as an added bonus this year's new members will receive our Anniversary Mug. Bring along a friend (or more) to join in the fun.

LIBRARY: SOME NEW ADDITIONS

For all the things we didn't quite get done in the garden or some ideas for next year. A couple of new books from Lone Pine Publishing, "Vegetable Gardening for Ontario" and "Gardening with Colour". "Vertical Gardening" – Grow up, not out for more vegetables and flowers in less space. "Garden Up" – Smart Vertical Gardening for Small and Large Spaces. And lastly, something we all want "Fall Scaping" – Extending Your Garden Season into Autumn. Pauline Drake

FLEMING PARK

Fleming Park looks wonderful with its late summer colours and grasses. Whether you are driving by or walking through the park, you cannot help but be impressed. We have Inge Buchardt, Kathy Hewitt and Shaun Pyper to thank for all of their work throughout the hot and steamy summer. Take a few minutes to enjoy their ongoing efforts. The colour is amazing!

2012 GARDEN SHOW

Put these important dates in your diary for next year! The Garden Show will be April 5, 6 and 7 which is Easter weekend. The organizing committee is hard at work to bring some exciting new features to the show and we already have some new vendors signed up including Garden Import. Your help is vital to ensure a successful show and I will keep you informed of our progress. Rachel Burrows, Show Chair

LOST AND FOUND: LAST CALL

At the 2011 Garden Show a wall hanging was left behind by one of our guests. To date, no one has come forward to claim this lovely piece. If the owner is not found by our November meeting, our 50/50 draw will have another wonderful prize added to the prize table. Please contact Dianne Westlake at (705) 742-9167 or dianne.westlake@gmail.com if this is your wall hanging.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

It was a cool, windy evening but the sun managed to come out for the great volunteers on "Volunteer Appreciation Night" at Pat and Gary Lounsbury's house. Kudos to Pauline Drake, Gail Deck and Joanne Heather who all so willingly helped to assemble and serve the food for the party – I couldn't have done it alone!! As usual, it was a great team effort. Thank-you to the Horticultural Society for beautifying our home with a bouquet of flowers – they were lovely. Pat Lounsbury

150TH ANNIVERSARY MUGS

In celebration of our 150th Anniversary, every Peterborough Horticultural Society member is entitled to one of our special mugs. What a great memento of our 150th anniversary! If you have not received your mug yet, please stop by the table at any of the general meetings this fall. If you are not able to come to the meeting, you can call me and I will try to get one to you. Chris Freeburn 705-292-8485



WE NEED YOU!

PHS is a volunteer run organization. At this time we are looking for people to join the Board of Directors to help the Society run smoothly. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in which there is a general meeting and there are many opportunities to pursue your interests and use your own expertise. Even if you do not wish to join the Board, there are a number of ways in which you can help out. As a member, you could sit on a standing committee (The Standing Committees are listed in the yearbook) or just come out and help when needed. Please see Pat deVilliers or Anne Milne if you would like volunteer. Attend one of the Board meetings and find out what a great group we have.

GARDEN TIP: HOSTA CLEANUP IN THE FALL.

Hosta Virus X should be a real concern to anyone who grows hostas. Unfortunately we are seeing infected plants growing in gardens and even more disturbing, in garden centres. Be aware! Sometimes those unusual looking hostas are simply the manifestation of the virus. Here is a link to a fact sheet which is available on the Peterborough Master Gardener's website: http://peterboroughgardens.ca/mg_factsheets/Hosta_Virus_X.pdf The virus can be transmitted from one plant to another when using contaminated tools. If you have a large number of plants sterilizing can be time consuming particularly in the fall when plants should be sheared close to the ground for winter cleanup. Removal of dead foliage helps to eliminate slugs overwintering at the base of the plants. But there is a easier way. Wait until the frost does most of the work for you. The leaves will become mushy and can be pulled free fairly easily. No tools! Less work!

There is a test!

If you have any concern about the potential of infection, Dawn Tack of Gardens Plus has the test available but please do not can bring leaves on her property for testing. Give her a call at (705) 742-5918 or email her at info@gardensplus.ca

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

We have received pictures and a thank you note from the Asphodel-Norwood Beautification Board in regard to the donations that were provided by the Horticultural Society. Kawartha Public School also sent a great "thank you". It appears that many children (and adults) have benefitted from both of these garden projects. Photos as well as a thank you note was received from the Lower Trent Conservation Authority in Warkworth (the Society provided

money towards trees for their pond project). Thank you notes were also received from Hutchison House (refurbishing their gardens) and St. Joseph's at Fleming (planting material for a sensory garden). Remember all of the donated dollars come from our "Garden Show profits". Pat Lounsbury, Chair, Beautification Grants Committee

GARDEN TOUR

Our 150th Anniversary Garden Tour was a great success! Sixteen gardens were on the tour and although the day was cool and gray, it was a great day to tour. The gardens were all so wonderful and diverse, and the irises were at their peak. We hope to have a slide show at the September meeting of the gardens. Thanks so much to the members who opened their gardens: Inge Buchardt, Julie Burch, Anita Clifford, Pat deVilliers, Pauline Drake, Pauline Duffett, Norma Evans, Kathy Green, Kathy Hewitt, Ruth Hillman, Marg Hundt, Noriko Merrett, Shaun Pyper, Dianne and Gary Westlake, Judy Wilson and Joanne Windrem. And thanks to Gail Deck, Pat and Dianne, my committee, for helping me put it together. Chris Freeburn



These Peterborough Horticultural Society members toured the gardens on Saturday and opened their gardens for others to enjoy on Sunday. It was a great weekend. Thank you for sharing your passion.

OHA DISTRICT 4 FALL SEMINAR

The 2011 Fall Seminar will be hosted by the Bobcaygeon Society on October 22 at the Caygeon Lanes Bowling Alley. There is a fee for the day (Programme and Lunch) that is covered by PHS. Victoria Whitney of Griffin's Greenhouses will be speaking. All PHS members may attend so if you wish to join in, please see Pat deVilliers. This is a great way to meet members of other society and to learn more about gardening.



OH CANADA!

July 1st was hot and sunny with almost 20 horticultural members joining in the fun of walking the parade. We had wonderfully decorated wheelbarrows, carts, wagons and strollers, as well as some awesome hats and incredible costumes (did you see the sunflower in Peterborough This Week?) B. Snow Manning-Jones and her team looked awesome! Prizes were awarded to Elaine Goselin and Sally Rye and her partner Gladys Fowler for most original and best decorated wheelbarrow and cart. Kathy Green, Karen Strano and Pat deVilliers also won beautiful red geraniums for their entries. We all had such fun, walked the route in just under an hour and saw many happy faces along the route. Thanks to Dawna for helping me carry the banner the entire route. And a huge thank you to Gail Deck and her husband Pat for having cold water for us at the half way point! Chris Freeburn

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is moving closer to our area. Since 2002, when it was first sighted in Windsor and Detroit, this destructive pest, a native of eastern Asia, has destroyed or invaded millions of ash tree in North America. The EAB attacks all species of ash except for Mountain Ash, which is not a true ash. Signs of infestations – Tree decline: thinning crown, diminishing density of leaves, evidence of adult beetle feeding on leaves, long shoots growing from the trunk or branches, vertical cracks in the trunk, small D-shaped emergence holes. S-shaped tunnels under the bark filled with fine sawdust. For more information contact the Canadian Food and Drug Agency at 1-866-463-6017 (Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) or www.inspection.gc.ca

A SIGN OF THE TIMES



The Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners have maintained a telephone hotline since the group was formed almost 25 years ago. Members of the public were invited to call with their questions and our Master Gardeners would provide answers. In the past, the line was always well used but over the last few years the number of calls have drastically diminished. Consequently, the group has decided to discontinue the telephone hotline effective October 1, 2011. Your gardening questions will still be answered through our website at <http://peterboroughgardens.ca/MGhome.html> or you can ask a member of the MG group at a PHS meeting.



COMING EVENTS

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Lakefield

Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Cathy Dueck – Getting Your Garden (And Your Soil) Ready For Winter”

Millbrook

Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Beverley Williams – Gourds – \$2 Admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

Norwood

Monday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Dianne and Gary Westlake – Thinking Outside the Planter Box

Omeme

Monday, September 19 at Trinity United Church, fellowship time from 7 to 7:30. Refreshments will be available at 7:15. Meeting begins at 7:30. Judy Kennedy – Petals and Wings: Protecting the Karner Blue and Creating a Butterfly Garden.

OTHER EVENTS

OHA District 4 2011 Fall Seminar

October 22 – hosted by the Bobcaygeon Horticultural Society at the Caygeon Lanes Bowling Alley. Speakers, workshops, flower competition, lunch and the company of wonderful gardening friends.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTEST

1. Who is the Chair of the Garden Committee?
2. How old is Brian Nichols' house?
3. Name three standing committees of PHS.
4. What is Lone Pine?
5. What is the cost of a membership for the balance of 2011?

The winner of the June Newsletter contest is Tammy Gibson. Correct answers and creative presentation. Well Done!