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## Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.

This is our last meeting 2012 with lots to do and people to connect with. The library will be open with many wonderful offerings, which you will be able to enjoy until the January meeting. The coffee pot will be on and the Hospitality Committee has planned some special things happening so check out the information in this newsletter. Of course there will be the 50/50 Draw and who cannot use a little extra money at this time of the year plus there are always some interesting prizes. Our Annual General Meeting will be held with installation of officers just before our guest speaker, David Hobson.

### DAVID HOBSON

David was born and raised in Yorkshire, England, but has made Canada his home. He has ink stains on his green thumb and lives in Waterloo, Ontario, where he loves to watch things grow — his children, his garden, his friends and his compost heap. In addition to creating the Garden Humour website, he is the weekly garden columnist for the *The Record*, Waterloo Region and *The Guelph Mercury*. He is also a contributor to *Grand Magazine*, *Lee Valley Tools* garden newsletter and has written for *Canadian Gardening* magazine. A member of the Garden Writers Association, he has written two books of humorous garden stories — *Soiled Reputations* and *Diary of a Mad Gardener* that are now available from Amazon as an eBook. David is always available for speaking engagements. He has spoken to numerous horticultural societies and gardening groups, including Canada Blooms, The Canadian National Exhibition, The Southwestern Flower Show in Atlanta Georgia, and the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention (speaking there again in 2012). With the humour and passion of a lifelong gardener, he entertains with tales of garden adventures, including lots of tips, or if desired, on the more practical aspects of gardening. Join him on a light-hearted and informative journey to the heart of gardens. See magic and mystery while exploring the essential qualities discovered in there



*Writer and gardener, David Hobson will share his light-hearted view of the gardening world.*

- inspiration, creativity, patience .... and humour. A gardener must be able to laugh with their garden, otherwise they'd cry (laugh while you garden and you'll live forever!).

### OCTOBER MEETING

Paul Zammit entertained! It was a packed house including a number of guests from as far away as Tweed! Paul shared more than an incredible number of lovely pictures; he also shared his vision of what gardens can be. What a great way to spend an evening.

### 50/50

October's 50/50 draw was a big one, thanks to the presence of our horticultural rock star speaker, Paul Zammit, and the always enthusiastic participation of so many of our members. Etela Vojnic walked away with a fist full of cash: \$141.60. (The odd amount resulted from the dime someone found on the floor, and threw into the bucket — Thanks!) We also had a mixed bag of goodies for the other prizes: lots of bird-related products from Brenda at The Avant Garden Shop, along with tulip bulbs, a shopping

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bag, and other items donated by Vicki from Griffin's – My thanks to both ladies for their generosity. I also got three lovely big pumpkins, Jack O'Lantern patterns and carving tools from Loblaw's to make a fabulous Halloween display. Lots of fun for me, and I hope for you too! Dawna Rhodenhizer

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

WOW! November already and Christmas 2012 here we come. Once again the Hospitality Committee is preparing for our Christmas meeting. We will be collecting mittens on our Christmas tree (located at the back of the meeting room). We will deliver all mittens donated to Crossroads (a shelter for women and their children) on behalf of the Society. Also any non-perishable food items you care to bring along that evening will be delivered to Kawartha Food Share. Your very generous donations are always very much appreciated. If you have time in your busy holiday schedule for baking perhaps you would like to share some of your goodies with your Horticultural Society friends. Just bring them to the Hospitality table to be enjoyed with a nice hot cup of tea or coffee. Do try to remember to be eco-friendly and lug-a-mug. See you November 28th. Ho Ho Ho. Pat, Jo and Gail

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF BOARD MEMBERS

The November meeting includes our Annual General Meeting in which our new Officers for 2013 will be inducted. As with all organizations, we have some changes to announce. I would like to acknowledge and thank those Board Members leaving us at the end of the year.

**Julie Burch**, a Board Member for 2 years, has been in charge of both Scholarships and the Spring Plant Sale. Everything she does, she does well and we have benefited from her effective organizational skills in both areas. She brought significant changes to the Spring Plant Sale with its move to Westdale United Church. (Yeah, no more early morning moving of plants up the steps and outside the morning of the Sale!)

**Gail Deck** has been a Board Member for 6 years, with a break in between. Previously she has been involved with the library and planning workshops. This year she has been in charge of Hospitality. We all appreciate the imaginative theme decorating and often home baked treats to supplement the coffee and tea for each of our monthly Horticultural meetings thanks to Gail and her team of Pat Lounsbury and Jo Heather. But behind the scenes we also appreciate the commitment to arrive at 6:00 p.m. to get the coffee and tea ready and everything set up for the social time before meetings.

## Welcome new members

*Jennifer Burnard, Colleen Condon, Maya DeMaria, Nancy Simmons Smith, Dorothy Snyder*

**Shaun Pyper** is another member who has been on the Board for 2 years. Shaun has not only helped Kathy Hewitt with organizing the Flower Shows, but has been in charge of the Fleming Park Committee. This is a big commitment because unlike many of our Horticultural activities, which take a break over the summer, this one involves weekly work sessions in the gardens throughout the season. Our thanks to Shaun and her dedicated group of Kathy Hewitt and Inge Buchardt for their commitment in maintaining Fleming Park and beautifying this corner of downtown.

**Sally Rye** has been on the Board for 8 years! During this time we have enjoyed not only her excellent perspective and advice, but also her infectious laugh and sense of humour. Sally has been responsible for organizing our Bus Tours. Any one who has been on one of Sally's tours will know what an extra zing she brought to them with her jokes and comments as well as excellent organization. Her summer Mystery Tours have been a real treat, as any one lucky enough to have been on them knows.

We will miss these four members of our 2013 Board, but as always look forward to our new Board Members who will be joining us in January. Pat deVilliers, President

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**Kyle Berwick** is a second year student at the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture in Niagara Falls. Since graduating from high school in 2005, he has worked in landscaping and horticultural services. Some of his jobs included working on the annual floral gardens for the Toronto Manulife Towers in Toronto and designing, maintaining and harvesting an organic vegetable garden. Presently, while attending school, he works part time with the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission maintaining their natural restoration areas and the Commission's green roof.

**Jake Hambleton** grew up in the Peterborough area and graduated from Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School. A passion to work outdoors is in his blood fostered at an early age by working in the family property management business. In grade 10 he began working on his Special-



ist High Skills Major in Horticulture and Landscaping earned as part of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Jake did a co-op placement at Johnston's Greenhouse and then was hired on as an employee. This past year he worked full time for Horling's Garden Center. Jake is in first year at Fanshawe College in Landscape Design.

**Dan Legault** is enrolled in his second year of the Honours B.Sc. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems at Trent. His interest in sustainable food systems began at home where his mother who is a Master Gardener involved him in gardening when he was younger. He has worked for six years at McBrides Organic Farm just outside Barrie and spent time in the West Kootenays working at an organic garden center and health food store. This past year Dan was coordinator for the Trent Vegetable Gardens. After graduating he hopes to be involved in reshaping ways we grow, consume, distribute, trade and use food.

**Emily Stopford** first became interested in horticulture as a young child when she had her own small garden. More recently she managed a Grow A Row garden where volunteers gathered and delivered surplus food to local meal programmes in the Kingston area. In the summer of 2011 she planned, organized and implemented an organic gardening and food education programme for children. This past summer she furthered her knowledge of horticulture by working on a fruit and vegetable farm in the Buckhorn area. While attending Trent she has also worked on the Trent University Rooftop Gardens. Emily is in her third year of the Honours B.Sc. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems at Trent.

## AWARDS

**Brianna Sugrue** of Kenner Collegiate is the winner of the Madge Harris Award and **Jessie Conley** of Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School is the winner of the Olive Issac Award. Cheques and certificates were presented to these to students at their recent commencement ceremonies.

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

## DISTRICT 4 CELEBRATIONS

During 2012, Lakefield Horticultural Society celebrated their 50th Anniversary and Norwood marked their 20th Anniversary. Both societies have special programmes planned for their November meetings. Congratulations to both Societies!

## MEMBERSHIP

October saw the membership table busy with people renewing for 2013. The Express Pay box seemed to work very well with several payments dropped in! A reminder that membership fees are remaining the same: Individual \$15.00 and Family \$20.00. What a great deal! Simply print the renewal form in the newsletter, complete the information and drop it off with your payment at the November meeting. If you are going to be away, you can always mail in your payment. Our address can be found at the top of the form and the newsletter. For those who take advantage of the early membership renewal or are life members, membership cards and yearbooks will be available at the January meeting. Please tell your friends about us and invite them to join. Let's make next year another great one. Thank you, Monica White, Membership Chair

## LIBRARY

Come and have a look at our Library Cart. There you will find something for everyone. Some books recently purchased include: 'The Book of Kale: The Easy-to-Grow Superfood, 80 + Recipes', 'Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older', 'Pruning Made Easy: A Gardener's Visual Guide to When and How to Prune Everything, from Flowers to Trees', and 'Making the Most of Shade: How to Plan, Plant, and Grow a Fabulous Garden that Lightens up the Shadows' Garden Show

## WINTER WEATHER WARNING

We have no control over the weather and rarely have we 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 who are on our list. 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.)

## PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW,

**APRIL 12, 13 14, 2013**

Absolutely the biggest and best local garden show in Ontario and it is operated by the Peterborough Horticultural Society and Peterborough Master Gardeners! Plans are well under way for next year's show with an exciting slate of speakers including Marjorie Mason, Paul Zammit, Dugald Cameron and Beckie Fox and of course our own Dawn Tack. We have wonderful ideas of how to transform the Evinrude Centre into a garden wonderland and will need help in this area. The Children's Garden is



going to build on its success and there will be a celebrity flower-arranging contest, more details to follow. If you have any special areas of interest such as décor or media relations I would love to hear from you. Give me a call at 705 652 7754 or email me at rburrows@nexicom.net. Don't forget that the proceeds from the show allows the Hort. Society to plan great bus trips, bring in exciting speakers and fund scholarships and beautification projects in Peterborough and area. Let's continue to build the show's reputation by getting behind the planning committee and volunteering wherever your talents lie. I look forward to hearing from you. Rachel Burrows, Show Committee Chair

## **RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER PRESERVE AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW**

### **Class**

#### **Preserves**

1. Chili sauce — 1st G. Fowler, 2nd H. Grassie
2. Jelly — 1st H. Grassie
4. Relish — 1st G. Fowler
5. Beets — 1st G. Fowler, 2nd S. Rye

#### **Photography**

6. 'Blown Away' — 1st S. Pyper, 2nd P. Haward, 3rd P. Watson, HM G. Trotter
7. 'Winter White' — 1st P. Watson, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd, G. Trotter
8. 'Paths/Walkways' — 1st S. Rye, 2nd S. Pyper, 3rd P. Watson
9. 'Garden Friends' — 1st P. Haward, 2nd E. Gosslin, 3rd P. Watson
10. 'Potted Expressions' — 1st P. Watson, 2nd E. Gosslin, 3rd I. Buchardt
11. 'Garden Surprise' — 1st P. Haward, 2nd G. Trotter, 3rd P. Watson

## **BEAUTIFICATION DONATIONS**

The Foundation at Fairhaven Nursing Home invited a representative from the Peterborough Horticultural Society for a "Donation Recognition and Celebration" on October 29, 2012. Karen Strano, Pat DeVilliers, Kathy Hewitt and Pat Lounsbury attended and accepted their thanks for our donation of \$500.00 towards replacing lost plant material at the front entrance of the Nursing Home. This money would have been received in 2011 but they did not complete their project until this year 2012. We are recognized

by Fairhaven with a plaque located at the front entrance driveway. Again, this money was earned through our hard work at our 2010 Garden Show! We should be proud for supporting our community beautification projects! Committee members, Marie Doyle, Kathy Hewitt, Pat Lounsbury, Beautification Donations chair for 2011

## **DISTRICT 4 FALL SEMINAR**

On Saturday, October 20 at Westdale United Church, 86 members representing the 17 Horticultural Societies from OHA District 4 came together to conduct the business of the District, share ideas and to reconnect with gardening friends. PHS hosted and through the support of our members, it was a successful event. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted from the set up on Friday to the take down on Saturday afternoon. Many hands make light work.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **NORWOOD**

Monday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Celebrating 20th Anniversary with a potluck AGM, Mini show with a focus on their members' achievements.

### **OMEMEE**

Monday, November 19 at 7:30 at Trinity United Church – Feeding Birds – Brenda Ibey of Avant Garden Shop

No Meeting in January

### **MILLBROOK**

Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Gary and Dianne Westlake – Our Favorite Gardens. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information – Food Bank Donation.

### **LAKEFIELD**

Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Annual Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner.

No Meeting in January.

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

After five years of editing the PHS Newsletter, I have decided it time to pass on the torch. This is my last edition as editor. I appreciate all of the support I have received. Dianne Westlake