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Wednesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m.



November Meeting

This will be an action packed meeting!

Being the end of the year meeting, it is our AGM, Annual General Meeting, with election of our new Board Members for 2014. Our thanks to Carol Mitchell who will be conducting this. The installation of the new Board will be held in January with Dianne Westlake. Scholarships will also be announced and presented to those students able to attend. A main focus with our profits from the Garden Show each year is to provide \$1,000 Scholarships to eligible post-secondary students studying in a Horticulture-related field. This year 4 students have been selected.

Of course this meeting is also our last before Christmas with many members bringing some of their home-made Christmas baking to share with others at the Hospitality table. Very festive! Again we will be having our Mitten Tree and bringing non-perishable food donations.

All this in addition to our wonderful guest speaker will make for a great meeting!

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend as I will be in Orlando with my grandsons. Pat Lounsbury will lead the meeting. I would like to wish all of you a happy Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Pat de Villiers



Speaker - Evelyn Wolf "Think Like a Plant"

Evelyn has been gardening with perennials since they were the "new" thing in gardening almost 30 years ago. Self taught through thousands of books and years of personal experience, collecting and testing plants and different gardening methods has become close to an obsession for her. Through her business, Garden Possibilities, Evelyn consults with clients on designing unique perennial gardens and helps them solve soil and site problems. While tending her own display garden of over 500 perennials and ornamental grasses, Evelyn writes articles for her website and newsletter based on her experiences, and has been teaching gardening through private workshops and public seminars like this for over 15 years.

Christmas Hospitality Table / Food donations / Mitten Tree 'Tis the Season.....

If any members have started their Christmas baking and would like to bring some home-made goodies along to share at the Nov 27th meeting, our last meeting before Christmas, it would be most welcome!

In the spirit of giving, we also encourage all members to bring some non-perishable food items which will be donated to Kawartha Food Share. Please bring items in plastic bags to make carrying them out to the car easier at the end of the meeting.

As with last year, we will also have a Mitten Tree and will be collecting unwrapped new hats, mitts and scarves for the Crossroads Women's Shelter.



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The Peterborough Garden Show

LUG-A-MUG

Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your **Name Tag** to our meeting.



50-50

The October 50-50 draw was won by Ruth Hillman - \$104.50. All of the secondary prizes came from Griffin's - and it was just a happy coincidence that Kyle was the speaker! Anne Milne made the little pumpkin-kalanchoe arrangements, and we also had a couple of pumpkin "families" with google-y eyes. In addition to these seasonal things, we had lots of beautiful bulbs in re-useable shopping bags. Special thanks to Chris Freeburn who jumped in to sell tickets while I attended to technical issues with Kyle's laptop. The willingness of people to help is a wonderful aspect of PHS! Thank you, Chris. And thanks to all who make it fun.

Dawna Rhodenhizer

New Board Members for 2014

Again I, Pat de Villiers, will be your President with Pat Lounsbury as Vice-President. We are delighted to welcome 3 new Members to the Board this year, MJ Pilgrim, Pat Freistatter and Gail Trotter. New people bring new and fresh ideas and talents to rejuvenate our Board. We welcome any of you to become involved, perhaps for next year's Board. Let us know if you are interested.

Each year we also have Board Members stepping down. This year we have 3 very committed, long term members leaving the Board.

Ann Milne has been on the Board for 9 years in various capacities including being an active Garden Show Committee Member for many years and is also a Past President. Ann is busy as one of the Griffin's Greenhouse team so we will see her there. This she has undertaken in her "retirement". She is also a Master Gardener and wants to spend more time with her husband. Ann is continuing to be on the Program Committee and has offered us her support whenever needed.

Cathy Fraser has been our Secretary for 3 years and has also been active in running the Library. She is also a Master Gardener and one of the busy Griffin's employees. (Griffin's knows where to find talent - 5 of our Board Members work there!)

Kathy Hewitt has been a Board Member for 9 years as well. We all know her from the Flower Shows and she has been a backbone of Fleming Park. Kathy has been involved with Fleming Park since 2004, one of the few Committees that are active throughout the summer, going every Wednesday morning over the years with Inge Buchardt to maintain the beauty of the gardens there. Kathy is also a long standing Member of the Garden Show Committee and will be continuing her work with us there.

We will miss these 3 and their many contributions!!

Dedication Ceremony for Ann Greer-Wooten

On October 30th a Dedication Ceremony was held in the honour of Ann Greer-Wooten, a prominent and influential member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society. Ann was not only a PHS President for two different terms, but was also a driving force in founding the Peterborough Garden Show in 2000, then called "For the Love of Gardening." Ann died of cancer in 2009, and it was decided then that a tree would be planted in her honour at Kenner Collegiate where she spent most of her teaching career. Ann was an avid gardener with a true love of gardening. She often opened her garden to others and I remember pleasant tours, workshops and picnics in her backyard English Country Garden sanctuary.

Earlier this year her favourite tree, the Little Leaf Linden, was planted in the Kenner Courtyard. On Oct 30th the Dedication took place along with a striking plaque in the shape of a tree with inscribed stainless steel leaves created by Williams Design in Bethany. PHS Members, former teaching colleagues and Kenner students from the Floral Design class attended the ceremony.



New Books in the Library...

Teeny Tiny Gardening...I just love this title. Who knew you could grow something in an eggshell??

Straw Bale Gardens...isn't technology wonderful?

The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Pest & Disease Control ...there's always gonna be pests!

Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates...we've got a cold climate, that's for sure!

and a couple of not-so-new books...

The Flowering Shrub Expert

Rhododendrons and Azaleas

Home & Gardens A Year in the Garden, design and planning for all seasons.

Stop by and see what we've got.

It will get you through the long, cold winter.

Pauline Drake



Newsletter/Yearbook

Thank you for all your kind words this past year as I continue on my learning curve assembling the PHS newsletter and Yearbook. Please send me any photos you have taken this year of your garden. As well as anything else you think might be appropriate for the newsletter or yearbook.

Tammy Gibson

Upcoming Events

The Annual Toronto Master Gardener Conference

Date: January 11, 2014

Theme: Urban Agriculture

Location: Toronto Botanical Garden

More Information: <http://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/index.php/public-welcome-at-urban-agriculture-conference-saturday-january-11-2014/>

Welcome New Members:

Diane Card Mike Pineau

Preserves and Photography

Class 1	Chili Sauce or Chutney	1 st J. Chambers	2 nd G. Fowler	3 rd H. Grassie
Class 2	Fruit Jam/Jelly	1 st J. Chambers	2 nd C. Viscoff	3 rd C. Stillman
Class 3	Pickles	1 st G. Fowler	2 nd C. Stillman	3 rd H. Grassie
Class 4	Relish	1 st D. Jones	2 nd C. Stillman	3 rd H. Grassie
Class 5	'Windy Moment'	1 st C. Stillman	2 nd A. Clifford	3 rd S. Carothers
Class 6	'White World'	1 st A. Clifford	2 nd S. Carothers	3 rd G. Deck
Class 7	'Fall Country Lane'	1 st S. Carothers	2 nd A. Clifford	3 rd S. Pyper
Class 8	'Garden Friends'	1 st A. Clifford	2 nd B. Borg	3 rd E. Goslin
Class 9	'Potted Expressions'	1 st C. Freeburn	2 nd S. Pyper	3 rd P. Haward
Class 10	'Life in the Pond'	1 st A. Clifford	2 nd C. Freeburn	3 rd S. Pyper
Class 11	SPECIAL - Carved Pumpkin	Calvin Stillman		

Thank you to everyone .There were 17 exhibitors and 68 entries in total. I hope 2014 grows even bigger in numbers.

The Flower Show Committee



2014 Dates – April 11, 12 and 13

The show committee is coming up with some great new ideas for the Garden Show and need your help. We will need small yogurt pots for the **Children's Garden**. Please soak them in order to remove any labels and bring them to Hort. meetings and give to myself or Karen Strano.

We are going to have 2 exciting new happenings and we will need special volunteers to assist us.

Horticulture Couture – Posh New Plants and **Phenomenal Products on Parade**. This will happen once on the Friday evening and again on Sunday afternoon and will showcase all the latest gardening trends in colour, product and design. We need 'models' who will have fun, dress up and show off these new products. We plan to have a celebrity MC

and this should be a exciting event to publicize our wonderful vendors and the latest ideas. Please see Pat deVilliers or Joan Harding.

Happening number 2 is an area of **Hand Painted Garden/Kitchen Stools** that we will sell off. If anyone has an artistic flair and would like to learn more about this please contact Cauleen Viscoff, Kathy McMahoan or myself. We will also need volunteers to look after this area.

Don't forget to purchase advance tickets for the show as stocking stuffers, gifts for your hairdresser, mail person, personal trainer or anyone else who loves to garden! Joan Harding will be at the November meeting and will have tickets for sale. Admission is \$7, cash only.

See you at the meeting.

Rachel Burrows

Social Media Corner

Since last month we've attracted **42 NEW!** followers. Cool! And thank you!



Ways **Twitter** (and **Facebook**) may work for the **PHS**:

We could increase interest in **PHS** activities e.g. scholarships, community grants, membership, Fleming Park and our Peterborough Garden Show and that could get us more members. Members who could volunteer on our board, at our meetings, and at the Garden Show. Many hands make light work as they say and it sure would be great to have more members volunteering in all our activities. That could mean more time for gardening; more time to shop at the Garden Show; more time to think of more ways to 'green our world'.

Connecting with people on **Twitter** and **Facebook** is **FREE** and if it gets us positive results ... wonderful.

So, please, if you are on **Twitter**, follow **PtboHortSoc** and **PtboGardenShow** Send out relevant photos of PHS events, and garden websites that you like, and spread the word about our website: www.peterboroughgardens.ca Send us tweets.

If you're on Facebook LIKE us and send pictures.

Donations Committee

The Committee has received additional thank you letters from the groups that PHS funded earlier this year. The **Ennismore and District Horticultural Society** was able to purchase all of the flowers and shrubs for their Lakeside Garden project beside the causway in Ennismore and sent pictures of their work. We also received a thank you from **Hutchison House Museum**. They purchased several varieties of fruit bearing bushes, some perennials, herbs and a few annuals. **Bonaccord Community Garden** thanked us, as did **Lakefield Youth Unlimited**. The money that the PHS donates to these various projects is greatly appreciated by all of the groups that are funded.



Membership

Well, here it is: the close of another successful year. Have you been enjoying the variety of speakers? Perhaps you attended the Garden Show, went on the bus trip or borrowed books from our library. How many of you donated or brought home a plant from our plant sale? Maybe you had an entry in either our spring or fall flower shows? All this is possible when we pay our membership dues. Please take a few minutes to renew your membership now. You can print off the renewal page of this newsletter, fill it in and mail it with your payment to our address located at the top of the page. If you prefer, you can stop by the membership table at the November meeting and drop off your payment then. The rates are still the same: \$15.00 for an Individual or \$20.00 for a Family. It makes a great Christmas treat for yourself or a gift for someone else!

Just a reminder: your new yearbooks and nametags will be available at the January meeting; simply stop by the membership table to pick them up. Thank you.

Monica White

Scholarships & Awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to present this year's recipients of the Peterborough Horticultural Society Scholarships for post-secondary education. The following four students have been selected to receive these \$1000.00 awards:

EMILY ABU-MIDDIN is an 18 year old environmentalist who is currently studying Ecological Restoration at Fleming College for two years and will then attend Trent University for another two years in this joint program, culminating in a diploma and degree. During her grade 11 year she became intrigued when taking a horticulture course. This lead her to become involved with the Lakehead University Ecofair, the South Simcoe Streams Network phragmite maintenance and tree planting programs, the Beeton Creek Photo Journaling project, volunteering with the Innisfil Public Library plant sales and attending the "how to start a monarch butterfly garden" workshop. She also volunteered at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's Camp Tiffin which enhances children's knowledge and understanding of their natural surroundings.

JEN BIRD is currently in her 2nd year at Fleming's Earth Resources Technician program, where she has twice been recognized for high academic standing. In 2010 she obtained a certificate recognizing her hard work and achievement in the Plant Identification and Use course, part of her ongoing Master Gardener Online Study Program from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. She is involved with the Peterborough Community Garden Network, helping with the Barnardo Garden and Fleming College gardens. She has been an invited host garden for both the Grace United Church and the Teacher's College Garden Tours. Jen has also helped with the planning, setup and teardown of the "For the Love of Gardening Show". Jen's vision for the future combines the knowledge and skills obtained from her program and that of horticulture and botany to better the mining and aggregate industries while restoring and improving the surrounding environment.

MEGAN KITCHEN grew up in Peterborough. She attended Thomas A. Stewart taking several horticulture and landscaping classes. Participated in designing water gardens with running water fountains, learning overall plant care and maintenance. Her co-op at the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) as part of the Invasive Species Awareness Program taught her about invasive plants and animals and their threat upon different ecosystems. She also worked with the Ontario Invasive Plant Council and went tree planting with the Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program. This summer she worked at Gardens Plus and volunteered at Peterborough GreenUp's Ecology Garden. Megan is attending Fleming College's first year of the Ecosystem Management Technician Program after which she plans to attend Trent University for another two years. When completed she will have both a diploma and a degree and would like to work at either OFAH or the Ministry of Natural Resources.

KYLE MCQUESTION discovered the great healing power of plants and the therapeutic capabilities of gardens as a whole and that changed his life. He has volunteered on several Organic Farms throughout Canada, learning natural and bio-dynamic methods of plant propagation, raising, and harvest. He obtained his Permaculture Design Certificate in London, Ontario, and followed this with the Horticulture Technician program at Durham College where he was on the Honour Roll. Kyle is now studying at Fleming College in the Ecosystem Management Technician program. He also maintains two large garden plots focusing on edible, medicinal, and companion plants; one in his hometown of Pickering and the other in Toronto. His future within the horticulture field will focus on the promotion and utilization of native plants and bringing more awareness to the general public.

KAYLEE MCLEAN of Kenner Collegiate is the winner of the Madge Harris Award

AARON MILLS of Thomas A. Stewart is the winner of the Olive Isaac Award

Cheques and certificates were presented to these students at their convocation ceremonies held on November 1st.

Please join us in Congratulating these Scholarship and Award winners and wishing them all the best in their future endeavours.

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Membership 2014

New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Date: _____ Rec'd by: _____

Single @ \$15.00 = _____ Family @ \$20.00 = _____

Please print.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____

Please list the names of members who are included in the Family Membership.

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Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash in the mail.

Tell us a little bit about yourself! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS.

Regular Committee:	Board of Directors	Archives	Bus Trips	District and OHA	Scholarships	Grants
	Fleming Park	Flower Shows	Hospitality	50/50	Library	Membership
	Newsletter	Nominating	Program	Public Relations	Website	Yearbook
	Twitter	Facebook	Computer Skills	Other: _____		

Plant Sale: Friday Night: Set-Up, Pricing and Organizing Plants. Saturday Morning: Overseeing the Sale of Plants. Clean up.

Garden Show:	Set up (April 10/11)	Tear down (April 13)	Muscle	Trucks	Greeters
	Children's Garden	Admission Ticket Sales	Committee	Cash Room	