# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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### Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.



#### "Gardening for Butterflies" Cathy Dueck

Cathy is a lifelong naturalist who has been gardening since she was a teenager. A graduate of Trent University in Environmental Science, Cathy's passion is teaching about land stewardship in its many forms. Founder of Peterborough's Ecology Park, which she directed for more than 20 years, Cathy now works for the City of Peterborough's Parks and Forestry Division. She is also a part-time instructor in Environmental Science for Trent University and a Board member for Camp Kawartha. Her favourite gardens are both beautiful and full of life, and over the years she has designed and



managed many gardens to attract butterflies, pollinators, birds and other wildlife. She believes that biodiversity is the spice of life, and an important issue for all gardeners!

#### President's Message

And what a show it was! Many, many thanks to every one of you that had a part in this year's very successful garden show. There were green aprons and red aprons everywhere! It was a huge commitment and everyone helped to make it happen with their efforts, friendliness and enthusiasm. I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as I did.

A special thanks to Cauleen Viscoff, Pat DeVilliers, the entire garden show committee (there were about 15 of them!) and show coordinator Sandy Spremo. It was a event to be proud of for sure.

While the information is still fresh, I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who has suggestions for what worked and what didn't – things to improve, etc. Please send these comments to mjpilgrim@live.ca

Upcoming events at the **PHS** include our amazing **PLANT SALE** on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am at Westdale United Church. If (and when?) your plants slowly emerge from the snow!, please begin to think about which ones can be split and contributed to this great event.

#### **Looking for new Board Members**

We are looking for some new members to join the PHS Board. It is a friendly, supportive group. There are currently 11 of us and the work is shared by different committees to lighten the load. It involves a monthly meeting held at the Library on the FIRST Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm, except in July and August. Our December meeting is a potluck social. It's a great opportunity not only to be involved and share your ideas, and it's a very positive and rewarding experience. If you think you may be interested, please speak with MJ Pilgrim or any of the current board members and you would be welcome to join us for a drop-in meeting to try us out!

#### 50-50

Well it is apparent that spring was in the air by the wonderful turn out for the March meeting. **Sandy Spremo** was the winner of \$118.50 for the 50/50 draw. Other prizes included two flower arrangements with a pair of tickets with each flower arrangement to the garden show.

❖Margi Leeking & Betty O'Toole







#### LUG-A-MUG

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



#### What's New in the Library?

Hope you enjoyed the Garden Show as much as I did. As I dropped by John's Garden booth, lo and behold, he had a rack of books – ON SALE. I couldn't resist - here's what I purchased for our library.

- ◆ A Book of Blue Flowers from powder blue and turquoise to navy and violet
- ♦ Black Plants, 75 striking Choices for the Garden
- Green Flowers Unexpected Beauty for the Garden, Container or Vase
- Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens 200
   Drought Tolerant Choices for all Climates
- ♦ A Child's Garden 60 ideas to make any Garden come alive for Children

Come and have a look at what we've got for ideas & inspiration for the upcoming garden season.

❖Pauline Drake

#### "Many Hands Create Our Beautiful Park"

#### Fleming Park Wake up April 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 am

**Saturday, April 25** is the weekend following "**Earth Day**" and this has always been the time we wake up the park from its winter nap.

So trade your winter boots for garden boots, grab your gloves and garden tools and meet us there at **9 am** for pruning, raking, etc.

This prep work will have the park looking great within a few weeks.

♦Annie English

#### **Welcome New Members**

Phyllis Bell, Anne Heffernan, Karin & Al Jamieson, Maurice & Barbara LeMay, Joseph Azzarello, Tim Brown, Shannon O'Brien, Shawna Peddar

Guests - January 10 February 2 March 12

#### Membership

The March meeting was another busy month at the membership table, after which we had a total of 187 members, including several new members. Please help me to make them feel welcome. As I write this, we have just finished the Garden Show and some more memberships have been given to me. I'm sure this will put us very near the 200 mark, which is great.

I know many of you volunteered at the garden show, but I do hope all of you were able to take a bit of time to wander around (find a few treasures) and have fun at the garden show. I know it was great therapy for me to see all the plants and other items; my lighter wallet proves that! I look forward to seeing everyone at the April general meeting.

Monica White, Membership Chair



#### **Judging School**

If any member is interested in participating in the District 4 judging school, one can still register.

Details at www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district4/

#### **Master Gardener's Advice Table**

Starting at the April meeting, there will be a Master Gardener's Advice Table located at the PHS meeting. Please bring your questions, and keep those MGs busy!



#### Did You Know?

The Society has a "Sunshine Committee" with the mandate of acknowledging members on behalf of the board.

If you know of a member who is sick, has sustained an injury, has been involved in an accident or has experienced distress due to the illness or death of a family member, please tell us!

#### **OHA Magazine "Trillium"**

The Trillium Magazine The Spring edition of the OHA magazine "Trillium" is available online now at www.gardenontario.org.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25 - OHA District 4 Spring & Annual General Meeting at King Edward Community Centre hosted by the Brighton Horticultural Society Speaker: Dawn Golloher, Gardens Plus Topic: "The Newest Easy Care Perennials" let MJ know if you are planning to attend (deadline Thursday April 16th) mjpilgrim@live.ca

April 25 - EARTH DAY Fleming Park Cleanup 9am until noon or finished

May 6 – Millbrook Garden Club - Speaker: Vikki - Griffins Greenhouses - New Plants for 2015- 7:30pm St. Thomas Anglican Church Hall, Manor Dr. Millbrook \$2 admission at the door

May 9 - PHS Annual Spring Plant Sale, 9am - 11am, at Westdale United Church

May 14 - Norwood Plant Sale @ Norwood United Church at the 4 corners

May 16 - Lakefield Horticultural Society Plant Sale: 8:30am - 11am Memorial Hall, Lakefield

May 16 - Omemee Horticultural Society Plant Sale: 8:30am - 11am (or when sold out!!) Curling Club on James Street in Omemee

May 21 - Deadline for submission to OHA Trillium editor@gardenontario.org "Balcony Gardening Theme"

May 23 - Ennismore Horticultural Society Plant Sale: Rotary Park near the Causeway, 9am-noon.

May 27 - PHS Spring Flower Show at General Meeting

May 30 - Jamaica Self Help Plant Sale 9am-11:30am 170 Morrow St. (across from the market)

June 10 - OHA District 4 Luncheon and Awards Celebration at Navy Club, Peterborough, Theme: Western Cowboy

June 13 - Peterborough Master Gardeners' Plant Sale, Location Ford & New Romaine St., 9am-11am

June 13-21 - OHA "Garden Week"

June 13 -- Prince Edward County "Garden Show" -- Picton fairgrounds 10am-4pm

June 17 - Lakefield Horticultural Society Rose Show Open to the Public at 7:30pm

June 24 - PHS Photography Show at General Meeting

June 30 - PHS Lifetime Membership Nomination Deadline

It's official! New Website:

# peterboroughhort.com



New Email for all areas of the PHS

# ptbohortsoc@gmail.com

Please add to your safe list!

# Saturday, May 9th PLANT SALE 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Rain or Shine

We have made it through another very cold winter, the snow is melting and thoughts are about our gardens. While you are out in your gardens cleaning up remember to start thinking about what you can donate to the **PLANT SALE!** 

The sale will take place at **Westdale United Church**, 1509 Sherbrooke St. West on **Saturday**, **May 9**<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The church is located on the south side of Sherbrooke, just west of Woodglade Blvd. The entrance is at the back and there is plenty of parking. The church will be open from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. On **Friday**, **May 8th**, to drop of your donations. **WE NEED LOTS OF PLANTS** – as many as we can get! This is the perfect time to divide those overgrown clumps and the end result will be a happier plant. As you work in your gardens, keep our plant sale in mind. Pot up your extra plants a week or two before the sale and keep them watered so they look their best. Larger pots (6inches or larger) sell the best. Please include as much information about your plants as possible – annual or perennial, sun/shade, height, colour, etc. If you have multiple plants you could use your computer, print the label and attach to a popsicle stick or to the pot. This could save you a lot of time and effort. Please identify any **aggressive** plant. If you have any gardening magazines, garden decor to donate please bring them to the sale.

# PLEASE DROP YOUR PLANTS AND ITEMS AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT 6:00 p.m.- 7:30p.m.

Bring any extra clean containers or garden trays to the April meeting to share with those who may need them.

Thank you to all who have already signed up to help at the sale. If you want to add your name to the list, please sign up at the April meeting or get in touch with Anita Clifford to get added onto the list. Each person who has volunteered to help will be contacted by phone a week before the sale. Our plant sale will take place rain or shine.

Try to plant in 6 inch or larger plants. People want instant colour and large sells before small. We can also sell it for more. Special plants: If you are sending in plants that are special – i.e., named varieties, more unusual plants or a division of a plant that you purchased for more money – make sure we know! Those will be marked at a higher price.

For those who are donating plants....please let us know how much time you have spent digging and potting up your plants so we can add that time to our volunteer hours.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact: Anita Clifford: 705-748-0267 anitaclifford@bell.net

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## Membership 2015

New Membership	□ Renewal □	Date:	Rec'	d by:			
Single @ \$20.00 =			Family @ \$25.00 =				
	Please indicate if you wish your yearbook (and nametag) to be mailed to you.  If so, please include \$5.00 to cover cost of postage.						
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Name:			Telephone:				
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Please ma	ke cheques payable	e to: Peterborough	Horticultural Soc	ciety. Do not sen	d cash in the	mail.	
Tell us a little bit abo	ut yourself! There are n	nany ways you can partic	ipate within the PHS	S.			
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 1/2)	Tear down (April 4)	Muscle	Trucks	Greeters		
	Children's Garden	Admission Ticket Sales	Committee	Cash Room			