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Wednesday, June 24th at 7:30 pm

Cauleen Viscoff - *"What a Plant Knows"*

What exactly does a plant know? . . .

Without a central nervous system, and the fact that a plant is rooted in place, how can we actually say that plants "know" things?

Do they smell, see, feel, hear or remember? Does a plant really know where it is?

After taking a course through the University of Tel Aviv, Cauleen believes they do. Come and find out why.

Cauleen Viscoff returns for a second guest appearance to the Peterborough Horticultural Society this year. As well as being a Master Gardener Cauleen is also a writer, garden designer as well as the PlantWatch Co-ordinator for Ontario and Co-chair for the Peterborough Garden Show for 2015.



President's Message

The rain is refreshing to the soul.

As we learned at the Society meeting on May 27th, "Pluviophile" is a "lover of rain: someone who finds joy and peace of mind during rainy days". As I write this, the skies are wide open and buckets of the wet stuff are descending to enliven our grass, our gardens and our patio planters. Nice.

At our next general meeting on Wednesday June 24th, we're looking forward to hearing from our own Cauleen Viscoff who will be speaking to us about "What a Plant Knows". Should be an interesting evening and I hope that you can join us. Bring along a friend! It's only \$2 for a guest to join us for a meeting.

Remember that I'm still looking for short snippets of information for the "Things I Learned" segment of the meeting. You can send these to ptbohortsoc@gmail.com and depending on volume, I'll include them in the next meeting.

Last Thursday, in preparation for "Ontario Garden Week" (June 13-21), I delivered one plum tree and two pear trees to the Stewart Street Community Gardens. Liz Icles was very appreciative, and they hope to be eating fruit in a few years thanks to a \$200 tree grant that the Society applied to the OHA for and were granted. Another tree grant from District 4 of the OHA will soon be put to use in purchasing a Mountain Ash tree for a special spot in the Fleming Park gardens. We're making these two gardens more useful and more beautiful one tree at a time. Thanks for all who support our fundraising efforts, our scholarship efforts; our community grants efforts and our society-building efforts! **Just for our volunteers**, we will be hosting a special "Volunteer Appreciation" evening at my home in Downtown Selwyn on Wednesday July 8th, 2015. Details are available in one of the next few pages of this newsletter. Hope you can join us!

Lastly, please remember to bring along a loonie or a toonie for the hospitality table if you use it -- and lug your own mug so that we don't add more cups to the landfill!

❖ MJ Pilgrim, PHS President



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



****Beginning in September 2015, meetings start at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30pm****

May 50/50

May's 50/50 draw of \$95.50 was won by Orian Bambrough. Other prizes included 9 plants from Garden Plus that were suited for sunny and shade areas. Also there was a large pot of herbs purchased from a local store.

❖ **Betty O'Toole and Margi Leeking**

June Photo Contest Reminder

All you photo buffs get your cameras out and capture shots for the following themes:

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| 1. Budding out | 2. Best spring flower | 3. Woodland flowers | 4. On the rocks |
| 5. Visitors to the garden | 6. Macro shot-extreme close-up | 7. Thru' the rain | |

Attention all past photo show winners. Black's Camera stores are all closing in August. Anyone who has a photo card from Black's must use it by Aug. 1st.

❖ **Flower Show Committee**

May Flower Show Results

Specimens

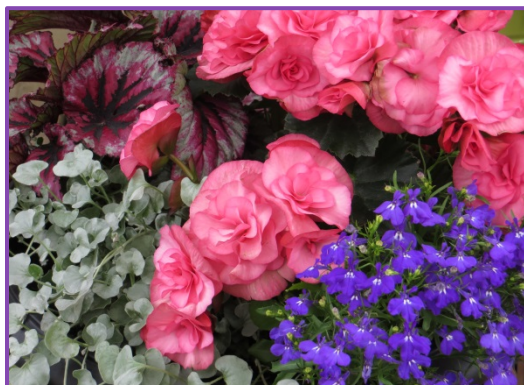
1. Daffodil		2nd C. Stillman	
2. Iris	1st M. Doyle	2nd A. Clifford	3rd J. Primaves
3. Tulip single	1st A. Clifford	2nd S. Pyper	
4. Tulip double	1st A. Clifford	2nd C. Stillman	
5. Bulb collection - 3	1st A. Clifford		
6. Pansies		2nd A. Clifford	
7. Allium	1st A. Clifford	2nd J. Primaves	3rd S. Pyper
8. Hosta - 3	1st A. Clifford	2nd M. Doyle	3rd C. Freeburn
9. Hosta collection - 3	1st M. Doyle	2nd A. Clifford	3rd C. Freeburn
10. Solomon's Seal	1st A. Clifford	2nd C. Stillman	3rd J. Primaves
11. Columbine	1st S. Pyper	2nd C. Stillman	3rd A. Clifford
12. Bleeding Heart	1st A. Clifford		
13. Spring flowering branch	1st J. Primaves	2nd A. Clifford	3rd S. Pyper
14. Any other bulb	1st A. Clifford		
15. Any other perennial	1st J. Primaves	2nd C. Stillman	3rd S. Pyper

Design

17. Anything Goes	1st A. Clifford		
18. Shades of Green	1st J. Primaves	2nd A. Clifford	3rd C. Freeburn
19. Design in a Mug			3rd A. Clifford
20. Small design	1st A. Clifford	2nd J. Primaves	3rd C. Freeburn

Judge's Choice Anita Clifford - Anything Goes-design

Best in Show Marie Doyle – Iris



Donation of Fruit Trees to the Stewart Street Community Garden:

With a \$200 tree grant applied for and received from the Ontario Horticultural Association, the PHS was able to purchase 1 plum tree and 2 pear trees for the Stewart Street Community Garden. The trees were delivered on Thursday June 4th and will be planted on Friday June 5th.

Liz Icles of the Gardens Association sent us a thank you note which says this:

"Thank you so much. We will be planting the trees tomorrow and are so excited to let the neighbourhood know that soon, after a year or two they will be enjoying the fruit from the trees donated by the Hort Society. I will send pics and also more as they progress."

A Volunteer Celebration Party!

Save the Date! Wednesday July 8th, 2015 @ 6pm RAIN OR SHINE

If you have volunteered with the Society this past year either in the Garden Show, the Plant Sale, Fleming Park, the Board, at the PHS meetings, etc., please consider yourself INVITED to this celebration.

It will be held at the home of MJ Pilgrim, 2034 Selwyn Road, Lakefield (near the intersection of Selwyn Road and Buckhorn Road in beautiful "downtown Selwyn", Ontario).

Mapquest link: <http://mapq.st/1EZMld7>

If attending, please RSVP Annie English (anniemargaret43@hotmail.com, 705-917-3173, or speak to her at the hospitality table at the meeting)

Light refreshments will be served. Bring a lawn chair!

Carpooling Garden Trip - WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th

It's been quite a while since we have had any PHS Garden Trips. The cost of buses and the need to fill them, as well as the cost to you, discourage that kind of Garden Trip. However, inspired by the talk by John Statham on perennial grasses and all the slides of his grasses at the last PHS meeting, I spoke to him and we will be organizing a group of us to drive to Uxbridge to visit his gardens, about an hour's drive from Peterborough. "John's Garden" is set in the middle of a pine forest, with shade plants under the pines and the sun plants in what used to be the paddocks. The old horse barn is used to house pots, bulbs and other various items.

As well as the perennial grasses he featured in his talk, his plant selection has increased substantially and now includes collections of Hostas (400 varieties), Daylilies (140 varieties), Heuchera, Ornamental Grasses (one of his loves), Echinacea, Peonies (especially Itoh peonies), Hydrangea, and Clematis (which has grown to over 100 varieties) and unusual Conifers.

John will be available to give us a tour as well as opportunity to explore and shop on our own.

Lunch will be at the Tin Mill, a lovely little restaurant in Uxbridge.

Next stop will be Richters Herbs in nearby Goodwood, where we have



the option of a half hour talk as well as opportunities to tour the Greenhouses and gift shop for all things herbal, including plants, books, seeds, dried herbs and more. Then we head for home, probably with our trunks bulging with plants!

A sign up sheet will be available at the June meeting. If you won't be able to attend but are interested in joining us, I can be contacted at 705-741-1101 or patdevilliers@hotmail.com.

The date for this outing is WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th. We will leave from the Canoe Museum around 10 am. I would encourage those interested to form their own carpool groups, but I will help find rides for anyone needing one. Everyone, of course, is encouraged to share gas costs.

❖ **Pat de Villiers**

GARDENS PLUS presents a SERIES of PERENNIAL WORKSHOPS FOR CANCER

Thursday, June 11th - 7pm GARDENS PLUS presents 1st OF SERIES PERENNIALWORKSHOPS FOR CANCER- 'Gardening in the part shade made easy!' Come help a great cause and get some helpful tips to aid you through this season and future ones! Tons of colour, textures and sizes come together. Groups welcome.

June 10th to July 31st, GARDENS PLUS presents 'HOSTA FEST'- See a collection of 600+ varieties. Awarded as one of the Top 40 Boutique Nurseries in Canada. Hosta for sale all season but this event brings even more selection for the avid collector! Make us one of your 2015 Garden Tour Destinations!

Thursday, July 9th at 7pm GARDENS PLUS presents 2nd OF SERIES PERENNIAL WORKSHOPS FOR Hospice - 'Come learn how to create a Memorial Garden'! Get to know many perennials with names like; 'Guardian Angel', 'Praying Hands', 'Remember Me' and 'Special Moments'. Placement, soil, lighting and even a plaque or stone add a great memento.

Nice to have a special place right in your own back yard!

July 1st to July 31st, GARDENS PLUS presents 'DAYLILIES IN BLOOM'- See 900+ varieties in an acre of display gardens during peak bloom. Awarded as one of the Top 40 Boutique Nurseries in Canada. Gardens Plus is located 136 County Road # 4/Parkhill Road East (Donwood on most maps). Call 705-742-5918 or visit www.gardensplus.ca Workshops \$10.00 pp – All funds donated to Canadian Cancer Society/Hospice.

Welcome New Members

Susan Halasi John Marsh Brenda Morris Natasha Morris
Shirlanne Pawley-Boyd Eileen Sibbitt

Guests -January 10 February 2 March 12 April 1 May 2

Membership

I said I would keep you up to date on our total membership and as of June 5, we have 215 members! So wonderful to see so many members renewing and several (over 40) new members joining us too!

This is my fourth year as membership chair and I really enjoy meeting and greeting all of you. At the end of this year though, I will be stepping down. I hope you will give consideration to taking up this great position and helping our society to grow.

❖ **Monica White, Membership Chair**

Upcoming Events

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

June 13-21 - OHA "Garden Week"

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

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

June 24 - PHS Photography Show at General Meeting

June 30 - PHS Lifetime Membership Nomination Deadline

July 3 - 5 - OHA Convention "Summer in the Southern Tier", Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON

July 9 - Garden's Plus "Learn how to create a Memorial Garden" \$10 for Ptbo Hospice, 7pm gardensplus.ca or 705.742.5918

July 11 - Bobcaygeon Annual Garden Tour, Tea & Market 10 am - 4 pm \$15 @ Avant-Garden Shop, Lakefield Books & Yarns

August 7 & 8 - Lakefield Horticultural Society: 37th Annual Antique & Flower Show, Lakefield-Smith Community Centre

August 21 - Deadline for OHA Trillium "Therapeutic Horticulture Theme" editor@gardenontario.org

September 23 - PHS Fall Flowers Show at General Meeting

September 30 - PHS Scholarship Program Applications Deadline

October 28 - PHS Fall Preserves & Photography Show at General Meeting

October 24 - OHA Fall Seminar hosted by Campbellford & District Horticultural Society, Campbellford Legion

Speaker: Koidu Suley, Richter's Herbs Topic: "Herbs Can Be Part of Your Garden for Food, Medicine and Good Looks"

November 6 - 15 - Royal Agricultural Winter Fair: Exhibition, Toronto, ON

November 21 - deadline for OHA Trillium Winter issue "Vegetable Gardening Theme" editor@gardenontario.org

BOBCAYGEON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S 19TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR, TEA AND MARKET

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH, 2015

10:00am - 4:00pm

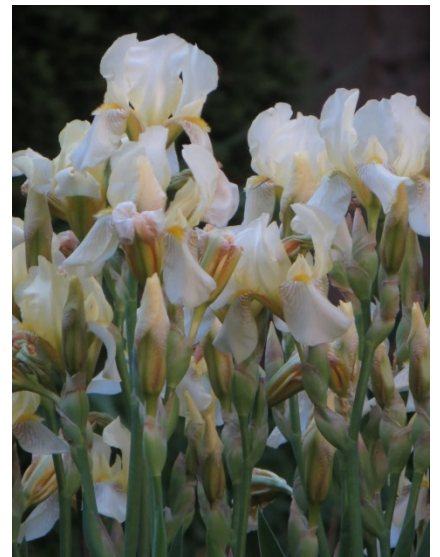
"PLEASE STEP INTO THE GARDEN!" The BHS invites you to tour 8 lovely gardens, enhanced with horticultural displays, refreshments, music and art. Master gardeners on hand. Enjoy lunch at one of the fine restaurants offering discounts to tour participants. Included is admission to historic Kawartha Settlers' Village for tea and treats. Also at KSV, local growers and crafters will display their wares at our very own "gardeners' market"

Tour Pass: \$15; children under 16, free INCLUDES ADMISSION TO KSV

Tickets available at the Chamber of Commerce and other venues throughout the village

On tour day, tickets available at each garden and at KSV

www.bobcaygeonhorticulture.com



Information about Retailers and Neonicotinoids

<http://foecanada.org/en/retailer-actions-on-neonicotinoids>



The Bee Cause calls for a ban on bee harmful pesticides and practices while proposing and delivering practical ways to help bees and wild pollinators.

Canadian garden retailers taking action:








Home Depot now requires its suppliers to label plants treated with neonicotinoids.

Art Knapp Plantland has told its suppliers they will no longer accept nursery plants treated with neonicotinoids.

Lowes is phasing out the sale of products that contain neonic pesticides by 2019.

Rona is encouraging its plant suppliers to reduce the use of neonicotinoids and will begin labelling plants in 2016.

Sheridan has asked its plant suppliers to confirm if their plants are Neonicotinoid free, and has confirmed that all plants grown by Sheridan are neonic-free.

Retailer	Labelling	Phasing out the use of Neonicotinoids	Working with vendors and suppliers	Employee Awareness	Customer Awareness
	Working on a labelling system to be unveiled towards the end of 2015	Does not currently sell any off-the-shelf pesticides that include neonicotinoids	Working with industry, vendors and regulators to reduce impacts on the environment	Site visit by FOE, no employee awareness of neonicotinoids	N/A
	Requires its suppliers to label plants treated with neonicotinoids	N/A	Running tests to see if suppliers can eliminate neonicotinoids in their plant production	Site visit by FOE, no employee awareness of neonicotinoids	N/A
	N/A	Distribution centres do not carry products with neonicotinoids	N/A	Working to educate Home Hardware Dealer-Owners on neonicotinoids link to honey bee mortalities	N/A
	Has considered developing a labelling system	N/A	Has consulted with the grower community about alternative products and treatments.	Site visit by FOE, no employee awareness of neonicotinoids	N/A
	Lowes has committed to providing in-store product labels, which are not currently available. Date TBD	Will phase out the sale of products that contain neonicotinoid pesticides by Spring 2019	Working with growers to eliminate the use of neonicotinoid pesticides on the plants they sell	Educating employees with in-store resources such as brochures, fact sheets and product labels	Providing in-store resources such as brochures, fact sheets and product labels, with expanded content available on their website
	In 2016, all plant suppliers will be required to label plants treated with neonicotinoids	In 2015 70% of all plants sold in corporate RONA and Réno-Dépôt stores were grown without neonicotinoids	Encouraging their suppliers to reduce the use of neonicotinoid insecticides	N/A	Employees can check the SKU numbers on plants to check if they are neonicotinoid-free until the labelling system is in place <small>*personal conversation with FOE</small>
	N/A	Working with their 500+ suppliers to phase-out neonicotinoids in their stores, with no set date of completion	Told their suppliers they will no longer accept nursery plants treated with neonicotinoids	N/A	N/A