

Peterborough Horticultural Society

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Robert Bowles

“Dragonflies and Damselflies”

Bob Bowles was born raised on Bowles Hill in the Beaver Valley in a small farming community in Grey County south of Owen Sound.

He worked for 32 years as an engineering technologist for Ontario Hydro and retired in 2000 to the Gravenhurst area.

He is the owner of Bowles Environmental Consultants and Nature Tours. He has worked for several environmental groups checking out element occurrences, conducting biological inventories and compiling species lists. He has also led many ecotour groups around the world to places like the Amazon, Galapagos Islands, and Costa Rica. He has founded several groups including Muskoka Field Naturalists, Carden Field Naturalists and Kids For Turtles Environmental Education.



He has won many awards for nature writing, photography, and his work with the environment. He is past president of several clubs and organizations in the area such as the Probus Club of Orillia and is current President of The Hiking Trail Association.

President's Message:

As I write this, a Facebook post says that it's only about a week until the calendar says it's officially "spring". As you and I know, it'll probably be a few more days than that before we start to see some real life in our gardens, but it's encouraging to know in the grand scheme of things that we won't have to wait much longer.

Quite a few folk got a head-start on Spring when they attended the Master Gardeners' "Day for Gardeners" on March 3rd. It's at events like this where the informal learning is almost as important as the formal learning. The lunchtime chatter was optimistic, lively and friendly. I must admit that one of my favourite parts about our PHS meetings is watching friends greet each other as they arrive -- we're all in this together.

Some day soon, the snow will disappear and the persistent buds will start making their way through the mulch crust. It'll be a day that's worth the wait.

Until then we have the Garden Show to look forward to which includes much friendly chatter as we strengthen our connections over that same common interest of learning, learning, learning.

Make it a good day!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

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

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Memberships:

Welcome new and returning members and guests!
2018 name tags and yearbooks are available for paid members.

Need to renew? See Laura and Susan at the welcome desk.
No need to fill out a form if your contact information is unchanged.

For those paying cash, it is helpful to bring the funds in an unsealed envelope with your name on it.... save trees and reuse an old envelope.

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting.
Please remember to wear your name tag, it helps new and returning members get to know each other better!

❖ Laura Jack and Susan Gomez-Duran

Membership Pricing

Individual	\$20
Family	\$25
Guest	\$2

2018 Meeting Location

We have booked the Lion's club for 2018.
Please continue coming here for meetings throughout the 2018 season.

See you there!

Fun Table

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

If you have signed up for shifts at the garden show, your free tickets will be entered automatically!

❖ Cauleen Viscoff and Jen Bird

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Spring Plant Sale

Saturday May 12th, 9:00-11:00



Westdale United Church
1509 Sherbrooke St. (West of Woodglade)
peterboroughhort.com



Community Grants - Now accepting Applications

Applications are now being received by the Peterborough Horticultural Society from any not for profit organization that is interested in creating a community gardening project. The available grant money is raised through our previous year's Garden Show held at the Evinrude Centre.

Over the past 17 years, over \$90,000 has gone into the Peterborough and surrounding communities to beautify the environment as well as being used to develop "teaching tools" for community or school gardens.

Applications need to be received by April 1, 2018!

Application forms with details are available at our website peterboroughhort.com - Grants & Scholarships.

❖ Elane Kalavrias

Fleming Park



Over the past 5 years the park has transitioned in color, texture and design with the help of a dedicated couple, GREG and LORRAINE BARROW. They are moving to Ottawa to be close to both of their families, and will be so missed by the rest of the team. We thank you so much for all your hard work and your "heart" that went into our Park. We wish you the best in this next chapter of your retirement.

As in past years, we awaken the park from its winter nap the Saturday following "Earth Day." Many volunteers turn up for this event. So, don your garden gloves, and bring along your tools and rakes on April 28th from 9:30 -11:00 am.

We have been so fortunate to have a regular group of volunteers turn up, and look forward to welcoming new members. Thank you in advance.

❖ Annie English

Spring Plant Sale 2018

Spring is here and soon we will be working in our gardens! We can start thinking about what could be dug up or divided for the **Spring Plant Sale!**

Our annual plant sale will be held at Westdale United Church located on Sherbrooke Street West on Saturday May 12, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the March and April meetings. If you are able to volunteer some time at the sale either Friday or Saturday morning your help would be greatly appreciated.

We welcome any plants, seedlings, garden magazines and garden decor in good condition that you can contribute to the sale. If you have any **extra trays or pots, please bring them to the April meeting** for those who may need them.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our plant sale, please contact Anita Clifford @ 705-748-0267, or anitaclifford@bell.net

❖ Anita Clifford

Volunteer & Attend www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

...what to look forward to this year



Excellent, professional **Speakers**: learn new techniques and ideas. Check our new web site for the bios for our speakers and demos -- come to hear them all.



Returning this year, is our little **Garden Market**; giving small market gardeners a table and an opportunity to sell their wares at a fraction of the cost of a booth. We want to extend our show to include local gardens in order to promote local and sustainable food sources. We have vendors with honey, goat cheese, veggies, local fudge and more.



As our **vendors** are essential to a successful show, we are again presenting their **breakfast** on Sunday morning before the show opens; giving them the same nice **lounge** with fresh coffee and goodies.



Volunteers get in free when they sign in for their shift but please be kind enough to pay the ticket price when not volunteering.

Remind your friends to buy an **Advance Ticket**, they will not have to stand in line. The **Weekend Pass wristband** is available again this year, as are **E-Tickets - order on-line!**

And wait until you see the **lobby decor!!** Dayle Finlay will again transform the lobby with a Celebrity & Florist Design Exhibit on Friday evening.

Together, we are a formidable group of gardeners. Let's make this show the most fun, the most exciting, and the most profitable. Proceeds are given back to our community in scholarships, bursaries and for community garden groups!

❖ Donna O'Brien

Peterborough Garden Show Children's Garden

We are attempting to plant terrariums as a take home project for the children.

We are still looking for **Gatorade type plastic bottles or other firmer bottles with a 2.5"-3" diameter** (no flimsy or narrow topped bottles please), as well as **paper towel rolls**.

We have added 2"-3" flat stones for the children to paint, if you have any extras, we can use them!

Please bring them to the March general meeting.

Thanks in advance.

Questions? Please contact me at kstrano@bell.net

❖ Karen Strano



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Peterborough Garden Show

Less than a month to the Peterborough Garden Show. Everything is progressing nicely. Thanks for all your volunteer offers. Donna only has a few spots left to fill. We're in great shape!



The theme of this year's Show is **"Come Grow With Us"** and there are some new features to the Show this year. We will be having Workshops presented by the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners as well as our regular range of excellent Speakers. 4 will be held each day upstairs.
www.peterboroughgardenshow.com for times and topics.

Dress Design Event will take place in the lobby LIVE on Friday evening.



Food: Kyoto Coffee has a new line of delicious, healthy smoothies!
BE Catering's show menu is now available on Facebook!

Clearwater Creations was the booth voted as best of Show last year. With water features, paths and greenery they will be located just inside the entrance to the IGA / Leon Pad.



Advance Tickets will be the most economical choice this year at \$8, (same as last year). Tickets are on-line for \$9 and at the door - \$10.
Weekend passes are \$14 Advance and \$15 at the door.
Details - www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

❖ Pat de Villiers

SAVE THE DATES:
Friday April 13 5pm-9pm
Saturday April 14 10am-5pm
Sunday April 15 10am-4pm

Thanks to all the generous time-giving folks who have already signed up to help at the Peterborough Garden Show.

Over 100 Volunteers complete over 1000 hours every year to make the **Peterborough Garden Show** such an overwhelming success. We appreciate and need your help. Many hands make the load light. You can contact Donna O'Brien at donnared2001@yahoo.com 705-748-0026.

A variety of volunteer positions are available. **No experience is necessary.** Guidelines will be sent out to everyone & everyone will be contacted just prior to the start of the Garden Show to confirm your hours, who you are working with & what you are to do. Unable to stand for a 2 hour shift, consider helping in the Coat Check area or the Vendor's Lounge. We try to accommodate your choice of days, times, and positions but we also appreciate your flexibility as Saturday is very popular with a number of Volunteers. Most of our needs will extend from Thursday through to Sunday evening. Many members also sign up for more than one shift.



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Listed below is a brief description of positions for our New Members or those wishing to try something different:

Set Up - Thursday starting about 9am throughout the afternoon, includes getting items from storage locker, moving to their places, assembling, decorating, signing out tables, opening doors for vendors, patrolling the vendor area.

Take Down - 4pm Sunday, disassembling, carrying out to trucks. (Available truck or van helpful but not necessary)

Ticket Sales - Members with experience needed as some shifts are very demanding.

Ticket Scanners - Scan E-Tickets

Hand out Programs and take Admission Tickets

Greeter - Greet guests, answer questions and ensure they know to visit both ice pads, the workshops and children's garden upstairs, and the speakers area.

Vendor Relief - Approach vendors to offer relief to take a quick break or to direct traffic flow in the Lobby areas, answer questions etc.

Horticultural Society Table - Promote the PHS, hand out Rack Cards, answer questions and interact with the public, and take occasional new memberships

Patrol - Outside at peak hours directing the Public to appropriate lines or Entrances.

Coat Check - Check coats and/or parcels for the Public

Volunteer Centre to monitor arriving volunteers, hand out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts.

Exit Doors - Stamp hands for guests re-entry, log in vendors

Children's Garden - Supervise activities and help with crafts in a colourful and varied setting
- Parents must accompany Children. Face Painting experience appreciated but not necessary.

Be friendly, Smile and have FUN

PORT HOPE GARDEN CLUB



Mon Apr 16

**Charlie
Dobbin**

Known widely as: Host of
radio & TV gardening shows;
Landscaping consulting
company owner

Gardening as Time Goes by: Challenges & Solutions

Ticketed event: \$10 for non-members
Tickets at the door
(Membership: \$15 individual; \$20 family)



Ruth Clarke Centre, 81 Mill St S, Port Hope
7pm - Refreshments; **7:30pm** - Begins

Info: Carole Elliott, 905-885-0098, celliott@eagle.ca, gardenontario.org/site.php/porthope

And the Spring arose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark
breast

Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.

~Percy Bysshe Shelley
"The Sensitive Plant"



Save the Date!!

Saturday, May 5th & Sunday, May 6th, 2018

**Pollination Summit with special guest Mark Winston, author of *Bee Time*
Market Hall, Peterborough, ON**

Join the Peterborough Pollinators in working together to cultivate a resilient environment for pollinators! Our citizen-led group welcomes members of our community to join us in growing and stewarding pollinator habitats throughout Peterborough and beyond – the spirit of our group reflects the need to deepen our relationships with community and with the natural world around us.

Our mission is achieved through community-led pollinator garden building projects, weekly discussions, educational events, community art projects, and various fundraisers. For 2018, Peterborough Pollinators, in collaboration with non-profit organizations and community members, are excited to be planning a Pollination Summit on May 5th and May 6th with special guest Mark Winston. The weekend will include visits to Peterborough's outstanding pollination gardens, community stewarded urban beehives, and exciting cross-pollination dialogue between community members, beekeepers, activists, conservationists, and pollinators! Mark Winston will be our keynote speaker in the evening of May 5th at the historic Market Hall in downtown Peterborough. Registration for this event will be through Market Hall's Box Office. More details to follow shortly!

Mark Winston is the author of the Governor General's Literary Award winning book, *Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive* and former Director for the Centre for Dialogues at Simon Fraser University. Recognized as one of the world's leading expert on bees and pollination, Mark has had an illustrious career researching, teaching, writing and commenting on bees and agriculture, environmental issues, and science policy. We look forward to this spring gathering and hope that you can be an integral part of it!

Sincerely,

Marcy Adzich & Carlotta James – Summit Co-Leads

www.peterboroughpollinators.com





Garden Book Reviews By Cauleen Viscoff



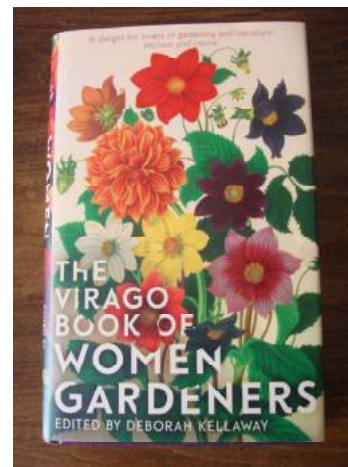
THE VIRAGO BOOK OF WOMEN GARDENERS

edited by Deborah Kellaway

With hints and quotes from our favourite plantswomen like Gertrude Jekyll, Beth Chatto, Constance Spry, Margaret, Crown Princess of Sweden and others not perhaps so well known, their ideas, quips and ideas range from plant and tool preference, to design, to criticisms, successes and dismal failures; from the 1800's to the present.

Delightful and insightful.

"The real way is to try and learn a little from everybody and from every place. There is no royal road." Gertrude Jekyll.



DEAR FRIEND AND GARDENER

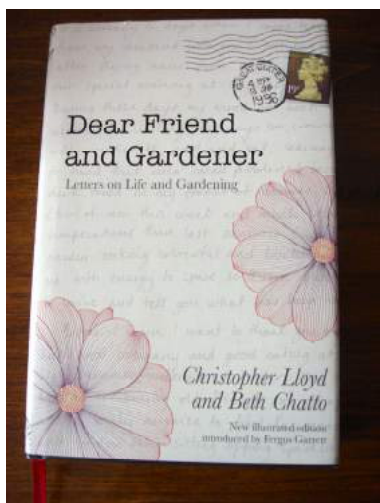
Letters on Life and Gardening between Christopher Lloyd and Beth Chatto

A fascinating exchange in letters between these two whose gardens and methods were as different as they. It did not change their friendship as they bandied back and forth their opinions and advice.

(Christo) - ".....From my stove I can watch flycatchers and blue tits when I should be stirring the pot. Is it any wonder I am all behind with letter-writing?
Love Beth"

"Dear Beth,
Today was straight out of my idea of heaven - the first such day this year and the first time that all the winter crocuses have opened wide..... much love, Christo"

One of my all-time favourite books. Charming, educational and so personal.



DEEP-ROOTED WISDOM

Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners

Augustus Jenkins Farmer

It connects us, in a personal way, with fellow "dirt" gardeners; it is about finding grace in the everyday, sharing what we know and have learned, told with humour and good sense.

It's about good dirt - essential soil in which to grow the food we eat... the traditions and science behind it...

"Take care of the earth and help others to a love and respect the beautiful rainbow of the stuff of life". Jenks Farmer

It's a fascinating read that I return to again and again.

