## Peterborough Horticultural Society

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### Wednesday, September 25, 2019 7pm

Please join us at 6:30pm for refreshments



#### **Thom Luloff:**



# Gardening and Critters: The Perfect Mix

Thom Luloff is a Professor of Fish and Wildlife Sciences at Fleming College, having completed his degree in medical science from the University of Western Ontario. In addition to teaching he works as a research collaborator at the Toronto Zoo with the species at risk program.

He is the Chair of Kawartha Wildlife Centre, bringing his expertise in animal ecology and biology to help guide the organization in making decisions that are ecologically sound and best serve Ontario's native species.

Thom also serves as the Director of Education and Public Outreach for Kawartha Wildlife Centre and creates and coordinates the strategy to promote wildlife education in our local communities.

Thom grew up on a farm outside of Pembroke Ontario and currently lives in Peterborough with his wife and three kids. His favourite colour is green and he has a dislike of chocolate ice cream.

#### **President's Message**

Welcome back from your amazing summer activities. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer filled with flowers. We've got a great lineup of speakers for the fall, and interesting topics that we think will suit everyone.

I'm looking forward to a September meeting filled with flowers from this month's Flower Show - read below for information on how you can become involved. Come early if you wish to have a good look at them.

Fleming Park is looking amazing! Our committed team of volunteers has been working wonders all summer. If you haven't already, be sure to drive past or better yet, walk through and enjoy the gardens. Congratulations to Annie English, Susan Leask, Pat Lounsbury. Fred Doris, Lois Scott and Rebecca Carpenter for a continued job well done.

Hope to see you all again in a few weeks.



### **Hospitality**

At our Meeting <u>June 26th</u>, to show our appreciation for you, our wonderful members, we tried our first ever combination meeting and member social by including extra special treats (and wine!) at the hospitality table. Anita and I had fun planning this, and it was a successful night. We all enjoyed it so much we've decided to make this an Annual Event. So mark your calendars for June Meeting 2020!!

Annie English and Anita Clifford

#### **Tulips for Parkinson's**

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- White



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### September Flower Show Fleming Park

What's blooming in your garden? When the flower show draws near go out into your garden and collect blooms, leaves and grasses. — Use them to create a floral design.

Check your yearbook first for September's design themes #23 in the design category is for first timers only.

We don't get many entries in design, so give it a try!

October is our photo show. Go through the photos you've taken this year or start snapping new ones.

Check the yearbook to see the categories.

Shaun Pyper & Anita Clifford

The park at the corner of Brock and Aylmer has undergone some changes this past season. Many new plants, re-designing, and a haircut to trees and shrubs are just some of the things this amazing team has accomplished.

We end the season the Wednesday following Thanksgiving to get the park ready for its winter nap.

On September 5th we all met at the Silver Bean Café for a delicious lunch outside in the sunshine.

The fun team of Susan Leask, M.J. Pilgrim, Pat Lounsbury, Lois Scott, Fred Doris and myself welcome new members for the season of 2020, for some gardening exercise! Please contact any member.

Annie English

### **Scholarships**

We are THRILLED to announce the return of our scholarship program for 2019.

Scholarships - Applications are <u>due by October 31st.</u>

Do you know a College or University Student studying horticulture or a horticultural related field? We offer up to 4 \$1000.00 scholarships each year, funded by the proceeds of our Garden Show. Eligibility requirements can be found on our website; <a href="www.peterboroughhort.com">www.peterboroughhort.com</a> under Grants / Scholarships. Please help us spread the word!

Donna O'Brien & the scholarship committee

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Are you a local student enrolled in a program relating to horticulture, ecology, botany, earth sciences, sustainability or other similar program?

Presented Annually: \$1000 Scholarships!

https://peterboroughhort.com/grants-scholarships/

#### **Dahlia Winter Care**



After fall frost has blackened the foliage, cut stems back so that a few inches remain above ground.

Leave your tubers in the ground for a few days so they can start to set eyes for next year. If you have many tubers remember to tag your dahlias.

Lift and gently shake the soil off the tubers, a pitchfork is the preferred tool.

Gently wash the tubers with your garden hose and then leave the clumps outside upside down to dry naturally, allowing them to dry for a few days in a frost free location, out of direct sunlight.

During this time you can examine your tubers and cut away any rotten parts.

Making sure your tubers are dry is important so they do not rot overwinter. Your tubers need to be stored in a cool dark area between 40-50 F. Gardeners differ on the best way to pack tubers overwinter. Packing material used for tubers are peat moss, vermiculite, sawdust, sand or wood shavings. You can look up on Google on different methods of storing tubers.

I prefer to loosely pack my tubers, layering between newspaper in a crate or cardboard box. Last layer needs to be covered with newspaper. During the winter you can check the tubers and spray with water if they look like they are shriveling.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Check greenup.on.ca frequently for great events and workshops near you









**LUGAMUG**: Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your name tag to our meeting. Newsletter Submissions: ptbohortsoc@gmail.com - P.O. Box 1372 Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6

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### **OHA Trillium**

Malcolm, our editor has been hard at work Sadly Malcolm has stated that he is retiring, so 2 more great editions to go, he will be missed. So we are looking for a new Trillium Editor. more information on page 9. Any stories or articles you would like to contribute, please send them to editor@gardenontario.org. Malcolm, thank you for your hard work, you continue to do great work.

There are some great stories about plant sales, awards that were presented, and youth group activities.

Here is the link to the Trillium.

https://gardenontario.org/2019-summer-trillium/

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