

Peterborough Horticultural Society



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Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7pm

CANCELLED

President's Message:

I truly missed you all last month as nature decided that we needed to stay home and relax for the February meeting. ❄️☁️ Well, I hate to break the news to you, but we will also miss the March meeting due to COVID-19. The March 25 meeting has been cancelled due to the many members in the high-risk zone. Stay home and stay safe.

The sun is getting stronger ☀️, and the snow is going-going. This week may feel like spring, but we have a few more weeks to go yet, likely. However, some day soon the snow will disappear and the persistent buds will start making their way through the garden's crust. I can't wait!

You've all by now heard about the sad but necessary cancellation of the Peterborough Garden Show. Thank you all for all of the hard work that has been done already.

However, gardening has not been cancelled. Spring has also not been cancelled, and Summer will definitely not be cancelled.

I haven't forgotten about the "2 words" challenge. Be ready at the April meeting to share those with everyone. "Early Spring" was definitely my favourite until this past week -- now it's "vaccine developed". 😊

As always, if anyone has any suggestions for the Society or any information to share with other members, please do contact me. I can be reached at [705-652-6993](tel:705-652-6993) or mjpilgrim@live.ca. Make it a great day!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

Going for a walk would serve us all well right now!

"The Therapeutic Power of Nature Bathing"

psychologytoday.com/ca

Under: Environment, March 15, 2020

ORCA tree seedling program

Members: We have an amazing opportunity for you. Shawn LaPalm of Cooperators Insurance in Peterborough approached us a few months ago with an idea to donate 100 trees to the community. He is the agent for the OHA for all of Ontario as well as living in our city.

We got to work and combined his request with the ORCA tree seedling program, and the result is that we will soon have 100 tree seedlings arriving (April 22, hopefully). Shawn's only stipulation with respect to these trees is that the planting of them must involve youth. 😊

The trees will be **free** and come with info regarding appropriate planting and about involving youth. Here's what we ordered: American Mountain Ash, Hackberry, Saskatoon Service Berry and Tamarack. These choices were made based on their resilience in our climate, flexibility of growing conditions, various size choices and 3 of them have blossoms and berries that attract bees and birds.

The trees will be "whips" -- 3-4 years old and around 2 feet tall when we get them.

Closer to the delivery date, we will open up 4 different online signup sheets so that members can request these trees.

Please begin to think of where you could plant your free tree, and which youth you could involve.

For information on these trees, check the Ontario Tree Atlas and type the name into the search bar.

<https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/tree-atlas>

For information on planting bare root 'whips' (young trees)

<https://treecanada.ca/resources/tree-planting-guide/>

This is a great project! Thank you Shawn.

❖ MJ Pilgrim & Susan Gomez-Duran

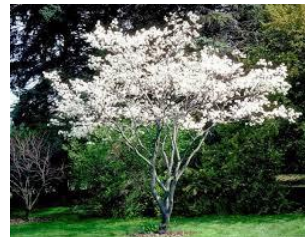


American Mountain Ash
'Sorbus Americana'

Tamarack
'Larissa laricina'



Saskatoon Serviceberry
'Amelanchier alnifolia'



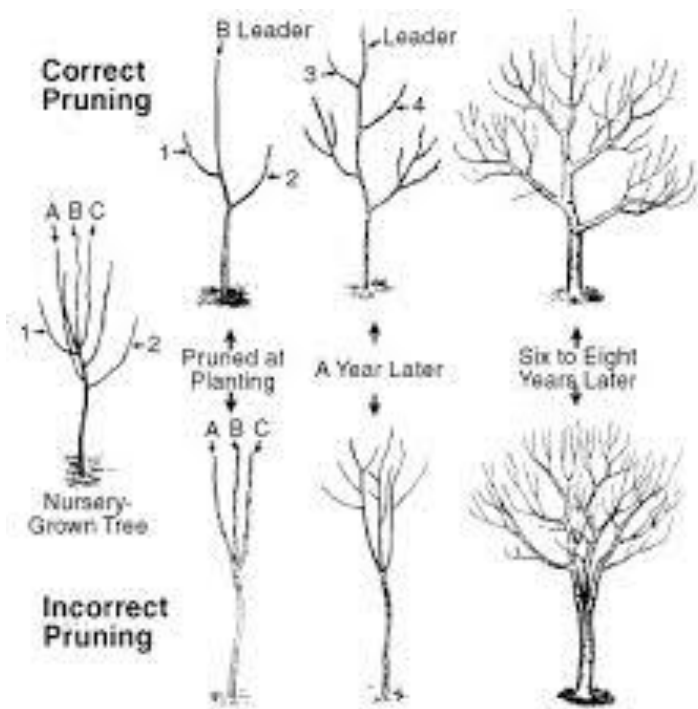
Northern Hackberry
'Celtis occidentalis'



Spring Garden Cleanup Tips from Cauleen

Go slowly and be careful right now... gently move leaves from around emerging bulbs but leave lots of dead grasses and other debris for another week or two... remember small beneficial bugs are using those grasses to hibernate and are just waking up... let them be... your garden will thank you.

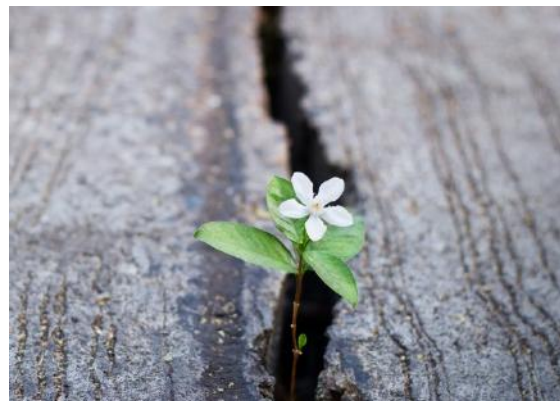
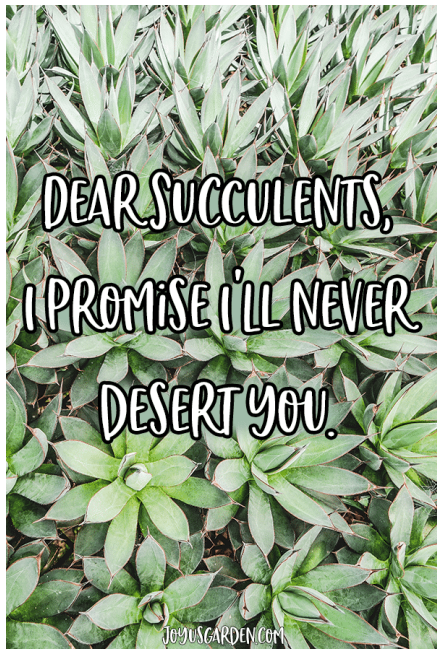
Time to prune small fruit trees.



If you are not sure how...there are many videos (although not always easy to understand)... and lots of good pruning books.. .however, if you don't have one, choose the on-line sketches or drawings rather than the videos - it's easier to adapt those to your own trees.

Go easy, clean up around flowers, but leave the rest for wee bugs and beasties.

❖ Cauleen Viscoff - Master Gardener



Membership

Membership fees cover you (and your family) from January to December.

Even though we won't see you at the March meeting, we are still accepting membership renewals by mail or by interactive transfer to ptbohortsoc@gmail.com

Time to
renew for
2020!

Individual: \$20
Family: \$25

PHS Memberships:
Box 1372,
Peterborough,
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Please make cheques payable to Peterborough Horticultural Society and add the name(s) of the member(s) on the memo line.

❖ Laura Jack & Susan Gomez-Duran



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Fleming College:

Peterborough ON - (March 13, 2020) - *The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve rapidly. The health and safety of our Fleming community are paramount, and we want to do our part and take precautions to maintain a healthy community for all," said Maureen Adamson, Fleming College President. "While we recognize that these actions will create inconveniences. We thank everyone for your patience, understanding and collective efforts."*

To the PHS members, board and associates:

It is with sadness, concern, disappointment, a sense of inevitability and quite a bit of heartache that we announce the 2020 Garden Show is cancelled.

Please share the news with all who ask and please temper any fear with reason, panic with patience and any uncertainty with realistic education.

We can meet this challenge together and see it as an opportunity to learn for the future - as well as our decisions that will limit the spread of this disease

... let us do this in the spirit of compassion for others with a true effort to seek the truth and knowledge instead of speculation and catastrophic thinking.

Let's spread the facts, and not the fear.
Wash our hands and open our hearts.

❖Cauleen Viscoff - Chair

❖Sandy Spremo - Co-ordinator



**Deep in their roots, all
flowers keep the light.**

Theodore Roethke



Eye Candy from Anita Clifford

