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CANCELLED

President's Message

Greetings during this immensely challenging time. I'm hoping and praying for health and safety for our PHS community, and look forward to the day that we can meet again.

Until then, we have SPRING (or close to Spring). Like many of you, SPRING is my absolute favourite time of year. I wander my gardens daily, getting reacquainted with amazing plants that are emerging quickly -- literally sometimes overnight. I'm a plant collector--but my plants have to behave themselves (aggressive spreaders & self-seeders are not welcome!). I would encourage each of you to try some new plants this spring -- by buying new, trading with a friend at a distance or hitting a plant sale when they are again allowed. LABEL your plant -- at future plant sales, we can always sell a named plant for more \$\$\$. It also helps you to work on your plant identification skills if you read labels while you're working around them.

Please read this newsletter carefully. We are making difficult decisions as necessary, but they are definitely not as difficult as the decisions that some people are making. Inside you'll find news on meetings, yearbooks, our local vendor community and an opportunity to sign up for FREE TREE WHIPS!

We were saddened to have to cancel Carlotta James' recap of the Monarch Ultra for the April meeting. We have promised Carlotta that we will rebook ASAP when the world is again turning on its axis. Please know that cancellation of the May general meeting and also the early June plant sale are also likely, but not definite at this point.

Spring is such a magical time. Make it a good day/week/month, and I hope to see you at the next meeting, whenever that might be. As always, suggestions are always welcome. But, at the current time: stay safe, stay home and get your fingers dirty!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

Scholarships and Community Grants

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Peterborough Garden Show, both our 2020 Spring Community Grants and our fall student scholarships have been postponed until 2021.

❖ Elane Kalavrias & Donna O'Brien

ORCA tree seedling program

2019 & 2020 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 hope that where possible, the planting of these trees involves youth. We realize that this will be tricky this year, so it's not imperative! 😊

The trees will be **free** and come with info regarding appropriate planting. 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 bare root "whips" -- 3-4 years old and around 2 feet tall when we get them.

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/>

Online signup is now available. You must be able to pick up the trees in late April in the north end at 191 Aberdeen Avenue when contacted; 705 745-0895

<https://signup.com/go/DkfgJir>



American Mountain Ash
'Sorbus Americana'

Tamarack
'Larissa laricina'



Saskatoon Serviceberry
'Amelanchier alnifolia'



Northern Hackberry
'Celtis occidentalis'





"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the members for the most beautiful bouquet of flowers and the many cards and well wishes. I feel very lucky to belong to such a wonderful group and your support has meant a great deal to me. I will be out of commission for a while but I am on the road to recovery and I look forward to being back in the garden as the weather warms up, even if only to watch for the time being. Please stay safe and enjoy the birds and the spring flowers, they are just what we need in the present circumstance."

❖ Anita Clifford

Cancelled: Fleming Park Cleanup, May 2

As per provincial emergency orders, Fleming Park is closed and we are not allowed to maintain the park until these orders are lifted. What you may wish to do is to take a short walk in your neighbourhood wearing gloves and pick up some trash instead! Many community cleanup projects have been cancelled, and a lot of people working individually can make a huge difference.

Supporting Our Local Vendors

These local vendors have supported the PHS over the years, and now it's our turn to support them during these challenging times. Before you buy garden-related stuff at the big box stores, please do consider supporting our community first! Most of them have information on their websites or facebook sites with modified shopping arrangements, including ONLINE ORDERING! (Apologies if we've missed anyone.)

Anna's Perennials, Omemee
 Avant Garden Shop
 Blossom Hill Nursery & Honey
 Burley's Gardening
 Gardens Plus
 Garden Style, Bridgenorth
 Greenhouse on the River, Lakefield
 Griffins Greenhouses, Lakefield
 Horlings Garden Centre, Lakefield
 Johnstons Greenhouses
 Kawartha Capital
 Keene on Gardens, Keene
 Peterborough Landscape Supply



Membership

Membership fees cover you (and your family) from January to December. We are still accepting membership renewals by mail or by interac e-transfer to ptbohortsoc@gmail.com

PHS Memberships:
Box 1372,
Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6

Individual: \$20
Family: \$25

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**

Yearbooks

Our yearbook editor, Jen Bird, has done a fantastic job on the 2020 yearbook. We had them ready to go for the February meeting but were thwarted by an ice storm. They'll be ready for pickup at several locations around the city within the next week or so.

North End: 191 Aberdeen Avenue (Cauleen Viscoff, Jen Bird) also tree whip pickup

West End: 2267 Kawartha Heights Blvd (Lois Scott)

South End: 508 Robert Road off Crawford Drive (Mary Charlton)

Central: 552 Sherbrooke St (Elane Kalavrias)

East End: 756 Armour Road (Claire Sullivan)

The yearbooks will be on or near the front porch likely in a plastic tub to keep them dry. Members AND guests: Help yourself!

Peterborough Garden Show

Our treasurer Claire Sullivan reports that all vendor deposits have now been returned to vendors. This means that it's definitely time to start planning for the 2021 show!

❖ **Claire Sullivan**

