

Peterborough Horticultural Society

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Wednesday May 22nd, 2024 @ 7pm, at the Lions' Centre Tim Hobbs of True North Daylilies (Zoom link available for those who can't attend in person)

Join us in welcoming Tim Hobbs from TrueNorth Garden Centre to our stage. Tim will be speaking to us about his experience hybridizing daylilies. He's also planning to bring some daylilies for sale at the meeting.

***** if you pre-order plants and pay on-line Tim will bring your plants for pick-up at the meeting – no having to fight over the perfect plant! *****

Tim has been gardening for approximately 35 years, on a two-acre property south of Warkworth. Over the years, Tim and his partner Donna Pass have created sun and shade gardens that cover most of the property.

In 2007, Tim went on a day trip, searching for perennials, when he happened upon a daylily hybridizer. Tim couldn't believe that someone could create all those plants with so much colour. He was fascinated, then hooked, not knowing then how daylilies would become a large part of his life.

Soon afterwards, he started hybridizing and creating new, never before seen daylilies. Slowly but surely, the daylilies expanded beyond two acres, jumping the fence onto an additional two acres.

In 2015, TrueNorth was born, offering daylilies for sale. The response was so positive that, a couple years later, Tim and Donna decided to offer other perennials along with the daylilies. They wanted plants that are tough and drought tolerant, just like the daylilies, plants that look after themselves while attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

If you get a chance to visit Tim and Donna at TrueNorth Garden Centre, south of Warkworth, you will see approximately 50,000 daylilies and hundreds of peonies. They also offer Hostas, Echinacea (coneflowers), Hibiscus (Rose Mallow), Baptisia (False Indigo), Heuchera (Coral Bells), Ornamental Grasses, Daylilies and much, much more.

Garlic is another venture that has expanded at TrueNorth over the last seven years, to 36 varieties and planting around 7000 cloves. Donna makes garlic scape powder, garlic powder and garlic chips, and new for 2024, will be fermented black garlic.

You can visit TrueNorth to shop and have a wander around the gardens, and they take pre-orders, or you can find them at the Codrington Farmers' Market on Sundays or the Cobourg Farmers' Market on Saturdays, as well as various local venues such as the Warkworth Lilac Festival or the Brighton Apple Festival to name a couple.



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See the website <https://truenorthgardencentre.com> for more information.

Find them on Facebook and Instagram.

Contact at 1-705-924-1071 or email at thobbshollow@gmail.com.



President's Message

With the sun's gentle warmth and the earth's awakening embrace, I am delighted to announce that SPRING has arrived.

As we bid farewell to the chilly grip of winter, let us welcome this season of renewal with open arms and eager anticipation. The time has come once again to dust off our gardening tools, roll up our sleeves, and immerse ourselves in the wonders of nature's reawakening.

With the arrival of spring, our gardens are blooming, presenting us with a canvas of color. The air is filled with the sweet melody of birdsong, and the scent of blossoms perfumes the breeze, reminding us of the beauty and resilience of the natural world. Let us seize this moment to enjoy life returning to our gardens, admire the biodiversity between our plants and the flurry of pollinators coming alive.

I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the opportunities that spring presents. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a novice enthusiast, there is always something new to learn and experience in the ever-changing landscape of horticulture.

Be sure to mark your calendars with upcoming plant sales within our communities, they are a great way to meet like-minded gardeners, support a good cause and find new-to-you plants at a very reasonable price.

❖ **Anne Trudel-Inglis**
PHS President

Peterborough Horticultural Society Board Announcements

On behalf of the PHS Board, I am pleased to announce that Jennifer Shaw and Marjorie Vendrig have accepted their roles as Directors on our Board.

Jennifer has been publishing our newsletters since the start of this year and doing a fantastic job at it – thank you Jenn.

Marjorie is working closely with six schools in our community with our Scholarship program – thank you Marjorie.

Both Jennifer and Marjorie have already been active in other areas, helping at our booth at Seedy Sunday, hosting Board meetings and helping out at our General Membership Meetings.

Please extend a welcome when you see them at our meetings.

On behalf of the Board,

Anne Trudel-Inglis
President

Peterborough Horticultural Society Flower Show – May 22

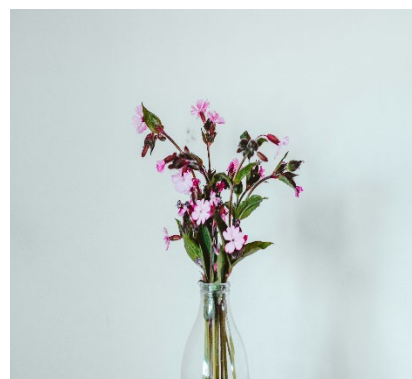
A reminder to all interested flower enthusiasts that our Flower show takes place May 22nd in the McGee Room at 347 Burnham Rd (Lion's Centre).

Your entries must be in place with cards completed by 6:45.

Please feel free to come earlier to get flowers in place and entry cards filled out.

The Flower Schedule along with rules and regulations can be viewed in April's newsletter. Check your garden daily the week of the show. Plants are growing so quickly this year you may be surprised by what you see! Bring in as many entries as you wish.

❖ **Flower Show Committee**
Shaun and Anita



PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Plant Sale

**RAIN OR
SHINE**

FRIDAY, May 24th, 2024 5pm



Westdale United Church

1509 Sherbrooke Street (West of Woodglade)

peterboroughhort.com



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Mark your calendar and join us for a fun evening!

The sale will be held on Friday, May 24, at Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke Street. Plants can be dropped off at 12:00 p.m., **sale will start at 5:00 p.m.**

If you have any divided perennials that you would like to donate to our sale, they can be dropped off at Westdale United Church anytime after noon on May 24th; please check the April newsletter for a list of aggressive or invasive species that should not be donated.

Hedges: Native Cedars vs Emerald Cedars

Choosing between native cedar (Eastern White Cedar) and non-native varieties like Emerald Cedars (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Smaragd') for hedges in our region depends on various factors. Here's why you might consider native cedar over emerald cedars:

1. **Adaptability:** Native cedar species like Eastern White Cedar are well-adapted to the local climate and soil conditions in Ontario. They are more likely to thrive without requiring extensive maintenance or specialized care.
2. **Biodiversity:** Planting native species supports local ecosystems and biodiversity. Eastern White Cedar provides habitat and food for native wildlife, including birds and insects, contributing to a healthier and more balanced ecosystem.
3. **Pest and Disease Resistance:** Native cedars have evolved alongside local pests and diseases, making them more resistant to common issues that can affect non-native species like emerald cedars. This can reduce the need for chemical interventions and maintenance efforts.
4. **Long-Term Sustainability:** Native cedar hedges are a sustainable landscaping choice that requires less water, fertilizer, and pesticide inputs compared to non-native species. They are better suited to Ontario's climate and can provide long-term benefits with minimal environmental impact.
5. **Aesthetic Appeal:** While emerald cedars may offer a more uniform appearance with their dense, bright green foliage, Eastern White Cedar can still provide a beautiful and natural-looking hedge. With proper care and maintenance, native cedar hedges can be just as visually appealing while supporting local biodiversity.

Overall, selecting native cedar species for hedges in Ontario aligns with principles of environmental stewardship, sustainability, and supporting local ecosystems. It's a choice that not only benefits your landscape but also contributes to the health and resilience of the broader natural environment.

❖ MJ Pilgrim



Eastern White Cedar



Emerald Cedar



SATURDAY JUNE 15

10 am - 4 pm

Tickets are \$20 each, available at:
www.millbrookcavanhs.org | Moody's Bar & Grill - Millbrook
Avant-Garden Shop - Peterborough | Holton Flowers - Port Hope

Blocks & Blooms Garden Tour

It's the perfect day trip!
Tour at your own pace the picturesque Township of Cavan Monaghan. Visit distinctive gardens and heritage properties and enjoy the beauty and artistry of new and heirloom quilts on display.

Admission: \$20 Rain or Shine!



Peterborough Master Gardeners
present

HERB CONTAINER WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 1st
10 am
Griffins Greenhouses

Master Gardener, Rachel Burrows will discuss culinary herbs and lead the group in choosing 5 herbs which they will plant in a 15" fibre container

Cost is \$50
Limited space
Registration required
Sign up at bcfree55@gmail.com

Join us for a fun event, learn about herbs and go home with a lovely herbal container.

A Day For Gardeners – May 4th 2024

Hosted by the Peterborough Master Gardeners

We laughed, we cheered, we snacked, and we learned.

By all accounts, it appeared to us that another successful "Day for Gardeners" is now in the books. We'd like to again thank you all for your support as we raise funds to assist with our mission to "share gardening knowledge with our community".

Sessions included:

- Creating a Garden Sanctuary
- Container Gardening
- Attracting Wildlife to your Garden
- Winter Sowing
- Grow me Instead: Replacing invasives with natives
- The Future of Gardening

Next year we hope to have the event in April – keep your eyes peeled!

The Master Gardeners DFG Committee: Anne Trudel-Inglis, Lois Scott, Cheryl Harrison, Deb Fraser, MJ Pilgrim

Annual Fleming Park Clean Up

Saturday June 1st, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Our annual Fleming Park clean-up is scheduled for Saturday June 1st, 9-11 a.m. so bring along your garden gloves, rakes, pruners and join in a fun morning of reconnecting with our members.

If you've never been there, it's on Alymer at Brock Street in Peterborough across from the Villa Autowash.

We are in need of more volunteers down at the Park, and if you are not able to commit to our scheduled 2 hours a week, we welcome you to lend a hand in any way you can. Maybe just every 2 weeks?? We are a fun bunch of gardeners and meeting in the cool mornings work out so well.

Please contact Fred Doris directly 705-875-0083 or freddoris17@msn.com".



Discounts for PHS Members: You must show your 2024 membership card to qualify, and request the discount BEFORE your order is placed.



15%

On LIVE ITEMS excluding annuals



10%

Does not include delivery fees



10%

On everything



10%

On perennials



10%

On perennials under \$11



Member Discounts

Every year Board members contact local gardening and landscaping businesses to ask them to extend discounts to our members. You have seen the information before and a copy of the discount information came with your membership card but did you know.....

Peterborough Landscape Supply has two locations, sells sod, soil, mulch, aggregates, trees, Outdoor furniture and a lot more – and – they have a “no minimum” pick-up and delivery policy.



Locations are:
1550 Lansdowne St. West
2200 Keene Rd

Website is:
<https://peterboroughlandscapesupply.com/about-peterborough-landscape-supply/>

Burley's Gardens and Suite is not only a place to find rare and unusual tropicals, orchid and African violets but also perennials, annuals, shrubs and fruit trees. They have many outdoor decorative items and a garden suite for vacation rentals!

Location: 2604 Television Rd

Website: <https://www.burleys.ca>



Gardens Plus say right on their website that they are “all about easy-care perennials so you can enjoy your gardens not just work in them.” They sell Hostas, Daylilies and other perennials from their greenhouse and on-line.



Location: 136 County Road 4 (Donwood)

Website: <https://www.gardensplus.ca/>

Greenhouse Hours: May 4th – June 30th; Thursday to Sunday 10 – 4

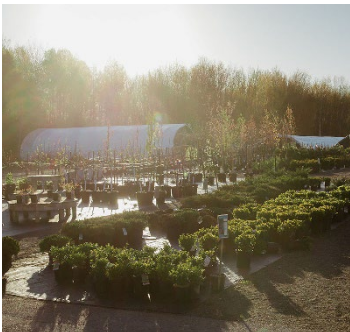
Kawartha Capital Landscape Supply Store the supply store has stone & aggregates, soils, mulch, seed & fertilizer but they also do bin rentals and waste removal services. Kawartha Capital can support residential needs as well as commercial and industrial needs. Shop on-line or in person.

Location: 580 Ashburnham Drive

Website: <https://kawarthacapital.com/>



Horlings Garden and Design Centre & Johnston's Greenhouse and Landscaping, two locations for a local business that has been around for 60 years.



You can drop by either location to see their Garden Centre, ask about Tree Planting, Custom Planters and Baskets, Custom Garden Landscaping & Paving and Property Maintenance – or just wander around and look at plants!

Locations:

Horlings Garden Centre - 3056 Lakefield Road, Selwyn

Johnstons' Greenhouse – 871 Crawford Dr. Peterborough

Website: <https://www.horlingsgardencentre.com/>

<https://www.johnstonsgreenhouse.com/>

Upcoming Events and Activities.....

Plant Sale – May 18th 8:00 am – 1 pm

Where: Norm Kyles driveway, beside the Fire Hall,
805 Tara Road

Friday May 17th - Drop off plants and donations of gently used garden tools, decorations, pots and baskets. Whatever you are no longer using. Time to repurpose and keep them out of the land fill.



Ecology Park Native Plant Sale – Saturday May 18th, 10 am – 2 pm

Mark your calendars! Ecology Park is kicking off their annual selling season with an exciting Opening Plant Sale & Celebration.

Start the growing season by asking experts about how to uplift your landscapes to a sustainable level.

Bring home your next dream plant and enjoy a day in the urban oasis of Ecology Park at the Opening Plant Sale. Trees, shrubs, ferns, edible plants, wildflowers, and more!

Warkworth Lilac Festival – May 25th, 10 am – 12 pm

Northumberland MGs and the Peterborough MGs present: **Life-Magnet - Creating a Layered Native Garden for Diversity with Sean James.** Saturday, May 25, 2024: 10am - 12pm. St. Paul's United Church, Warkworth. Last year, we sold out so please register **EARLY**. peterboroughmastergardeners.com

Bus Trip 2024 - Tuesday June 11, 8am - 5pm,

Only 1 spot left! We are starting a waiting list (we do get cancellations) so feel free to get in touch.

<https://peterboroughhort.com/bus-trip-2024/>

This trip is a fundraiser for the 6 high school scholarships that we are offering to our local high schools of \$150 each school. Thank you for your help!



Peterborough Master Gardeners Bus Trip – July 9 & 10

Bus trip to the Brockville area. Some of the highlights of the trip will be Natural Themes, Adair Gardens Flower Farm, Maitland Garden of Hope, Van Berlo Gardens and Connon Nurseries. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Brockville. The cost of the trip is **\$335.00 per person for a double room and \$435.00 per person for a single room**. It includes the bus, hotel, all meals except one lunch and any entrance fees to the gardens. Super fun, well-organized trip! Email gardenwithshar@gmail.com if you're interested.

Free Gardening Webinars

Blooming Boulevards (Mississauga, ON)

All webinars are held on Saturdays at 10:00am – 11:00am

Click the link below to register, space is still available!

<https://www.bloomingboulevards.org/book-online>

June 8th – Pollinator-friendly Container Gardens

August 24th - Understanding Your Soil

September 7th – Four-Season Beauty & Biodiversity

September 14th – It's Easy! Seed Saving 101

September 21st – Growing Native Plants From Seed

