

Peterborough Horticultural Society

Volume 164

February 2025

Number 2

Wednesday February 26, 2025 @ 7pm, via Zoom: Gardening During Climate Change, By Anna Leggatt

This meeting is Zoom only! Stay home and stay warm ☺

Join us in welcoming Anna back to our meeting! Anna presented at the February 2022 PHS General meeting and we are glad to welcome her back to speak about her latest passion:

Gardening During Climate Change – Lowering Your Garden's Carbon Footprint.

This presentation will explore how carbon is stored and how we can reduce our own carbon footprint, including some plant suggestions to cope with a changing climate.



Anna is a self-proclaimed "mad gardener, gardening in a comparatively large garden in Toronto with lots of shade and visiting mink, deer and groundhogs." She comes to us with lots of great qualifications:

- Former High School teacher: Botany, Chemistry
- Worked for 30 years at the Kortright Centre for Conservation
- Past Chair of the Ontario Rock Garden Society and former editor of its Journal
- Former Program Director for East York Garden Club (now Life Member)

Anna is also a Toronto Master Gardener and has written articles for Toronto Life Gardening, Landscape Ontario and The Globe and Mail. She has travelled widely, photographing wildlife and mountain plants (+scenery and culture) in New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, Western China, Japan, India, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, the Rocky Mountains, Bering Sea, Arctic Canada, South Africa, Kenya, Namibia, Europe – U.K., Spain, France, Greece, Dolomites, Iran, French Polynesia, Bali (WOW!).

Anna loves shrubs, bulbs, rock gardening, wildflowers, Japanese effects, working with stone and changing her garden design. She wants to grow vegetables, and the deer and groundhogs would like her to as well!

web: peterboroughhort.com newsletter submissions: ptbohortsoc@gmail.com

mail: P.O. Box 1372 Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6 instagram: [ptbohortsoc](https://www.instagram.com/ptbohortsoc)

facebook: [Peterborough Horticultural Society](https://www.facebook.com/PeterboroughHorticulturalSociety)

Our November Giving Meeting

Happy New Year everyone !!

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your generosity again this year. The giving tables were overflowing and here is a breakdown of all the items for men, women and children: 41 pairs mitts/gloves, 90 pairs socks, 11 scarves, 123 hats/toques, 4 pairs slippers, 8 pairs Hot Paws.

I took many of the children's hats to the Salvation Army, and parents shopping for toys for their children, could also pick up a hat.

Our monetary donation delivered to Kawartha Food Share was \$371.00 plus 74 pounds of non-perishable food items.

**Thank you again,
Annie English**



President's Message – February 2025

February is a time for planning, learning, and nurturing the roots of new projects. Whether it's waiting on the arrival of seeds ordered through seed catalogs, planning on going to seed exchanges in the next month, winter seed sowing, or preparing your garden tools and space for spring, there is always something that can be done to cultivate our passion for plants and nature.

Looking ahead, we have a vibrant calendar of speakers planned for the months to come with plenty of opportunities to learn, share, and grow together. I encourage all of you to get involved, whether you're looking to expand your gardening knowledge or simply connect with fellow enthusiasts who share your passion for plants.

And hey, if you've got any ideas or suggestions for the society, don't hesitate to reach out! We're always open to new ideas and ways to make our society even more awesome. Feel free to email us at ptbohortsoc@gmail.com

Wishing you all a month of warmth, inspiration, and plenty of indoor gardening joy as we look ahead to brighter, sunnier days.

**❖ Anne Trudel-Inglis
PHS President**

Peterborough Horticultural
Society
Board
is looking for members!



If you are interested in joining a dynamic group of people who are passionate about our Garden Club, we welcome you to join our Board.

If interested, please contact us via email: ptbohortsoc@gmail.com or chat with Anne at our meetings.

Peterborough Horticultural Society Officers & Directors 2024 - 2025

Officers

President:	Anne Trudel-Inglis
Vice-President:	Jennifer Shaw
Secretary:	vacant
Treasurer:	Mary-Rose Daigle
Past President:	Mary-Jane (MJ) Pilgrim

Two Year Directors:
Marjorie Vendrig
Jennifer Shaw

One Year Directors:
Laura Jack
Maura Holek

Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw

Purchase your tickets by March 7th, to ensure your place in the next big draw. The more tickets sold the higher the 50/50 jackpot will grow.

The current raffle sits at \$1000 with the winner taking half!

Tickets are available by visiting the raffle website at:
<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

Garden Ontario
50/50 DRAW
Next Draw
March 8, 2025

Ticket Packages
A - 10 for \$10.00
B - 30 for \$20.00
C - 500 for \$50.00
D - 800 for \$75.00

All proceeds go towards Keeping Ontario Beautiful® by way of grants and education

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>

Licence # RAF1369110

Meet the Team Behind the Green

Featuring our Board Members: This month we are introducing....

Marjorie Vendrig, Director, Peterborough Horticultural Board

If there's such a thing as a gene for gardening, I've got it. I've been a gardener for as long as I can remember, following the inclination of my Dutch parents who grew up on farms.

As a teenager, I decorated my room with spider plants and Swedish Ivy, got summer jobs working as a gardener in local parks, and had part-time jobs in garden centres.



Wherever I lived, I filled the inside with houseplants and dried, pressed, or fresh flowers, and the outside with whatever collection of vegetables or plant material I could get my hands on and cram in.

When it was time to settle down and raise a family in Ottawa, it wasn't long before the house was surrounded with large gardens, and the gardens started creeping into the surrounding fields and woodlands on our property.

Gardening is a hobby with limitless aspects and a lifetime of learning - I love reading about gardens and garden design, learning about garden history and visiting gardens wherever I go.

About five years ago, after retirement from the federal government where I'd worked as a librarian, we moved into an old house on a small lot in Peterborough. Time for another garden and a chance to learn. Gardening practices and influences have changed a lot over the years; I'm taking courses to become a master gardener and update my knowledge. My garden here is small and brings me great pleasure; I've worked hard on its design, selected small, interesting trees and shrubs, planted a lot of bulbs, and enjoy having more time to stop and smell the roses.

◆ Marjorie Vendrig



Apsley Seedy Sunday - Seed swap, vendors with seeds, cool crop vegetable starts, tubers and gardening advice as well as educational presentations. Learn more about seed saving. Get inspired for Spring! Hosted at: N. Kawartha Library, Apsley



DISTRICT 4

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

"100 Years and Growing"

April 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.

Location: Brighton Community Centre
81 Elizabeth St, Brighton

Speaker:

Cathy Kavassalis

Canadian Coalition for
Invasive Plant Regulation

Report on O.H.A. Directors' meeting

Elections for District Director,
Assistant Directors & Financial Reviewers

Memorial Period

Bring your Society
banner and display





PETERBOROUGH SEEDY SUNDAY

MARCH 9TH 11AM-3PM

VENDORS! COMMUNITY GROUPS! SEED EXCHANGE!

PETERBOROUGH SQUARE MALL
Downstairs - near Princess Gardens

FREE ADMISSION: ALL WELCOME

Generous Supporters:
Peterborough Square &

 Seedy Sunday Peterborough
 #PtboSeedySunday



Keeping Ontario Beautiful

Trillium

Ontario Horticultural Association Winter 2024-25





Photo by Don Taylor, Bath Gardening Club

Succulent Workshop
Bath Gardening Club members enjoyed learning about the world of succulents



Winter 2024-2025 Trillium Now Available

Click on the link below to read the winter edition of the OHA's Trillium quarterly online newsletter.

Find out what has been going on in gardening. Learn what is planned for 2025 by the OHA, Ontario Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies.

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/Trillium-Winter-2024-25.pdf>

It's time to renew your Membership for 2025

We like to welcome new members too!



**Our membership fees are a great deal
\$25 for single and \$30 for a family
(Guests fee \$5.00/meeting)**

2025 Memberships cards are available at our first in-person meeting. If you renew before March 26th your card with vendor discounts will be ready for pick up, just in time for Spring plant sales.

Your membership will give you access to our fun and informative newsletters, in person meetings with guest speakers, fun bus trips, raffles, discounts at local gardening vendors all year round and so much more.

If in person meetings are not possible, we 'Zoom' the meeting to you in the comfort of your own home!

Options for Members

Online:

[** New: 2025 Easy Fill Online Membership Form]

Form submission required for current members with change of contact information only.

Send e-transfer for \$25/single or \$30/family to ptbohorsoc@gmail.com

OR Print & Mail:

Membership Form 2025 Form submission required for current members with change of contact information only.

Send a cheque made out to the PHS for \$25 single/\$30 family to:

Mary-Rose Daigle
512 Dickson Street
Peterborough, ON K9H 3K1

Upcoming Events and Activities.....

PHS Speakers for 2025

Jan. 22: **ZOOM** with **Niki Jabbour** "Veggie Garden Remix"

Feb. 26: **ZOOM** with **Anne Leggatt** "Gardening During Climate Change"

In Person meetings at the Peterborough Lions Centre

- Mar. 26: **Darryl Cheng** "House Plants"
Apr. 23: **Jennifer Guertin** "Supporting Pollinators Through the Seasons"
May 28: **Lorraine Johnson** "Edible City: Adventures in Urban Food Production & Edible Native Plants"
Jun. 25: **A Panel of Experts** "Ask me Anything"

Summer Break so no-one has to come in from the garden!

- Sep. 24: **MJ Pilgrim** "Spring bulb planting and planning"
Oct. 22: **Suzanne Catty** "Potions & Lotions from the Garden"
Nov. 26: **Silvia Strobl** "Winter Tree Identification"
-

Events

- March 9th, 2025** – Seedy Sunday, Peterborough Square Mall (Free Admission)
March 30th, 2025 – Apsley Seedy Sunday, North Kawartha Library, Apsley
April 5th, 2025 – OHA Annual General Meeting (co-hosted by Brighton & Grafton)
April 25th, 2025 – Earth Day Celebration (virtual)
April 26th, 2025 – A Day for Gardeners by the Peterborough Master Gardeners

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>



Gardening Resources

OHA Garden Ontario website <https://gardenontario.org> lots of downloadable resources and the new Autumn 2024 Trillium

Peterborough Master Gardeners website is <https://peterboroughmastergardeners.com/> read the blog, ask questions, find events in Peterborough area.

There are a lot of websites, books and groups that provide resources – if you have a favourite one, please let us know and we will share in the newsletter

