

# Peterborough Horticultural Society

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### APRIL MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, April 23 when Joel Schraven from Pickering Nurseries will speaking about 'Roses'. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. The library will be open so borrow a book and buy your 50/50 tickets. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

### For the Love of Gardening

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Friday, April 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road  
Admission is \$5.00 per day (Children 14 & under free when accompanied by an adult)

#### Speakers and Demonstrations

##### Judged Flower Show

Ongoing demonstration of dry stonewalling by John Shaw – Rimington, President of the Dry StoneWall Association.

The vendor space at the show has been completely sold out and we have a waiting list.

A few volunteers are still needed. Please show your support and help out for a couple of hours.

To volunteer, call or e-mail

Anne Milne - 741-3995 or [rmilne3@cogeco.ca](mailto:rmilne3@cogeco.ca) or

Etela Vojnic - 749-0730 [etvojnic@peterboro.net](mailto:etvojnic@peterboro.net)

Remember to tell your friends and colleagues about the show.

Welcome our new member  
Mary Jane Rainey



Vicki Taylor – Scott brought her own brand of spring to our March meeting.

### March Meeting

Vicki Taylor – Scott brought a breath of spring to us on yet another snowy evening. Her humour cheered us and her 'Ideas to Inspire' made us anxious to go to our gardens and put our hands in the dirt.

### 50/50 Draw

Peggy Moon was the lucky winner of \$65.50, the 50/50 cash prize. Other prizes included a wonderful decorated gourd donated by Kathy Hewitt, presprouted bulbs compliments of Griffin's Greenhouses and a potted plant from Johnston's Greenhouses. Our thanks for the donations and to everyone who took part in the fun.



*On Tuesday, March 24 a group of 11 fledgling flower arrangers braved the weather to learn the basics at Flower Arranging 101. Hazel Cook did a great job as our instructor filling for an ailing Rachel Burrows. In a 2-hour session, we had a few laughs and created some very impressive displays, which were enjoyed the following evening at our general meeting. Thanks to Hazel for a doing a wonderful demonstration, to Dianne and Gary Westlake for bringing the supplies and to Joan Harding for taking the arrangements that Hazel created to Ann Greer-Wooten after the meeting.*

### Thank You from Ann Greer-Wooten

Gary and I have been fortunate enough to visit Ann. She was in good spirits, laughing and talking about her good friends at the PHS. Ann has begun chemotherapy and is hopeful that she will have many more good days. She wanted us to tell you how much she has enjoyed all of your cards and notes and to thank you for your thoughtfulness. Dianne Westlake

### Fleming Park Clean Up

I heard a whisper that 'spring' is around the corner. Let's hope so and that the 'winter of no end' has finally ended. Earth Day for 2008 is April 22. In order to give the soil a chance to warm a little more, clean up day at Fleming Park will be Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to approximately noon. If you can spare some time, please come out and give us a hand or two. Bring gloves, tools (rakes, snips, wheelbarrows, etc.) and lots of energy. Hope to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April Kathy Hewitt

### Workshops

**Seed Propagation** – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Dirk Berghout of Florabunda

**Photography in your Garden** – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. – Gary Westlake For people who have a digital camera with all the bells and whistles and have no idea how to blow the bells or ding the whistles – bring your camera and manual.

**Roses in your Garden**– Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Inge Buchardt

**Clematis in your Garden** – Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> OR 27<sup>th</sup> (not yet confirmed) – Pauline Duffett

**Mirror, Mirror in the Garden** – Sunday, August 17, 1:00 p.m. – Dianne Westlake Use broken or damaged mirror to create an object for your own garden.

**Peony Digging & Propagation**– Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Hazel & Joe Cook Sign up sheets will be available at the general meetings or phone Chris Freeburn at 292-8485.

**Volunteers Needed** The Hutchinson House Museum Gardens invites applications for the position of Gardener. This year, among other things, we will be renovating the flowerbed on the east side of the House, re-planting in the wake of construction work, planting the vegetable garden in raised beds, expanding the range of cut flowers for the House and improving the herb garden. Every applicant will be gladly hired. Duties include but not restricted to planting, weeding, watering, assisting with the spring and fall plant sale, applying compost, transplanting and admiring your work. Remuneration: Intermittent mild euphoria experienced at a job well done. To apply or for more information contact Gale Fewings, Curator, Hutchinson Hours at 743-9710 or [hutchinsonhouse@nexicom.net](mailto:hutchinsonhouse@nexicom.net)



## Bus Trips

On Thursday, May 8 we have a bus going to the Guelph Arboretum, Canning Perennials, a private garden and Northland Nursery (known for their \$5.00 perennials.) Lunch will be brown bag. The cost is \$50.00. The bus will leave the Coach Canada lot (Webber Avenue beside Value Village) at 7:30 a.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. Sign up at the April meeting or call Anne at 741-3995 to reserve your seat. Payment should be made prior to May 1 and cheques made payable to Peterborough Horticultural Society. Please mail to Anne Milne, 2011 Bensfort Road, Peterborough K9J 6X7 if you are unable to attend the April Meeting.

## Mystery Tour

Mark Sunday, June 8 on your calendar and join us for a full day of fun and beautiful sights. Rain or shine. Lunch will be in a moderately priced restaurant. There is no other charge but sharing the cost of gas would be appreciated. We will meet at the carpool lot on Crawford Drive at 10:30 a.m. If you have not signed up, please let us know so that we can make lunch reservations and we would not want to leave anyone behind. Arrange your own carpool or let us know if you need a ride or if you have room in your car. For additional information, other than where we are going, contact Anne at 741-3995 or Dianne at 742-9167.

## Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m.** at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 567 Monaghan Rd. Thank you to everyone who signed up to help. You will be contacted after the garden show. If you wish to help call Gladys @748-6438

**Reminder:** Please bring any extra pots and unwanted garden magazines to the meeting.

You can bring your donations to the church on Friday night, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Or bring them by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

This year we will also sell garden decor items in good condition. If you have decorative pots, birdhouses, plaques, trellises etc. that no longer fit in your garden, please bring them along.

Plants should be potted up a few days before the sale. Please include plant name, height, colour, and time of bloom, sun or shade, etc. on the label. The more information the buyer has, the better the chances that the plant will thrive. Please mark aggressive plants. Flyers about will be available at the next meeting. Please take one or two to your place of work and spread the word about the sale. If you're not working at the sale bring a friend and enjoy a variety of hardy plants at great prices.

A huge thank you to those who have started seeds, or taken cuttings of plants for the sale. Gladys Fowler

### This Month in the Garden – April

- ✓ Prepare annual beds for planting. Incorporate a generous amount of compost and other organic material.
- ✓ Apply dormant spray to fruit trees and pest-prone shrubs (non-freezing temperatures, before buds open).
- ✓ Cut down ornamental grasses. Remove all debris from perennial beds.
- ✓ Top dress perennial borders with compost.
- ✓ Gradually remove protection on rose bushes; prune and apply dormant oil before the buds break. Move dormant bushes if needed.
- ✓ Direct seed cool weather vegetable seeds (peas, spinach) and frost resistant annuals (larkspur, sweet peas).
- ✓ Repair lawn with compost, seed, rake and fertilize (late April early May).
- ✓ Plant/move shrubs, trees, and hedges.
- ✓ Mow the lawn only if necessary
- ✓ Begin to move ornamental grasses and perennials
- ✓ Setup water collection system
- ✓ Open Pond

**Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is now open. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)**



## COMING EVENTS

### Omemees

Monday, April 21: at Trinity United Church. fellowship time from 7 to 7:30. Refreshments will be available at 7:15. Meeting begins at 7:30. Speakers Brigitte Losberg & Ruth Arndt will demonstrate "Creating a Floating Garden" and "Making Your Own Pot-et-Fleur" Monthly Competition: An arrangement using anything from your garden

### Norwood & District

Monday, April 21: at the Norwood Legion, Alma Street. Doors open at 7:00. Meeting begins at 7:30. Speaker – Duncan Armstrong – Orchids

### Millbrook & District Garden Club

Tuesday May 7: Meetings at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook \$2.00 Admission at the door Speaker Norm Wagenaar – Ecology of Oak Ridges Moraine

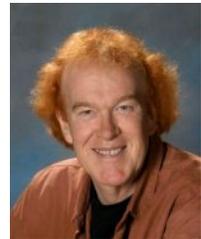
**Scugog Spring Garden Show** at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00/day. For further information contact Brenda Robinson at (905)-985-7346 ext 126 [brobinson@township.scugog.on.ca](mailto:brobinson@township.scugog.on.ca)

### Lakefield

Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre. Toni Sinclair, Demystifying Flower Shows Being a member of a Horticultural Society often means participating in flower shows. Members display specimen flowers and plants as well as create arrangements for these events. Toni is a certified flower judge and will share some tips on how to prepare for these flower shows and have fun while doing it!

### Des Kennedy

Wednesday, May 14 – at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex, Hwy 2 & Martin Rd. Bowmanville, Des Kennedy, an award winning journalist, broadcaster, author and environmental activist will make two presentations – Garden Artistry and Garden Clubbing. Tickets \$20 (refreshments available) Contact: Bonnie White email [bonnieeawhite@yahoo.ca](mailto:bonnieeawhite@yahoo.ca) or phone 905- 728-3756



### Ecology Park Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Ecology Park. Trees, shrubs, native plants, perennials, annuals, vegetables and more.

### *Tips and Techniques*

#### **Dormant Oil**

- Dormant oil will help to control insects in the egg stage before they can do any damage. It can be used alone or mixed with lime sulphur to prevent a variety of diseases and fungi.
- Use dormant oil in early spring before buds develop.
- Invest in a good quality garden sprayer.
- Mix according to directions on the packaging.
- Wear goggles and a mask as the mixture can be an irritant.
- Spray early on a calm day when the temperature is expected to be above freezing for at least 24 hours.
- Drench the branches of your shrubs and trees thoroughly – it's impossible to overdo it.
- Use on fruit trees, irises, roses or deciduous trees and shrubs.
- Note: May damage coniferous trees and shrubs.