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HAPPY 2009!

January Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, January 28 when our speaker will be Terry Kennedy who will be sharing 'The World of Orchids'. Terry is extremely knowledgeable and has beautiful photos that will help us to forget the January weather. Bring your questions, and any orchids that need help. She will also have orchids to sell. Our meeting starts at 7:30 and the doors open at 7:00. Come out, catch up with old friends over a cup of coffee or tea, visit our library and get your 50/50 tickets.

50/50

Gary Westlake was the big winner of the 50/50 draw at the November meeting. The prizes were a lovely arrangement that was made at the last workshop, a birdhouse created by Ernie Bockman and some rosehips and lycopodium donated by Hazel Cook. The remaining prizes were seasonal plants that were purchased at Hottners.

Thank You from Ann Greer-Wooten

We received a lovely letter from Ann thanking everyone for the many cards and good wishes sent by our members. On behalf of our members, the Board sent a Christmas arrangement to her and she was delighted. The Christmas ball that was signed by our members who attended the November meeting was also delivered to her. That was a big hit!



Orchids come in many colours, shapes and sizes. The blooms last a long time and brighten our homes throughout the year.

November Meeting

The evening of our November meeting was snowy and for those hearty souls, who braved the nasty weather, it was a great ending to our calendar year. There were lots of goodies to be enjoyed and a heap of food and mittens for the Kawartha Food Share. Thanks to everyone who contributed. This was our Annual General Meeting and we had our election of officers. Beryl Harris conducted the installation of the executive.

Our presentation for the evening showed some examples of Christmas Décor and Gary Westlake demonstrated some new uses for power tools. All of the items that were demonstrated were given as prizes.



Welcome new members Marie Duchesneau and Nancy Robertson

Changes in the Board

The first meeting of the PHS Board was held on January 7, presided over by our new President, Anne Milne. The Board welcomes Gail Deck, who is returning after a short break, as well as new directors, Joan Clairmont, Cathy Fraser and Marg Hundt. We look forward to another busy year.

Workshops

According to President Ken Fink of the OHA, the gardening trends this year include “*grow it yourself*”. So, if you are interested in trying a few seeds this spring, why not come out to our first workshop of the year – Seed Catalogue Ordering. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 20th in the boardroom at the Peterborough Public Library from 6:30 to 8:30. Gladys Fowler will take us through several seed catalogues (Vesey’s, Florabunda Seeds, and William Dam Seeds), which will be supplied, giving tips on ordering and propagating. Then we will make up our orders together and send them off. All you need to bring is a pen, highlighter (my marker of choice) and your cheque book to pay for your order. There are still a few spaces left at the table. Call me to reserve your spot.

Coming up next: Do you want to perk up your pots? (flowerpots that is!) Join us in a small group to create decorative flowerpots from small to large with “recycled” items such as buttons, treasured jewelry pieces, even silk flower bits. More on this upcoming workshop at the January meeting! Chris Freeburn 292-8485

New in the Library

A lovely book entitled “A Year in the Garden” a step-by-step guide to vital gardening projects through the year. This book offers advice on every aspect of seasonal care and maintenance, from introducing new plants, propagation, and pruning, to soil management and lawn care. And, it has pictures and helpful diagrams!

2009 Garden Show

Don’t forget to mark Thursday through Saturday of Easter weekend (April 9, 10, 11) on your calendars. Pick up a show flyer and check it out.

Janet Crosby from Brookside Perennials will be speaking on Thursday evening. Her topic is ‘Keeping the Interest in Gardening and Keeping Gardening Interesting’. And remember that throughout Friday and Saturday, there will be more workshops and speakers

Our second judged flower show has been set and the schedule and rules are available on the website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca There are some new categories and some old favourites.

The vendor area still has some open spots. If you know of someone who might be interested in coming into the show or if you have an idea for a potential vendor, please contact Niki at 705-295-4953 or showcontact@peterboroughgardens.ca

Come and Volunteer

The show only works if **you** volunteer to help, so make sure you are on the list. Please see Anne Milne or Etela Vojnic.

Hop on Board the E-Trillium Express!

The Trillium is the Ontario Horticulture Association newsletter that is distributed to each society in the province four times a year. If you would like to receive your own electronic version of each issue of the Trillium newsletter, just send your email address to Linda Hugli at editor@gardenontario.org There is no cost and you will be among the first to see each edition. The newsletter is a reasonable size for downloading and viewing. Save it, and/or print it in whole or in part, in grayscale or in full colour.

Canada Blooms

Our first bus trip of 2009 will be to Canada Blooms on Thursday, March 19. We leave from the Coach Canada parking lot on Webber Ave. (right beside Value Village at 8:00 a.m. sharp and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$50.00 (includes the bus and show entry and magazine). For more details, and to reserve your seat, contact Sally Rye at 749-6135 or kar@nexicom.net Sign up at the January meeting.





Downtown Beautification

We have heard that, among the potential cuts to the City's budget, the Council is considering removing their financial support for the hanging baskets that line the streets in down town Peterborough.

It has not been that long since we endured tacky plastic flowers. As well, the struggling, misshapen trees of our downtown add nothing to the aesthetics of the area. The one bit of colour has been provided by the glorious baskets of flowers. For the past few years, PHS has supported the Communities in Bloom initiative with a donation which was used towards these baskets and what a difference they have made!

Yes, economic times are tough. But, now more than ever, we need to make this area as inviting and pleasant as possible. This is not a big budget item and for a relatively small amount we can do a lot to promote the city. Please contact your councilor and let him/her know how important these baskets are to the community.

Coming Events

Lakefield

Bus trip to Canada Blooms on Thursday, March 19 – leave the Smith/ Lakefield Arena at 8:00 a.m. sharp, with a pick up at the Kinsmen Arena on Sherbrooke St. at 8:30 a.m. Leave Toronto at 3:30 p.m. arriving in Peterborough at approximately 5.30 p.m., Lakefield around 6.p.m. Cost to be announced. Contact Dot Smith at 652 0684. or dorothea@nexicom.net

Norwood

Monday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. – at the Norwood Legion, Alma Street — Cathy Dueck of Peterborough Ecology Park will be speaking about Peterborough's Urban Forestry Project.

Omeme

Monday, January 19 at Trinity United Church, fellowship time from 7 to 7:30. Refreshments will be available at 7:15. Meeting begins at 7:30.

Get the Jump on Spring

Saturday, February 21, 2009 10 a. m. – 4 p.m. –at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. Free admission

2009 OHA Convention

The 2009 Ontario Horticultural Association Convention is being organized by the societies of District 4 of which PHS is a member. It will be held at Trent University from Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12. The Convention is an opportunity for horticultural society members from across the province to come together to learn about new information, meet old friends and make new ones. In addition, the business of the OHA is conducted during the weekend. We will need people to help with a variety of tasks from set up on Thursday to clean up of Sunday. There is a job for you!

If you come out and volunteer for a few hours, you will have fun and meet great people from all over the province (as well from other societies in our district.) And as a thank you, if you pitch in for a few hours, we will cover the cost of registration for the day, which will entitle you to enjoy the speakers and other activities when you are not on duty. We do ask our volunteers to pay for any meals, boat cruises or bus trips which they wish to enjoy. If you are able to help out, contact Dianne at 742-9167 or dianne.westlake@gmail.com or sign up at the meeting.

Membership

It is time to renew your Peterborough Horticultural Society membership, which provides great speakers, bus trips, use of our extensive library, workshops and much more. For 2009, a Single Membership is \$15.00 and Family Membership is \$20.00. Again this year there has been no increase in these fees because of the success of our Peterborough Garden Show. For those members who have already renewed, your yearbook and new membership card will be available at the registration desk at our January meeting.

For your convenience, a membership form has been included at the end of this newsletter. Please complete bring to the meeting or, if you wish to mail your membership fee, please send a cheque to address on the form. Do not send cash though the mail.

Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year. For gardening begins in January with the dream.” – Josephine Nuese





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Please list the names of members who are included in the Family Membership.

This Month in the Garden – Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

- Inspect stored bulbs and tubers. Discard the bad ones.
- Clean, repair and sharpen garden tools. Wipe them with oil.
- Plan gardens for this year. Consider ways to incorporate native plants, add more winter interest, and improve habitat for the birds.
- Try forcing some amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus.
- Order vegetable and flower seeds.
- Start slow germinating seeds, e.g. geranium and begonia.
- Inspect and treat houseplants for white fly, spider mites, and aphids.

Have your gardening questions answered on the Master Gardener Hotline. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca

