

# Peterborough Horticultural Society

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### FOR THE LOVE OF GARDENING



*Thanks to the organizing committee (back row) Gary Westlake, Rachel Burrows, Neil Roberts, Niki Dufresne, (front row) Anne Milne and Ann Greer-Wooten who worked throughout the year to stage the show.*

Another successful garden show! The Evinrude Centre looked great and was filled with vendors and not-for-profit groups.

The attendance figures are in. Total attendance in 2007 was 7,555 and for 2008 is 7,874. Up over 300 more than last year. We're still growing!

This year we added some new features. John Shaw-Rimington, President of the Dry Stone-wall Association, and his crew demonstrated dry stone wall construction using local stone. While building a serpentine wall, pillars, an arch and a cone-shaped planting structure, they entertained and instructed throughout the weekend.

Congratulations to Ruth Arndt, Donna Hunter, Sue Lajeunesse and Carol Mitchell from the Omeme Horticultural Society who organized our first flower show. There were more than forty high quality entries that brightened an otherwise drab area. Congratulations to all of the participants and to the winners.

There was a great line up of speakers including Diana Beresford-Kroeger, Dugald Cameron, Sonia Day, Denis Flanigan, Martin Galloway and Paul Zammit. In addition, Rowena Burns, Peter Keeping, Dawn Tack and Victoria Whitney offered demonstrations. The speakers were arranged by the Northumberland Master Gardeners and the workshops by Rachel Burrows on behalf of the Peterborough Master Gardeners.

Thanks to our society members for volunteering at the show itself. We could not run the show without you! A special thank you to Barbara Earle and Jamie Cole for putting together the flower arrangements for the speakers' room and lobby.

Planning for the 2009 show is already underway. Mark April 9, 10 and 11, 2009 on your calendar!

#### Welcome to new members!

Earl & Helen Belsey, Shirley Braithwaite, Li-ana Brown, Kathleen Clysdale, Colleen Condon, Mary Cookson, Susan Girard, Maureen Haryett, Nancy Lewis, Gary & Kim McCoy, Larry & June Moody, Kelly O'Donoghue & John Tessier, Krystyna Perron, Eleanor Rose, Gary Saltern, Linda Steele, Calvin & Nancy Steele and Warren & Jane Wilkins.



## May Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, May 28 when Joe and Hazel Cook of Blossom Hill will speak on Delphiniums and Peonies. 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.

## April Meeting

At our April meeting we went beyond the common garden mum with Alvon Dormer, President of the Canadian Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society. The evening featured many good tips mixed with humour.

## 50/50 draw

The 50/50 draw for our April meeting had a little twist: for every dollar spent, purchasers got a package of seeds in addition to the ticket. Sales were brisk: the winner, Vivian Falls, took home \$100.05. I am not sure how we ended up with that 5 cents, but it doesn't matter. A special "Thank You" goes out to Dirk Berghout of Florabunda Seeds for providing more than half of the seeds we gave out, and another thanks to Chris Freeburn for packaging them up with appropriate labels and planting information. In addition to all this largesse, we had some fun and useful door prizes, including a \$25.00 Gift Card donated by the local TSC store, and a huge dahlia tuber donated by the evening's speaker.

## District 4 Annual General Meeting

OHA District 4, of which The Peterborough Horticultural Society is a member, held its Annual General Meeting in Bobcaygeon on April 26th. Fifteen of the seventeen member societies were represented. Our Vice President, Anne Milne, and our Treasurer, Marie Doyle, represented our Society.

There were about 90 society members attending and each society gave a brief report indicating their accomplishments and answered this year's questions of "how does your society raise money?" and "how does your society increase or maintain membership?" Plant sales were the overwhelming best money generator for most societies and we all took home some great tips on

bringing in new members and making our meetings more interesting and welcoming to our members and guests.

A motion to increase our District 4 fees by \$1.00 per member passed. We currently pay a fee of \$1.00 per member to District 4.

The executive of District 4 OHA for the coming year will be: Director: John Sellers and Assistant Directors: Beryl Harris, Rose Odell and Roger Smith. Two financial reviewers were also appointed. Sue Lajeunesse (Omeme) and Diane Morrison

There were two excellent speakers at the meeting, Ken Fink (Director of District 2) and Craig McLeod (Cedar Lane Gardens). A delicious lunch was served and draws were held. A David Austin rose, donated by Loblaw's, was raffled and was taken home by a member from Omeme. Each society contributed a gift for a raffle and many happy people went home with special gifts. The Peterborough members were lucky enough to take home one of the table centrepieces, a wonderful white African Violet.

The District 4 societies are: Bobcaygeon, Brighton, Campbellford, Coboconk, Cobourg, Colborne, Fenlon Falls, Grafton, Lakefield, Lindsay, Minden, Norwood, Norland, Omeme, Peterborough, Port Hope and Rice Lake.

## Community Donations

In May, the Donations Committee provided funding to The Kawartha Miniature Project, The Hastings Revitalization Association, The North Kawartha Community Development Corporation (Apsley) and the Bridgenorth Beautification Committee for a variety of beautification projects in their communities.

## Fleming Park

Kathy Hewitt and Inge Buchardt would like to thank Louise Beanish, Pauline Drake, Gladys Fowler, Doreen Jones, Jean McDougall and Etela Vojnic for coming out for two hours on April 26 to help with the initial clean up of Fleming Park. We plan on working at the park on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. till noon throughout the season. Please come out and help us make this public park a fine example for our community.



## Thank You

Ann Greer-Wooten sends along her thanks for all the cards and good wishes she continues to receive while undergoing treatment. She is in good spirits and is enjoying the time she is able to spend with friends in her garden.

Victoria Quilts Canada provides quilts to cancer patients and both Ann and Rachel Burrows have received one. A donation from the Society has been sent. If you wish to donate fabric or help with this worthwhile activity, contact Heather Fraser at 742-3890. Fabric must be 100% cotton and a minimum of one metre in length. If you wish to request a quilt, call 875-5596 to submit the patient's information.

## Mystery Tour

On Sunday, June 8, rain or shine, meet at the car-pool lot on Crawford Drive at 10:30 a.m. We will stop at a moderately priced restaurant for lunch and should be back in Peterborough at approximately 5:30. There is no other charge but sharing the cost of gas would be appreciated. If you have not signed up, please let us know so that we can make lunch reservations. For additional information, other than where we are going, contact Anne at 741-3995 or Dianne at 742-9167.

## Help Wanted

Fairhaven is looking for gardening volunteers who can help in the gardens for approximately 2 hours per week. Owned by the city and county of Peterborough, Fairhaven is a non-profit long-term care home located at 881 Dutton Road. Fairhaven also runs a gardening program where residents participate in hands on gardening, both indoors and outdoors (weather permitting) and volunteers would be most welcome to assist staff. Please contact Kathie Nelson, Coordinator of Resident Programs, at 743-0881 ext. 248.

## Communities in Bloom

The deadline for entering the beautiful gardens contest is May 23. There are six categories for commercial properties and private residences. Judging will take place during the week of June 23rd. If you wish to enter, contact the Public Works Department at either 745-1386 or [ldovak@peterborough.ca](mailto:ldovak@peterborough.ca)

## WORKSHOPS

### Propagation Workshop

On Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14 eager participants joined Dirk Berghout of Florabunda Seeds to learn about seed propagation. Everyone crowded around tables to listen to Dirk give some tips on seed planting and then we dug in. Every participant got a flat of soilless mix and chose from a huge selection of seeds. We took cuttings from a plant and learned that process as well. Thanks to Dirk for a great session and also for his generosity with supplies. Seeds that were not planted that evening were available at the April meeting.

We still have a few spaces in the following workshops:

**Photography In Your Garden** – Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 – 3 p.m. This workshop will be presented by Gary Westlake at his home. Novice garden photographers need to bring their cameras and manuals. Learn some great tips about how to make your gardens look wonderful through the lens.

**Roses In Your Garden** – Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 p.m. This workshop will be presented by Inge Buchardt at her home in Millbrook. What better way to learn more about how to care for your roses than to take a walk through Inge's beautiful gardens and have her give us her tips. Only a few spots left in this workshop.

**Clematis In Your Garden** – Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m. Pauline Duffett will present this workshop in her garden. Come and enjoy some wonderful specimens and have Pauline give you her success story.

**Mirror, Mirror in the Garden** – Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. Join Dianne Westlake in her garden for a creative day. Use a broken or damaged mirror to create an object for your garden.

**Peony Digging & Propagation** – Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m. Hazel and Joe Cook will take us into their own gardens to show us the proper way to dig and divide peonies. Sign up sheets will still be available at the May meeting. We are planning our fall workshops now and will have more information for you in the June newsletter. Chris Freeburn 292-8485



## COMING EVENTS

### Omemee

Monday, June 19 – On-site visit to Anna's Perennials & Demonstration Gardens, contact Carol Mitchell at 799-6282 for more information.

### Millbrook

June 4 at 7 p.m. Norma Evans will demonstrate making a *Pond in a Pot* followed by a tour of her wonderful shade gardens.

### Lakefield

Tuesday, June 17 – 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Annual Rose and Flower Show at the Lakefield Marshland Centre. Admission is free!

### Peterborough Art Gallery Garden Tour

Sunday, June 22 – Enjoy a day touring gardens in Peterborough and the Omemee area. Admission \$10.00 per person in advance, \$12.00 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available at the Art Gallery of Peterborough, Avant Garden Shop, Burley's Nursery & Display Garden and Happenstance, Lakefield.

### Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour

Sunday, June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Passports \$20.00. More information call 1-888-278-2484.

### Annual Workshops for Cancer

At Gardensplus, Cost is \$7.50 – all funds donated. Workshops start at 9 a.m. – email or call Dawn to register – info@gardensplus.ca or 742-5918

Saturday, May 31st – Best Blooming Perennials, Foliage and Containers too!

June 14th – 'My Top Low Maintenance Perennials and Why'.

Come help a great cause and get some helpful tips to aid you through this season and future ones!

**Country Homes and Gardens Tour for the Orphans of Africa** in the Pickering area on June 21, 2008 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All funds raised will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation for the care and support of orphans affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. **Tickets:** \$30 per person. Phone 1-800-567-9239 for tickets, or go to [www.claremontcommunity.ca](http://www.claremontcommunity.ca) for more information

**For Sale:** Wooden potting bench, approx. 5 feet tall by 3 feet wide by about 2 feet deep. Excellent condition. Call Dawna at 749-6450

### This Month in the Garden – Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

May

- ✓ Harden off seedlings.
- ✓ Treat for slugs, aphids, and blackspot if necessary.
- ✓ Deadhead tulips and daffodils, leaving the foliage to nourish the bulb and to die back naturally.
- ✓ Take notes and photos of bulb plantings for later changes.
- ✓ Plant tender summer-flowering bulbs (glads, cannas, and dahlias).
- ✓ Check trees for tent caterpillars and other insects.
- ✓ Stake and tie trees, shrubs and vines as required.
- ✓ Cage peonies.
- ✓ Wait until the last week of May to transplant tender flowers (petunias, impatiens etc.) and vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, etc.)
- ✓ Weed gardens and apply mulch.
- ✓ Top dress lawns with compost and hand dig weeds whenever possible.
- ✓ Seed ornamental cabbage/kale outdoors.
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**Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is now open. Call 741-4905 or visit the website at [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)**