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Happy 2008!

A New Year – A New Look

We have made some changes! The newsletter has a new look and will be available in three formats. As in the past, the newsletter can be sent to you via Canada Post if you wish. If you have access to the Internet, you can receive it by email or you can download it from the website www.peterboroughgardens.ca where previous editions will also be available.

There are advantages to receiving your newsletter electronically. The cost to the society will be reduced. We will reduce the amount of paper required, thus saving trees. The newsletter will be available as soon as it is ready. Updated information could be made available from time to time if needed. And added bonus will be that your newsletter will have colour images.

Some of you have already indicated that you would like to receive your newsletter electronically. We are currently updating our files and an electronic version will be sent to test the system in the next few weeks. For these members, this will be the last paper version sent through the mail. The newsletter will be uploaded to the website as well. To access, go to the website. Look on the right side to find the link to 'Newsletters'.

Thank You Chris!

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Chris Freeburn who has been the editor of the

newsletter for many years. She has done a magnificent job. The quality has been so good that when it was entered in a competition (at the 100th OHA Convention in Ottawa) it placed in the top three. Chris will continue



to publish our yearbook, take care of hospitality at our meetings as well as organizing workshops. Well done Chris!

November meeting

At our November meeting Rachel Burrows showed us how to create a number of Christmas arrangements for indoors and to brighten the exterior of our homes. Using natural materials, she shared techniques and principles that can be adapted to many items throughout the year. Thanks for such a useful and timely presentation Rachel!

January Meeting

Come join us for a break from the winter weather. Our next meeting is on January 23 and our presenter, Helen Battin, will speak about Landscape Design. Doors open at



7:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30. The coffee will be on, meet friends, renew your membership and get some great ideas for improving your garden design.

Changes in the Board

There are a few changes to the board for 2008. As was previously announced, Kathy Green and Joan Higginson have left the board. In addition, Gail Deck has left but you will continue to see her working at the library table. They have made a huge contribution to the society and we are grateful for their commitment.

At this time, we would like to officially welcome Pat deVilliers, Pat Lounsbury and Sally Rye who have joined the board as two-year directors.

There are a number of changes in committee responsibilities. Beginning a new year, is an opportunity to pursue new challenges and interest. Please refer to your yearbook

Welcome to new members:

Jamie Cole, Cathy Fraser, Kathy Martin, Marion Philp and Jill Smith.

for an updated list of committees.

50/50 Draw

At our November meeting, Sue Lajeunesse won \$101.00, the first time the 50/50 draw has gone over the \$100.00 mark. The other prizes were an assortment of poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and amaryllis from Loblaws, along with a lovely candle donated by a member. Congratulations to Sue, and thanks to all Society members for their support and enthusiasm for the 50/50 draws. It makes the job so much fun.

Workshops

If you have any suggestions for potential workshops, please contact Chris Freeburn.

Membership

If you have not renewed your membership, please remember that it is due. Join us for a variety of great speakers, bus trips, use of our extensive library, workshops and much more. For 2008, 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 your convenience, a membership form has been included at the end of this newsletter. Please complete and mail or bring to the meeting.

The Peterborough Garden Show - For the Love of Gardening

Mark Friday, April 11, Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 on your calendar. The 2008 show will feature vendors, speakers, workshops, and displays. Once again we will use both ice pads at the Evinrude Centre. At this time, the majority of the vendor/ exhibitor space is booked but if you know of an exhibitor, who might be appropriate, contact Niki Dufresne through the website. **New this year:** the workshops and speakers will be combined so you do not have to miss any one of them. The Dry Stonewall Association will be providing an on going demonstration and there will be an open floral competition. Information is available at the website www.peterboroughgardens.ca

Volunteers are the backbone of the show! If you are able to give us some time, please sign up at our meeting or contact Anne Milne or Etela Vojnic. We need you!

Donations

The Donations Committee has up to \$10,000 in beautification grants to distribute to groups who are making a difference in their communities. The Guidelines and Application for next year's funding have been posted on the Show homepage of our website. If you know of a worthy recipient please direct them to this information or contact Gary Westlake (742-9167 or gary.westlake@gmail.com)



Scholarships

At the November meeting, the Scholarship Committee announced the recipients of their Scholarship Programme. Six awards of \$1000 each have been awarded for this academic year.

The recipients are:

Julie Anderson is currently in her fourth year of an honours degree in Environmental Science at the University of Guelph.

Mary-Anne Young received her Bachelor of Landscape Design at the University of Guelph in 2006. She is now attending Niagara College for a post graduate diploma in Eco-System Restoration.

Jonathon Crowe is enrolled in the Forestry Programme at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay.

Sean Nailer is in his last year in the Bachelor of Applied Arts Land Planning Technologies at Fanshawe College in London.

Morgan Mitchell is majoring in Biology at Trent University.

Jennifer Sisson is working towards her Bachelor of Landscape Design at the University of Guelph.

The Scholarship Committee of the Peterborough Horticultural Society is delighted with the caliber of applications received. Congratulations to these fine young people and we wish them continued success in their career endeavours. If you know of any student who is planning on studying horticulture or a related field next year, contact Gladys Fowler.



From left are Gladys Fowler, chair of the Scholarship Committee, Sean Nailer, Jonathon Crowe and Morgan Mitchell

Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

This Month in the Garden – January

- ✓ Inspect stored bulbs and discard the bad ones.
- ✓ Clean, repair and sharpen garden tools. Wipe them with oil.
- ✓ Plan gardens for this year. Look at ways to 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.



Coming Events – dates to remember

Norwood:

On Monday, January 23, - a presentation and panel discussion - Sustainable Edible Gardening at 7:30p.m. at the Norwood Legion.

Lakefield:

Tuesday, February 12th, Brenda Ibey from The Avant-Garden Shop - Backyard Birding at 7:30 p.m. at the Marshland Centre.

Lakefield is organizing a Bus Trip to Canada Blooms on Thursday, March 13th. There will be a pickup at 8.30 a.m. at the Kinsman Centre on Sherbrooke Street (just opposite the IGA.) The bus will leave Toronto at 3.30 p.m. and is expected to return to Peterborough at approximately 5.30 p.m. The cost (bus, show magazine and admission) should be less than \$50.00. Contact Dot Smith at 652-0684 for more information and to reserve your seat. **(Please note that PHS**

will not be sending a bus to this event this year.)

February 16

Get the Jump on Spring –Toronto Botanical Gardens Open House

10 – 4 p.m. Admission is free.

It's time to come out of hibernation and start thinking about next season's garden.

Visit the exhibitors' area where you'll meet many horticultural societies and specialty groups from across Ontario. Speakers include Denis Flanagan, Frank Kershaw, Mark Cullen plus more. The Weston Family Library will be open and there is a children's activity area for children three and older (adult accompaniment is required.)

Toronto Botanical Garden is located at 777 Lawrence Avenue East (at Leslie).

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