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February Speaker: Gladys Fowler – Square Foot Gardening

Gladys Fowler grew up in Lakefield where her father grew vegetables and fruit on a 2 acre property. They composted back in the 50s before it was 'fashionable'. She taught full time for 34 years. In that time, she became a member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society and served on the board for eight years working on the Scholarship Program and Plant Sales. All of her married life Gladys grew plants; she started seeds and planted vegetables. As soon as she retired from full-time teaching in 2003, she applied to become a Master Gardener. Six years ago, after hearing a speaker at the Omemee Horticultural Society, she bought the book, "The All New Square Foot Garden", by Mel Bartholemew. This book changed the way she gardens vegetables.



Gladys's aim is to inspire gardeners to start their own square foot garden and enjoy nutritious, healthy food with far less work than a traditional garden.

Gladys asks that we bring a pencil to the meeting.

President's Message

This incredibly mild winter has turned my thoughts and imagination toward my most favourite season of all... SPRING! We have some great months to look forward to. Before the real spring arrives, we have our own homemade spring to anticipate... the Peterborough Garden Show. I can hardly wait to see the bustle of vendors, volunteers, speakers, and visitors that will arrive at the Evinrude Centre to fill our eyes and senses with the wonders of spring. You'll see later in this newsletter that an army of volunteers are needed to make this show a success, and I hope to see as many of you as possible wearing green aprons that day. Getting involved is the best way to meet new people, and a smile is sometimes all that is required.



A big WELCOME to our new members. So many new people have joined our friendly group and I know that returning members will make them feel welcome. We have big plans for the year... and remember that, if one of the planned speakers falls through, we have "Trivia Part 2" to enjoy as we did in our October 2015 meeting. I hope that you're brushing up on your knowledge of all gardening things trivia.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions for the Society or any information to share with other members, please do contact me. I can be reached at 705-652-6993 or mjpilgrim@live.ca. Make it a great day!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

Review of the Weather Cancellation Procedure: If we decide to cancel our Wednesday night Society meeting, an e-mail will be sent out to all members by noon of the meeting day. Also, a notice will be sent to the local radio stations Oldies 96.7, Fresh 100.5, and Country 105. It is rare that we have to cancel but it is good to be prepared.



LUGAMUG: Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your **Name Tag** to our meeting.

Newsletter Submissions: ptbohortsoc@gmail.com - P.O. Box 1372 Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6 - peterboroughhort.com

facebook: [Peterborough Horticultural Society & The Peterborough Garden Show](#) twitter: [@PtboHortSoc](#) & [@PtboGardenShow](#)

Scholarships

Dear Scholarship Committee of Peterborough Horticulture Society: My name is Heaven Jennings and I received the Olive Isaac Award at Thomas A Stewart. I can't begin to express how much this means to me. I absolutely loved my horticulture class and I can't wait to continue using those skills in university and in my future career. Thank you so much for this award it is a huge help for university and it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Heaven Jennings

January 50/50

Seonaid Brailey won the January 50/50 to the tune of \$102.50! We are having such fun finding great prizes for the 50/50... practical, fun, and worth every penny... oops, dollar.

❖ **Cauleen Viscoff and Jen Bird**

Membership

This is Monica's last membership report and she just has two things to say. First is a big "THANK YOU" to everyone for your support during my time as Membership Chair. It is, and has been, greatly appreciated. When I started, I had no real idea what I was doing, but you had patience and I persevered and, in the end, I have had a great time and I got to learn a lot of names to go with faces! You are a wonderful group to know and be a part of. Secondly, I would like to introduce you to your new Membership Chair, Cathy Lowes. Please join me in giving her a very warm Welcome. The 2016 renewal registration is attached.

❖ **Membership: Monica White**

Beautification Grants

Please pass the word around that applications for requests for Community Beautification Grants need to be in by April 1, 2016. Application forms are on our website and are available to any non-profit organization that is interested in developing a beautification project for 2016.

A thank you letter has been received from Trent Market Garden thanking us for the grant money that they received for 2015. They created a perennial flower garden, planted fruit trees and berry bushes, and built a community gathering space within their one-acre vegetable operation. Their pictures and letter will be posted on the "thank-you" board at the March general meeting which takes place at our new location (Lions Centre).

Remember, the money that we give back to the community comes from some of the excess dollars that we earn through our previous year's Garden Show!

❖ **Pat Lounsbury, Chair of Community Beautification Grants**

Did you know?

- Saffron, used as a flavoring in Mediterranean cooking, is harvested from the stigmas of a type of fall-blooming crocus, *Crocus sativus*.
- Vanilla flavoring comes from the pod of an orchid, *Vanilla planifolia*. Though the pods are called vanilla beans, they're more closely related to corn than green beans.
- The word pineapple comes from European explorers who thought the fruit combined the look of a pinecone with flesh like that of an apple. Pineapples are the only edible members of the bromeliad family.

Volunteer & Attend: peterboroughgardenshow.com

Here is what you have to look forward to.

Excellent, professional Speakers: learn new techniques and ideas. Check our new web site for the bios for our speakers and demos... come to hear them all.

New This Year: In the Upper Lobby in front of the Children's Garden, there will be a Professional Florist Design Contest with 6 or 7 local florists participating. Be sure to come and see this wonderful display and vote for your favourite!

Returning this year is our little Garden Market giving small market gardeners a table and an opportunity to sell their wares at a fraction of the cost of a booth. We want to extend our show to include local gardens in order to promote local and sustainable food sources. We have vendors with honey, goat cheese, veggies, local fudge, and more.

The Children's Garden's theme this year is all to do with Butterflies!

As our vendors are essential to a successful show, we are again presenting their **breakfast** on Sunday morning before the show opens, giving them the same nice **lounge** with fresh coffee and goodies. And, at their request, we are closing the show earlier on Sunday... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Volunteers get in free when they sign in for their shift but please be kind enough to pay the ticket price when not volunteering.

Remind your friends to buy an Advance Ticket; they will not have to stand in line. Joan Harding has them (information on web site). New this year is a **Weekend Pass wrist band** – a \$4 upgrade at the show for admittance all weekend long!

And wait until you see the lobby decor!! Dayle Finlay has an amazing group of dedicated folks who have been working for weeks now.

Do notice our new ticket booth! As we had to replace the old ticket booth, the new Fleming College Construction Program has chosen us as one of their community support projects and will be doing the work for free. In addition Chemong Home Hardware will be donating most of the building materials -- great community collaboration!

Last but not least -- this year the Omemee Horticultural Society will be decorating one of our **rest areas** and the other will again be decorated by The Garden Route.

Together, we are a formidable group of gardeners. Let's make this show the most fun, the most exciting, and the most profitable!



Save The Dates:

Friday, April 8: 5pm – 9 pm Saturday, April 9: 10am – 5pm

Sunday, April 10: 10am – 4pm

Thanks to all the generous time-giving folks who have either signed up, emailed, or phoned during January to help at the Peterborough Garden Show. Dayle Finlay is also very grateful to those who have been attending her Craft Evenings making butterflies and flowers.

Over 100 Volunteers complete over 1000 hours every year to make the **Peterborough Garden Show** such an overwhelming success. We appreciate and need your help. Many hands make the load light. Please consider filling out the **“Help Wanted”** sheets that will be on your chairs at the next meeting. You can also email me at djharding2014@outlook.com or contact me, **Joan Harding at 705-799-5378**.

A variety of volunteer positions are available. **No experience is necessary**. Guidelines will be sent out to everyone & everyone will be contacted just prior to the start of the Garden Show to confirm your hours, who you are working with & what you are to do. Unable to stand for a 2 hour shift? Consider helping in the Coat Check area or the Vendor’s Lounge. We try to accommodate your choice of days, times, and positions but we also appreciate your flexibility as Saturday is very popular with a number of Volunteers. Our needs will extend mostly from Thursday morning through to Sunday evening. If you could **PRINT** your preference but indicate if you are flexible as well, it would be very helpful. Many members also sign up for more than one shift.

Listed below is a brief description of positions for our New Members or those wishing to try something different:

- ◆ **Set Up/ Take Down** – Thursday starting about 9am throughout the afternoon, includes getting storage locker items, moving to their places, assembling, decorating, signing out tables, opening doors for vendors, patrolling the vendor area.
- ◆ **Take Down** at 4pm Sunday, disassembling, carrying out to trucks. (Available truck or van helpful but not necessary)
- ◆ **Ticket Sales** – Members with experience needed as some shifts are very demanding. Contact Claire Sullivan at clarified2000@yahoo.com to volunteer for Ticket Sales.
- ◆ **Handing out Programs** and taking Admission Tickets
- ◆ **Vendor Relief** – Approach vendors to offer relief to take a quick break or to direct traffic flow in the Lobby areas, answer questions etc.
- ◆ **Hort. Society Table** – Promote the PHS, hand out Rack Cards, answer questions and interact with the public, and take occasional new memberships
- ◆ **Patrol** – Outside at peak hours directing the Public to appropriate lines or Entrances.
- ◆ **Coat Check** – Check coats and/or parcels for the Public as well as Volunteer Centre to monitor arriving volunteers, hand out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts.
- ◆ **Children’s Garden** – Supervise activities and help with crafts in a colourful and varied setting – Parents must accompany Children. Face Painting experience appreciated but not necessary.
- ◆ **Bus Tours** – Assist with Welcoming Tour groups in the Coat Check area. Assist with Departure & aiding drivers in finding the Kinsmen Centre to park Coaches. Being available to answer group’s questions. Most groups will be identifiable by their name tags.



~ BE FRIENDLY, SMILE, AND HAVE FUN ~

Upcoming Events

March 12, 2016, 1-3:30 pm Ontario Horticultural Association District 4, Spring Get Together, Auburn Bible Chapel, 911 Armour Road, Peterborough, ON. All are welcome, no fee.

March 11-20: Canada Blooms, Direct Energy Centre, Toronto

March 13: Seedy Sunday, 1pm, George St. United Church

March 14, 21, 28, April 4: Northumberland MG Speaker Series 7:30pm, \$15 each of 4 for \$40 Helen Lackey 905 377-9803 or allthingsgardening@hotmail.com

March 14 -- Bonita Ford (Flowers, Food, Pollinators, Perennials in Soil: Permaculture in the Garden

March 21 -- Marian & Louis Damm: Growing and Enjoying Thornless Succulents

March 28 -- Maureen Hulbert: Renovating Your Garden

April 4 -- Trish Symons: Where have all the Flowers Gone?

March 19: Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners present "A Day for Gardeners". Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough. \$30 registration, limited to 80 participants. Contact cbulmer@cogeco.ca

April 1: PHS Beautification Grant Applications Deadline

April 2: OHA District 4 Annual General Meeting, Ennismore.

April 8 - 10: Peterborough Garden Show

April 12: Lakefield Horticultural Society presents Darren Heimbecker from Whistling Gardens "New Gardens & New Plants" 7:30pm Admission \$7

April 17: Ontario Hosta Society 6th Annual Hosta Forum. GlenCairn Golf Club, Halton Hills

April 23: Norwood Horticultural Society: Afternoon Tea & Loonie Auction; Legion, 1pm; Auction, 2pm.

An Opportunity

John Walsh from Peterborough Landscape Supply called a week ago to see if we could help him to recruit some staffers for his new store -- they are opening a second location in the former White Rose store in the west end. John is looking for 4-6 knowledgeable plant people to work part-time/full-time from late April/early May to freeze up and anything in between. The job involves "talking to people about plants" -- no heavy lifting. Sounds like a good opportunity for some gardeners! Rate of pay is more than minimum wage: "You have to pay to get good people" according to John. Anyone interested should call John at Ptbo Landscape Supply at 705 743 1428.

Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.

Anonymous



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Membership 2016

New Membership Renewal Date: _____ Rec'd by: _____

Single @ \$20.00 = _____ Family @ \$25.00 = _____

Please indicate if you wish your yearbook (and nametag) to be mailed to you.
If so, please include \$5.00 to cover cost of postage.

In accordance with the anti-spam law, please check your consent for the receipt of emails for PHS related information to the email listed or on file. Please add **ptbohortsoc@gmail.com** to your safe list.

Please print.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

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

Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash in the mail.

Tell us a little bit about yourself! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS. Circle all interests.

Regular Committee: Board of Directors Archives Bus Trips District and OHA Scholarships Grants
Fleming Park Flower Shows Hospitality 50/50 Library
Membership Newsletter Nominating Program Public Relations
Website Yearbook Twitter Facebook Computer Skills
Other: _____

Plant Sale: Friday: Set-Up, Pricing and Organizing Plants. Saturday: Overseeing the Sale of Plants. Clean up.

Garden Show: Set up (April 7/8) Tear down (April 10) Muscle Trucks Greeters
Children's Garden Admission Ticket Committee Cash Room