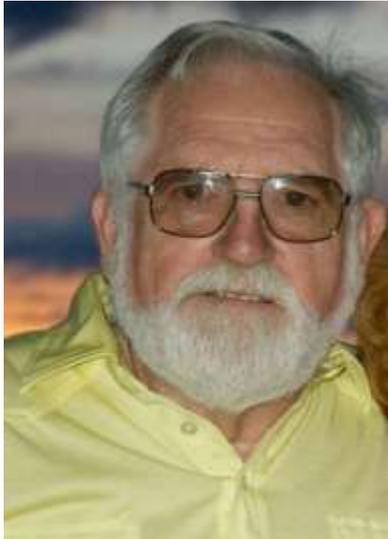




Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 6:30 pm

February Speaker: Robbie Preston – Victory Gardens to the Present



The life of Robert (Robbie) Preston will be an interesting book to read when he gets it finished. The title is to be "You have done what?" His ever-changing life started as a pre-World War II baby and growing up, and working in home gardens instead of playing in a sandbox. Due to medical practices at that time, he missed a lot of school. A runny nose in those days meant you stayed home for three weeks, with no schooling and a warning sign nailed to your front door. But he could, and did work in the family gardens to help grow food for them and the government for their mandatory wartime Victory Gardens.

The missed schooling made him a different man. He calls himself "A Successful Failure". He was 21 when he graduated from grade 12 high school, returning after two years as a mature student. His life spans a strange mixture of employment, as he moved up the ladder of successes. A Queen Scout, to the gold bars of responsibility and authority in three different professions, plus the ownership in different forms of business and various hobbies. He has received awards that cover

a wide scope of ventures. The latest is 2012 "Environmental Hero" for the City of Kawartha Lakes. Well folks, this is not the standard bio you would normally receive, but then, that is one of the reasons I have enjoyed a great life to date.

President's Message

A big WELCOME to our new members, and especially to our returning members. Welcome, welcome, welcome. We do try to make the general meetings interesting, informative and fun. I would like to encourage you to wear your nametags -- I'm pretty good with names, but a little help doesn't hurt as there are a LOT of you these days!

I have to say that I LOVE getting gardening information from members. This newsletter contains several items that have been selected and saved for me by YOU. We are so much smarter when we pool our resources. Keep those items coming!



A February Challenge -- "Gardening Happiness in Three Words".

Facebook has recently posted some of these challenges for "general happiness", but I'd like to extend it to gardening to see how clever and thoughtful our members are. Three words and only three! Some examples: "New Seed Catalogue". "Weed free garden" (Vivian Heinmiller). "Two for one". Put on your thinking caps and email your best answers to me -- I'll put them onto the slides for the February meeting! Make it a good day,

❖ MJ Pilgrim (mjpilgrim@live.ca)

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.

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The Fun Table

Wear your nametag to get a FREE chance to win! \$2 per name entry, or \$5 for 3. ALL money goes into buying prizes for next month. If you have any suggestions for prizes please let us know!

❖ **Cauleen Viscoff and Jen Bird**

Membership



As the new gal on both the board and at the door, I am both thrilled and intimidated by this “position” because both Monica White and Cathy Lowes before me have done such a great job. Theirs are big shoes to fill. (Not because they have big feet, but because they have big hearts). Please bear with me while I learn the ropes, and help me spread the word about our amazing group of gardeners by bringing your friends, experienced gardeners or not.

At this time I’d like to introduce our newest members:

Karen Foster Barraball, Amy Cook, Nurun (Noni) Chowdhury, Fran Farrell, Frank Farrell, Lynda Jackson, Omar Patwari, Myrle Phillips, Dylan Pond, William Snowden, Eva Webster and Iris Webster. Welcome!

❖ **Membership: Cauleen Viscoff**

Beautification Grants

Community Beautification Grant applications need to be in by April 1, 2017. Application forms are on our website and are available to any non-profit organization that is interested in proposing a beautification project or community garden project for 2017. All of the information can be found at www.peterboroughhort.com (choose ‘Grants & Scholarships’).

Please join us in thanking **Pat Lounsbury** for all of her hard work leading the beautification grants team. One of our new directors, **Elane Kalavrias**, will be taking on this challenge, assisted by **Cauleen Viscoff, Chris Freeburn and Carol Bulmer**.

Did you know? Mark Cullen’s definition of a gardener:

Gardeners are birders. Gardeners are conservationists. Gardeners are hikers, walkers, often bikers and gawkers.

We spend a lot of time absorbing the environment in which we do our best work.

It is time then to consider another word to describe who we are and what we do.

The word needs to connect us to nature and good food.

We are earth-bound naturalists — not necessarily naturists or nudists, though we could be.

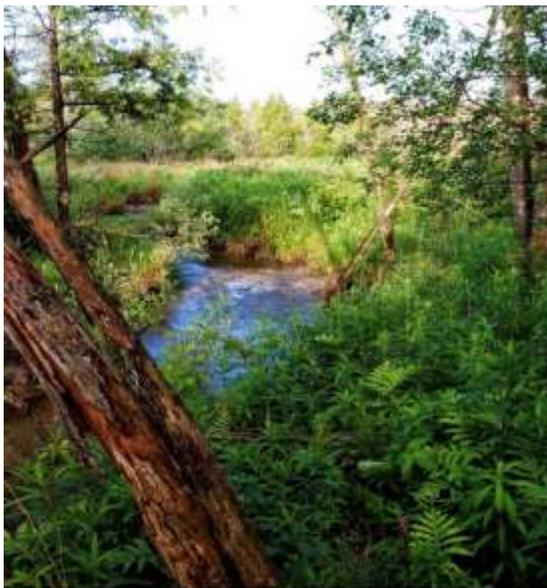
We are eco-implementers and designers. We are water savers, air purifiers, earth rangers (that one is taken) and wildlife habitat builders.

We are food providers and hunger destroyers. We provide the raw material for the most amazing meals on the planet.

We are sustainable thinkers. We are social connectors and community builders.

We are artists whose work evolves as nature demands it: our work is never done.

We are solid citizens. We plant hope.



Harper Park, June 2013,
Courtesy of Craig Boqden

---From Kim Zippel of the Harper Park Stewardship Initiative
(harperpark.ca):

I am personally organizing a multi-stakeholder event, likely to be scheduled for March, to begin a collaborative community dialogue on how the park can be managed in the face of development. What do we see happening in the future with Harper Park? I will be extending this invitation, with details, to the Peterborough Horticultural Society, and other stakeholders, as soon as I have it organized.

The Harper Park Stewardship Initiative (HPSI) is a community driven stewardship group whose mission is the ongoing protection and restoration of Harper Park's forested uplands, wetlands and the coldwater brook trout stream, and its tributaries, known as Harper Creek. Anyone interested in learning more about the Park or to get involved with the group can contact the HPSI at harperparkstewards@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more about Harper Park and how YOU and the PHS can get involved.

Background Readings:

Peterborough Field Naturalists website:

<http://peterboroughnature.org/harper-park/>

Drew Monkman:

<http://www.drewmonkman.com/PDFs/2013-06-20.pdf> and

<http://www.drewmonkman.com/PDFs/2012-12-20.pdf>

Elwood Jones:

<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2013/08/06/fromhell-to-harpers-woods>

Dirk Verhulst:

<http://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/2016/07/06/discovering-harper-parkoneplan>

A Prayer for Harper Park:

<https://youtu.be/FxqCOIz-a0Y>

Volunteer & Attend

www.peterboroughgardenshow.com

Save The Dates:

Friday, April 7: 5pm – 9 pm

Saturday, April 8: 10am – 5pm

Sunday, April 9: 10am – 4pm

Thanks to all the generous time-giving folks who have already signed up to help at Peterborough Garden Show.



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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 contact Joan Harding at: harding@i-zoom.net 705-799-5378 or Donna O'Brien at donnared2001@yahoo.com 705-748-0026.

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. Most of our needs will extend from Thursday through to Sunday evening. 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 – Thursday starting about 9am throughout the afternoon, includes getting items from storage locker, moving to their places, assembling, decorating, signing out tables, opening doors for vendors, patrolling the vendor area.

Take Down - 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.

Ticket Scanners – Scan E-Tickets

Hand out Programs and take Admission Tickets

Vendor Relief – Offer relief to vendors to take a quick break, direct traffic flow in the lobby areas, answer questions

Horticultural Society Table – Promote PHS, hand out Rack Cards, answer questions, 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

Volunteer Centre to monitor arriving volunteers, hand out aprons and volunteer tags at the beginning and end of shifts.

Exit Doors – Stamp hands for guests' re-entry, log in vendors

Children's Garden – Supervise activities and help with crafts in a colourful and varied setting, Face Painting experience appreciated but not necessary.

Bus Tours – Welcome 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..

~ BE FRIENDLY, SMILE, AND HAVE FUN ~

Upcoming Events:

February 25: Seedy Saturday 10:00am-3:00pm Cannington Lions Hall, 23 Laidlaw St. S. Cannington

March 4: A Day for Gardeners 9:15am-2:15pm
Activity Haven 180 Barnardo St. Peterborough Tickets \$30
peterboroughgardens.ca

March 12: Seedy Sunday, noon to 5pm at Emmanuel East Church (formerly George St. United). FREE.

April 11: Lakefield Hort Society presents:
Paul Zammit: Lessons from Gardens around the World.
7:30pm Marshland Centre, 65 Hague Blvd., Lakefield, \$7



Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners
A Day for Gardeners

Saturday, March 4: 9:15am-2:15pm
Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough
\$30 (includes lunch) Register now, space is limited
peterboroughgardens.ca mgcontact@peterboroughgardens.ca

The poster features a green circular logo with a shovel and a plant, and three small icons of gardening tools (shovel, trowel, and watering can) arranged vertically on the right side.



SEEDY Saturday
Feb 25th 2017
10am to 3pm
Drop in, share & learn what you can grow!
Bring & Swap your Heritage and open pollinated seeds!
Speakers, demo's, science, games & more ~ all free!
Everyone welcome!
Hosted by: Cannington, Beaverton & Georgina-Brock Horticultural Societies
Cannington Lions Hall
24 Laidlaw St. S. Cannington
Learn & Grow & Enjoy

The poster is framed by a decorative green vine border and features colorful text in orange, blue, and green.

Paul Zammit, April 11th 7:30pm: Lessons from gardens around the world



Each year in April, the Lakefield Horticultural Society features a speaker from afar, and charges admission to the meeting to cover extra expenses. This year's featured speaker is a perennial favourite – Paul Zammit. Travel with Paul to Malta, where gardens and 15th century history connect in the present day. Onward to Sicily to explore renaissance style gardens and vineyards. We then cross the Atlantic Ocean to discover the tropical plants and gardens of Bermuda. Back across the pond to marvel at the English style gardens of the UK and the wonderfully regimented kleingartens of Germany. Paul will use this tour to illustrate how we can take ideas from our travels and adapt them to our own gardens.

Tickets for this presentation are \$7 and will be available in February. We anticipate them going quickly, this event sells out every year! As always, refreshments and door prize tickets are included in the price of admission. Admission to the April meeting is

by ticket only, so get yours today, before they sell out.

Available at The Avant Garden Shop (705-743-0068) or by calling Anne (705-652-0046) or Dot (705-652-0684). Correct change is appreciated!

An Opportunity

The OHA is looking for an OHA Marketing and Communications Coordinator!!

Are you looking for a challenging position where you can make a difference?

This position might be the perfect position for you.

This position reports to the Ontario Horticultural Association Executive Board and Directors, with responsibility for marketing and communications, under the supervision of the Executive Board.

This person is responsible for supporting and assisting in the promotion and publicity of all aspects and events that this group undertakes. The Marketing and Communications Coordinator will implement a broad spectrum of publicity and marketing tools that assist in advertising the association and making the name become recognizable throughout Ontario.

The Marketing and Communications Coordinator should display good organizational and communications skills, both verbal and written. They will work as a team member to enhance communications practices while supporting external marketing efforts by developing strategies to achieve the OHA's goals and build reputation and brand.

Please see the complete description attached for more information about this position.

If you are interested in putting your name forward for this position, let MJ or one of the board members know, and we will forward the official job description to you.

A Winter Gardening Thought:

"The spiders. The weeds.

The bird stole my seeds.

My aching sore back.

My pebble-marked knees.

A vine with a chokehold.

A flowerpot crack.

A kinked garden hose.

Oh! The neighbourhood cat.

But the colours. The shapes.

The smells. The sights.

Nothing compares to those flowering delights.

As I sit on my swing and sip my tea,

I laugh and giggle with glee.

Sleep well, my garden, but promise one thing,
you will come back to visit next Spring".

Linda Stauth

Thanks to Daina Zvaigzne for this!



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Membership 2017

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, and their email addresses.

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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