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Doors open at 6:30pm

David Hobson, Author: "Tips & Tricks for Water-Wise Gardening"



David Hobson is a humorist, storyteller, and weekly garden columnist for The Waterloo Region Record and online for the Guelph Mercury and Hamilton Spectator. He is also a regular contributor to Grand Magazine, and has written for Canadian Gardening magazine and Garden Making magazine.

A lifelong gardener, David is a popular speaker at horticultural societies and gardening clubs, where he shares the humour and passion of a lifelong gardener on a light-hearted and informative journey to the heart of gardens. He has spoken at venues such as Canada Blooms, The Canadian National

Exhibition, and The International Home and Garden Show, the OHA convention and a number of OHA district meetings.

President's Message

A great time was had on the PHS bus trip! Our merry band of gardeners endured rain, sun, rain, sun and an unscheduled stop at Tim Horton's. Lots of amazing flowers were seen at Whistling Gardens and the bus was full of plants on the ride home. Nice. Special thanks to Donna O'Brien, Anita Clifford, Barb McGregor, Eileen Sibbitt and Annie English for the muffins! At this month's general meeting, we'll hear from author David Hobson who will put a humorous spin on "Waterwise Gardening". After the summer we had last year, I'd be looking forward to that – but regret that I will not be there! I will be vacationing with my daughter but will certainly miss all of my "peeps". Pat de Villiers will do a great job in chairing the meeting, I'm sure. June 28 is our last general meeting before we break for the summer, so I do wish you and yours a relaxing and enjoyable break. If you have any suggestions for making the PHS better, please don't hesitate to send them along.

mjpilgrim@live.ca Make it a great summer!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

Request for Bus Trip Photos:

If you have photos you'd be willing to share from the bus trip on June 6, please contact Elane Kalavrias at elanek@gmail.com. Thank you!

Flower Show Results -- May Flower Show

Specimen	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Daffodil	A. Clifford	C. Stillman	R. Hillman
Iris	C. Stillman	S. Pyper	B. O'Toole
Tulip single	S. Pyper	A. Clifford	B. O'Toole
Tulip double	K. Hewitt	C. Stillman	R. Hillman
Bulb Collection	A. Clifford	S. Pyper	C. Stillman
Assorted Perennials	A. Clifford	S. Komejan	S. Pyper



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

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Allium	B. O'Toole	S. Pyper	R. Hillman
Mini/Small Hosta	R. Hillman	P. Lounsbury	C. Stillman
Hosta	C. Stillman	K. Hewitt	A. Clifford
Soloman's Seal	A. Clifford	C. Stillman	P. Lounsbury
Columbine	S. Pyper	A. Clifford	
Bleeding Heart	P. McAllister	A. Clifford	C. Stillman
Spring Flowering Branch	S. Pyper	K. Hewitt	A. Clifford
Other bulb, corm or rhizome	R. Hillman	P. McAllister	A. Clifford
Other spring perennial	K. Hewitt	P. McAllister	S. Pyper
Rhubarb	P. McAllister	C. Stillman	K. Hewitt

Design	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Celebrate our flag	A. Clifford		
Small Design	A. Clifford	S. Pyper	
Horticultural Show-Off	A. Clifford		
Crazy Rhythm	A. Clifford		
Judge's Choice	A. Clifford		
Best in Show	S. Pyper		

Many thanks to all who participated, especially those who have never done so or those who haven't participated in a long time. Remember there will be another flower show in September. If you have never participated please do and if you have been absent from the show for a while, please join us again. We would like to see many more of you!

❖ **The Flower Show Committee**

Hospitality Social

Our Hospitality Social was held again this year at Hutchison House on Thursday June 8th. Donna O'Brien and myself had fun planning this and we are so glad the weather was sunny and warm, and members came out to socialize and enjoy the refreshments. The Hutchison House staff, dressed in period costume, gave a very informative tour of the house.

Thank you to member volunteers, this was for you!

❖ **Annie and Donna**

Upcoming Events

Gardens Plus is celebrating their 20th anniversary all season!

Join us on **Saturday June 17th** for cake!

Come by around **1pm** and check out some of the memories and meet the staff.

Gardens Plus has come a long way in 20 years. Beginning with general perennial sales and 10 varieties of Hosta and Daylilies, now specializing in Hosta (300+ varieties), Daylilies, easy care perennials,

Library Update

Jean Wang and Maura Holek still have a cart FULL of great books for us!

❖ **Library Committee**



native plants pollinator plants. Don't wait, pre-order online for pick up and pay when you pick them up. Hope to see you all there!

136 County Road 4, Peterborough 1 km east of Rhema School – the extension of Parkhill Rd East.

July 15, 10am-4pm

Activity Haven Garden Tour: Our self-guided tour is in Peterborough, Ontario, Sat July 15 from 10 to 4PM. There are 7 gardens and a marketplace. Live entertainment in the hub at Activity Haven Marketplace. There will be a Flower Pot to place your ballot to win door prizes including an original watercolor of Pansies by artist Nan Sidler. Nan Sidler's garden and home gallery are also on tour. A barbecue lunch or Subway will also be available to purchase at Haven Marketplace. More vendors and music in the gardens.

Tickets are \$20.00 for more info call 705-876-1670.

A Message from Palliser Downs U-Pick near Foxboro:

PICKING SEASON IS ABOUT TO START!!

We're opening up the fields for picking on Thursday June 15. starting at 8am until 1 pm. The Market Stand will be open at 10am.

Haskaps are in the beginning of ripening. They are a bit more challenging this year because of the heavy rains. It seems that a lot got pollinated before a later crowd.

Strawberry picking season usually lasts for about three weeks. Haskaps might last at least five weeks this year.

❖ **James & Audrey Potts**

Seeking Gardeners:

The Garden Committee of Hutchison House Museum would be delighted to welcome new members. Our heritage gardens reflect the period of the 1860s, containing plants that would have been available in Peterborough at that time. If you are interested, either phone the museum at 705-743-9710 or email info@hutchisonhouse.ca or phone Betty Hinton at 705-745-1463 or email bobbetty@sympatico.ca.

❖ **Thank you, from Betty Hinton.**

Peterborough Garden Show Committee Has Two Openings!

* Media & Publicity Coordinator

- research the show coverage areas and target markets of potential suppliers of advertising
- liaise with potential suppliers of advertising and publicity for the upcoming show including newspapers, magazines, radio, television, web based sites, community organizations, government sites and agencies, and publications of garden related societies such as Horticultural Society and the Master Gardeners.
- research potential area of sponsorship funds, assist in preparation of any required applications and lase with agency representatives (e g City of Peterborough, OMAFRA)
- research all avenues of free advertising.
- work with suppliers to design ads for their publications which best portray the theme and features of the Garden



show. Review, edit and approve all final proofs for all ads.

* **Volunteer Coordinator Assistant**

- assists the Volunteer Coordinator with scheduling volunteers into appropriate time slots and communication with potential volunteers.

For a full job description of either of these roles, please contact MJ via mjpilgrim@live.ca or 705 652 6993.

Canada's Celebration of Gardens -- June 9 to 18, 2017

Garden Days is Canada's coast to coast to coast, ten-day celebration of our National Garden Day which is held annually on the Friday before Father's Day. This ten-day program of activities and events is for gardening enthusiasts, families, schools and tourists alike. Garden Days is an opportunity for Canadians to enjoy their own garden, visit or take part in their favourite garden experience, get inspired at their local garden centre or travel to a nearby destination to enjoy their favourite garden.

I say, if your knees aren't green by the end of the day, you ought to seriously re-examine your life.

~Bill Watterson, Calvin & Hobbes

Did you know?

1. Dandelions didn't blow across the ocean or stow away on ships to get to North America; they were brought here and cultivated by early settlers. They were valued for various medicinal and culinary purposes. The leaves are an excellent salad green, high in calcium, iron and Vitamins A and C. The root can be roasted and made into a coffee-like hot drink.
2. Mosquitoes have an acute sense of smell. They can detect the carbon dioxide you exude, but they also like the scent of floral perfumes and deodorizers. No matter how clean you are, they can smell you at 30 metres (100 feet).
3. A sunflower looks like one large flower, but each head is composed of hundreds of tiny flowers called florets, which ripen to become the seeds. This is the case for all plants in the sunflower family, including daisies, yarrow, goldenrod, asters, coreopsis, and bachelor's buttons.

