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Wednesday March 23, 2016 @ 7pm: Doors open @ 6:30pm

March Speaker: Anna Mizyn – “Cactus and Succulents”

Anna is originally from Poland and came to Canada in 1989. In Poland, she spent 2 years at Horticultural College and worked at the local Farmers Co-op. In her spare time, she worked in local orchards and grew and sold some of her own plants. After moving to her 'cottage' from the Toronto area with her new husband in 1994, her gardens were growing.

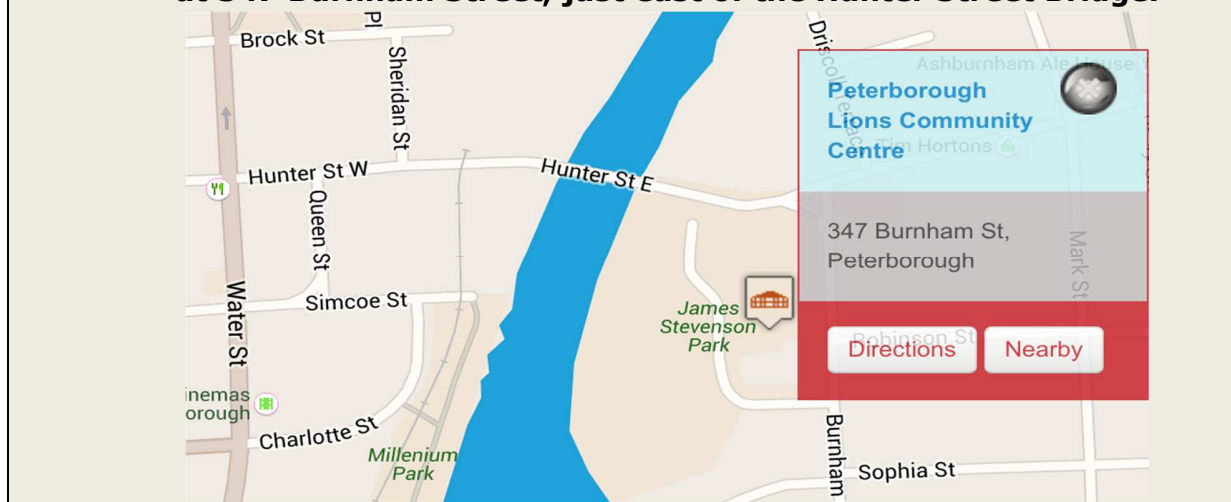
After two years, she started selling a few plants and seedlings out of that location... thus Anna's Perennials was started. Anna's European background and formal schooling at College gives her a different perspective towards her style of planting, incorporating many of the plants that are not popular here but are in other parts of the world. Anna is a mad gardener as she is always looking for a new plant: collecting seeds and trying to grow plants that others say aren't possible in our area.



Since 2003, Anna's Perennials has been a vendor at the Peterborough Garden Show. For several years, Anna has been giving talks/demonstrations to various horticultural groups in the area on many different topics, such as, 'winter hardy cactus and other succulents', 'perennial grasses', and 'my favorite plants'.

Meeting Location Change!

We are now meeting at the Peterborough Lions Community Centre at 347 Burnham Street, just east of the Hunter Street Bridge.



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

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President's Message

The sun is getting stronger and the Garden Show is just around the corner. Each year we have about a hundred volunteers with many doing multiple shifts. If you want to team up with a group of very enthusiastic people, please sign up for one shift – you'll be hooked. We team up with the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners to offer this show to our community and the net result is fun, friendship and funds for our scholarships and community grants. It's a worthy endeavour. 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

PHS Booth at the Peterborough Garden Show – a few slots available

Are you friendly and outgoing? The SOCIETY needs YOU! Duties are to promote the society, hand out rack cards, and possibly sell some memberships. The following shifts are available: Friday 7-9pm, Saturday 2-4pm, Sunday noon – 2pm, Sunday 2-4pm. Singles or pairs are welcome. Please let MJ know via mjpilgrim@live.ca if you are available. Much thanks!

Fleming Park Cleanup – Saturday April 23 @ 9:30am

As in previous years we have the Fleming Park Clean-up the Saturday following Earth Day. So please mark your calendar for **Saturday April 23**. We will meet at 9:30 a.m., so bring your rakes and tarps, and in no time the park will be awakened from a winter slumber!! And we will see how the tulips survived, and if the squirrels were really hungry. Who wants to count? This year the fabulous team of Wednesday Volunteers will welcome Joanna Young, so we are now "The Group of Seven". But we don't have paint brushes among our tools. Hopefully, we will see you then.

❖ Annie English

Membership

We had a good turnout for the first meeting of 2016. Last year we had 221 members; as of the January meeting, 133 members had renewed. Nine new members joined in January, an encouraging sign for PHS. The weather wasn't in our favour for February; as a result, there were no renewals. March should see a wave of renewed memberships. We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our new venue in March.

❖ Membership: Cathy Lowes & Diane Raper

Spring Plant Sale 2016

According to the weather forecast, we will be having a warm spring this year! It is time to start thinking about getting into our gardens and start thinking about what can be dug up or divided for the Spring Plant Sale! Our annual plant sale will be held at Westdale United Church, located on Sherbrooke Street West, on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the March and April meetings. If you are able to volunteer some time at the sale either Friday or Saturday morning your help would be appreciated.

We welcome any plants, seedlings, garden magazines, and garden decor in good condition that you can contribute to the sale. If you have any extra trays or pots, please bring them to the April meeting for those who may need them. If you have any questions or suggestions for our plant sale, please contact Anita Clifford @ 705-748-0267, or anitaclifford@bell.net.

❖Anita Clifford

Camp Kawartha Garden Workshops

Master Gardener Cathy Hooper is presenting a series of seven workshops at the Environment Centre, Camp Kawartha, to install a garden. She is looking for gently used garden tools which will be used at the workshops. If you are interested in the details, an outline of the plan will be available at peterboroughgardens.ca or from peterboroughediblelandscaping@gmail.com

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 wristband** – 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!



Diane Tedford
will be selling
advance
tickets at the
March PHS
Meeting!

To Volunteer, Contact Joan Harding: djharding2014@outlook.com or 705-799-5378

Needed for the Garden Show – please bring to March Meeting

- Single-serving, clean yogurt containers (labels do not have to be removed)
- Pussy willows, forsythia, boxwood branches, etc., that could be forced
- Any butterfly collections under glass to lend to the Children's Garden?
- Cardboard 4-cup capacity coffee takeout tray from local coffee shops
- 1-cup capacity margarine or cream cheese containers

Daffodil Volunteers

Once again the Canadian Cancer Society will be selling live daffodils March 31 and April 1&2. Gail Deck is looking for volunteers for this event. If you have some availability on those dates, please contact Gail via pdeck1@cogeco.ca 705 745-5413

Upcoming Events

- March 12 1-3:30 pm OHA District 4 Spring Get Together, Auburn Bible Chapel, 911 Armour Road. All are welcome, no fee.
- March 13 Seedy Sunday @ George St. United, 534 George St. N. 1-5pm
- March 19 A Day for Gardeners: 8:45am – 2:15pm Activity Haven. \$30 (includes lunch). Info at peterboroughgardens.ca
- April 1 PHS Beautification Grant Applications Deadline
- April 2 OHA District 4 Annual General Meeting, Ennismore Arena. 9am – 3:30pm
- 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 & must be purchased beforehand.
- April 17 Ontario Hosta Society 6th Annual Hosta Forum GlenCairn Golf Club, Halton Hills
- April 23 Fleming Park Cleanup @ 9:30am – bring your pruners, rakes, tarps.
- April 23 Norwood Hort. Afternoon Tea & Loonie Auction; Legion, 1pm; Auction, 2pm

Did you know?

Plants really do respond to sound. Talking to plants to help them grow is a well-known old wives' tale, but studies have shown vibration (like music, or perhaps even the sweet sound of your voice) can affect plant growth. Plus, the Myth Busters (in an admittedly not-so-scientific study), compared a silent greenhouse to one where they piped in a voice soundtrack, and they found that plants in the latter grew more. **Good Housekeeping Garden Tips**

In every gardener there is a child who believes in The Seed Fairy.

Robert Brault



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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