

PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Wednesday March 22, 2017 @ 7pm: Doors open @ 6:30pm

March 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 Omeme Horticultural Society, she bought the book, "The All New Square Foot Garden", by Mel Bartholomew. 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 pen or pencil to the meeting. ****

President's Message

The sun is getting stronger, the snow is gone-gone 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 for the PHS Booth in the IGA Foyer! Duties are to promote the society, hand out rack cards, and possibly sell some memberships. The following shifts are available:

Friday 5-7pm Saturday 10am-noon Saturday 2-3:30pm Sunday 10am-noon

Link to Doodle Poll: [PHS Booth Times Survey](#) or Contact MJ: mjpilgrim@live.ca



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](#)

Fleming Park Cleanup – Saturday April 22 @ 9:30am

Hi All Garden Enthusiasts...I know it looks like spring out there, and if you're like me, you can't wait to get the knees and hands dirty!

As in past years we have Fleming Park Clean-up following Earth day. This year, our cleanup falls on Earth day itself. So please join us Saturday April 22, so at 9:30 am-11:00 am. All you need are your rakes and your enthusiasm! We have a busy season ahead preparing for Canada's 150th birthday and look forward to seeing you and enjoying the incredible (and aptly timed for Canada's 150th) showing of the 750 red and white tulips planted by our very own members in the fall of 2015.

❖ **Thank you, Annie English, Greg and Lorraine Barrow, Susan Leask**

Membership

Last month I welcomed new members and included Amy Cook. Well, as I am still blushing, I need to let you all know, that Amy, youthful as she is, has her 20 YEAR pin! So apologies to Amy for looking so young.

And welcome to our next group of new members (and if you are returning, then I hope I am safe to say, you are new to me....) **Laura Jack, Margaret Cole, Barb Crossley.**

Returning (and always welcome): **Dianne Webber, Simone Clark, Marja Hutchinson, Greg Barrow**

❖ **Membership: Cauleen Viscoff**

Spring Plant Sale 2017

Spring is at our doorstep and soon it will be time for us to get into our gardens and start thinking about what could 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 13 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** **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 greatly 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**

The Fun Table

As always, we love suggestions for prizes, so if there is anything you'd like to see, please let us know! Ticket prices: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All money collected goes to prizes for next month.

How to earn free tickets: Sign up for shifts at the garden show.

2 shifts= 1 free ticket

3 shifts= 2 free tickets

❖ **Jen Bird & Cauleen Viscoff**

Calling all Garden Show Volunteers for a Quick Job Recap on March 22

A short, live, recap of the various volunteer jobs/responsibilities will be held immediately following our March 22nd PHS meeting at the Lions Center. Particular emphasis will be placed on the Program/Ticket Taker position and the various ticket entrance options. Please plan on staying for a few extra minutes to have your questions answered!



Volunteers Needed For The Garden Show!

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 the Peterborough Garden Show. Many 2 hour slots for both Saturday and Sunday are still available. Help with set-up on Thursday from 8:00am and take-down on Sunday from 4:00pm is needed too!

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.

Upcoming Events:

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

March 10-19 Canada Blooms, Enercare Centre, Toronto

April 1 PHS Beautification Grant Applications Deadline

April 1 OHA District 4 Annual General Meeting, Fenelon Falls. 9am – 3:30pm. **Contact MJ to register before March 24: mjpilgrim@live.ca**

April 7-9 Peterborough Garden Show

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

April 23 Ontario Hosta Society 7th Annual Hosta Forum GlenCairn Golf Club, Halton Hills. 2017 Hosta of the Year '**Brother Stefan**'

May 13 PHS Spring Plant Sale, 9am-noon, Westdale United Church

May 24 PHS Spring Flower Show at the General Meeting

June 6 PHS Bus Trip to Whistling Gardens (Brantford) and Northland Nursery (Waterdown)



**Enhance Your Property, Enhance the
Natural Environment
OTONABEE CONSERVATION LAUNCHES
TREE SEEDLING PROGRAM**



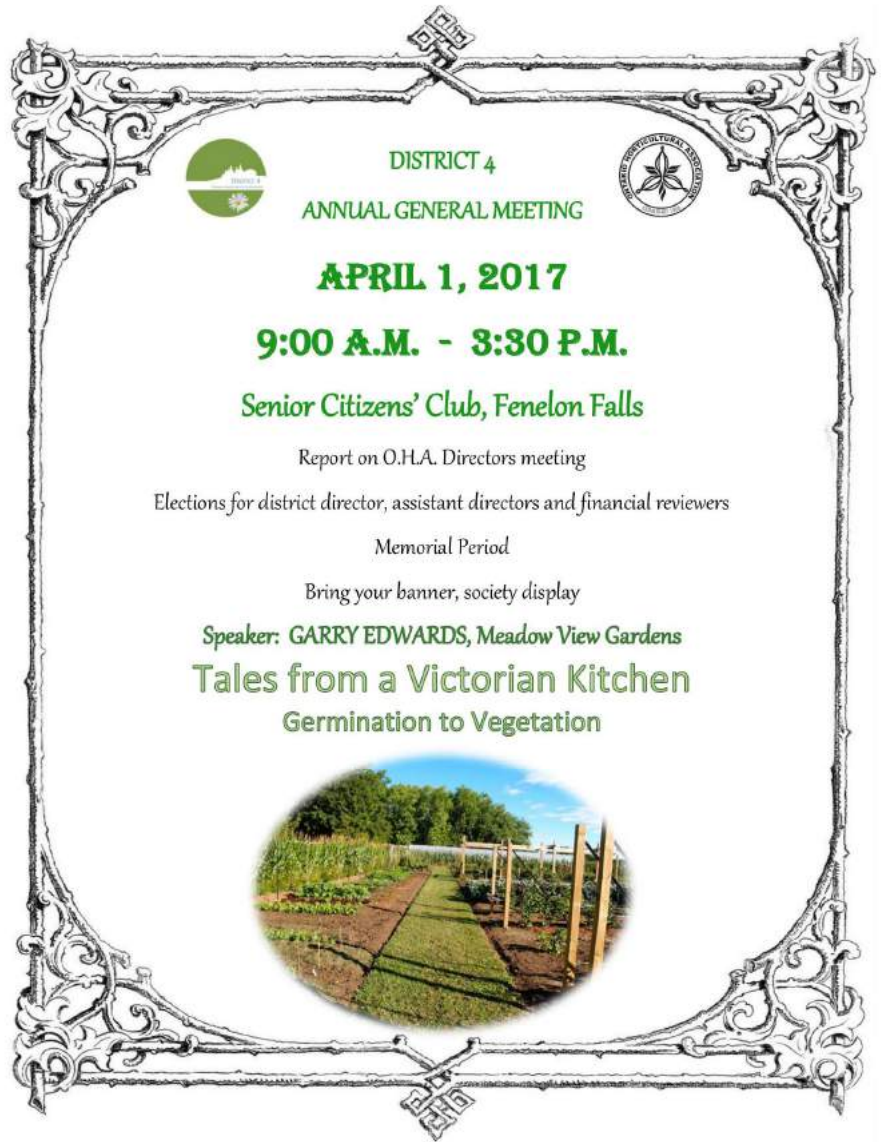
Peterborough: Otonabee Conservation has launched a new stewardship program to help landowners who want to plant trees on their property. The Tree Seedling Program is available to farm and rural landowners within the Otonabee Region watershed and offers a wide selection of native tree and shrub species.

“Trees are an important part of our work in maintaining a healthy and resilient natural environment. Trees and forests protect water quality in our rivers and streams. They provide habitat for birds and other wildlife and they add to the health of our communities by purifying the air and enhancing the environment that surrounds us,” explains Meredith Carter, Manager of the Watershed Management Program at Otonabee Conservation. “Planting trees this spring season can also be a celebratory activity to mark the 150th anniversary of our province and our nation,” says Carter.

Landowners can choose seedlings from a variety of coniferous and deciduous trees and wildlife shrubs including White Pine, Eastern White Cedar, Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Highbush Cranberry and Buttonbush. The minimum order is 25 seedlings of a selected species.

Orders are now being accepted for Spring 2017, with the order deadline of Friday, March 10th. Otonabee Conservation expects the tree and shrub seedlings to arrive at the conservation authority office in late April, at which time landowners will be contacted and pick-up times will be arranged, explains Carter.

Details about the Tree Seedling Program, including helpful tips on planting and caring for young seedlings, and the Order Form are available on the Otonabee Conservation website at www.otonabee.com.



Bus Trip to Whistling Gardens (Brantford) & Northland Nursery (Waterdown)

Tuesday, June 6, 2017; 9am - 8pm

\$60 for members (includes light supper, bring bag lunch). Signature on bus waiver required upon departure.

(Google "Ontario Horticultural Association Bus Waiver" to pre-read the waiver). Non-members may be accepted after May 1st for \$70. ** Coach bus with air conditioning and a washroom **

Proposed Itinerary:

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| 8:30am | Arrive at carpark (likely the Canoe Museum), bring labelled totes for plant purchases and bag lunch |
| 9am | Depart |
| Noon | Arrive at Whistling Gardens, Brantford |
| 2:45pm | Late Lunch/early Supper at Gardens Catered by St. James Eatery, Waterford (sandwiches, wraps, salads, drinks, sweets) |
| 3:30pm | Depart for Northland Nursery |
| 4:30pm | Arrive at Northland Nursery, Waterdown |
| 6pm | Depart for Peterborough |
| 8pm | Arrive at carpark TBA |



**Whistling Gardens
(Brantford, ON)**
Bus Trip
Cost: \$60 Estimate
Includes Gardens Entrance, tour guides, coach bus & light catered supper @ the Gardens
Includes a stop at "Northlands Nursery" in Waterdown -- \$6.99 plants, all in black 1 litre pots.
Register at PHS meetings before May 1st to avoid disappointment.

Payment: Bring a cheque for \$60 (preferred) to an upcoming General Meeting OR bring a labelled envelope containing \$60 cash.

Did you know?

1. Butterflies might be more attracted to your weeds than your flowers.

Colorful blooms aren't the chief reason these insects love your garden, it's more about the fragrance and nectar. According to the Smithsonian Institute, new cultivars of popular flowers have been bred for enhanced color and size, but have often lost their fragrance in the process. So everyday weeds, like dandelions and clovers, might actually be the most appealing things in your yard to butterflies (they hate pesticides, too). Taking care to choose heirloom flower seeds can get them to also fly your way.

2. **Fuchsia (colour) Fuchsia** is a vivid purplish red color, named after the colour of the flower of the fuchsia plant, which took its name from the 16th century German botanist Leonhart Fuchs.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuchsia>



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Membership 2017

New Membership Upgrade (single to family) 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 and email addresses of members who are included in the Family Membership.

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

Thank you for becoming a member! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS, watch for opportunities in newsletters, and at meetings. Thanks for bringing your enthusiasm. Welcome!