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## Toni Sinclair “An Insight into Plant Competitions”



**Toni Sinclair** has had an interest in horticulture since early childhood in the Niagara area, helping her father in the family garden. Several years later she was invited to attend the Horticultural Society meeting in Grimsby, and her interest just blossomed. In the 1980s Toni signed up for the first of several floral design courses through the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. That was followed by an RBG Horticultural Judging Accreditation Course, taking three years to complete, along with on-going courses to keep abreast of modifications to hort. judging and the latest trends in floral design. She also earned a horticultural certificate from Niagara College. Toni and her husband retired to Buckhorn in 2003, and she immediately joined the Lakefield Horticultural Society, where she is part of the flower show committee. Her life now can be summarized by the letter G: golf, genealogy, grandchildren, and of course, **gardening**.

On May 25, Toni will help to de-mystify the idea of Flower Show competitions by judging the PHS Spring Flower competition in front of the entire audience. She'll explain each class and the entrants, and award prizes on the spot. It should be an insightful presentation!

## SPRING PLANT SALE 2016

Attendance to the sale was not very high this year because of the cold and rainy day, but nonetheless we had one of our most successful Plant Sales ever!

A big thanks must be given to all of our members who donated plants and to all the volunteers who helped in the setting up and everything in between the big clean up at the end of the sale, thank you. Your time and generous donations were greatly appreciated. None of this would have been possible without your help! Al Sippel, Annette Stern, Cathy Lowes, Cauleen Viscoff, Daina Zvaigzne, Diane Raper, Pat Lounsbury, Donna Marley, Donna O'Brien, Doreen Jones, Etela Vojnic, Gail Deck, Gladys Fowler, Inge Buchardt, Jen Bird, Kathy Hewitt, Lois Scott, Maja De Maria, Margo Tant, Marie Doyle, Mary Charlton, MJ Pilgrim, Don & Monica White, Norma Gorling, Pat Day, Pat de Villiers, Sally Rye, Sandy Spremo, Scott Bain, Shaun Pyper, Vivien Falls, Will Read.



There were a large variety of 803 plants donated to our sale this year. Bravo! Our total in profits for our Plant Sale this year was \$2000.65..... A huge accomplishment. Bravo! The plants left over were donated to the Parkinson's Society.

❖ **Anita Clifford**

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

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## President's Message

My heartfelt congratulations goes out to the Plant Sale Team. It was well-organized and people donated some amazing plants. Thank you so much. I'm pretty proud of what our Society can accomplish when we work together.

After the plant sale, a bunch of members joined me at the Fleming Park garden for a tulip blooming celebration – a requirement of receiving the tulip bulbs from the Canada Garden Council to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden. It was typical Dutch spring weather – cold and damp – but we had some fun taking a few pictures. The tulips look great – and about 300 of each could be counted. Once the hot weather hits, they will quickly fade so if you get a chance to visit the park, please do so. They make quite a statement!



I'm hoping that this week we'll have warmer weather and I'll be able to spend some time working in my own garden instead of making holes where plants used to be. I'm eagerly anticipating the bloom of my "now three" pink lady's slippers that I agonized over buying as a single last year at this time. My ice cream cone tulips are hiding in their leaves due to the cold, but will pop soon, I hope. Spring is such a magical time. Make it a good day/week/month, and I hope to see you at the next meeting on May 25.

❖ MJ Pilgrim

## Community Beautification Grants

We are happy to report that for the year 2015-16, 18 out of 22 applications have been approved. They are as follows.

- Bridgenorth Beautification Committee \$350 for plants to beautify Champlain Park
- Calvary Pentecostal Church \$350 to establish pollinator patches of native plants and plant fruit trees for supplying food bank
- Camp Kawartha \$200 for pollinator and habitat native plants
- Camp Kawartha Environment Centre \$300 for planting edible berry bushes which will be used to teach classes
- Christ Church Community Museum in Lakefield \$200 for beautifying their space with flowering shrubs
- GreenUP Ecology Park \$200 to restore the original Harris Pollinator Garden
- Hutchison House Museum \$100 for planting flowering perennials for cut flowers
- King Edward Community Garden \$400 for planting a native pollinator garden
- Mapleridge Recreation Centre \$300 for planting more perennials and shrubs
- Otonabee Region Conservation Authority \$600 for planting pollinator gardens at 3 local schools
- Peterborough Exhibition Agricultural Society \$200 for prize money for Junior Garden Show
- Peterborough Pollinators \$200 for the planting of 2 pollinator gardens
- The Salvation Army \$100 for planting flowers to beautify their outdoor Sitting Area
- St. Alphonsus School \$200 for replanting a pollinator garden
- St. Anne Elementary School \$100 to plant shrubs and trees in their outdoor Sitting Area
- St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, Lakefield, \$200 for shrubs to enhance their heritage building
- St. Peter Secondary School \$200 to create a pollinator garden for teaching the importance of pollinators
- YWCA - Nourish Project \$300 to plant 2 Urban pulse gardens (beans) to harvest for seeds and cooking

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According to our calculations, we have 6 for Beautification, 6 for Education, and 6 for Pollinators/ Food!

**This is a TOTAL of \$4,500** which comes from some of the surplus money and hard work created from the 2015 Garden Show. WE CARE TO SHARE!

❖ **Chris Freeburn & Pat Lounsbury (Chair)**

## Highway of Heroes

At our next meeting, Margaret Higgins will be speaking to us about the Highway of Heroes Tribute Project. Margaret spearheaded an effort to donate with the Peterborough Master Gardeners and is well-versed in explaining the project. Please come with cash or chequebooks prepared to donate if you wish. Donations over \$25 will be received, and all donations will be matched by the OHA to \$2,500. For more information, visit [hohtribute.ca/](http://hohtribute.ca/)

## Fleming Park

On Saturday, Apr. 23, the Fleming Park team were all in attendance joined by many volunteers (the same group for several years) to get the park ready for the summer season. We received compliments on all our hard work, and the park is appreciated by many residents in the area. AND, the squirrels left most of our tulips alone!! 😊

My thanks again to M.J. Pilgrim, Pat Lounsbury, Inge Buchard, Pat deVilliers, Greg and Lorraine Barrow, Susan and Todd Leask, Monica and Don White, Norma Gorling, John Marsh, Pauline Drake, Karen Strano, Doreen Jones, Joanna Young, Mary Charlton, and me. WAY TO GO TEAM. 😊

❖ **Annie English**



## Flower Show

Reminder that our May Flower Show will take place next Wednesday, May 25. All entries and cards must be in place no later than 6:45. Judging will begin promptly at 6:45. Please do not stand near the tables after that time.

❖ **Shaun Pyper**

## Hospitality

Donna reports that she received \$25 last meeting for refreshments. There were so many folks attending that they ran out of coffee and goodies!

❖ **Annie English & Donna O'Brien**

## Library Update

We're open for business and we have lots of books to interest you!

❖ **Pauline Drake**



## Membership

Welcome to our new members who joined in April: Linda Jenkins, Nancy Lewis, Joanne McCarthy, Lynn Mooney, Annette Stern, and Patty Tyhuis. Congratulations to Brenda Dunford, Joy Edgecombe and Colleen White, they were the winners of a membership drawn at the Peterborough Garden Show.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting.

❖ **Membership: Cathy Lowes & Diane Raper**

## Plants for Parkinson's Saturday, May 28: 8:30 am-1pm

Despite a broken ankle, Vivian Heinmiller and friends are having a Plant Sale to raise funds for Parkinson Research. They will be selling plants at 480 Gilmour St. on Saturday, May 28: 8:30 am-1pm. (Donations of identified indoor and outdoor plants are welcome). Call Vivian (705-743-4628) for more information. This is also the same date as the Gilmour Street Yard Sale.

## Upcoming Plant Sales

Lakefield Hort: Saturday May 21, Cenotaph Park, 8:30am - 11:30am

Omeme Hort: Saturday May 21, Omeme Legion, 9am

Ennismore Hort: Saturday May 28 Plant & Bake Sale Rotary Park at the Causeway. 9am.

May 28 for Parkinson's: 480 Gilmour Street as part of the Annual Gilmour Street Community Garage Sale.

Ptbo Master Gardeners: Saturday June 11, Westdale United, Sherbrooke St. 9-11am

## Upcoming Events

June 21: Lakefield Rose Show; 7:30pm – 9pm. Enjoy the beautiful flowers and have a sweet treat

June 30: PHS Lifetime Membership Nomination Deadline

June 15: OHA June Celebration Ptbo Navy Club – let MJ know if you are planning to attend

July 9: 10am-4pm The Bobcaygeon Garden Tour, Tea and Market. For more information, phone 705 738-0982 or website [www.bobcaygeonhorticulture.com](http://www.bobcaygeonhorticulture.com)

July 16: Activity Haven Garden Tour. Contact Joanne Anderson [jo.mk@live.ca](mailto:jo.mk@live.ca) for information

July 29-31, 2016 OHA 109th Convention in Kitchener

**Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.**

~Lindley Karstens, [noproblemgarden.com](http://noproblemgarden.com)

## Did you know?

- Hundreds of years ago, when Vikings invaded Scotland, they were slowed by patches of wild thistle, allowing the Scots time to escape. Because of this, the wild thistle was named Scotland's national flower.
- Dandelions might seem like weeds, but the flowers and leaves are a good source of vitamins A and C, iron, calcium and potassium. One cup of dandelion greens provides 7,000-13,000 I.U. of vitamin A.
- Sunflowers move throughout the day in response to the movement of the sun from east to west.

