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## Sean James: Fern Ridge Gardens—Garden Trends for 2017



Sean James has been gardening professionally since age sixteen. He is a graduate of the prestigious Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, a Master Gardener and the two-time past-President of the Milton & District Horticultural Society. He is the founder of Fern Ridge Landscaping and Eco-Consulting and is building an international reputation for sustainable landscaping.

Founded in 1996, the company specializes in quality design and construction; combining unmatched horticultural knowledge with an eye for rainwater handling, habitat creation and biodiversity. Fern Ridge is firmly committed to putting its expertise to use in the community by educating on the use of native species and demonstrating the beauty of sustainable gardens. It was this dedication that brought the Make-A-Wish Foundation and HGTV's Carson Arthur to ask Fern Ridge to build a special garden for a young boy named Edward to allow him wheelchair access to his garden. Sean will be enlightening us on upcoming garden trends for 2017.

## 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.

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 appearance of some of last year's plant sale treasures, and I continually marvel at the fact that these plants all remember what they are supposed to look like after such a long & cold dormancy. My Canada150 tulips are hiding in their leaves due to the cold, but will pop soon, I hope, and should be red/white and not ORANGE as the white leaf lines are present. 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 24.

❖ MJ Pilgrim

## PHS Plant Sale Results!

Our Plant Sale this spring might go down in history as the fastest sell out. It only took 15 minutes for the tables to be emptied. The weather did not co-operate with us this spring; too much rain and cooler days did not bode well for the amount of donations this year. Despite that, 558 plants were donated and our sales profit this year was \$1571.

## May Flower Show

A reminder to all that May 24th is our first flower show of the year. Judging begins at 6:45 sharp. Your entry cards and flowers must be in place by that time. Looking forward to seeing many, many lovely flowers. If you haven't entered before, enter a few in May. See you then.

❖ Shaun Pyper and the Flower Show Committee

None of this would be possible without the dedicated members who donate their plants, their knowledge and time every year for this sale. It is always so much fun and continues to run smoothly. Even when a car arrived at the end of the sale to donate many, many potted cedars, did

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

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we panic? No...as fast as they came in, they went out! This year many trilliums filled the front table and were snapped up instantly. Everyone just seems to do what needs to be done! I would like to sincerely thank the following members who made our Plant Sale a success!

Al Sippel, Annie English, Cauleen Viscoff, Daina Zvaigzne, Donna Manley, Donna O'Brien, Elane Kalavrias, Etela Vojnic, Gail Deck, Gladys Fowler, Greg Barrow, Inge Buchard, Issa Horani, Jean Wang, Jen Bird, Jenna Pilgrim, Kathy Hewitt, Leslie Sherman, Lorraine Barrow, Margot Tant, Marie Doyle, Mary Charlton, Maya De Maria, MJ Pilgrim, Noriko Merrett, Pat deVilliers, Pat McAllister, Pauline Drake, Ron Morse, Sally Rye, Shaun Pyper, Susan Leask, Susan Gomez Duran.

Til next year, Happy Gardening!

❖ **Anita Clifford**

## Community Grants

We are happy to share with you the recipients of 2016-2017 Community Grants. We were able to donate \$5,500 this year to help with horticultural projects in the area. This is just one of the ways we use the proceeds from the Garden Show to give back and to help build community.

Sacred Heart Church

Lakefield Community Garden

Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Ptbo

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

One Roof Community Centre

Ptbo Exhibition Agricultural Society

Lakefield Agricultural Society

Calvary Pentecostal Church

Mapleridge Recreation Centre

King Edward Community Garden

The Barnardo Garden

**Each group has been invited to accept their grants at the next meeting.**

❖ **Elane Kalavrias and her amazing team**



## Fleming Park

Many wonderful volunteers came down to Fleming Park on Earth Day, Saturday April, 22 to officially open the Park. We raked up the leaves, pruned bushes and tried not to disturb the 750 tulips that were close to blooming!! Thank you again everyone, for assisting the Fleming Park team get our park off to a good start.

❖ **Annie English, Greg & Lorraine Barrow and Susan Leask**

AND... a special note from Annie...

Our illustrious President, Mary-Jane Pilgrim, sent in a nomination letter informing the City of Peterborough about the volunteer workers at Fleming Park. The City Council has approved the nomination and the Fleming Park Crew will receive a Peterborough Civic award for COMMUNITY BETTERMENT. The Award Presentation will take place Tuesday June 6 at 7pm at The Peterborough Sports and Wellness Centre.

Thank you M.J. From the Fleming Park Crew

## Library Update

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

❖ Maura and Jean

## Barnyard Gold

Barnyard Gold will be available in bags, for pickup at Kawartha Capital on Ashburnham Drive perhaps by the end of this week or next. Please call first as the wet weather may delay the bagging at source. (Craig at (705) 750-0440). For info on Barnyard Gold (formerly called Nincompoop) see [www.dirtcheap.ca](http://www.dirtcheap.ca)



The PHS has worked hard to form a win-win partnership with Kawartha Capital and in return, we receive a discount. The retail price is 9.99 (10.49 at Home Hardware) and our price is \$7.50 - **for PHS - paid-up members only**. We have worked to help other Hort. societies have a discount and their cost is \$8.50. To make best use of this partnership you must be a paid-up member the Peterborough Hort. - and show your card (no card, no discount; no exceptions).

If you wish to purchase more than 15 bags at a time, please call ahead to make sure there is enough. This is a new venture for both of us and we want to be respectful of their business as well as our own needs.

❖ Cauleen Viscoff

## Upcoming Events & Plant Sales:



- May 19-20: Lakefield Animal Welfare Society's super size garage sale 7:30am-3pm
- May 19, 20, 22: Hope Valley Day Camp Huge Garage Sale – Plant Sale is on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> only, 9am. Closed Sunday.
- May 20: Omemee Garden Club plant sale, 9am -11am, Omemee Legion
- May 20: GIANT garage and plant sale: Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, Centre Line & Woodland
- May 20: Lakefield horticultural society plant sale 8:30am-11:30am, Cenotaph park, Lakefield
- May 20 & 21: Meadowview Gardens, Roseneath SPRING plant sale, 10am-4pm
- May 27: Plants for Parkinson's as part of the Gilmour St. Garage Sale 8am-1pm
- May 27: Annual Plant and Book sale - Bailiboro public library 8am-1pm
- June 6: Bus Tour to Whistling Gardens and Northland (ONE SEAT LEFT – contact MJ [mjpilgrim@live.ca](mailto:mjpilgrim@live.ca))
- June 8: Volunteer Appreciation Social: Hutchinson House (RSVP to Annie or Donna by June 1, see below)
- June 13: Blossom Hill Society Walkabout @ 6pm – 4+ societies are participating... Treasure Hunt!
- June 15: Ennismore Hort special speaker: Charlie Dobbin, landscape designer. Charlie will speak about Gardening in our Changing Climate. \$5 tickets available from Gail 705 292 7773.
- June 21: District 4 June Celebration luncheon, 11:30am-3:30pm. Tickets free (cost covered by the PHS for first 5 members) Theme: "Its a Birthday Party" Join in the fun! Speaker: Susan Chan: Making Room for Pollinators in Your Garden. Buffet lunch, Silent Auction, Tickets must be ordered in advance. Contact MJ if you wish to attend.
- July 15: Activity Haven Garden Tour. Call Activity Haven: 705-876-1670 for information (or see below)

## Volunteer Appreciation Social

The Peterborough Horticultural Society extends a thank you to our members for all the volunteer work you have given. Again this year, it will be held **at Hutchison House on June 8th from 6-8 p.m.** Everyone enjoyed sitting outside last year, so please bring along your own lawn chair and we hope the weatherman co-operates!

Please RSVP by June 1st to Donna O'Brien: donnared2001@yahoo.com or Annie English: anniemargaret43@hotmail.com Hope to see you there.

❖ Annie and Donna

## Membership

We are pleased to welcome 3 new members who signed up at the April meeting! Welcome!

❖ Cauleen Viscoff

## Walkabout at Blossom Hill Nursery June 13 at 6pm

Joe and Hazel Cook will give us a tour of their beautiful property in Selwyn Township (Fowler's Corners) during peak blooming time. They breed and grow Delphiniums and Peonies. (Members from Omeme, Ennismore and Lakefield have also been invited.)

**June 13th, 6pm – [www.blossomhillnursery.com](http://www.blossomhillnursery.com)**

To add some interest to the tour, there will be a treasure hunt. No charge to attend. Bring your camera. It will be a good idea to carpool as parking is limited.

## Activity Haven Garden Tour 2017

Peterborough Activity Haven is having their Garden Tour on July 15, 2017, 10 to 4. There will be 7 gardens on the tour this year, plus the Activity Haven Marketplace where a BBQ will be available, vendors and entertainment will be available. Tickets are \$20 each which include a ballot for an original painting "Faces of Spring" by artist Nan Sidler, valued at \$185.00. To request tickets, call Activity Haven at 705-876-1670. Brochures if needed can be mailed out by request or go to our website to view the brochure. Tickets will have the location of each garden.

## ONE SEAT LEFT: 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). \*\* Coach bus with air conditioning and a washroom \*\*

### Itinerary:

8:30am	Arrive at carpark (Canoe Museum), bring labelled totes for plant purchases and bag lunch
9am	Depart
Noon	Arrive at Whistling Gardens, Brantford



**Whistling Gardens  
(Brantford, ON)**

Bus Trip

**Cost: \$60**

Includes Gardens Entrance, tour guides, coach bus & light catered supper @ the Gardens

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 Canoe Museum

**Payment: Bring a cheque for \$60 (preferred) to an upcoming General Meeting OR bring a labelled envelope containing \$60 cash. You must pay by the May 24 meeting or you may lose your seat.**

## Did You Know?

1. **That the ginkgo tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) is among the most ancient of plants still in existence?** Considered a living fossil, it's said to have survived, unchanged, for more than 200 million years. It's also a lonely specimen, being the only one of its species, with no known living relatives. With its roots in China, the ginkgo (or maidenhair tree) has made its way around the world to become a popular landscape tree, despite the fact that the female produces foul-smelling fruit (best to spec a male, if you want to maintain good neighbour relations).
2. **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).
3. **That gardening is good for your mental health?** The hobby can do wonders for our emotional wellbeing as well. Here's how:
  - Watching something you planted come to life and bloom can create a wonderful sense of accomplishment and help boost your self-esteem. (even if your first carrot costs you \$25! mjp)
  - Gardening is a good way to interact with others socially as you can network with other gardeners, sharing your successes and tips or even maintain a plot at a community garden. (and hort society events... mjp)
  - Gardening is also a great way to be more conscientious of what you're eating. When you garden, you're responsible for taking care of living things and watching them grow. You have to pay attention to the weather and be sure to properly nourish your garden. In a way, being acutely aware of these natural truths can help us be aware of how we feed and take care of ourselves (and others!).

