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# Peterborough Horticultural Society

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### JUNE MEETING

The past few years, our June meeting has consisted of a Volunteer Appreciation evening. This year, there will be a change in format. We will enjoy a speaker as we do at other meetings.

Terry Kennedy, and her husband Doug, were unable to come to our January meeting because of a particularly nasty snowstorm but agreed to come to our June meeting. Join us on Wednesday, June 24 when Terry will share 'The World of Orchids'. Terry is extremely knowledgeable and has beautiful photos. Bring your questions, and any orchids that need help. They will also have orchids for sale. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Come out, have a cup of coffee or tea, visit our library and get your 50/50 tickets. Don't forget to bring your own mug and be generous with your donations to the coffee fund.

As a matter of courtesy, please limit your conversations during the actual meeting. Others have difficulty hearing when there are multiple conversations. Thank you

### 50/50

Congratulations to Kathy Green, the winner of \$121.61. Other prizes included gift certificates and a hosta from Gardens Plus, three container arrangements from Griffins, a bird bath, a book and two passes to the Art Gallery Garden Tour. Thanks to everyone for your support!



### May Meeting

Vikki Whitney gave us some insights on what is new and hot for this year as well as the best of the tried and true. With so many choices, our gardens are becoming even more beautiful. Thank you for inspiring us to try something different.

### Parkinson Society

PHS has received a letter from the Parkinson Society thanking us for the extra plants from the Spring Plant Sale, which we passed along for their sale. In September the Parkinson Society will be selling tulip bulbs. Along with the traditional symbol of Parkinson's, a white edged red tulip, there is also a yellow Yokohama tulip and a white Emperor tulip available. We have ordered 600 bulbs for our members. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the June meeting.



*Keeping Ontario Beautiful*

## Flower Show

The Flower Show Committee thanks everyone who entered plants, flowers and arrangements for our May Flower Show. It was our first competition in many years and it was wonderful to have so many exhibits, especially in this exasperating spring weather. Please remember to check the schedule in the Yearbook for our fall show on October 28.

The results of the May 27th Show:

### CLASS

1. Houseplant – foliage 1<sup>st</sup> J. Primavesi,  
2<sup>nd</sup> C. Freeburn, 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Doyle
2. Houseplant – flowering 1<sup>st</sup> E. Vojnic
3. African Violet 1<sup>st</sup> S. Braithwaite,  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Rye, 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Doyle
5. Daffodil 1<sup>st</sup> S. Rye
8. Iris 1<sup>st</sup> M. Doyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Primavesi,  
3<sup>rd</sup> S. Carothers
9. Tulip 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Drake
11. Bulb Collection 1<sup>st</sup> M. Doyle
12. Any Other Perennial 1<sup>st</sup> J. Primavesi,  
2<sup>nd</sup> S. Rye, 3<sup>rd</sup> S. Pyper
14. Rhubarb 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Rye
16. Mother's Day 1<sup>st</sup> P. Drake, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Carothers
17. Father's Day 1<sup>st</sup> C. Freeburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Vojnic
18. Spring In The Woods 1<sup>st</sup> S. Carothers,  
2<sup>nd</sup> P. Lounsbury
19. Miniature 1<sup>st</sup> S. Carothers, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Primavesi,  
3<sup>rd</sup> S. Pyper

Best Of Show (Hort) J. Primavesi (Peony)

Judge's Choice (Design) S. Carothers – Spring In The Wood

## Convention

The Ontario Horticultural Association Convention will be held July 10, 11 and 12 at Trent University. At this time, about 350 delegates have registered. When you factor in the number of volunteers, it is safe to say that Trent will be a busy place. With a great lineup of speakers for workshops, bus trips and boat cruises there will be lots to see and learn.

We are still looking for volunteers. If you are able to assist in any way (from Thursday, July 9 to Sunday, July 12) please contact Anne Milne at 741-3995 or [rmilne3@cogeco.ca](mailto:rmilne3@cogeco.ca)

Come out, meet some great people from across the province, and have a great time.

## Workshops

Our Flower Arranging workshop was an excellent learning experience for everyone who attended. Rachel Burrows gave us some wonderful tips on how to prepare our flowers and greens, and build displays and we had a few laughs too. Everyone brought lots of flowers to share and we all went home with entries for the Wednesday night's flower competition and to decorate our homes. Thanks Rachel!

The Daylily workshop has just seen a happy group of eager gardeners in spite of the weather.

Iris and Other June Flowers in your Garden at Inge Buchardt's home in Millbrook is sure to be a great show on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our much-anticipated Stained Glass on Old Wooden Windows workshop will be in August and Dianne Westlake has agreed to lead it. We will let you know the exact time and date at the June general meeting with a reminder going out to those with email over the summer. In the meantime, if you wish to take this workshop, check out the Restore It store or yard sales, to find yourself a wooden window, so you are ready to create your masterpiece. We will glue stained glass onto the actual window to create some garden art.

To start off our fall session, we will hold a workshop on Bulb Ordering in early September and follow it up with an actual Bulb Planting session. We also hope to do a Tool Workshop where we learn how to clean and sharpen our tools. And we will finish the year with another popular Winter Arrangement workshop. Times and dates for these fall workshops should be available at the June meeting.

For more information contact Chris Freeburn at 292-8485. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your gardens!

OHA District 4 has T-shirts available. They are good quality yellow cotton with an embroidered logo. To purchase yours, see Gail Deck at the June 24<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Cost is \$15.00 and there is a variety of sizes. We encourage all volunteers to wear one of these shirts when they are on duty at the convention.

## Fleming Park

The edging of the exterior beds has been completed and regular maintenance continues. If you have a few hours to spare at any time during the season, come to the Park (at the corner of Brock and Aylmer – just north of the library) on Wednesdays from 10 to about noon. Bring your gloves and your favourite tools.

The plant rustlers have been at it again! The shrubs that were recently planted and some perennials have been stolen from the park. The holes were refilled with soil so that it is not obvious that they had been removed. This seems to be happening all over town with reports of this sort of vandalism from the Banks Garden on Barnardo and the gardens at Millenium Park. It is very demoralizing for the volunteers who put so much effort into making these areas beautiful oases in an urban area. At this time we will not be purchasing any additional plant material for Fleming Park.

## Peterborough's Treasured Tree Contest

Just a reminder to all of you urban forest dwellers Peterborough is hunting for treasure!

Do you have a favourite tree? As long as it's within the City of Peterborough, you could win a prize!

Deadline for entries is July 1st, 2009.

For more details about the contest, please visit the website: <http://treasuredtreehunt.com>

You can submit your entries electronically, or drop off hard copies to Peterborough Green-Up.

Simply download an entry form from the website, fill out the interactive pdf, then submit the completed forms via email attachment to: [info@treasuredtreehunt.com](mailto:info@treasuredtreehunt.com) or you can pick up entry form cards at Peterborough Green-Up, 378 Aylmer St. N.

If you have a photo to submit, please attach it to your email along with the entry form. If you have a story to tell, just paste it right in to the body of your email. It's that easy!

Now, go out, have fun, and don't forget the deadline is **July 1st!**

## Mystery Tour

On Sunday, July 19, rain or shine, PHS will have a Mystery Tour. The route is a 'mystery' but everyone will have a great time for a minimum of cost. We plan to carpool so you can arrange for your own passengers or get together with other participants when we meet at the Canoe Museum parking lot at 10:00 a.m. There is no charge but sharing the cost of gas would be appreciated. More information will be provided at our meeting on June 24.

Watch for news about a bus trip in September.

## Perennial Workshops For Cancer At Gardens Plus

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### Best Blooming Perennials, Foliage and Containers too!

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### 'My Top 25 Low Maintenance Perennials and Why'

Come learn how to garden with ease using perennials that allow you to enjoy your gardens not just work in them!

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### All about Hostas!

Get to know over 400+ varieties, get tips on growing, deterring slugs etc.

Come help a great cause and get some helpful tips to take you through this season and future ones!

Groups are welcome so get together with some friends. \$7.50 pp all to Breast Cancer

To register for workshops call 705-742-5918 or s [info@gardensplus.ca](mailto:info@gardensplus.ca)

### Help Wanted

St. Joseph's at Fleming is looking for a volunteer to water and weed over the summer months. Flexible times. Please call Carol Rodd @ 743-4744 to "make a difference".

It is not too late to purchase your ticket to the **Art Gallery of Peterborough's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour** on Sunday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance. Available at the



Art Gallery, Avant-Garden Shop, Burley's Gardens, Gardens Plus and Happenstance Books & Yarns. Contact Chair Linda Ashby 876-0965

## Coming Events

### Peony Festival

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, 155 Arena Street, Oshawa – Free Admission to the garden. For more information: [www.peony.ca](http://www.peony.ca)

### Omeme H.S.

Monday, June 15 – Visit to: *Blossom Hill Peonies & Delphiniums*: Joe & Hazel Cook, 681 Fife's Bay Road

Monday, July 20 – 6th Annual Garden Tour of Members' Gardens

Saturday, August 8 – August Flower & Vegetable Show – open to the public from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, August 18 – Paul Heydon, *Grow Wild – Why Garden With Native Plants*

### Millbrook

Saturday, July 4 – Day Trip to Merlin's Hollow. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information

### First Annual Coneflower Festival

Last weekend of July from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Old Barn Perennials, 13794 County Road 2, Colborne

### Lakefield

Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Felicity Lukace, Foundation Planting

### Norwood

Monday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Anna Mizyn - Cacti and Trough Gardens

## ***This Month in the Garden – Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners***

### **June**

- Plant annuals and tender perennials.
- Deadhead flowers after blooming.
- Pinch back mums, tall sedums, asters, mums and other late bloomers.
- Prune evergreens and hedges if necessary.
- Mulch using grass clippings or compost to conserve moisture and control weeds.
- Thin out crowded vegetables and annuals.
- Stake/cage dahlias, tomatoes, gladiolas, etc. prepare cuttings of shrubs for propagation.
- Prune shrubs and trees after flowering
- Move houseplants outdoors to a protected location.
- Inspect your garden regularly and deal with any diseases or insect infestations early.

### **July**

- Finish pruning spring-flowering shrubs and evergreens.
- Stake plants that tend to fall over (Delphiniums, Euphorbia, etc.) and pinch back as necessary.
- Fertilize vegetable, annuals and roses.
- Raise cutting height of mower blade.
- Pinch back annuals to make them bushier.
- Cut out old raspberry canes after fruiting.
- Transplant ornamental cabbage and kale.
- Turn compost.
- Deadhead and trim perennials as necessary

### **August**

- Plant fall vegetables (spinach, lettuce, etc.)
- Keep compost moist.
- Trim and divide irises. Treat for iris borer.
- Prune climbing roses.
- Water wisely and weed as necessary.

**Have your gardening questions answered on the Master Gardener Hotline. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at [www.peterboroughgardens.ca](http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca)**