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FEBRUARY MEETING

Mark Peacock, Director of Watershed Services at the Ganaraska Conservation River Authority (seen here) provided an entertaining but information packed presentation on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Although many of our members have lived on or near the moraine for years, most had no idea about the history and true importance of this area. He also shared information about a number of projects including one entitled Snakes on the Plains. Yikes!

50/50

Louise Gilbertson won \$102.55 in February's 50/50 draw, one of our highest prize pots ever. By the way - the extra 5 cents came about as a result of finding a dime on the floor. Every little bit counts! Other prizes included glass vases - which we hope will be used in our meeting flower shows - some bird seed, courtesy of Ernie Bockmann, a Lazy Susan for a large flower pot, and two aprons from Lois Hole's store donated by another member. Thanks to all who bought tickets and to everyone who donated prizes. It's always fun.

PHS is Going GREEN

We want to discontinue the use of Styrofoam cups, as they are BAD for the environment. Everyone who brings a mug for their tea, coffee or water will be given a draw ticket separate from the 50/50 tickets. You must show your mug at the door to get a ticket. So please bring your own container and help us go green and protect the environment.



March Meeting

Our March meeting will be held on Wednesday the 25th at the Peterborough Public Library on Aylmer Street. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30. Check out the library on our website and make a list of the books you would like to borrow. Buy some 50/50 tickets. Remember that the other half of the money from the draw goes towards the prizes for the following month. This means that it all goes back to the members. Have some refreshments and meet some new people. Don't forget to wear your nametag. If you need a lanyard, be sure to ask at our membership table.

Frank Kershaw, our speaker for the evening, will discuss 'Trees and Shrubs in the Urban Setting.' Frank is a horticulturist who has more than thirty years experience in the parks, horticulture and environment fields as a director with both the former Municipality of Metro Toronto and the City of Toronto.





Welcome new members Diane Card, Carol Mitchell

Garden Show

The Peterborough Garden Show Committee is working hard to make this year's show better than ever. There are still a few booths remaining but inquiries are coming in daily and I have no doubts that all spaces will be taken. I could still use your help in finding the final few vendors. If you have any ideas for potential vendors, please contact me. Check out our website and visit it often for updates. All vendors who are registered for the 2009 show are listed there along their websites. You will be amazed at the variety of the products and services available at the show. Remember that word of mouth is still the best form of advertising so talk about your show, pick up some flyers at the March meeting, and get them out there. Niki Dufresne 295-4953

Volunteer at the Show

Please remember to sign up to volunteer at the garden show. Our volunteers make the show run efficiently and you will have a lot of fun. You can reach Etela at 749-0730 or Anne at 741-3995 to sign up. Please help out, we have a total of approximately 120 hours to be filled. The proceeds from the show keep our membership fees low, pay for the workshops, provide financial support for scholarships and various gardening projects throughout Peterborough and the surrounding areas.

New in the Library

Just in time for our upcoming flower show, we have purchased a new book entitled "Flowers Made Simple", some great ideas for flower arranging. We also have a couple of books from Lone Pine – "Ontario Wildflowers" and "Gardening Month by Month in Ontario", plus "Grow Organic", and "Bringing Nature Home", how native plants sustain wildlife in our gardens.

Don't forget to check the list of library books on our website in the resources section at www.peterboroughgardens.ca/resourceshome.htm

Bus Trip

Take a break from winter and join us for a visit to a first taste of spring. There is still space left on the bus to Canada Blooms on Thursday, March 19th. We leave from the Coach Canada yard on Webber Avenue at 8:15 a.m. sharp and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00, which includes the bus, entry into the show and the show magazine. We always have a lot of fun and judging by the additional cargo returning on the bus, there is a little 'retail therapy' taking place as well. Call or email Sally Rye at 749-6135 or kar@nexicom.net Mail any outstanding money to Sally Rye at 788 New Romaine Street, Peterborough, K9J 2E9

Workshops

There will be no workshops scheduled in April due to our Garden Show.

Upcoming Workshops:

Getting To Know Your Soil

In early May, at the Ecology Park, Cathy Dueck will provide some hands on advice about your own garden soil. Bring a sample and discover what is really there.

Flower Arranging

On Tuesday, May 26, Rachel Burrows will help us to create an arrangement, which you may enter in the flower show the following evening. Check out the yearbook (page 18) to see which of the four themes you wish to work on. There is no cost for this workshop, however you will need to choose your own container and bring your flowers. We will supply the oasis, some filler and the chuckles.

Daylilies

On Sunday, June 7th – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Gardens Plus, Dawn Tack will lead us through dividing, propagating, and growing daylilies

Future workshops will include Irises and Creating a Stained Glass Hanging using old wooden windows.

Chris Freeburn





Scholarships

Thanks to last year's fantastically successful garden show, this year the Peterborough Horticultural Society will be able to provide up to six scholarships of \$1,000 each. These scholarships are intended for students of Peterborough City or County who have been accepted at or are currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution, or a student at Trent University or Sir Sanford Fleming College who is taking courses involving horticulture, landscape design or related programmes. Past recipients have studied Landscape Architecture, Arboriculture, Viticulture, Retail Floriculture, Environmental Sciences and Turf Management to name a few. Applications can be obtained by calling Pat de Villiers at 741-1101 or on our website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca

Membership

It is time to renew your membership. Benefits of being a PHS member include informative speakers at our monthly meetings, newsletters, a yearbook, access to our great library, workshops, bus trips and other tours. And remember, for insurance purposes, you must be a Horticultural Society member in order to volunteer at the garden show. We cannot function without you. The cost is \$15.00 (individual) or \$20.00 (family). Please make your cheque payable to the Peterborough Horticultural Society. **Also note that this will be the last newsletter that will be sent directly to you if you have not renewed for 2009.**

Fleming Park

They say that spring is around the corner but with these cold temperatures that is hard to believe. However, Earth Day in April will soon be here along with clean-up day at Fleming Park. The date is Saturday, April 25. If you can spare the time please come out and help clearing winter's debris. Bring a pair of gloves, rake, pruners and/or weed buckets or wheelbarrow. We will work from 10:00 a.m. to approximately noon. A reminder will also be in April's newsletter.

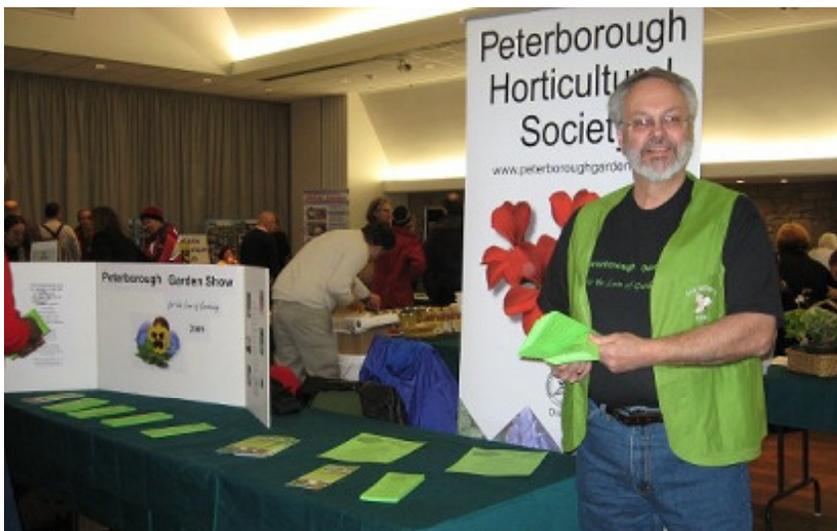
Kathy Hewitt

Trillium Newsletter On Line

The latest edition of The Trillium, the Ontario Horticulture Association newsletter, is available on our website. Take a look. There is always a lot of information from around the province. If you would like to have a copy sent directly to you, send your email address to Linda Hugli at editor@gardenontario.org.

Master Gardeners on Cogeco.

Before you leave for the March 25th meeting, set your recording devices to Cogeco's Ask the Experts programme at 8:00 p.m. Master Gardeners Norma Evans and Don Nicholson (who also happen to members of PHS) will making a presentation on Preparing the Garden for Spring as well as discussing the Garden Show. In addition, they will answer callers' gardening questions.



Get a Jump on Spring

Pictured is Gary Westlake at a PHS display promoting the Garden Show on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. There were a large number of societies and groups at the event. Most have regular meetings, special events, newsletters and plant sales. Many of these groups are listed on our website.





Norwood

Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norwood Legion – Hazel and Joe Cook – Peonies

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Monday, March 16 at Trinity United Church – fellowship time from 7 to 7:30. Meeting begins at 7:30. Scott Rickard – Bonsai and Eileen MacCormick, *Kawartha Food Source* – How Can You Help?

OHA District 4 – Spring Get-Together

Saturday, March 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – at St. Paul's Catholic Church Hall, Reid Street, Lakefield. Everyone is welcome.

The Urban Forest Programme – Peterborough Green Up

Thursday, March 26th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Peterborough Public Library "Tree Tips from the Experts." – Bruce McGauley is back by popular demand to present a lecture on what every property owner should know about trees.

Victoria Hall Volunteers

Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Concert Hall, Victoria Hall, Cobourg – *Food, Farms and the Future...Where Do We Grow From Here* – The evening will include an information market of local food producers, door prizes and complimentary refreshments. All are welcome. Tickets, \$20.00, can be purchased from the Victoria Hall Box Office (905) 372-2210.

Lakefield

Tuesday, April 14 – at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Linda McLeod, Colour in the Garden for the Full Season

Bobcaygeon Horticultural Society

Thursday, April 16 at Knox Presbyterian Church on Joseph Street (across from Home Hardware) – Paul Zammit – Bringing Colour to Your Shade Garden. This is a fundraiser for the Society \$5.00

6th Annual Scugog Spring Garden Show

April 18th 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and April 19th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry 905-986-5330. There will be a variety of vendors, guest speakers, and a flower show.

Peterborough H.S. Plant Sale

Spring is fast approaching and we will soon be out working in our gardens. Our annual spring plant sale will be at St. Alban's Church on Monaghan Road on Saturday, May 9th. Please mark it on your calendars. Sign up at the March meeting if you are able to help either Friday evening or Saturday morning or call Pat de Villiers at 741-1101. We welcome any extra seedlings, plants and gardening magazines you can contribute. If you have extra plastic pots or garden trays, please bring them to our March meeting. Thanks to those who have already signed up at the February meeting. There will be more details about the sale in the April newsletter

This Month in the Garden – Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners

March

Visit your local greenhouse.

Order summer-flowering bulbs.

Prune summer-flowering shrubs (e.g. Hydrangea)

Plant flower and vegetable seeds indoors.

Prune grapevines.

Start summer flowers and tender perennials (tuberous begonias, cannas, callas and caladiums in pots).

Loosen packed mulch and press back frost heaved perennials.

Cut some spring flowering shrub branches for forcing inside.

Be prepared to apply dormant oil when the weather cooperates.

Have your gardening questions answered on the Master Gardener Hotline. Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca

