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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

This is one meeting you will not want to miss! Martin Galloway is a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker with an offbeat sense of humour. For three seasons, he wrote and hosted *The Secret World of Gardens*. These critically acclaimed documentaries took the viewer into an unseen world located in their backyards. Martin was also a segment presenter/writer on the Canadian television series *Harrowsmith Country Life*. On September 23rd, he will be speaking to us about 'Holes in Leaves.'

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.

## 50/50 DRAW

In June the winner of our draw was Gail Deck who won \$85.50. Other prizes included plants from Blossom Hill and Hotners. Remember that all money that is raised in this draw is used to provide prizes for the next meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

Once again, we are offering new memberships for the balance of 2009 for \$5.00. If you know of someone who would like to try out our society, bring them along and have them join for this low rate. That means that September, October and November meetings are open to them. They will be able to enjoy three great speakers, bring entries to the Fall Flower Show and join in any scheduled workshops. What a great time to meet and mingle with our fantastic gardeners!



*Martin Galloway*

## LIBRARY

Don't forget to return your library books. We have some new additions: "Practical Gardening", complete step-by-step guide to successful gardening, from designing, planning and planting, to year-round maintenance tasks; "Lilies", a guide to choosing and growing lilies; "Pots & Plants", inspired year-round ideas for your outside space

## PARKINSON SOCIETY TULIPS

This is the time to plant. Tulips will be available at our September meeting.

## FLOWER SHOW

Our second flower show takes place our October 28th meeting. Check your yearbook for the schedule and enter your late bloomers. There are also classes for vegetables and preserves. The more entries we get the better the show looks and it is lots of fun to compete with your friends. The May show was quite successful but let's make this one even better. The Flower Show Committee.

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*Ann Greer-Wootten and Inge Buchardt enjoying the Mystery Tour*

### **MYSTERY TOUR**

On Sunday, July 19th at 10:00 a.m., our group met at the Canadian Canoe Museum parking lot for a day of great gardens. First we travelled out Parkhill Road to an interesting farm on the South Stony Lake Road. The owner, Meg, grows vegetables in clean straw mulched beds. The result is minimal weeding and lots of earthworms. What an interesting concept! She also grows poppies from seed that came from Flanders. Our next stop was at a lovely garden on Clear Lake. Here we found delphiniums that reached to the sky, fabulous lilies and a punch bowl filled with lemonade. After an enjoyable lunch at The Mill restaurant in Young's Point, we traveled onto Lake Katchewanooka. Here we found a beautiful, huge garden, most of which was in dappled shade. We finished the afternoon with a stop at Griffin's with cold drinks by the pond and of course a spending spree. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all. Sally Rye

### **CONVENTION**

The 103rd Ontario Horticultural Association Convention is history but for three days Trent University was the home to more than 500 delegates and volunteers. The theme was Remember Yesterday – Protect Tomorrow. Trent University was an impressive setting for the event and the conference staff bent over backwards to make sure that everyone was taken care of. Even

the weather cooperated. Lots of activities occupied our days and nights. Speakers, workshops, adult and youth competitions, bus trips and boat tours were all included in the programme. The Youth Camp was also located nearby. The Friday night barbecue with its silent and penny auctions was also a hit. At Saturday night's Awards Banquet, Beryl Harris and Cathy Dueck received special awards.

There was a legion of volunteers who worked off-site or away from the action, setting up or taking down. Dealing with the logistics of using two areas of the campus during the weekend was a challenge but everyone pitched in and got the job done. The many volunteers who worked onsite came from societies across the district but there was an abundance of Peterborough members. Smiling faces and offers of help were always appreciated and our volunteers met challenges head on.

The organizing committee cannot thank our members enough for making this one of the most successful conventions in recent years. It reminds us all that OHA is a volunteer organization and we depend on our volunteers.

### **WANTED**

If you have any old clay pots that you don't want anymore, please contact Joe Cook, Blossom Hill Nursery, 742 -9923 [info@blossomhillnursery.com](mailto:info@blossomhillnursery.com)

### **THANK YOU**

The Donation Committee received a thank you letter from the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society's and a copy of their newsletter where they wrote: "We thank the Peterborough Horticultural Society for awarding us a grant whereby we can purchase five trees that will be dedicated to long-time volunteers who have passed on."

LAWS also notes that when the trees are actually planted they will again publish the event in their newsletter and send us a copy of it.

### **FALL PLANT SALE**

On Saturday, September 19th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., the PHS Fall Plant Sale will be held at St



Alban's Church on the corner of Monaghan Road and Cameron Street. We will not have our September meeting until after the sale so mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and see what new additions you can find for your own garden. Tell others of the great deals to be had and be sure to come early for the best selection.

Please pot up your contributions at least a few days before the sale so they will not look wilted. Mark the plants with name, shade/ sun, colour and approximate height. Be sure to mark aggressive plants. If you have extra garden ornaments, birdhouses, trellises, plaques etc that are in good condition and are no longer using, please bring them along. The church will be open for plant drop off on the Friday evening between 6 and 8 p.m. or plants can be dropped off by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the sale.

We will need volunteers again on both Friday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday morning at any time from 7:30 through until noon. Spring plant sale volunteers will be contacted by phone, but if you are able to help at any of those times, please contact Pat de Villiers at 741-1101.

### **OMEMEE GARDEN TOUR**

On Monday July 20 many of our members joined Omeme for their 6th Annual Garden Tour of Members' Gardens. We enjoyed a perfect summer evening in three wonderful gardens followed by refreshments at the home of Carol Mitchell. Thank you for inviting us Omeme.

### **TIME TO THINK ABOUT 2010**

We near the end of the calendar year and planning has begun for the 2010 year. If you have any suggestions for workshops, speakers, special events, etc. please contact one of our board members. For some of our board members, it is also the end of their term of office. At this time we are beginning our search for replacements. Consider joining the board or one of the committees. It is our hope that we have some new faces. New ideas are always welcome. Remember that PHS is only as strong as its members and we need you!

### **WORKSHOPS**

Our summer workshops included a visit on Thursday, June 11th to Inge Buchardt's garden in Millbrook. Our group of ten walked through Inge's garden and got to see many lovely irises. Inge showed us how to divide and replant and was so generous in giving us each a bunch of iris to take home with us. Thanks, Inge for sharing your garden with us!

Our second summer workshop was a garden art workshop where we applied stained glass to old wooden windows at Dianne and Gary Westlake's home, held on August 16th. We had 21 people attend. The finished windows were "amazing" with some very creative people. Everyone had a fun time! Thanks to Dianne and Gary for sharing their home and creative ideas. We had some windows left from the stained glass window workshop. If you have a use for them please contact Dawna at 749-6450 or Dianne at 742-9167

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

#### **HYDRANGEA WREATH WORKSHOP**

This workshop will be held on Sunday, September 27th, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Cathy Fraser's home in Lakefield. You will need to bring 15-20 fresh cut hydrangea flowers (cut with long stems) in a bucket of water, a good set of pruners and a metre of ribbon for a bow if you would like. There is a cost of \$5.00 for this workshop and it will cover the cost of the ring that will hold our hydrangea, which Penny, our instructor will purchase. Please contact me by email or phone if you would like to do this workshop. There will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting on the 23rd; however it would be great if we can have this one fully booked before the meeting.

#### **YOUR GARDEN TOOLS**

This workshop will show us how to clean and sharpen our garden tools as well as what the best tools are for the garden. Joe Cook will show us to clean and sharpen our pruners, shovels and other garden tools. It is set for Sunday, October 25th from 1 to 3 p.m., and will be held at Blossom Hill. The signup sheet will be available at the September general meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at 292-8485 or [bcfree@nexicom.net](mailto:bcfree@nexicom.net) Chris Freeburn



## YEARBOOK

The end of the calendar year is fast approaching and I am compiling articles to go into our 2010 yearbook. As I do each year, I am asking the membership to contribute to this yearbook. Did you try a new perennial this year, or grow something from seed or root cutting with great success? What do you think of vegetable container gardening or the hottest craze of succulents in a hanger or the upside down tomato plant? If you have a great gardening tip, a wonderful garden tour to share or a gardening story to contribute, please type or write it up or email it to me. Don't be shy; let us know what you are passionate about! Chris Freeburn

## COMING EVENTS

### PHS FALL PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 19 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at St Alban's Church

### PHS BUS TRIP

Sunday, September 20 – Visit three gardens in Etobicoke including Paul Zammit's garden and the Toronto Botanical Garden. Brown Bag Lunch. Cost \$50.00. Contact Sally Rye at 749-6135 to sign up or for more information. There are only a few seats left.

## NORWOOD

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

## OMEMEE

Monday, September 21 at Christ Church Anglican – Pot Luck Supper to Celebrate our 70th Anniversary – Social at 6:00 followed by Dinner at 6:30. Bring your favourite dish, as well as your plate, mug and cutlery. Spouses and guests are welcome. After Dinner Speaker: Barbara Karthein "Butterflies & Caterpillars"

## MILLBROOK

Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook – Gary and Dianne Westlake – Tiptoe Through the Tulips – \$2:00 admission at the door. Contact Wendy 944-8912 or Joan 799-5378 for more information.

## LAKEFIELD

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre – Mike & Susan Dolbey, Propagating from Seeds

## *THIS MONTH IN THE GARDEN – PETERBOROUGH & AREA MASTER GARDENERS*

### SEPTEMBER

- . Bring in houseplants before it gets too cold.
- . Take cuttings from geraniums and coleus.
- . Renovate perennial border or divide perennials. .
- . Divide and move peonies and oriental poppies.
- . Plant spring-flowering bulbs.
- . Prepare and seed new lawns.
- . Plant new shrubs and evergreens.
- . Fertilize and aerate lawns as required.