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**Jill Cockerell** is a Chartered Herbalist and owner of Franklin Farm Herbals. She has a diploma from Dominion Herbal College and has taken courses at the Ontario College of Naturopathic Medicine. Over 100 herbs are grown on the farm and many are dried, infused in oil or vinegar or made into teas.



Goat milk soaps, handmade creams and ointments as well as over 30 varieties of jams, jellies, relishes, pickles and salsas are made in the farm kitchen. Jill is available for group talks on a variety of herbal topics or demonstrations of various processing techniques - "Show Me's".

## Hunter Street Bridge Mural Project Tour: 6:15pm Wednesday September 28 (before the meeting)

Artspace's latest instalment of the Hunter Street Bridge Mural Project was unveiled September 1. Based on the often overlooked bloodroot, the mural was inspired by myrmecochory propagation and designed and executed by Jill Staton of Edmonton Alberta.

**Dayle Finlay** will be giving those interested a tour and answering general questions. Meet at the Lions Centre at 6:15pm. It's a very short walk. For more information, please visit [www.artspace-arc.org/the-hunter-street-bridge-mural-project-2016](http://www.artspace-arc.org/the-hunter-street-bridge-mural-project-2016)



**President's Message:** Welcome back after a hot, dry summer. We've got a great lineup of speakers for the fall, and interesting topics to suit everyone. Our speaker this month began as a "DIY in the Garden" speaker, but graciously stepped up to being the main speaker when a couple of DIY folks could no longer present. Thanks, Jill! We're looking forward to hearing from her. There will be 2 DIY speakers as well – Calvin Stillman will present his "glass art" and let us know about the steps involved in its construction, and lastly, the formidable duo of Pat de Villiers and Claire Sullivan will talk about drying fruits and vegetables for winter snacks. Sounds like an action-packed evening which I will unfortunately miss – but don't feel too badly for me as I'm finally taking some holidays and will return refreshed for the October meeting. At this time, I'd like to thank outgoing Board Secretary Carol Bulmer for her efforts over the last year, and to welcome Jen Bird, our new Board Secretary!

❖ MJ Pilgrim

**The Trillium:** Malcolm Geast has volunteered to take over the position of editor of the Trillium. Please send your stories to [editor@gardenontario.org](mailto:editor@gardenontario.org). The Fall Trillium is available on the OHA website at [http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium\\_news\\_2016-03\\_fall.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2016-03_fall.pdf)

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

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**Scholarship Applications:** Scholarship Applications are Due September 30! With the proceeds of the Garden Show, we are proud to offer scholarships to qualifying students who are studying horticulture or horticulture-related fields. Up to five scholarships of \$1,000 each are presented annually. **ELIGIBILITY:** an applicant must meet one of the following two criteria: any local student who has been accepted by a Canadian post-secondary institution into any year of a horticultural, landscape design, or other related program OR any Canadian student who has been accepted by either Trent University or Fleming College into any year of a horticultural, landscape design, or other related program For application instructions, please see [www.peterboroughhort.com](http://www.peterboroughhort.com) (Grants & Scholarships).



❖ **Donna O'Brien, Diane Raper**

**Community Beautification Grants:** The Beautification Grants Committee visited 8 of the recipient's gardens over the summer and got to see how well our donations were being used. Great stuff! We have received 2 thank you notes from our 2016 recipients - one from Kawartha Environment Centre and one from Keith Wightman School who appreciated our support. Don't forget to read their newsy notes and see the photos during our next meeting at the "thank-you" board area. Remember this was money that was shared with our community and "earned" by you - our volunteers from the previous years' garden show (2015). As a committee, we welcome Carol Bulmer to our team for the 2016-17 year. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions regarding our work as a committee.

❖ **Chris Freeburn, Carol Bulmer & Pat Lounsbury (Chair)**

**Flower Show:** Remember September's Flower Show is on the 28th at our general meeting. For those of you who were feeling enthused about showing your flowers after Toni's presentation in May, we look forward to seeing you take part. And of course, for those who have taken part on a regular basis, please take part again.

We look forward to seeing all participants between 6:15 and 6:45. Judging will begin at 6:45. Please have flowers and completed entry cards in place before judging begins. Check your Hort. Society calendar for which flowers are being judged for this show.

❖ **Shaun Pyper**

## Highway of Heroes

The OHA Board & Executive put forth an incredible team effort this year to solicit donations from individual members, Societies and Districts to support the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute along the 401 Highway to honour Canada's fallen soldiers. A cheque in the amount of **\$27,337.25** was presented to Scott Bryk, Executive Director and Mark Cullen, Board Chair at our Convention. Don't you love being a member of the OHA! Wow.

**50/50 Draw:** The demise of the 50/50 draw... We're sad to say that we are going to have to disband the popular 50/50 draw due to legalities. Unless we purchase a gaming licence, keep meticulous records and a separate bank account for this draw, we are in contravention of the gaming laws for the City of Peterborough. We've brainstormed and have come up with what we think will be a great solution, though:

- when you wear your name-tag to a meeting, you will receive a draw ballot
- when you renew your membership, you will receive a draw ballot
- when you bring a friend, you will receive a draw ballot
- additional ballots can be purchased at the meeting: 1 Ballot = \$2, 3 Ballots = \$5

We will still have amazing prizes, but they will now be called "door prizes" instead of 50/50 prizes. For September, October and November, there will be a 2017 PHS membership as a prize. That should keep the bureaucrats happy!

**Library Update:** We're open for business. Here are three of our newest additions:

Five Plant Gardens: 52 Ways to Grow a Perennial Garden with Just 5 Plants – Nancy J. Ondra

With literally hundreds of choices, it can be overwhelming to decide which perennials to plant in your garden. Nancy J. Ondra takes the stressful guesswork out of perennial garden planning by offering 52 vibrant designs, each made up of only five plants. Ondra tailors each simple design to a specific set of growing conditions, with plenty of tips to help your planting mature.

The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden - choose from 62 garden plans, designed to fill a 10 x 14-foot space. Plans for sun, shade and an array of different moods & colour schemes.

Epic Tomatoes: How to Select and Grow the Best Varieties of All Time - everything a tomato enthusiast needs to know about growing more than 200 varieties of tomatoes, from planting to cultivating and collecting seeds at the end of the season. Also a comprehensive guide to various pests and tomato diseases, explaining how best to avoid them.

❖ **Pauline Drake**

**Membership Pins:** According to our records, the following members have qualified for 15 and 20 year pins. CONGRATULATIONS! We'd like to present these pins at our October general meeting. If you believe that you may also qualify, please do let MJ know because we would not want to miss anyone!

**15 year pins**

Anne Milne	Gladys Fowler
Chris Tewsley	Karen Fisher
Dawna Rhodenhizer	Louise Gilbertson
Elizabeth Williams	Maura & Ed
Etela Vojnic	and Jonathan Holek

**20 year pins**

Betty Hinton	Julia Burch
Chris Freeburn	Pat Lounsbury
Elaine Goselin	Pat McAllister
Joanna Primavesi	
Joe & Hazel and Amy Cook	



**Fleming Park:** It was a hard summer due to the drought, but the dedicated team have done a super job. Besides our usual Wednesday mornings we were there with our hoses keeping the plants alive! New plants have been added and we re-designed some areas. A send-off dinner with a gift was held for Norma Gorling. She is moving to Ottawa with her husband. We will miss her so much. If she joins a Hort. society in Ottawa, they will be gaining a valuable member.

❖ **Annie English**

## 2017 Tentative Speaker List:

	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 25, 2017	<b>Marcy Adzich, Greenup</b>	Edible Urban Ecology: food forests and beekeeping in our urban community
February 22, 2017	<b>Robbie Preston</b>	Victory Gardens to the Present
March 22, 2017	<b>Gladys Fowler</b>	Square Foot Gardening
April 26, 2017	<b>James/Audrey Potts</b>	Growing Berries: Haskap and other small fruit
May 24, 2017	<b>Sean James, Fern Ridge Gardens</b>	Garden Trends for 2017
June 28, 2017	<b>David Hobson</b>	Tips and Tricks for Waterwise gardening
September 27, 2017	<b>Leslie Abram, Photographer</b>	Secret lives of small creatures in your garden
October 25, 2017	<b>Jacob Rodenburg</b>	Pathway to Stewardship – How Camp Kawartha is Teaching Children about the Environment
November 22, 2017	<b>Marg Burley</b>	Houseplants: Orchids & Beyond

## Upcoming Events & Plant Sales:

**Plant Sale:** September 18th 1pm-4pm -- **Burley's Gardens** will be hosting a PLANT SALE for the 1st. Omeme Scouts, to help them raise funds so they can go to the National Scout Jamboree at Camp Nedooae, Elderbank, Nova Scotia July 2017. There will be a wonderful selection of perennials and shrubs and tropical and indoor plants. If you know of anyone who would like to donate plants please let Burley's know – [info@burleys.ca](mailto:info@burleys.ca)

**Plant Sale: Millbrook Garden Club** Sunday September 25th from 10am to 1pm at the Old Millbrook School Grounds (now Library). It's in conjunction with the Farmer's Market.

**Plant Sale: Hutchison House** is having a Fall Plant Sale Saturday, September 17th, 9-11 am. Donations of perennials, house plants and or garden items can be delivered to Hutchison House, 270 Brock St. between Sept. 13 & 15 as they will be pricing on Friday, Sept 16.

**Quinte Botanical Gardens coming to eastern Ontario!** A new botanical garden is coming to southeastern Ontario in spring 2017. Quinte Botanical Gardens is being developed at a six-acre site in Frankford, Ont. After 10 years of planning, work started in spring 2016. The garden is located 15 minutes from the Canadian Forces base in Trenton. There are 41 businesses sponsoring portions of the gardens either with labour or materials, 15 volunteers and nine tourism organizations involved. The garden will include various themes, including a formal rose garden, an English garden, an edible garden and an interactive senior's garden with raised beds encouraging gentle participation.

## Best Practices for Harvesting and Cleaning Seed Workshop

Monday September 26, | Campbellcroft (near Millbrook) | 9AM-12PM | \$20

**Did You Know?**  
**Burley's Gardens**  
 offers a 10%  
 discount to PHS  
 members on  
 most purchases!

On September 26th, join us for a workshop at Urban Harvest for the opportunity to learn seed-harvesting and cleaning techniques from Urban Harvest owner and experienced seed-saver, Collette Murphy, and Jill Bishop from Urban Tomato. Urban Harvest has been harvesting and selling seed for nearly 20 years and offers over 100 kinds of seed! For more information and to register visit [www.kawarthaseedsaving.eventbrite.ca](http://www.kawarthaseedsaving.eventbrite.ca). or email [info@farmsatwork.ca](mailto:info@farmsatwork.ca)

**NOTE:** Calvin Stillman is going to be attending this event, and could offer carpooling with 5-6 others. Please contact Calvin (or MJ) if you are interested.

Join the Millbrook & Area Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5th. Darren Heimbecker is the owner of **Whistling Gardens** in Wilsonville, near Brantford, ON. Darren is a part-time musician but was obsessed with plants since the age of 2 when he was influenced by his grandparents. He had a desire to buy a piece of property and turn it into a Botanical Garden. His neighbours thought he was 'mad!' They have since been voted one of Canada's best Botanical Gardens and this is quite an accomplishment considering they didn't open until 2012. The gardens encompass 20 acres with over 4,000 different plants. He has the largest collection of evergreens in the world; about 2,000 varieties and he has nearly a thousand different varieties of peonies. This promises to be a very enjoyable evening and a real bargain at \$2.00.

**From plants that wake when others sleep,  
from timid jasmine buds that keep their  
odour to themselves all day, but when the  
sunlight dies away let the delicious secret  
out to every breeze that roams about.**

~Thomas Moore

O.H.A.  
**DISTRICT 4**  
SPEAKER:  
Anna Mizyn  
"Winter Hardy Cacti  
& Succulents"  
**FALL  
SEMINAR**  
**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 29, 2016**  
**Theme: "The Witchin' Hour"**  
LOCATION: Dunsford Community Centre, 26 Community Centre Rd.  
9:00 a.m. - check in, refreshments, set up displays & competitions  
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. meeting

## Did you know?

- It can take a minimum of 500 years to make one inch of topsoil.
- You can't see them with the naked eye, but billions of bacteria live in each square yard of dirt. Many help keep the soil healthy and balanced by regulating pH or degrading organic matter.
- Most of the earthworms that live in our dirt are non-native. If native earthworms existed before the last Ice Age, some ten thousand years ago, we haven't found signs of them.
- As earthworms plow through the dirt, they push the soil around and actually eat some of it. Their castings—the stuff they put out—help improve garden soils.

