

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Wednesday, November 25, 2015 7:00 pm

At our November meeting we will get into the Christmas Spirit early, and continue our tradition of donating to some special people. Please bring in non-perishable items to be donated to the Kawartha Food Share. Also, bring in mittens, scarves and hats that always warm up the spirits of the residents of Crossroads Women's Shelter.



As in past years, our members bring in their special Christmas baking that we can enjoy along with our tea and coffee. Any goodies left at the end of the night are delivered to the Brock Mission.

## This month's Speaker: Elyn Saar-Green of Greenhouse on the River

Elyn Saar-Green grew up in Toronto and studied at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. She has co-owned Greenhouse on the River just south of Lakefield with her husband Peter Green for 27 years. Greenhouse on the River won the 2015 County of Peterborough Recognition Award for Business Leadership and Entrepreneurial Innovation. They specialize in "plants that work". They are the largest grower of annuals and perennials in the area.



Elyn is ever helpful and friendly in her coveralls, white shirt and hat. She knows almost everyone who comes in to Greenhouse (mostly by name) and if she doesn't know you when you come in, she'll know you by the time you leave. Elyn will be speaking to us about Winter Flower Arrangements and will have lots of ideas to share. She's going to be looking for some audience participation, so get your hands ready!

## Fleming Park Tulip Planting

On Saturday October 31, we were blessed with sunshine and warm temperatures as approximately 60 members turned out to plant 700 tulips. Next May we will be seeing solid red and white tulips throughout our park.

We invited Mayor Bennett to the ceremony along with two veterans from World War Two. There were also a few Brownies and Guides from St. Anne's School helping. Thank you everyone!

❖ **Annie English**



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

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## OHA

The Fall 2015 edition of the Trillium Newsletter can be found on the front page of [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org). It's full of information from other Horticultural Societies in Ontario.

### President's Message

November's meeting will be a busy one, with a great speaker/demonstrator, our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and scholarship presentations to hopefully 3 of the 4 deserving students.

Also at the November meeting, there will be several changes to the PHS Board of Directors.

**Tammy Gibson**, a very busy lady who compiled our newsletter for several years, purchased "Custom Copy" last year. She realized that she needed to spend more time growing her business and decided to step down from the Board earlier this year. When asked what she would miss most about the PHS, she lamented about the Board Potluck in December! We do have fun together, and it's certainly not all work.

**Monica White** - we see her at Membership sign up, but she is busy behind the scenes throughout the year keeping track of membership and contact information. She let us know a few months ago that she would be stepping down from the board in January after many years of faithful service. We will all miss her smiling face at the registration table.

**Gail Trotter** has been faithful at running the Hospitality table with Annie English. She's on the sunshine committee and is a willing volunteer. For family reasons, she too will be stepping down from the Board at present and will be missed.

I wish to give a huge thank you to the remaining Board Members who have and continue to do so much towards the smooth running of our Society:

**Claire Sullivan**, our hard working, efficient Treasurer. You have no idea the countless hours Claire puts in to keep our finances organized, a challenging undertaking with the scope of the Garden Show.

**Carol Bulmer** is the Board Secretary and is now the brains behind the compilation of the newsletter each month. She's an organized, competent, friendly addition to the Board and has served in this capacity for the past year.

**Pat deVilliers** is our past president and has been a great help to me when I needed direction or a listening ear. She has a positive, "can-do" attitude and is always willing to pitch in when something needs to be done.

**Pat Lounsbury** is another long-time Board Member and Vice-President! Pat is also head of the Beautification Grants but is always willing to take on other tasks. She gets things done.

**Pauline Drake** is one of our long-serving Board Members giving us perspective and sound advice on the Board. She is in charge of both publicity and the Library.

**Anita Clifford** is our Spring Plant Sale organizer and also involved with the Spring and Fall Flower Shows. She is extremely organized, and the PHS is a definite beneficiary.

**Annie English** -- we see and appreciate Annie at the monthly meetings on the Hospitality table, but she is also head of the Fleming Park Committee and with her loyal team is at Fleming Park every Wednesday morning throughout the growing season.

As our last meeting of the year, I would like to thank not only Annie English, Gail Trotter and Donna O'Brien who always make our hospitality table so delicious and inviting, but all our members who bring samples of their home baking to make this a festive treat! Thanks too to those who contribute food bank donations and items for the mitten tree. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

## October 50/50

Congratulations to Karen Strano for winning the 50/50 draw totalling \$69.00. Other prizes included indoor plants.

**Betty O'Toole and Margi Leeking**

## AGM – November 25, 2015

For the purpose of keeping our AGM as brief as possible, we are attaching a couple of items to this newsletter that have to be approved by the membership at the AGM. We ask that you read these to be informed ahead of time as they will not be read at the meeting.

- 1) Minutes of previous AGM from November 2014
- 2) Treasurer's Annual Report: a copy of the Auditors' Report for 2014 will be available at the Library desk for anyone interested. The 2015 Auditors' Report is with the accountant now and is in the process of being completed. It can be accessed at the Library area once complete.

## Membership

The 2016 renewal registration is attached.

❖ **Membership: Monica White**

## Beautification Grants

Please remember to have a look at the **'Thank You'** board and see the latest thank you notes from some of our recipients for the 2014/15 year. There are also many pictures of their projects that they share with us, and I try to put up a variety of them so that you can see where some of our Garden Show surplus dollars go!! MJ will be putting some on the screen so take note – there may be one that is close to where you live or some people that you know that were involved in creating.

This month we received thank you notes from the Omeme Horticultural Society and St. Alphonsus Catholic Elementary School in Peterborough.

❖ **Pat Lounsbury, Chair of Community Beautification Grants**

## Did you Know?

- **That some of your favorite fruits are actually in the rose family?**  
Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, raspberries, strawberries, and more are *rosaceae*, making them cousins to the long-stemmed Valentine's Day variety.
- **That there are more microorganisms in one teaspoon of soil than there are people on earth.**  
It's aliiiiive! OK, in all seriousness, that fact might make you itchy, but microbes are important for keeping your soil full of nutrients.

## September 2015 Flower Show Results

### Specimens

Aster/Chrysanthemums	Marigolds	Cosmos	Dahlia 4 Inch +	Dahlia 4 Inch
1 <sup>st</sup> S. Pyper	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Stillman	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Stillman	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford
2 <sup>nd</sup> K. Hewitt	2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford		2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Viscoff	
			3 <sup>rd</sup> S. Provost	
Zinnia	Hydrangea	Ornamental Grasses	Single Rose	Rose Spray
1 <sup>st</sup> C. Stillman	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> G. Fowler	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Viscoff	1 <sup>st</sup> S. Pyper
2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford	2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Stillman	2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Freeburn	2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Bird	2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Bird
	3 <sup>rd</sup> M. DeMaria	3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Hewitt	3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Hewitt	3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Viscoff
Floating Bloom in Bowl	Anemone	Any Other Annual	Any Other Perennial	Sedum
1 <sup>st</sup> C. Stillman	1 <sup>st</sup> G. Fowler	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Viscoff	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> K. Hewitt
2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford	2 <sup>nd</sup> C. Stillman	2 <sup>nd</sup> G. Deck	2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Pyper	2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Pyper
3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Hewitt	3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Hewitt	3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Freeburn	3 <sup>rd</sup> N. Evans	3 <sup>rd</sup> A. Clifford
Stem with Berries	Assorted Cut Flowers			
1 <sup>st</sup> M. Doyle	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Viscoff			
2 <sup>nd</sup> G. Deck	2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford			
3 <sup>rd</sup> K. Hewitt	3 <sup>rd</sup> G. Deck			

### Design

Dried Arrangement	Arrangement in a Gourd	Branching Out	Vertical Design
1 <sup>st</sup> S. Pyper	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Freeburn
	2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Pyper	2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Pyper	2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford
	3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Freeburn		
Best in Show	A. Clifford, Dahlia	Judge's Choice	C. Freeburn, Vertical Design

## The October Show – Preserves, Pumpkins and Photography

We had 10 entries in the Preserve category and 40 entries in Photography. Thanks to all who participated. Great show!

### PRESERVES

Chili Sauce	Fruit Jam / Jelly	Relish
1 <sup>st</sup> A. English	1 <sup>st</sup> H. Grassie	1 <sup>st</sup> S. Rye
2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Bird	2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Rye	2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Bird
3 <sup>rd</sup> H. Grassie	3 <sup>rd</sup> G. Fowler	

### PHOTOGRAPHY

As the Sun Goes Down	Best Summer/Fall Bloom	Picture Perfect Day Clouds	Don't Bug Me
1 <sup>st</sup> J. Bird	1 <sup>st</sup> G. Fowler	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Viscoff	1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford
2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford	2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Clifford	2 <sup>nd</sup> E. Murphy	2 <sup>nd</sup> D. Finly
3 <sup>rd</sup> E. Murphy	3 <sup>rd</sup> E. Murphy	3 <sup>rd</sup> J. Bird	3 <sup>rd</sup> E. Murphy / J. Bird
Harvest Delight	Sunnyside Up	<b>CARVED PUMPKIN:</b> Winners: MJ Pilgrim & Claire Sullivan	
1 <sup>st</sup> A. Clifford	1 <sup>st</sup> F. Doris		
2 <sup>nd</sup> S. Pyper	2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Bird		
3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Viscoff	3 <sup>rd</sup> C. Viscoff		

❖ Flower Show Committee: Shaun Pyper, Anita Clifford, Calvin Stillman, Kathy Hewitt

## 2015 Scholarships!

At our November meeting, we will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to these deserving students:



**Sage Fleming** is currently enrolled in a Masters' degree in Environmental and Life Sciences in the Conservation Biology program at Trent University. While studying at Guelph, Sage worked at the Guelph Arboretum where she became interested in native tree species conservation, particularly research with Dutch Elm Disease. She has also researched the endangered Eastern Flowering Dogwood. Locally, Sage stays active in community events, volunteers at Greenup, assists with plant sales at Ecology Park, and has worked at the Trent Community Garden. She has taken part in the local survey to assess the number of Ash trees in the city. A few years ago, she painted faces at the Children's Garden at the Garden Show. In the future she hopes to continue in the field of native plant conservation and/or tree disease research.

**Meghan Forget** is currently studying full-time at Trent University, finishing her second year credits in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems. Before that, she studied part-time in Agriculture and was a stay-at-home mother to her three and seven year old children. She has had a life-long interest and experience in gardening, stemming from when she was a child in Vancouver growing fruit, vegetables, chickens, and bees. She has traveled to many countries working and learning various agriculture methods. Today, she lives and gardens in our area, trying out new methods of sustainability with her equally horticulturally inclined Arborist husband, Brendan. Meghan participates in school and community-based projects through the Trent Sustainable Agriculture and Food System Society. She plans to create a landscaping company specializing in sustainable gardening, permaculture design, and integrated pest management.

**Matthew Zantingh** is currently in his 4th year of Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems at Trent. He has traveled and worked extensively in developing countries fueling a desire to help the less fortunate, think creatively about how we grow, produce and consume food in Canada, and how we can do it better. He also became concerned with practices and injustices present in our food system today. His knowledge and passion for bees has resulted in expanding beekeeping endeavors, growing his hives from 2 to 55 in the past four years. Matthew's career plans are focused on becoming a market gardener, perhaps with the Community Supported Agriculture model. He and his wife want to work towards a food system that will provide healthy food for all -- today and in the future.

**Naomi Burns** grew up in Cavan and attended Crestwood secondary school. She now attends McGill University in her 4th year of a Bachelor of Arts and Science Honours degree in Environment and minoring in Geography of Urban Systems. She is currently investigating the motivations and barriers to sustainable building in Canada. She is interested in new designs that focus on horticulture and our environment, such as, green walls and rooftop gardens contributing to clean air, insulation, and water management. Her career goal is to return to our community and to draw on our cultural and horticultural heritage, creating livable and workable structures that integrate beautiful and sustainable plant life.

We have also recently awarded \$100 scholarships to two deserving high school students in our area:

Kenner -- Madge Harris Award: Emily Robinson  
TASS -- Olive Isaac Award: Heaven Jennings-Smit

❖ **Scholarships Committee: Julie Burch, Karen Strano, Monica White, MJ Pilgrim**

## Upcoming Events

**November 6 – 15: Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Exhibition Place, Toronto**

**November 21: Deadline for OHA Trillium Winter issue "Vegetable Gardening" them; send to [editor@gardenontario.org](mailto:editor@gardenontario.org)**

**There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.**

**Mirabel Osler**

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## Membership 2016

New Membership  Renewal  Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

Single @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Family @ \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

- Please indicate if you wish your yearbook (and nametag) to be mailed to you.  
If so, please include \$5.00 to cover cost of postage.
- In accordance with the anti-spam law, please check your consent for the receipt of emails for PHS related information to the email listed or on file. Please add **ptbohortsoc@gmail.com** to your safe list.

Please print.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of members who are included in the Family Membership.

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**Please make cheques payable to: Peterborough Horticultural Society. Do not send cash in the mail.**

Tell us a little bit about yourself! There are many ways you can participate within the PHS. Circle all interests.

**Regular Committee:** Board of Directors    Archives    Bus Trips    District and OHA    Scholarships    Grants  
Fleming Park    Flower Shows    Hospitality    50/50    Library  
Membership    Newsletter    Nominating    Program    Public Relations  
Website    Yearbook    Twitter    Facebook    Computer Skills  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plant Sale:** Friday: Set-Up, Pricing and Organizing Plants.    Saturday: Overseeing the Sale of Plants. Clean up.

**Garden Show:** Set up (April 7/8)    Tear down (April 10)    Muscle    Trucks    Greeters  
Children's Garden    Admission Ticket    Committee    Cash Room



**Minutes for the Peterborough Horticultural Society  
Annual General Meeting November 26, 2014  
Peterborough Public Library**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Pat de Villiers.

**2. Scholarships:** Scholarships were awarded to four students: Adam Wood; Monica Fromberger; Jonathan Duffy; and, Michael Marcucci. The Madge Harris award went to Nathan Lew and the Olive Isaac Award to Victoria Collins.

**3. Peterborough Garden Show:** An Update was given by Cauleen Viscoff on the Peterborough Garden Show

**4. Approvals: Minutes of 2013 AGM** were moved by Marie Doyle and seconded by Gail Trotter to be approved -motion carried; **Treasurer's report** was moved by Claire Sullivan to be approved and seconded by Joan Harding to be approved – motion carried; **President's annual report** was moved by Pat Freistatter to be approved and seconded by Carol Bulmer to be approved – motion carried; **The actions of the Board of Directors** during the year 2014 were moved by Marie Doyle to be approved and seconded by Norma Evans – motion carried.

**5. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:** Appreciation was expressed for the contributions made by outgoing Board members Toni Lapointe, Anne Milne and Pat Freistatter for their significant contributions to the PHS Board's work.

**6. Presentation of Officers nominated for the Peterborough Horticultural Society 2015 Board:**

Dianne Westlake from the Ontario Horticultural Association presented the Officers nominated for the PHS for 2014 and called for further nominations. The nominations were as follows:

- PRESIDENT – MJ Pilgrim
- FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Pat Lounsbury
- *SECRETARY\** – Carol Bulmer
- *TREASURER\** - Claire Sullivan
- PAST PRESIDENT – Pat de Villiers

**ONE YEAR DIRECTORS**

- Pauline Drake, Tammy Gibson, Gail Trotter

**TWO YEAR DIRECTORS**

- Anita Clifford, Anne English, Monica White

As no further nominations came forward, the nominated officers were proclaimed as the officers to the 2014 Peterborough Horticultural Society Board.

*\*The Secretary & Treasurer positions are appointed positions. The appointments will take place at the PHS Jan. 2015 meeting.*

**7. Speaker:** Rachel Burrows made an informative presentation on indoor decorating ideas for Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

**Grants, Scholarships and Awards given by the P. H. S. - 2002 to 2015\***

<b><u>Community Grants</u></b>		<b><u>Scholarships and Awards and Bursaries</u></b>	
2002	\$ 850.00	2002	\$ 4000.00
2003	5000.00	2003	3000.00
2004	4265.00	2004	1000.00
2005	3383.00	2005	4000.00
2006	4125.00	2006	2200.00
2007	5992.00	2007	1000.00
2008	10010.00	2008	6200.00
2009	5000.00	2009	15700.00+
2010	9536.00	2010	6200.00
2011	10582.00	2011	16700.00+
2012	6100.00	2012	4200.00
2013	7247.20	2013	4200.00
2014	4500.00	2014	4200.00
2015	4000.00	2015	4200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,590.20</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$76,800.00</b>
<b><u>Fleming Park</u></b>		<b><u>+Bursaries</u></b>	
2002 – 08	\$9539.00	<b>Trent University</b>	12,500.00
2009	925.00	<b>Fleming College</b>	12,500.00
2010	607.00	<p>The two bursaries were a one-time contribution by the Peterborough Horticultural Society, matched 100% by a government program making them worth \$25,000 each. These funds, meant to last in perpetuity, pay out accumulated interest only to qualifying students annually.</p>	
2011	600.00		
2012	389.38		
2013	581.69		
2014	141.58		
2015	670.84		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,454.49</b>		

**Total Community Grants, Fleming Park and Scholarships since 2002 - \$170,844.69**

\* P. H. S. Fiscal year is September 1st – August 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Peterborough Horticultural Society is a charitable organization.  
 Registration Number: 89205 8744 RR 0001



**Peterborough Horticultural Society - Actual vs. Budget  
Sept 1st, 2014 - Aug 31st, 2015**

	<b>2014-15 Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
TRANSFERS FROM INVESTMENTS	\$ 20,000
DONATIONS	\$ -
MISC. AMOUNT	\$ 400
OMAFRA GRANT	\$ 1,500
MEMBERSHIP FEES	\$ 3,763
GIC & INT REDEEMED	\$ 2,998
HST REFUND O/S	\$ -
LIBRARY FINES	\$ 10
PLANT SALES	\$ 1,422
FLOATS RETURNED	\$ 300
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 30,392</b>

<b>Account Balances as of August 31/15</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 4,640.02
Savings Account	\$ 5,881.71
Investment Account	\$ 10,964.25

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2014-15 Actual</b>
H. S. T.	\$ 559
FLOWER SHOWS	\$ 464
GENERAL ADMIN	\$ 1,410
LIBRARY	\$ 230
MEETING ROOM	\$ 631
NEWSLETTER & POSTAGE	\$ -
SPEAKERS	\$ 1,163
YEARBOOK & RACK CARDS	\$ 569
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION	\$ 274
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	\$ 4,200
COMMUNITY GRANTS	\$ 4,000
AUDIT FEES	\$ -
BANK CHARGES	\$ -
FLEMING PARK	\$ 671
HONORARIUMS	\$ 800
OHA Convention	\$ 565
OHA Luncheons	\$ 27
OHA Fees	\$ 1,346
PLANT SALES	\$ 207
FLOATS	\$ 300
HST to Rev Can	\$ 10,824
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,240</b>

<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,152</b>
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