

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Sean James of Fern Ridge Landscaping – “Working with Nature”



Sean has been gardening professionally since he was sixteen and speaking to horticultural societies since 1991 when he graduated from the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. He runs his own landscaping business, Fern Ridge Landscaping & Eco-consulting, and is a 2X past president of the Milton & District Horticultural Society. He designed the sustainable Anderson Parkette in Oakville and several other landmark gardens. He also writes eco-gardening columns for a local magazine, Niagara Escarpment Views, a national column in Landscape Trades on Eco-landscaping for professionals and in the global digital newsletter for the Perennial Plant Association. He's also a Master Gardener.

Sean grew up surrounded by nature, near Crawford Lake in Campbellville, so it was only natural that he would choose a career like landscaping.

Sean will be speaking to us about his common sense approach to avoiding pesticides in the garden. He will address the safe use of chemicals (both natural and man-made), biological and cultural alternatives and he will discuss Integrated Pest Management. Lastly, he will discuss natural treatments for plant health problems.

## 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden Planting Date

Saturday, October 31, 10 am  
at Fleming Park (corner of Brock & Alymer)

The Peterborough Horticultural Society is the lucky recipient of one of 140, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Gardens being distributed across Canada in celebration of the first gift of 100,000 Dutch tulip bulbs sent to Canadians in 1945 as a symbol of

appreciation for the role that Canadian soldiers played in the liberation of the Netherlands and the hospitality that Canada provided to the Dutch Royal Family in Ottawa during WWII. Veterans, school children, and the public are invited to attend the planting ceremony where the story of the Dutch princess born in Ottawa during WWII and the history of the enduring friendship bond between Canada and the Netherlands will be retold so that it may live on for future generations.



**Rain Date: Sunday, November 1, 2 pm**

## Upcoming Events

October 28: PHS Fall Preserves & Photography Show at General Meeting, 7pm

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

November 21: Deadline for OHA Trillium Winter issue "Vegetable gardening theme" email: [editor@gardenontario.org](mailto:editor@gardenontario.org)



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

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## The October Show – Preserves, Pumpkins and Photography

Remember that our October show includes pumpkin carving! So, people, pick out that perfect pumpkin. All members will once again be voting for their favourite carved pumpkin. Arrive a little early so that you can vote. Photos for the October Show should be in place by 6:45pm, instead of 6:15pm. Be sure to check your yearbook for photo themes. All members, once the photo judging begins, please take your seats. Judges need their space.

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

### President's Message

Greetings! Early fall is a very brilliant time on a grand colour scale. During my lunch break, I often take a short walk through trails around Trent University where I work. I marvel again at the bright reds, oranges and yellows that I see. I always thought that it was only the cool weather that brought on this colour streak, but I learned recently that it's also the shorter days and reduction in light that has an impact on the amount of chlorophyll that the tree produces. Who knew?

On a different note, I've received a lot of positive messages about the meeting recaps that I send out shortly after the general meetings. I have to tell you that I really enjoy both writing the recaps (it prompts me to recall the new things that we're learning) and I also love to read the comments from those that could not attend for various and sundry reasons. The recaps and notes build community and the replies encourage me to know that we are on the right track! Make it a good day.

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

### September 50/50

Gail Deck was the fortunate recipient of \$92.50... congratulations, Gail! Other prizes were spring flowering bulbs and gift certificates. Thanks to Cauleen Viscoff, Carol Bulmer, and Jenni Bird for pinch-hitting this month for the coordination of this important feature of our meeting. ☺

### 2016 Speakers ~~ TENTATIVE ~~ SNEAK PEAK

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| January   | Susan Chan  | Pollinators: the Good, the Bad & the Beautiful |
| February  | Gladys Fowler                                     | Square Foot Gardening                          |
| March     | Anna Mizyn  | Cactus and Succulents                          |
| April     | Brad White  | An Eclectic English Gardener in Canada         |
| May       | Toni Sinclair                                     | About Plant Competitions                       |
| June      | Vicki Taylor Scott                                | Cheap and Cheerful Gardening                   |
| September | Gifts from the Garden Demos – we need volunteers! |  |
| October   | Gail Grainger                                     | Everything you need to know about Garlic       |
| November  | David Beresford                                   | Bugs in the Garden                             |

In September of next year, we'd like to plan a "Gifts from the Garden" evening where members and friends can show and tell about items that they make using garden ingredients. If you'd like to participate in this evening as a speaker with a 5-10 minute timeslot, please do let us know! As always, if there's a topic you'd like to hear about, or a speaker you'd like us to contact for one of our meetings, please also let us know.



### September Flower Show Results

The results of the September Flower Show will be published in the November newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Membership [now at 218 members for 2015 😊 ]

Welcome New Member: Elaine Bishop      Guests at June meeting: **1**      Guests at September meeting: **5**

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend... what fabulous weather! Unfortunately, it does mean that we are nearing the end of another year, and it is time that we start thinking about our PHS membership for next year. Our membership year follows the calendar year: January to December. However, for those wishing to get a jumpstart on 2016, we will again be offering the opportunity to renew a bit early, beginning at the October meeting or by mail. The renewal form can be found at the end of the newsletter. Memberships are: Individual, \$20 and Family, \$25. A membership would also make a great gift, especially for that hard-to-buy-for person (think Christmas). A gift that lasts a whole year!

I'd like to take this moment to remind you all that I am stepping down from Membership at the end of this year... four years has flown by. To date, no one has come forward saying that they would like to take over. Perhaps two of you would like to work on it together. It really is fun and what a way to be able to put names and faces together. I can even help you with the transition, so that you feel comfortable. Please give it some thought and consider it a way of helping and enjoying the PHS even more.

❖ **Membership: Monica White**

## Beautification Grants

A thank-you note has been received from the Ennismore District Society as well as some photographs of their group planting 7 ivory silk lilacs at their Community Centre.

Unfortunately for the Millbrook Heritage Committee, some problems occurred that prevented them from completing their 2014 project; however, the Bruce Johnston Library in Pinto's Corners was able to quickly plan for a beautification project and apply for the returned dollars. They are now our latest recipient of compost, shrubs, and mulch. Organizations are very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to oversee these many undertakings.

Please look at the **Thank You board** for the inspiring photos of people working together on two beautification projects!

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



## 2015 Scholarships!

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 four scholarships of \$1,000 each are presented annually.

The Scholarships Committee is happy to report that four very deserving students have been chosen to receive these scholarships. Watch for their names and bios in next month's newsletter!

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

**Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.**

— May Sarton

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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