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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Join us on Wednesday, September 24 when Paul Zammit will provide a lively presentation on Shade Gardens. Paul is always most energetic and this is one meeting you will not want to miss. Bring along a friend. New members who join in September will be able to do so for \$5.00 for the remainder of 2008. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. The library will be open so borrow a book and buy your 50/50 tickets. The meeting will begin at 7:30. Come out, see old friends, and meet some new ones!

Fall Plant Sale

When: Saturday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Where: St. Alban's Anglican Church, 567 Monaghan Road

If you have plants that have outgrown their space in the garden, we would really appreciate your dividing them and potting them up for the sale. Please label with name, height, light preference, colour, etc.

The church will be open on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. for plants to be dropped off. They may also be delivered early on Saturday.

This is a great time to plant perennials and shrubs. If you or your neighbours and friends are looking for hardy, inexpensive plants this is one sale you won't want to miss! Come early. Our plants sell out quickly.

June meeting

At our June meeting, we enjoyed a social evening – just a small thank you to our many volunteers who work so hard to keep our society functioning. From the Garden Show, Fleming Park, maintaining the library, providing refreshments at our meetings, and so much more, our volunteers make all the difference.

The evening started with a visit to Fleming Park, which looked glorious, and then back to the Library where we took time to socialize and enjoy the delicious offering from Sobeys. At the end of the evening, the extra food was taken to the Brock Mission. Look for some changes the format for next year.

We were pleased to welcome John Sellers, District 4 Director, who along with our own Beryl Harris, Assistant Director, presented the *Hazel Wilson Award* to Norma Evans. Norma is a member of PHS and Omemee Horticultural Society and is a Past President of Omemee. She has been a Master Gardener for twenty years, acting as the Coordinator for five years. Norma is an active supporter of the Ecology Park and periodically writes articles for the Peterborough Examiner and other publications. She was recognized by District 4 for her commitment and the work she has done over the years. Congratulations, Norma!





Summer workshop reviews

Roses: Fifteen avid rose enthusiasts met at Inge Buchardt's home on June 26th. We enjoyed a walk through Inge's gardens as she spoke to us about the care of roses and described the ones in her gardens. Many of her roses were in full bloom, so the show was magnificent. Inge also showed us how she plants a new rose. We then proceeded to the patio where we enjoyed lemonade as Inge continued to inform us about how to buy roses and then gave us a surprise quiz. Although the thunder sounded around us, we only had to make a mad dash during the quiz, to her garage where we finished up the evening with a door prize of a lovely Fairy rose won by Jean Van Dempser. Thanks Inge for welcoming us to your garden and sharing your passion for roses with us.

Clematis: On July 27th, fourteen keen clematis lovers visited Pauline Duffett's home and lovely gardens. Pauline spoke about the three types of clematis, how to prune, fertilize and care for our clematis. We had a walk through her gardens to see all her specimens and learned their names. Pauline gave us a handout with lots of great information and we enjoyed fruit punch. We had a draw for 2 clematis plants and Pauline repotted them for the lucky winners Joan Harding and Marg Hundt, showing us the proper way to plant a clematis. We had a few drops of rain during the potting demonstration, but it did not dampen our spirits. Marie sends this website along for those looking for more clematis information. <http://www.clematis.hull.ac.uk/>

Mirrors: Thirteen eager people descended on Dianne and Gary's home not knowing what to expect. As usual Dianne had a great project for us. The worktables were all set up and 15 cement balls a mountain of mirror bits were waiting for us to put our creativity to the test. With Dianne's easygoing attitude and simple approach we all dove into our project with enthusiasm. But how can we not, surrounded with great gardens, some background music, light conversation and a few "I need some more of goop" we had a ball – no pun intended. And by the end a comment by Gladys said it best "A great time was had by all".

Fall Workshops

Peony Digging & Propagation at Blossom Hill – *Sorry this workshop is overbooked at present. Those who have signed up will be contacted with time and place information.*

Putting Your Garden to Bed – Beryl Harris will take us around my own garden and suggest what should be deadheaded, divided, and dug up. She will also speak about bringing plants into the house for over-wintering. This workshop will take place on Sunday, October 5th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up sheets will be available at the September meeting.

We will be holding a Christmas Arrangement workshop in November. More information on this workshop will be available in the October newsletter.

We are already planning spring workshops and hope to do the following themes: seed catalogues, spring pruning and soil. If you have any ideas for a workshop or if you would like to lead a workshop, please see me at any meeting or phone me. Chris Freeburn 292-8485

Fleming Park

This has been a very wet summer and the flowers and weeds have done remarkably well at the park. However, we need more help. Two or three people cannot keep up with the work when it is only a couple of hours a week, especially this time of year. We meet at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday and stay approximately two hours. August and September are clean up and transplant months. There are hostas that need to be moved and perennials that need deadheading and general clearing to be done. We are adding a few more shrubs to help cut down on the flowers, which are quite demanding. If we can't get more assistance I am afraid the park will be left in the hands of the city and who knows what they will do. Come out and join us. Kathy Hewitt



FLOWER SHOWS

Beginning in 2009, the Peterborough Horticultural Society is re-introducing flower shows which will be held during the regular meeting nights. Shows will be held in May and October. The rules and regulations, classes and point system will be inserted in the 2009 Yearbook. Please consider entering any or all of the classes listed. Copies of "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards" Publication #34 will be available to borrow from the PHS Library.

We would like to encourage everyone to participate in a practice mini show at our meeting on October 22, 2008. The following is the list of classes. The preserves will be judged and therefore must meet the criteria for entering. The Specimen and Design classes will be for display only but we will have comments and suggestions to help you for the shows in 2009.

Section A: PRESERVES - must be in 250 or 500 ml. preserving jars with 2 piece lids.

Note: unsealed jars will not be judged

- Class 1. Grape Jelly
2. Raspberry Jam
3. Sweet Pickles

Section B: SPECIMEN (Cut Flowers) (must be grown by the exhibitor)

- Class 4. Any late flowering annual or perennial, 1 stem in a vase, named if possible.

Section C: FRUIT/VEGETABLE (must be grown by the exhibitor)

- Class 5. Any fruit or vegetable, named if possible
Fruit - Cluster - 1 stem; small fruit - 1/2 pint approximately; large fruit - 3 specimens.
Vegetables - small-3 specimen, large-1 specimen

Section D: DESIGN (purchased material may be used)

- Class 6. Door Swag
7. Table Arrangement

This information will be repeated in the October Newsletter. Entry tags will be available at the

September meeting. If you have any questions please, call Kathy (799-6836)

Thank You.

Flower Show Committee



New books for our Library Collection

- * Blueprints for Harmonious Gardens - how to display focal points in a pleasing location
- * For The Love of Trees - an illustrated tribute to a unique collection of trees and a beautiful historic site - Ottawa's Experimental Farm Arboretum
- * Horticultural & Floral Design - Ontario Judging & Exhibiting Standards

Communities in Bloom

Peterborough put on its best duds to welcome the Communities in Bloom judges on July 21 and 22. With all the rain we have had this year, the city was green and lush – what a difference from previous years when we have dealt with drought and the aftermath of storms that toppled trees throughout the city. On July 21, a reception was held at the Evinrude Centre where many local organizations were showcased including the PHS. One new feature of the event was a flower-arranging contest. Twelve members of City Council and the CIB Organizing Committee were given 15 minutes to create an arrangement, which included an item that might be found in a recycling bin. Beryl Harris judged the end products and everyone had a great time.

The CIB Committee has presented PHS with a plaque of appreciation.

A huge debt of appreciation goes out to Yvonne Coveney-Boyd for all the work she and her committee has done. In an extremely short period of time, you have taken us from plastic flowers to the national level of competition! On behalf of the Society, flowers were sent to Yvonne.





Convention 2008

In August, Anne Milne and Gary and Dianne Westlake traveled to Brampton for the 2008 Ontario Horticultural Association Convention. Speakers, vendors, bus trips and taking a look at the competitions filled the days and, of course there was OHA business to attend to. This was a great training ground for the members of District 4 who will be hosting the 2009 Convention, which will be held at Trent University from July 10th to 12th. More information will follow as plans are confirmed. This will be a great time to become involved and meet delegates from all over Ontario.

Coming Events

Lakefield

Tuesday, September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Lakefield Marshland Centre, Larry Gregg from Jack Lake Landscaping, Native Shrubs

Garden Tour

Saturday, September 13th – Bowmanville Horticultural Society and Community Care Durham Clarington present Fall Garden Glory – Featuring outstanding gardens, local artisans and advice from Durham Master Gardeners – Admission \$20 includes box lunch, programme booklet, map and prizes. Tickets call 905-623-2261

Omeme

Monday, September 15th – Annual Potluck Supper at Christ Church Anglican Social: 6:00 p.m., Dinner: 6:30. Bring your favourite dish, as well as a plate, mug & cutlery for yourself. Everyone is welcome. Speaker: Cathy Dueck, Peterborough Ecology Gardens “Putting Your Gardens to Bed”

Millbrook

Wednesday, October 1st – Marion Jarvie ‘Gardens For All Seasons’ – At St. Thomas Church Hall, Centre St, Millbrook at 7:30pm. \$2 Admission at the door

Ecology Park

Please note that the Fall Plant Sale has been cancelled.

District 4 Fall Seminar

Saturday, October 25 at Timberhouse Country Inn Resort Brighton
Registration: \$17.00 includes lunch. Speakers - John & Toni Murrell: Growing & Using Lavender and Don Davis: Monarch Butterfly Tagging. See Anne Milne for more details.

This Month in the Garden – September **Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners**

- 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.
- Water all shrubs and evergreens well
- Plant fall-flowering perennials.
- Order spring-flowering bulbs.

**Have your gardening questions answered – The Master Gardener hotline is open.
Call 741-4905 or visit their website at www.peterboroughgardens.ca**

