



Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm

John Statham - "*Perennial Grasses*"

John Statham is the owner and operator of his own garden centre, 'John's Garden' in Uxbridge, Ontario. His garden centre is located at his home so his commute consists of grabbing a coffee and walking out the door! It is set in the middle of a pine forest, with shade plants under the pines and the sun plants in what used to be the paddocks. The old horse barn is used to house pots, bulbs and other various items.

John started up his own garden centre after working at Sheridan Nurseries for a few years. As his business continues to grow it's not unusual to have customers who have driven more than an hour to come see him. John's plant selection has increased substantially and now includes collections of Hostas (400 varieties), Daylilies (140 varieties) Heuchera, Ornamental Grasses (one of his loves), Echinacea, Peonies (especially Itoh peonies), Hydrangea, and Clematis (which has grown to over 100 varieties) and unusual Conifers.



In his spare time John writes a column for one his local papers, "Can You Dig It?"

President's Message

And what a great day it was! If you missed the plant sale on May 9th, we also missed you. It was a great time of chatter, knowledge-sharing, knowledge-building and camaraderie. I'm working at learning everyone's names, but may need your patience as I try -- there are a LOT of you!

Like many of you, SPRING is my absolute favourite time of year. I wander my gardens daily, getting reacquainted with amazing plants that are emerging quickly -- literally sometimes overnight. I'm a plant collector, like many of you. Not of one particular type of plant, but many kinds -- hosta, daylily hybrids, coneflowers, arisaema, ferns, primula, hellebore, sempervivum, sedums of all types. I'm even trying out non-hardy bulbs -- but no matter how I try, I'm just not a seed-kind-a-person. Must take a special personality that involves patience of some sort?

The coolest plants that I have in my garden right now are a yellow lady's slipper, allium "Hair" (Google it!), and "Doll's Eyes" (*Actaea Pachypoda*)/White Baneberry that's apparently quite toxic so I'll try not to snack on it. The neat thing about gardening, though, is that MY cool plant is not the same as YOUR cool plant, and nor does it have to be.

I would encourage each of you to try some new plants this spring -- by buying new, trading with a friend or hitting a plant sale. LABEL your plant -- at future plant sales, we can always sell a named plant for more \$\$\$. It also helps you to work on your plant identification skills if you read labels while you're working around them.

Make it a great day, and I hope to see you at the next meeting on May 27th!

❖MJ Pilgrim, PHS President

April 50/50

The April 50/50 draw totalled \$112.00 and was won by Marilyn Clark. It was a cool evening but there were signs of spring in some of our prizes which included potted pansies from Griffins Greenhouse, a beautiful perennial from Greenhouse on the River. Also, there was a decorative ball for the garden and a gift certificate for Griffins Greenhouse.

❖Betty O'Toole and Margi Leeking



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

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What a successful Plant Sale!

It would not have been so without the generous donations and help from all our volunteers! A big thank you to each and every one of you:

Alan Sippel, Caleb Hannisse, Cauleen Viscoff, Daina Zvaigzne, Diane Card, Donna Manley, Doreen Jones, Gail Deck, Gail McNab, Gail Trotter, Hannah Hannisse, Karen Hannisse, Kathy Green, Kathy Hewitt, Lorraine Barrow, Maja DeMaria, Margo Tant, Marie Doyle, Mary Charlton, Miceh Hannisse, MJ Pilgrim, Monica White, Pat deVilliers, Patricia Day, Pauline Drake, Scott Bain, Vivien Falls and a special mention to Sharon Carothers.



Having the sale a week later than usual made a big difference and helped us realize a profit of **\$1382.50**. We can all be very proud of this accomplishment!

❖Anita Clifford

Live Daffodil Flower Sales

Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to make this promotion such a success for the Canadian Cancer Society. This was our first year in partnership with Real Canadian Superstore and Morello's Independent. We did experience a few hiccups along the way, the biggest was selling out of flowers. The public were certainly keen on seeing the real daffodils being offered again after a long absence.

If you have any suggestions for improvement for this promotion please let me know and I will pass them on to the staff at the Cancer Society.

Looking forward to working with all of you again next year.

❖Gail Deck

Library

For those of you, who would like to see what books we have in our lending Library just go to our website www.peterboroughhort.com, go to PHS Library in the left column, which takes you to LibraryThing and a listing of all 392 books that we have. You can also "search" if you're looking for a specific book. You're allowed two books for the month.

❖Pauline

Plants for Parkinson's Saturday, May 23th 8:30 am-1pm

Bill & Vivian Heinmiller are having a Sale to raise funds for Parkinson Research. They will be selling plants, books and getting rid of things from their very crowded basement and possibly selling a bit of baking at 480 Gilmour St. on Saturday, May 23th 8:30 am-1pm. (Donations of coffee mugs, identified indoor and outdoor plants and baking are welcome). Call Vivian (705-743-4628) for more information. Members of our chapter will also be having a BBQ so stop by for a bacon on a bun or a hamburger. **This is also the same date as the Gilmour Street Yard Sale**

Beautification Grants

It is springtime and time for gardening and sharing of that precious money we earn through all the hard work of **"The Peterborough Garden Show"**. There were 13 applicants this year so it was difficult to choose with our limited funds; however, 8 were chosen to be the lucky recipients. They are: Ennismore & District Horticultural Society, \$500 for planting 7 Japanese lilac trees to enhance the entrance to their recreational centre; Keith Wightman Public School, \$500 for planting a butterfly garden; Omemee and District Horticultural Society, \$500 for remodeling 2 existing village gardens; Peterborough

Green-Up (Ecology Park) \$250 for planting prehistoric plants in the children's garden; St. Alphonsus School \$500 for enhancing their ecosystem to attract butterflies; St. Peter's Secondary School (Section 23 Class) \$100 for berry bushes (haskap); Stewart Street Community Garden \$300 for berry bushes and fruit trees; Trent University – Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Society \$1,350 for perennials and fruit trees in their Trent Market garden.

As you can see, many people in our community will be benefiting from our assistance! If you are out and about and you happen to see some of the gardens, make yourself known that you are a member of a Society that is helping to beautify our world!!

This is part of our Society's mandate and we should be PROUD!

❖**Chris Freeburn, Ann Nelson, Pat Lounsbury, chair of Community Beautification Grants**

Fleming Park Clean-Up

On beautiful Saturday April 25th, the weekend following Earth Day, thirteen members of the Horticultural Society were in the park to wake it up from its winters nap.

We started at 9am deadheading, pruning, and raking. By noon we had put in 39 man hours of work.

The dedicated, hard-working, team members were Greg and Lorraine Barrow, Don and Monica White, Norma Gorling, Pauline Drake, Karen Strano, and Chris Freeman. We had new faces in the crowd and during the morning I had the opportunity to talk with each one. I explained we meet each Wednesday morning from 8am-10am (the cooler part of the day). This leaves the rest of the day for other activities. These new members were Cathy Greene, David Darling, and John Marsh. They all said they would help out as often as possible.



Welcome to beautiful Fleming Park!

This is my fourth year volunteering in the park and it is not uncommon to receive four to six positive comments from the public each Wednesday. It's rewarding to see young parents and their children enjoying the park.

Thank you again to our hard-working team!

As always I say, **"Many hands create a beautiful garden"**.

❖**Annie English**

Peterborough Garden Show Volunteers

Many, many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who took time out of their busy lives on Easter weekend to once again give back to the community. The Peterborough Garden Show Volunteers welcomed Spring in grand style.

"For the Love of Gardening" had everything imaginable for gardeners of all ages. Those requiring more knowledge in the horticulture world had many topics to choose from; starting your own seedlings to inspirations from gardens around the world. Our future young adult gardeners competed in a Floral Competition & shared their unique talents. Very young children learned about bees & pollination. It was a shopper's paradise with lots of garden retail therapy so most of us came home with lighter pocketbooks.



Most important of all, our volunteers shared their friendliness & helpfulness in getting people where they needed to go. Year after year, people say we have the best volunteers anywhere!

Thank you for whatever part you played in making the Garden Show another success. We couldn't do it without you!

❖**Joan Harding**

Welcome New Members

Joan Ayre Becky Carpenter Mary Charlton Elizabeth Dell Fred Doris Angela Martin
James & Barbara McLean Emma & Grant Murphy Sharon & Bob Sevigny Liz Woosey

Guests -January **10** February **2** March **12** April **1**

Membership

We are having a great year; we have welcomed over 40 new members for 2015 so far! As of the end of April we now have 208 members which include our life members too. Keep up the great work and tell your friends about us. You can bring your friend to a meeting for only \$2. Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting, until then, happy gardening!

❖ **Monica White, Membership Chair**

Upcoming Events

May 23 - Parkinson's Plant Sale on Gilmour Street east of Monaghan -- part of the Gilmour Garage Sale

May 23 - Ennismore Horticultural Plant Sale, 9 am - noon West end of causeway/Rotary Park

May 23 - Hutchison House Plant & Bake Sale, 9 am, 270 Brock St. @ Bethune

May 24 - Millbrook Garden Club Plant Sale, 10 am - 1:30 pm Old Millbrook School/Library Parking Lot

May 27 - PHS Spring Flower Show at General Meeting

May 30 - Jamaica Self Help Plant Sale, 9 am - 11:30 am, 170 Morrow St. (across from the market)

June 10 - OHA District 4 Luncheon and Awards Celebration at Navy Club, Peterborough, Theme: Western Cowboy

June 13 - Peterborough Master Gardeners' Plant Sale, Location Ford & New Romaine St., 9 am-11 am

June 13-21 - OHA "Garden Week"

June 13 - Prince Edward County "Garden Show" - Picton Fairgrounds 10 am - 4 pm

June 17 - Lakefield Horticultural Society Rose Show Open to the Public at 7:30 pm

June 24 - PHS Photography Show at General Meeting

June 30 - PHS Lifetime Membership Nomination Deadline

July 3 - 5 - OHA Convention "Summer in the Southern Tier", Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON

July 11 - Bobcaygeon Annual Garden Tour, Tea & Market 10 am - 4 pm \$15 @ Avant-Garden Shop, Lakefield Books & Yarns

August 7 & 8 - Lakefield Horticultural Society: 37th Annual Antique & Flower Show, Lakefield-Smith Community Centre

August 21 - Deadline for OHA Trillium "Therapeutic Horticulture Theme" editor@gardenontario.org

September 23 - PHS Fall Flowers Show at General Meeting

September 30 - PHS Scholarship Program Applications Deadline

I do some of my best thinking while pulling weeds.

Martha Smith

