

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Volume 155

SEPTEMBER 2015

Number 6



Wednesday, September 23, 2015 7:00 pm

## Andrew Flaman of Circle Organic in Millbrook – “Practical Approaches to Organic Gardening & Farming”



**Andrew Flaman** considers it “an honour to be a guest at the Horticultural Society”. He will be sharing some of Circle Organic’s experiences that have helped shape their practical approaches to farming. From their start as the West Avenue Growers in Hamilton to their current

location in Millbrook, they have learned through apprenticeships, mentorship, traveling and learning from ground breaking regions in North America (Havana, Milwaukee/Chicago, Vermont, Hudson Valley NY, Toronto, Hamilton and of course Millbrook). He will bring a slideshow and share some photographs to demonstrate the impact and potential of a holistic community based agricultural. Specifically, he will talk about relationships and interconnections in soil communities, as well as relationships and connections in the greater communities they help to sustain.



## President's Message

Welcome back from your summer pursuits! We’re got a great lineup of speakers for the fall, and interesting topics to suit everyone. Our speaker this month is a worthy substitute for Vicki Taylor Scott who had planned to be with us, but was unfortunately unable to make it. I’m looking forward to hearing what Andrew has to share!

❖ **MJ Pilgrim, PHS President**

## May 50/50

Annie English won \$77.00 in the June 2015 50/50 draw. There was also a great variety of other prizes for the draw; a plant stand, body spa lotion, garden stand, garden gloves, garden journal and drinking pitcher and glasses.

❖ **Betty O’Toole and Margi Leeking**

## 2016 Speakers

Work is already underway to book speakers for 2016. If you have any speakers or topics that you’d like to hear, please let either MJ or Pat de Villiers know as soon as possible. We’re already 50% booked! Susan Chan, Vicki Taylor Scott, Brad White ....just a taste of the big names who will present to our group!

In September of next year, we’d like to plan a “Gifts from the Garden” evening where members & friends can show & 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!



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

Newsletter Submissions: [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com) - P.O. Box 1372 Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6 - [peterboroughhort.com](http://peterboroughhort.com)

facebook: [Peterborough Horticultural Society & The Peterborough Garden Show](https://www.facebook.com/PeterboroughHorticulturalSociety) twitter: [@PtboHortSoc](https://twitter.com/PtboHortSoc) & [@PtboGardenShow](https://twitter.com/PtboGardenShow)

## Beautification Grants

A thank-you note has been received from Barb Morrison, Secretary of the Omemee Horticultural Society. It read: "The Omemee Horticultural Society thanks you for your generous contribution towards the remodelling of our gardens. The \$500 is of great benefit to our club and we thank you!"

We hope that some of our members have had the opportunity see where some of our grant dollars has been put to good use in various locations throughout the city and county this summer. Remember...the money comes from some of our well-earned Garden Show surplus. Any feedback to our committee is welcome!

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

## What's New in the Library?

"Taming Wildflowers" by Miriam Goldberger...bringing the beauty and splendor of nature's blooms into your own backyard. Miriam and her husband Paul Jenkins own Wildflower Farm in Coldwater, ON, a leading native seed grower supplying hardy, native perennial seeds to homeowners, landscape contractors, municipalities & corporations. Miriam's passion is evident as she describes how "wildflowers changed her world". Beautifully photographed with everything from pollinators, natives, wildflowers by season and DIY wildflowers for weddings.

❖ **Pauline Drake, PHS Library**

## 2015 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 four 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).

## A new TV channel for Gardeners!

I'd like to introduce you and your members to HortusTV, a new service I've just launched in Canada. HortusTV truly is Television for Gardeners.

Like many gardeners, I was frustrated by the complete lack of gardening series on broadcast or cable television, so I came up with the idea for HortusTV. It is a video streaming service, similar to Netflix, which allows

viewers to stream garden videos. Which as anyone who lives in Canada will appreciate on a cold winter's night when the

garden is lying under a blanket of snow and it's months until spring!



HortusTV is subscription-based and free of advertising. Currently the library has over 300 episodes of garden shows from around the world; some are vintage series you'll know and love and others have never before been seen in Canada. The HortusTV library will be adding more content all the time to keep up with subscribers' appetites and interests.

There is a 7 day free trial, with absolutely no obligation. After that, if the service appeals to you, you are able to subscribe for \$6.99 per month. Thank you for your time and I hope you will try out HortusTV.

❖ **Liza Drozdov, President, HortusTV , Oakville, ON 905 617-1802**

## June Photo Show Results

|   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>1. Budding Out</b><br>1st-Dawn Macklin<br>2nd-Anita Clifford<br>3rd-Shaun Pyper    | <b>2. Best Spring Flower</b><br>1st-D. Macklin<br>2nd-Mary Charlton<br>3rd-A. Clifford | <b>3. Woodland Flowers</b><br>1st-D. Macklin<br>2nd-A. Clifford<br>3rd-Pat Lounsbury | <b>4. On the Rocks</b><br>1st-A. Clifford<br>2nd-S. Pyper |
| <b>5. Visitors to the Garden</b><br>1st-D. Macklin<br>2nd-S. Pyper<br>3rd-M. Charlton | <b>6. Macro Shot</b><br>1st-A. Clifford<br>2nd-D. Macklin<br>3rd-S. Pyper              | <b>7. Thru the Rain</b><br>1st-A. Clifford<br>2nd-S. Pyper                           |   |

Thanks to all who participated. We would really like more of you to take part. Take photos of gardens and nature in general this summer. Check our yearbook for the October themes and take lots of photos. Then enter them in our next show!

❖ **The Flower Show Committee**

## Carpool Garden Trip

On July 15, 30 members of the PHS and friends met at the Canoe Museum for a day trip to Uxbridge for a Garden outing. We had beautiful weather and 10 cars headed out towards John's Perennial Gardens in Uxbridge inspired by his wonderful talk and slide show on perennial grasses at an earlier meeting. We were welcomed and shown around and many trunks were filled with interesting new additions for our gardens! We all enjoyed a great lunch at the Tin Mill in Uxbridge on their outdoor patio and then headed to nearby Richter's Herbs for more shopping where they extended to us an early 50% off sale on everything! Needless to say, there were more additions to our trunks. It was very enjoyable with socializing and enjoying the scenery, gardens and greenhouses, and lush plants blooming on a beautiful July day.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be interested in organizing another one of these outings for next spring or summer. It's fun to organize, especially with a friend. If you think you might be interested, contact Pat de Villiers at [patdevilliers@hotmail.com](mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com).

## Volunteer Social

A beautiful evening on July 8 saw 43 of our members meet at the beautiful home of our President, M.J. Pilgrim. After food and refreshments, members socialized and walked about to view the many and varied plants that M.J. tends to.

Thanks again M.J. for providing your home.

❖ **Annie English**



## Fleming Park

On April 25, the Saturday following Earth Week, about 12 members met at the park to wake it up from its winter nap. In total, that was about 30 man hours of work. This preparation was a great start to the way the park looks now... ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL!! Throughout the summer, I have had the privilege of working with dedicated and hard-working volunteers. **Greg and Lorraine Barrow, Norma Gorling, and Susan Leask are veterans!** The newest member of our team is John Marsh. Besides planting new specimens, we divided, transplanted, and spent many hours weeding and watering. During the summer, the city delivered 35 cubic yards of mulch on 3 occasions. Another delivery of limestone screenings topped up our pathways. June 18 saw the delivery of our 14 foot Mountain Ash Tree, purchased with our Grant Money. Since planting it has produced the white blossoms that are now orange berries for the birds. Next spring we may have new seedlings!?

Thank you team -- you are all the best.

❖ **Annie English**

---

## TULIPS ARE THE SYMBOL OF PARKINSON'S



The Parkinson's Society is fundraising by selling tulip bulbs. They are available in a package of 10 bulbs and cost \$5.00. **VIVIAN WILL BE SELLING THESE BULBS AT THE SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING.**

**TULIP BULBS PACKAGE OF 10 BULBS \$5.00**



Leen van der Mark

- A vibrant red with white tips, mid-spring blooming
- Grows to a height of 14-18"
- Due to height and blooming time, the Lucky Strike is an excellent choice for landscaping
- Excellent to be used as cut-flowers
- \$5.00 bag of 10 bulbs, \$40 box 100 bulbs

❖ **Call Vivian at 705 743-4628 or e-mail at [viv.heinmiller@nexicom.net](mailto:viv.heinmiller@nexicom.net)**

---



O.H.A. District 4  
**FALL SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**  
9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.



### Theme: "Herbs"

Speaker: KOIDU SULEV, Richters Herbs "Herbs Can Be Part of Your Garden for Food, Medicine and Good Looks!"

LOCATION: Campbellford Legion, 34 Bridge Street West, Campbellford

9:00 a.m. – check in, coffee, set up displays & competitions  
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Meeting

Cost is \$20 (PHS will pay subsidy of \$10). If you're interested in attending, please email [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com) or let MJ know.



## Did you Know?

The Ontario Horticultural Association publishes a quarterly newsletter called "The Trillium". Each issue is about 25 pages and contains updates from the various OHA districts. We are in "District 4" with Haliburton, Northumberland and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The Fall 2015 issue is NOW OUT:

[http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium\\_news\\_2015-03\\_fall.pdf](http://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2015-03_fall.pdf)

## Upcoming Events

**September 12 – Fall Plant Sale in support of "Community Living – A home of our own" 9am-noon at Sally Rye's home: 788 New Romaine St. (corner of Ford & New Romaine, just north of Farmboy area) Plant donations (labelled if possible) are gratefully accepted!**

**September 21 – Omeme Hort Speaker: Gail Granger "Growing and Cooking with Garlic" 7pm/7:30pm Trinity United Church, Omeme**

**September 23 - PHS Fall Flowers Show at General Meeting – see the 2015 PHS Yearbook for details!**

**September 30 - PHS Scholarship Program Applications Deadline**

**October 13 – Lakefield Hort Speaker: Anna Legatt (an obsessive plant collector) "Now I've got it, where do I put it?" 7:30pm Marshland Centre, Lakefield**

**October 28 - PHS Fall Preserves & Photography Show at General Meeting**

**October 24 - OHA Fall Seminar hosted by Campbellford & District Horticultural Society, Campbellford Legion  
Speaker: Koidu Suley, Richter's Herbs Topic: "Herbs Can Be Part of Your Garden for Food, Medicine and Good Looks"**

# Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank

