

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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**Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

**7:00 pm**



## Speaker: **Cauleen Viscoff "Take Your Garden from Lousy to Lush in Ten Steps"**

As an artist, writer, designer, speaker and an award-winning gardener, Cauleen is co-ordinator of the Barnardo Garden, board member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society, the Ontario co-ordinator for PlantWatch and a Master Gardener.

Her first love is roses.



## President's Message

It's hard to believe that it has already been three years that I've been in this role. I've truly enjoyed it — but it's the board and membership that have made it enjoyable. Thanks to each of YOU, we're making a difference with our scholarships, our community grants, and our dedication to Fleming Park. We're making a difference to our children, our grandchildren, our neighbours, and our communities with beautiful, useful gardens that brighten our corner of the world and put healthy food on our tables. Good job, PHS members!

As we begin a new year, I hope that we do so TOGETHER. Everyone who volunteers of their time and energy strengthens the entire Society. Let's endeavour to have a lot of fun while we're doing it! Make it a great start to a great year.

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

## Yearbooks

2018 yearbooks will be ready for pickup at the January meeting. Jen Bird and Cauleen Viscoff are our yearbook editors, and they have done a fabulous job. Thanks so much, Jen and Cauleen! You will find the yearbook to be an invaluable reference for dates and information all year long.



## Review of the Weather Cancellation Procedure

If we decide to cancel our Wednesday night Society meeting, an e-mail will be sent out to all members by noon of the meeting day. Also, a notice will be sent to the local radio stations Oldies 96.7, Fresh 100.5, and Country 105. Cancellation is rare, but it is good to be prepared!

## In Memorium

It is with sadness that we report the passing of several longstanding PHS members: Marja Hutchinson (member since 2002), Zoltan Bank (President in 1983), Velma Doris (Life member, member since 1989).



**LUGAMUG:** Don't forget to bring your coffee mug and wear your **Name Tag** to our meeting. **Web:** [peterboroughhort.com](http://peterboroughhort.com)

**Newsletter Submissions:** [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com) **Mail:** P.O. Box 1372 Peterborough, ON K9J 7H6

**facebook:** Peterborough Horticultural Society & The Peterborough Garden Show **twitter:** @PtboHortSoc & @PtboGardenShow

## OHA Winter Trillium Newsletter

Includes articles about:

- GardenOntario Week 2018
- How to organize a successful Seedy Saturday/Sunday
- Lakefield's new Pollinator Garden
- Ugliest schoolyard greening
- OHA Society activities
- OHA awards & grants
- 2018 Convention information (Also on website) in Kingston "From Shore to Shield"

<http://www.gardenontario.org>

## Hospitality

Our Christmas meeting held in November showed just how generous the members of our Society are. It was a meeting of giving, with donated items for our goodies table. The table for mittens, scarves, gloves and hats was flowing over. The warm, woolen men's socks donated to Brock Mission were appreciated, along with our usual tray of Christmas baking. Thank you everyone for your outstanding generosity!

❖ **Annie English & Anita Clifford**

## Thankfulness

As you well know, our scholarships and community grants assist a lot of groups in our community with projects that make our city a better place. We have received several thank you notes within the past couple of months:

- YWCA for our donations of hats, mitts, socks and scarves
- Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre
- Sacred Heart Church (memorial garden)
- Fleming College (student bursary)
- Calvary Church

## Membership

We are again accepting renewals for 2018 at the entrance table in the Lions Centre. Paid members will receive their name tags at the January 2018 meeting. Anyone renewing does not need to fill out a membership form unless information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) has changed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting. For those paying cash, it is helpful to bring the funds in an unsealed envelope with your name on it... Lastly, anyone who expected to get a membership pin in October/November and didn't – remember that we're playing catchup and you are likely due for a better pin this year than you would have received last year!

❖ **Membership: Laura Jack and Susan Gomez-Duran**

## PHS Education Fund

Last fall, your Board finalized a new policy funding a member education fund that will allow members in good standing to apply for funding up to \$250 to attend a horticultural conference or other approved educational event. Requests for funding must be received by the last day of any month. The fund also applies to in-person or online credit or non-credit courses in horticulture. We are happy to be able to fund these opportunities for our members!



# Perennial Plant of the Year 2018: Allium 'Millenium'

❖ Credit to [perennialplant.org](http://perennialplant.org)

**Soil:** Grows best in well-drained soils.

**Uses:** Allium 'Millenium' is a perfect selection for full-sun gardens where its sleek structure can complement many other growth habits. Cut flowers retain a blush of their summer color.

**Unique Qualities:** Allium 'Millenium' is a butterfly magnet. The plant is interesting through multiple seasons for both foliage and large, gorgeous blooms. Reseeding is much less a problem than in other alliums.

**Maintenance:** Allium 'Millenium' is subject to no serious insect or disease problems. Deer and rabbits usually avoid 'Millenium'. **Alliums are bulbs that are available in stores for fall planting.**



Allium 'Millenium' has numerous virtues to add to the landscape setting. Growing best in full sun, each plant typically produces an upright foliage clump of grass-like, glossy deep green leaves reaching 10-15" tall in spring. In midsummer, two to three flower scapes rise above the foliage with each scape producing two or three showy two-inch spherical umbels of rose-purple florets that last as long as four weeks. Alliums are sometimes avoided due to their reseeding behavior. Fortunately, 'Millenium' exhibits 50% reduced seed production, raising less concern for self-sown seedlings.

This low-maintenance dependable perennial will not disappoint. Blooming at a time when most of our garden begins to decline in the tired excess of the season, 'Millenium' offers much needed color. It is truly an all-season plant that offers attractive shiny foliage spring through summer and caps off the season with its crown of perfectly round rose-purple flower umbels.

## Upcoming Events

**Save the Date – Saturday March 3:** Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners are hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Day in the Garden" at Activity Haven. "Everyone Welcome!" See [peterboroughmastergardeners.com](http://peterboroughmastergardeners.com) for more information and to register -- \$30 includes a catered lunch.



**SOOS Orchid Show and Plant Sale – February 10 & 11:** Southern Ontario Orchid Society – 11am to 5pm both days at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. More info: [www.soos.ca](http://www.soos.ca).

**Canada Blooms -- March 9-18:** Enercare Centre, Toronto.

**Peterborough Garden Show -- April 13, 14, 15:** Evinrude Centre, Peterborough.

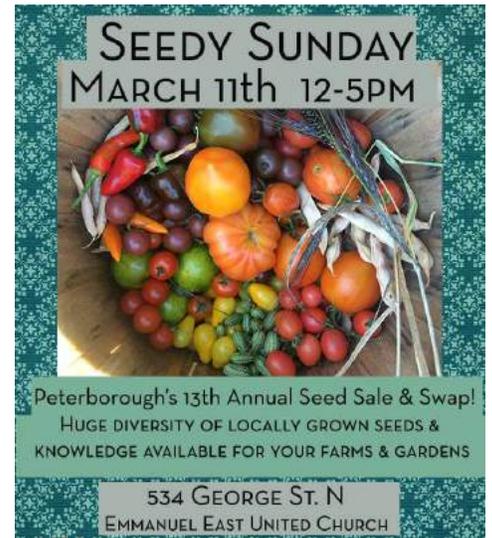
**Get the Jump on Spring & Seedy Saturday -- Saturday February 17:** Toronto Botanical Gardens, 10am-4pm. Annual Annual Horticultural Open House presented by a committee of volunteers along with the Toronto Botanical Garden and the OHA. Free admission. \$2 donation appreciated. Prize draws for donators.

**Seedy Sunday -- March 11:** Peterborough's 13th annual seed swap and sale, 12noon – 5pm. Emmanuel East United Church (formerly George St. United). Same place, new name! Free admission.

**March Speaker Series in Northumberland** (Port Hope) – Vikki Whitney, Jim Lounsbery, Ken Brown, Paul Zammitt (see poster below). \$40 for all 4 sessions. Wednesday evenings this year, new location.

**OHA District 4 AGM – Saturday April 7:** 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - hosted by the Cobourg Horticultural Society.

**PHS Beautification & Community Grants – Deadline April 1.**



**“Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle... A seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream.”**

~Barbara Winkler

### Did You Know?

- ✓ The first greenhouses in history were built in Rome in A.D. 30 under the orders of Emperor Tiberius who wanted to eat a cucumber a day. Andrew Faneuil in Boston built the first greenhouse in North America in 1737.
- ✓ The earliest gardens were strictly practical and were used to grow food and medicinal herbs. Around 1500 B.C. in Egypt, the first decorative gardens appeared.
- ✓ While ancient Romans and Assyrians were renowned for their beautiful gardens, the value of gardens as an aesthetic place declined during the Middle Ages. Monasteries, however, served to continue the tradition of garden design and the improvement of gardening techniques.
- ✓ There is a garden in England called The Poison Garden. It is home to 100 murderous plants. Visitors to this dangerous garden are prohibited from smelling, touching, or tasting any of the plants.

**NORTHUMBERLAND MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTS**

### March INTO THE Garden Speakers Series

March 7, 2018 - Vikki Whitney  
What's New For 2018

March 14, 2018 - Jim Lounsbery  
Little Known Garden Gems

March 21, 2018 - Ken Brown  
Vertical Space Saving Vegetable Gardening

March 28, 2018 - Paul Zammit  
Lessons From My Garden Travels

**New Location:**  
Concert Hall at Victoria Hall  
55 King St. W., Cobourg

**Four Wednesdays**  
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018  
7:30 pm

**Ticket agents:**  
Cobourg Paint & Wallpaper  
34 King St. W., Cobourg  
Holton Flowers  
62 Walton St., Port Hope

\$40 for all four evenings (cash or cheque)  
Single evening \$15 if available

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## Membership 2018

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Returning members can renew quickly at the Membership Desk and do not have to fill out this form unless an address change is required.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal with address change	<b>Date Paid:</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single @ \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Family @ \$25	<b>Payment:</b> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
		<b>Nametag:</b> Given <input type="checkbox"/> or Needed <input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate if you wish to have your yearbook (and nametag) mailed to you.

If so, please include **\$5** 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.

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

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

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

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