

# Peterborough Horticultural Society

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## Marian Jean: “Dahlias, From History To Harvest”

Marian’s first memories of Dahlias are in her Grandfather’s garden in Scotland where the plants held their beautiful blooms well over her head. Marian’s love of gardening comes from both sides of the family. She discovered the incredible variety of Dahlias seven years ago when looking for “Jessie G” as a gift for her mother, Jessie Giles. This began the obsession which created Oakridge Dahlias.

Oakridge now grows over 900 dahlias annually, about 500 varieties, on her property south of Peterborough. Marian was trained as a teacher and incorporates her love of learning and teaching in personal education and in helping others get the best from their dahlias.



## President's Message:

Thoughts of Spring are sneaking into different forms of media these days. Seed catalogues, seed exchanges, pictures and ideas on Facebook and Twitter -- and they're all pointing to my favourite season of all -- Spring. Each day, the sun gets stronger. Nice. We have some great months to look forward to.

The Garden Show is just around the corner. Each year we have over 100 volunteers with many doing multiple shifts. Remember that it's "OUR" show. The Hort Society has worked for years to develop, promote and operate this show. There is an amazing amount of pride and satisfaction involved and I would encourage as many of you as possible to volunteer for at least one shift. After the first one, you'll be hooked too! Look in the other sections of this newsletter for volunteer contact information.

A big WELCOME to our new and returning members. There were many who joined us in January for the first time. Welcome, welcome, welcome.

We do try to make the general meetings interesting, informative, and fun with the goal of teaching a new thing to every person with every meeting.

I would also encourage you to wear your name tags. I'd like to get to know everyone by name, but need a little help that way.

As always, if anyone has any suggestions for the Society, I'll be happy to receive them. Call me at (705) 652 6993 or email me at [mjpilgrim@live.ca](mailto:mjpilgrim@live.ca).

❖ MJ (Mary-Jane) Pilgrim

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

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[peterboroughhort.com](http://peterboroughhort.com)

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## Hospitality:

Anita and I appreciate your donations at our goody table each meeting. Your donations allow us to be creative and celebrate special occasions together.

We've noticed a small plate of goodies appearing as if by magic at the last few meetings. THANK YOU to the member(s) responsible. Goodies are always appreciated.



❖ Annie English and Anita Clifford

## Memberships:



Welcome new and returning members and guests!  
2018 name tags and yearbooks are available for paid members.

Membership Prices are

	\$20 Individual
	\$25 Family
	\$2 Guest

Need to renew? See Laura and Susan at the welcome desk. No need to fill out a form if your contact information is unchanged.

For those paying cash, it is helpful to bring the funds in an unsealed envelope with your name on it....save trees and reuse an old envelope.

We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting. Please remember to wear your name tag, it helps new and returning members get to know each other better!

❖ Laura Jack and Susan Gomez-Duran

## 2018 Meeting Location

We have booked the Lion's club for 2018. Please continue coming here for meetings throughout the 2018 season.

See you there!

## Fun Table

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Sign up for Garden Show shifts for free tickets this month!

❖ Cauleen and Jen

In his garden every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation.

Here is one spot where each may experience the 'romance of possibility.'

-Louise Beebe Wilder



## Peterborough Garden Show

Less than 2 months to the Peterborough Garden Show. Yeah! Everything is progressing nicely. Thanks for all your volunteer offers. Donna only has a few spots left to fill! We're in great shape!

The theme of this year's Show is "Come Grow With Us" and there are some new features to the Show this year. We will be having Workshops presented by the Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners as well as our regular range of excellent Speakers. 4 will be held each day upstairs.  
[www.peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://www.peterboroughgardenshow.com) for times and topics.

In the Front Lobby, there will be a Dress Design Event using Floral and Edible Materials. Four teams consisting of a local Celebrity and Florist will each create a dress using flowers, herbs and vegetables. Their creations will be on display throughout the weekend. Sounds like fun!  
This year we will again be having a Display Garden.  
**Clearwater Creations** was the booth voted as best of Show last year. With water features, paths and greenery they will be located just inside the entrance to the IGA /Leon Pad.

**Advance Tickets** will be the most economical choice this year at \$8, (same as last year). Tickets are on-line for \$9 and at the door - \$10.  
Weekend passes are \$14 Advance and \$15 at the door.  
Details - [www.peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://www.peterboroughgardenshow.com)

❖ **Pat de Villiers**

## Peterborough Garden Show Children's Garden

We are attempting to plant terrariums as a take home project for the children. To buy enough plants is a challenge.

We are wondering if some industrious people in our group would consider **starting some tiny plants**. We are thinking of **baby spiders** from a host plant, **succulents**, **ivy** or any other ideas that someone out there might have.  
We are also looking for **Gatorade type plastic bottles** or **other firmer bottles with a 2 1/2"-3" diameter** (no flimsy water bottles).  
If you have **paper towel rolls** we can use them. You can take them to the next 2 Hort. meetings.

In the past you have been so enthusiastic about collecting things. I feel comfortable asking this favour of our group of garden lovers.

You can also email me to let me know about the plants or ask questions.  
Karen Strano - my email is [kstrano@bell.net](mailto:kstrano@bell.net)



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## Volunteers Needed



Volunteering at our Garden Show (April 13, 14 and 15 - 2018) is an excellent way to see the show and meet other Hort. members. As a volunteer, you will have free entry to the show on the day you volunteer.

Don't be shy, sign up early and get your pick of times. Time slots are filling up fast, please call, or email, Donna soon to reserve your spot!



Everyone who has volunteered for the show by February 27th will have their name entered into the prize table draw at our February 28th meeting.

Multiple shifts = multiple entries!

I also need phone volunteers soon.

Send me a note at [donnared2001@yahoo.com](mailto:donnared2001@yahoo.com) or call me at (705) 748-0026 for your choice of shift.



First come, first served.... thanks!

❖ Donna O'Brien

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# Spring Plant Sale

## Saturday May 12th, 9:00-11:00



Westdale United Church  
1509 Sherbrooke St. (West of Woodglade)  
[peterboroughhort.com](http://peterboroughhort.com)



**Save the Date!!**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Pollination Summit with special guest Mark Winston, author of *Bee Time*  
Market Hall, Peterborough, ON**

**Join the Peterborough Pollinators in working together to cultivate a resilient environment for pollinators! Our citizen-led group welcomes members of our community to join us in growing and stewarding pollinator habitats throughout Peterborough and beyond – the spirit of our group reflects the need to deepen our relationships with community and with the natural world around us.**

**Our mission is achieved through community-led pollinator garden building projects, weekly discussions, educational events, community art projects, and various fundraisers. For 2018, Peterborough Pollinators, in collaboration with non-profit organizations and community members, are excited to be planning a Pollination Summit on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> with special guest Mark Winston. The weekend will include visits to Peterborough's outstanding pollination gardens, community stewarded urban beehives, and exciting cross-pollination dialogue between community members, beekeepers, activists, conservationists, and pollinators! Mark Winston will be our keynote speaker in the evening of May 5<sup>th</sup> at the historic Market Hall in downtown Peterborough. Registration for this event will be through Market Hall's Box Office. More details to follow shortly!**

**Mark Winston is the author of the Governor General's Literary Award winning book, *Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive* and former Director for the Centre for Dialogues at Simon Fraser University. Recognized as one of the world's leading expert on bees and pollination, Mark has had an illustrious career researching, teaching, writing and commenting on bees and agriculture, environmental issues, and science policy. We look forward to this spring gathering and hope that you can be an integral part of it!**

Sincerely,

**Marcy Adzich & Carlotta James – Summit Co-Leads**

**[www.peterboroughpollinators.com](http://www.peterboroughpollinators.com)**



# Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners **A Day for Gardeners 2018**



**Saturday, March 3: 9:15am-2:15pm**

Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough

\$30 (includes lunch) **Register now, space is limited.**

[register@peterboroughmastergardeners.com](mailto:register@peterboroughmastergardeners.com)

Registration Deadline: **Friday February 23, 2018**

Growing & Using Herbs / Getting Your Gardens Ready for Spring

Gardening with Deer & Other Wildlife / Roses are Easy!

Composting / A Year in the Edible Garden

Everyone  
Welcome!

If of thy mortal goods thou  
art bereft,  
And from thy slender store  
two loaves alone to thee are  
left,  
Sell one, and with the dole  
Buy hyacinths to feed thy  
soul.

Moslih Eddin Saadi  
Garden of Roses  
Persia, 13th c.



WILD HYACINTH *Muscivora saxatilis*



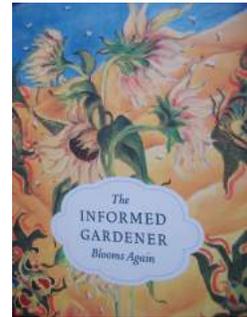
Great Books  
Reviewed by  
Cauleen Viscoff

“Weeds are flowers too,  
once you get to know them”

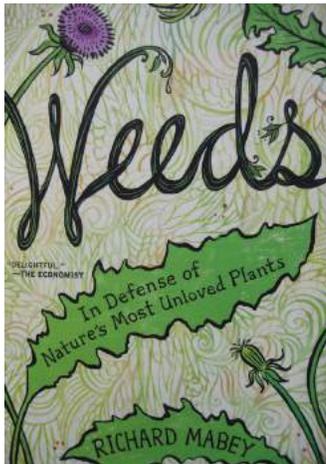
-Eeyore

**THE INFORMED GARDENER BLOOMS AGAIN**  
Linda Chalker-Scott

I learned so much from her first book, I bought this one and was not disappointed. She surprises, teaches and makes sense. (pp. \$20.00)



**WEEDS: in Defence of Nature's Most Unloved Plant**  
Richard Maybe

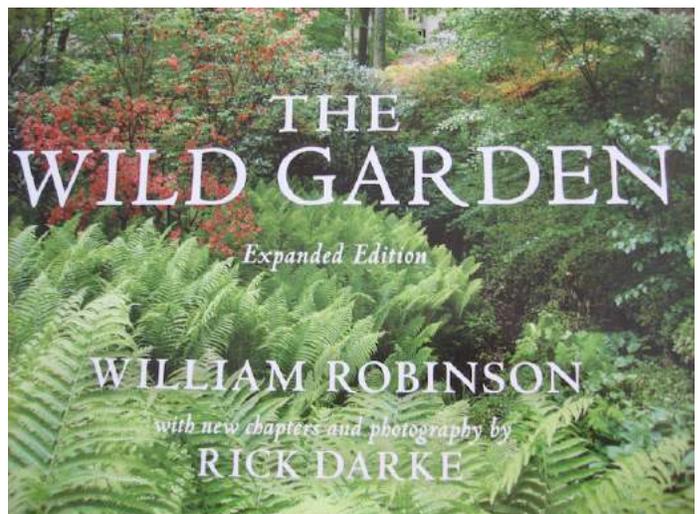


This book is readable, informative, and also charming but in another way. He takes us through the life of some plants and seeds we call weeds, showing why we do, where they came from and that many have been here for many centuries. He shows how they travel thousands of miles on ships, in ballast, on animals and in other unmentionables. This is a book to read...and to learn, of course... loved it. (pp \$20.00)

**THE WILD GARDEN: (Expanded Edition).**  
William Robinson and Rick Darke

This is such a pleasure to read; it begs a snowy afternoon and a pot of tea. Originally written in 1870, Robinson works to teach formal gardeners to let some “wild” creep into English gardens.

He travelled the world to do so. This book has been updated at least 4 times and this edition, with beautiful new photos, includes the original chapters and engravings. Readable, educational and well worth the price. (Hardcover - \$71.00- softcover - \$10 less)



# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Please make cheques payable to: **Peterborough Horticultural Society**. Do not send cash in the mail.

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