

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## GARDEN SHOW THIS WEEKEND

**Friday April 13 5pm-9pm**  
**Saturday April 14 10am-5pm**  
**Sunday April 15 10am-4pm**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 @ 7:00 pm**

**Speaker: Rachel Flora "The Flora of Peterborough"**

Rachel grew up exploring forests, fields and fens with her family in the Niagara Region. After several years of big city life in Toronto and Montreal, she moved to Peterborough to pursue a BSc at Trent University in biology and geography. While Rachel enjoyed urban strolls, she longed for lush greens and open areas and was excited to rediscover the natural world she remembered fondly from her childhood. Upon her arrival in Peterborough she promptly set off exploring parks in and around the area, getting to know a small gem in the north end particularly well as she visited it nearly every day from snowmelt to snowfall. Rachel is currently pursuing a MSc at Queen's University and is looking forward to spending the summer hiking in the woods collecting data for her research project, and of course stopping to see the wildflowers.



In her talk, Rachel will be taking us on a journey through the seasons in Peterborough and sharing stories and photos of some of the hundreds of plants she has encountered in and around Peterborough, some of her favourite places to wander and other ramblings from the trail. It is her hope that you will be inspired to seek out wildflowers in wild places, and that you will incorporate some of that wild in your gardens.



## President's Message

Garden Show, Garden Show, Garden Show. We have a great team in place and together we will bring an amazing show to our community this weekend. Can't wait.

The fun doesn't stop with the PHS after the show. Upcoming events include the Fleming Park Cleanup on Saturday April 28 and the much anticipated PHS Plant Sale on Saturday May 12. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both events. At this time of year, the Board also starts to consider speakers for the 2019 year. If you have a suggestion, please let me know – [mjpilgrim@live.ca](mailto:mjpilgrim@live.ca) See you at the show!

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

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

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## Fleming Park Cleanup: April 28

As in past years, we awaken the park from its winter nap the Saturday following "Earth Day." Many volunteers turn up for this event. So, bring your garden gloves & your tools and rakes on April 28th from 9:30 -11:00 am. We have been so fortunate to have a regular group of volunteers turn up, and look forward to welcoming new members. Thank you in advance.

◆ Annie English



### PHS Meeting Info...

Guests are always welcome at PHS meetings for a nominal \$2 charge.

## May 23 Flower Show

Reminder... our first flower show of the year will take place at our May meeting. Please consult your yearbook for details/times. We hope that the weather cooperates and that we get many, many lovely entries! From your flower show committee.

◆ Shaun Pyper

## Peterborough and Area Master Gardeners

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

**Did You Know?** That the PMG website contains a weekly blog that you can "follow"? An email will arrive in your inbox once a week when a new entry is published.

### April/May Gardening Tasks, if weather cooperates:

- Prepare annual beds for planting. Incorporate a generous amount of compost and other organic material.
- Cut down ornamental grasses. Remove all debris from perennial beds.
- Top dress perennial borders with compost.
- Gradually remove protection on rose bushes; prune and apply dormant oil before the buds break. Move dormant bushes if needed.
- Direct seed cool weather vegetable seeds (peas, spinach) and frost resistant annuals (larkspur, sweet peas).
- Repair lawn with compost, seed, rake and fertilize (late April early May).
- Plant shrubs, trees, and hedges. Mow the lawn only if necessary.
- Begin to move ornamental grasses and perennials.
- Setup water collection system.
- Open Pond.



## Gardening Books at the Garden Show

Thanks to all who have donated books from their collections for the Garden Show. We will price all books very reasonably, and they'll be available for sale to the thousands that will come through the show doors. The money raised will specifically go into our education fund described later in this newsletter.

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# Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am



Westdale United Church

1509 Sherbrooke Street (West of Woodglade)

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



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## SPRING PLANT SALE May 12 -- Rain or Shine...

As you are cleaning your gardens please keep the **Plant Sale** in mind and dig out your extras, we would be very grateful for those. Despite not having as many plant donations for our Plant Sale last year, we did amazingly well...let's see if this year we can make it even better!

The sale will take place at Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St. West on Saturday, **May 12** from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The church is located on the south side of Sherbrooke, just west of Woodglade Blvd. The entrance is at the back and there is plenty of parking. The church will be open from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m on **Friday May 11** to drop off your donations. **WE NEED LOTS OF PLANTS** – as many as we can get.

This is the perfect time to divide those overgrown clumps and the end result will be a happier plant. Pot up your extra plants a week or two before the sale and keep them watered so they look their best. Larger pots (6 inches or larger) sell the best. Please include as much information about your plants as possible – annual or perennial, sun/shade, height, colour, etc.

If you have multiple plants you could use your computer & print the label and attach to a popsicle stick or to the pot. This could save you a lot of time and effort. Please identify any **aggressive** plant. If you have any gardening magazines, garden decor to donate please bring them to the sale. People want instant colour and large sells before small. We can also sell it for more.

**Special plants:** If you are sending in plants that are special – i.e., named varieties, more unusual plants or a division of a plant that you purchased for more money – make sure we know. Those will be marked at a higher price. Bring any extra clean containers or garden trays to the **April** meeting to share with those who may need them.

## **PLEASE DROP YOUR PLANTS AND ITEMS AT THE CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT 6pm-8pm**

**Thank you to all who have already signed up to help at the sale.** If you want to add your name to the list, please sign up at the **April meeting**. Each person who has volunteered to help will be contacted by phone a week before the sale. Our plant sale will take place rain or shine.

If you have any questions, suggestions or if you were unable to sign up at the meeting please contact:

**Anita Clifford:** 705-748-0267 [anitaclifford@bell.net](mailto:anitaclifford@bell.net)

## 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!

## Did You Know?

- **That** the ginkgo tree (*Ginkgo biloba*) is among the most ancient of plants still in existence? It's the only one of its species, with no known living relatives. With its roots in China, the ginkgo (or maidenhair tree) has made its way around the world to become a popular landscape tree, despite the fact that the female produces foul-smelling fruit (best to spec a male, if you want to maintain good client relations).
- **That** bamboo is the fastest growing plant on the planet? 47.6 inches in a 24 hour period.
- **That** the redwood or *Sequoia sempervirens* is the world's tallest-growing tree? 275 feet in height and 25 feet in width
- **That** an acre of trees can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven up to 8700 miles?
- **That** a mature birch tree can produce up to a million seeds in a year?

## OHA Spring Trillium Newsletter will be released soon.

Includes articles about:

- GardenOntario Week 2018
- OHA Society activities
- OHA awards & grants
- 2018 Convention information (Also on website) in Kingston "From Shore to Shield"

<http://www.gardenontario.org>

## Memberships

PHS memberships for 2018 will be available at the PHS booth of the Garden Show in the lobby of the LEON's Pad. \$20 for a year of fun and connections. What a great deal! **New members are always welcome.**

## Natural Biological Controls

At our March meeting, member Gerry Harris reported that he has had some success with purchasing insects for biological control. The website he recommended is listed in the image below. **\*\*NOTE: This notice is for INFORMATION PURPOSES only – please, please, please don't import anything that is non-native to our area!**



# Upcoming Events

<b>APRIL</b>	13-15	<b>Peterborough Garden Show!</b>
	21	Lindsay Master Gardeners: Introduction to Home Vegetable & Herb Gardening, 10:15-11:30am, Meeting Room, Lindsay Library. Registration encouraged: 705 324-5632
	28	<b>Earth Day: PHS Fleming Park Cleanup 9:30-11am</b>
<b>MAY</b>	5,6	Pollination Summit – Market Hall peterboroughpollinators.com
	12	<b>PHS Annual Plant Sale, 9–11am, Westdale United</b>
	12	Norwood Hort. Plant Sale 9am, Norwood United
	12	Open House, Mason House Gardens, Uxbridge, 10am
	19	Lakefield Hort. Plant Sale 8:30-11:30am, Cenotaph Park
	19	Omeme Garden Club Plant Sale, 9-11am, Omeme Legion
	19	Lindsay Master Gardeners: Introduction to Home Vegetable & Herb Gardening, 10:15-11:30am, Meeting Room, Lindsay Library. Registration encouraged: 705 324-5632
	23	<b>PHS Spring Flower Show at the General Meeting</b>
	26	Ennismore Hort Plant Sale, 8am-noon, BEL Rotary Park at the Causeway
	26	Lindsay Garden Club plant sale, 9 until sold out, Memorial Park, Lindsay St. S.
<b>JUNE</b>	2	Lindsay Garden Club garage sale, 8am-4pm, 32 Parkside Drive, Lindsay
	2	Catchacoma Lake plant sale, Cavendish Community Centre, 8:30am-11am
	9-17	OHA Garden Week
	12	Walkabout for local societies at Anna’s Perennials, Omeme, 6:30pm
	13	<b>OHA District 4 Skills Update, 9:30-11am &amp; Awards Luncheon @ noon, Navy Club, Peterborough</b>
	19	Lakefield Horticultural Society Rose & Flower Show, Free, 7pm, Marshland Centre
	23	Blocks and Blooms (Quilts and Flowers), Millbrook Garden Tour, \$15, 10am-4pm
<b>JULY</b>	7	Activity Haven Garden Tour, 10am-4pm (8 gardens, music, vendors)
	7	Lindsay Garden Club Garden Tour, 10am-4pm
	14	Bobcaygeon Annual Garden Tour, Tea & Market 10am-4pm
	27-29	<b>OHA Convention, Kingston, “From Shore to Shield”</b>



**“Happiness held is the seed; Happiness shared is the flower.”**

~John Harrigan (thanks, Doreen Jones!)