

Peterborough Horticultural Society

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Leora Berman: “Foodwebs, Ecosystems and Climate Change”



Leora has been leading and developing large scale ecological projects for nonprofit groups and governments for 25 years. She studied Economics, English, and Environmental science. As the Cofounder and COO of The Land Between, Leora is focused on building relationships, awareness and capacity.

She is dedicated to grassroots, Indigenous and democratic systems and governance. She has worked with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and as an educator for the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs, with large charities of Wildlife Habitat Canada and Ducks Unlimited Canada for wetland, landscape and species conservation; as well as privately in hydrogeological consulting, septic design, dam building, shoreline restoration and goose control.

Leora runs a private consulting firm that develops and supports social sector efforts in her communities.



The Land Between
Cottage Country's Conservation Organization

The Land Between is the area in which you live, work and play. It is a region extending from the Georgian Bay Coast to the Ottawa Valley, skirting the Algonquin Dome. The Land Between is the final frontier in conservation for Ontario; it is the last wilderness in southern Ontario, but more is that it is a place that will support all of Ontario during climate change- if it is kept in tact.

The Land Between has a dynamic food web and is a refuge for species and ecosystem services. It is ecologically, culturally, and socio-economically unique. It has the highest habitat diversity in Ontario, the most shorelines, and some of the rarest wildlife. It is the meeting place for species of both the north and the south; the Crow and Raven; Moose and Deer; strawberry and blueberry; Woodchuck and River Otter; White Oak and Jack Pine.... The unique ecology and culture will be showcased in this presentation towards greater appreciation and stewardship of this wonderful landscape.

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

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President's Message:

Our first full week of warm sunshine in 2018. Nice.

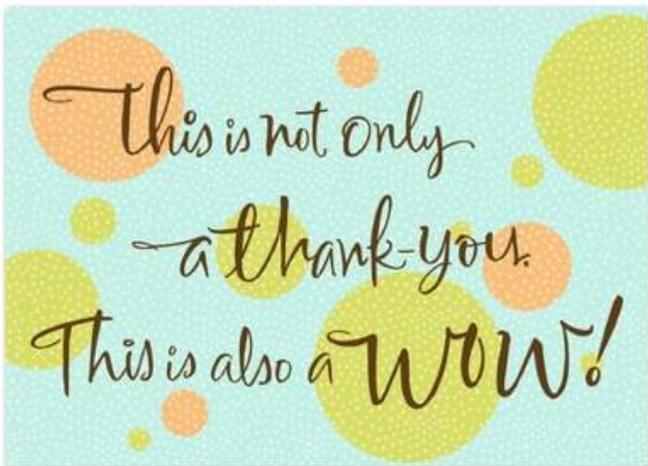
I'm hoping to spend a LOT of time puttering in my gardens this week and next. I'm eagerly anticipating appearance of some of last years plant sale treasures, and I continually marvel at the fact that these plants all remember what they are supposed to look like after such a long & cold dormancy.

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-kinda person. Must take a special personality that involves patience of some sort?

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.

Spring is such a magical time. Make it a good day/week/month, and I hope to see you at the next meeting on May 23.

❖ MJ (Mary-Jane) Pilgrim



Hospitality:

We could not do the things we do without our amazing volunteers. To thank you for your amazing efforts, we hold an annual Volunteer Social.

This year it will be held Thursday June 28th from 6-8 pm at Hutchison house on Brock Street. Bring along your garden chair and enjoy their outdoor setting, the garden and socializing with friends. Then after we can stroll over to Fleming Park.

❖ Annie and Anita

Fleming Park:

The clean-up at Fleming Park took place on Saturday April 28th. Along with the Fleming Park Crew several enthusiastic volunteers turned out to clean up the twigs, prune plants, rake leaves and enjoy treats and coffee, etc. Thank you so much for your help.

We are sad to lose two very dedicated and creative members of our crew. Greg and Lorraine Barrow are moving to their new home near Ottawa to be closer to family. Four years ago Greg was the driving force behind the removal of so much Buckthorn along the back fence. We will miss you so much.

❖ Annie, Susan, MJ and Pat



PLANT SALE

MAY 12

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Accepting donations

Friday night.

6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Westdale United

Church

1509 Sherbrooke

Street

Fun Table

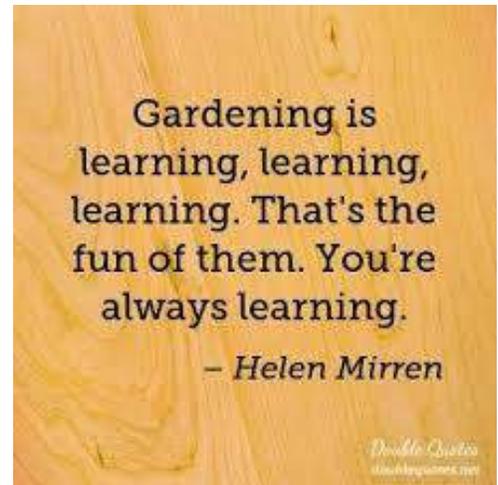
This is a “just for fun” draw, ALL money collected goes to great new prizes for next month.

Is there something you’d like to see on our table? please let us know, we LOVE suggestions.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Lug your mug for a free ticket!

❖ **Cauleen and Jen**



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 May 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**

We now have 200+ members!



Peterborough Garden Show

What a memorable Show this was! May we never have another like it! The snow and ice storm falling right on the weekend had huge consequences for us. The majority of vendors arrived and set up on the Thursday, transforming the 2 pads with colour and greenery. Clearwater Creations did a fantastic job of their Display Gardens for us. The lobby was hung with opened umbrellas, a foretaste of things to come. Friday night the dress extravaganza took place in the lobby with 4 dresses being created using live materials, vegetables, greens and flowers. Even Brussel sprouts, who knew! They were creative, beautiful, fanciful and added the WOW factor to our lobby décor for the weekend.

Friday night poured rain, but with the forecast for the rest of the weekend, 1,200 people came out between 5 - 9 pm. The rest of the weekend, with ice pellets and slippery roads, our Saturday and Sunday numbers were much lower than usual. On Sunday after the vendor breakfast, MJ gave the vendors a choice to even close the Show for Sunday, but being optimistic, they chose an early closing at 2:30. At one point on Sunday half the Evinrude parking lot was full. For me, the surprising thing was not how few there were but how many people actually came out despite the awful driving conditions. Many of you, our volunteers, had to cancel because of the driving, but many others offered to stay throughout the day and fill in in any way needed. So visitors who were there had less congestion and were able to spend more time and talk more with vendors. Some vendors actually did well despite a lower turnout. In all, the atmosphere was positive and upbeat, one of those things that sometimes happens in times of adversity. Meanwhile people enjoyed the interesting Speakers and Workshops - with some last minute lineup changes due to weather. The Children's Garden entertained many happy children and their parents and BE Catering kept us fed with their delicious food.

The bottom line, whether we broke even, we will not know till all the invoices are in and paid. Claire will let you know as soon as all is completed.

As I said, the 2018 Garden Show was a unique experience!
Finally, this is my last year as Chair. Cauleen Viscoff will be the Chair in 2019.

I would like to thank the wonderful Committee I worked with this past year.
MJ Pilgrim was the PHS head and Secretary (our techie whizz who often had the minutes sent out by the time we reached home after meetings), also Social Media contact who featured each of our vendors on Facebook

Dayle Finlay, our talented and creative head of Decor

Donna O'Brien, in charge of our hundreds of volunteer hours, who can still smile and laugh in the midst of it all

Susan Bowie and Karen Strano organized our very popular Children's Garden

Calvin Stillman who so competently arranged all our delicious Vendor lounge refreshments and the popular Vendor Breakfast (his homemade hot cross buns are legendary)

Diane Raper, Sharleen Pratt and Maya de Maria who undertook cheerfully and effectively the challenging role of Media and Publicity

Sandy Spremo, our long time Coordinator who so effectively fills booths and works with our vendors throughout the year as well as a million other small but important details

Cauleen Viscoff along with **MJ Pilgrim** improved and kept updated our Website

Also thanks to our Master Gardener partners headed by **Rachel Burrows** and **Pat Freistatter** who arranged an interesting variety of Speakers and Workshops.

It has been my pleasure to work with such a positive, talented group of people!

❖ Pat de Villiers





MAY FLOWER SHOW
New Start Time

Please note that all entries must be in place with completed cards by **6:10**.

This will allow time for members to view entries without impeding the judge's deliberation.

Correction for Section A - Class 3
Heuchera, 3 leaves, 2 or 3 cultivars



Upcoming events in our area			
May 12	9-11am	PHS Annual Plant Sale	Westdale United Church 1509 Sherbrooke St. Peterborough
May 19	8:30-11:30am	Plant Sale - Lakefield Horticultural Society	Cenotaph Park (Memorial Hall) 2 Queen St. Lakefield
May 19	9-11am	Plant Sale Omeme Garden Club	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 497 46 King St. E Omeme
May 23	6:00pm	PHS Spring Flower Show (entries in place by 6:10pm)	Peterborough Lions Club 347 Burnham St. Peterborough
May 23	7:00pm	PHS General Meeting	

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow

Audrey Hepburn



Garden Volunteers Needed!

Hutchison House Museum is looking for enthusiastic volunteers with a love of gardening to help maintain the 1860 period gardens.

The Museum gardens include a variety of roses, herbs, shrubs and flowers native to Canada or available in the mid 19th century.

These gardens are used for educational programming and part of the interpretation of the museum and require a great deal of love and care. Anyone interested in helping with the gardens should contact the museum at 705-743-9710 or info@hutchisonhouse.ca.



Bobcaygeon & District Horticultural Society



Annual Garden Tour & Tea July 14th, 2018

SIX UNIQUE PRIVATE GARDENS

Tour passes \$15

**Includes admission to the Boyd Museum &
Kawartha Settlers' Village**

At the Boyd Museum

Exhibit: Gardening from the past
Heritage Herbs
Heirloom Seeds
Ontario Bee Keepers
Basket Making
Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream

Tour Highlights

MasterGardeners
Century Farm Retreat
Four Century Homes
Door Prizes
Lunch discounts at selected restaurants

At KSV

Pioneer Gardens:
Daylily collection
Murray Garden
Children's Garden
Heirloom Garden
Tea and Dessert
Musician: John Max & his one-man band

Passes Available at the Following:

In the Village of Bobcaygeon

Purdy's Jewellery
Kawartha Settlers' Village
Chamber of Commerce
My Favourite Things
Strang's Garden Centre

Out of Town

Peterborough: The Avant-Garden Shop
Lakefield: Happenstance Books & Yarns
Dunsford: Rural Roots Gardens
Fenelon Falls: Little Wee Quilt Shop
Lindsay: Hill's Florist & Greenhouses