

# Peterborough Horticultural Society

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**Wednesday, May 22, 2019 7pm**

Please join us at 6:30pm for refreshments



## Kerry Hackett: Eat Your Weedies



Kerry has been a Medical Herbalist for almost two decades and holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Central Lancashire (UK). She is a professional member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists (UK), the American Herbalist Guild, the Ontario Herbalists Association (Past-President) and the Veterinary Botanical Medicine Association. From an early age, plants and cultural history have fascinated Kerry. She frequently lectures on these topics in both Canada and the US and is currently writing a doctoral dissertation on botanical medicines in the nineteenth century. Kerry also gardens extensively and grows a wide variety of organic fruits, vegetables and herbs.

## President's Message

And what an amazing garden show it was! A few glitches with the new venue, but we're pretty happy with the result and are already brainstorming ways to make the 2020 show even better.

Much thanks to those that turned out to wake up Fleming Park on Saturday May 4. Many hands make light work, and the park looks great.

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--but my plants have to behave themselves (aggressive spreaders & self-seeders are not welcome!). 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 22.



❖ MJ Pilgrim



*In memory of Betty O'Toole.*

Member since 2006 – previously  
staffed the “fun table” with  
Marg Leeking

# Garden Show 2019

We made history !!!

We made friends and renewed acquaintances with “old” ones... we made mistakes and we made more history. It was a show of firsts... a gorgeous new venue; lots of parking (and issues we are solving); great speakers for all gardeners from basic gardening skills, to the fine art of rose pruning: we had lunch with Mark Cullen in the new renovated Fulford's restaurant with a brand new chef who gets what sustainability means; We had wonky sized booths that let our great and supportive vendors be creative; and there wasn't a corner that wasn't filled with some sort of treasure, green or otherwise..

Our visitors came from all across Ontario, in cars and buses... lots of buses full of enthusiastic gardeners... We love that.

Now, onward to 2020 and our 20th anniversary with all our successes and all our lessons learned.... we loved the show and hope you did too.

But most of all, imagine an incredible show like this, run by volunteers who make this show such a roaring success - just to make money to give away.... that is what sustainable means to our community...

Come to our show, invest in us and watch what we do next.

Thank you to the best volunteers - whether a team of you, or individually... you really are the amazing...

❖ **Cauleen Viscoff – Chair 2019**

## Garden Show Volunteers

Wow and Whew! What a Team we are! Thank you for all your hard work and hours spent helping to make the 2019 Garden Show a big Success. The positive attitudes, ready smiles and on-the-fly decision made a big impact on our Guests and Vendors and was continually commented on. While we have some areas to tweak, nothing is insurmountable. Thank you for sharing your suggestions, ideas, critiques with us and putting them in the suggestion box. The feedback from Volunteers, Vendors and Guests has been phenomenal and mostly positive. While we don't have numbers finalized yet, we feel really good about how well it went. Again, thank you for your support.

❖ **Donna O'Brien & Susan Gomez-Duran**



**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

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

**FaceBook:** Peterborough Horticultural Society & The Peterborough Garden Show

**Twitter:** @PtboHortSoc & @PtboGardenShow

**Instagram:** @PtboHortSoc & @PtboGardenShow

# Fleming Park

volunteers plant seeds of love  
that help countless hearts  
to grow...



On Saturday May 4th, an enthusiastic group of PHS members got together for the Annual Cleanup to wake the park up from its winter nap. A tough and long nap !! The tulips will add colour to the park within the next week.

On Wed. May 8th we began our weekly maintenance, and would welcome new members to join us. Please contact me at [anniemargaret43@hotmail.com](mailto:anniemargaret43@hotmail.com)

Again, a huge Thank You for a job well done at Clean Up.

❖ Annie English

## Hospitality

We are planning something special as a thank you for all of our amazing members at our June General Meeting.

Keep an eye out in the June Newsletter for details!!

Photo credit: Peterborough Examiner



## Planting Day Peterborough

Hey #ptbo! Join GreenUp for a planting day in Downtown Peterborough! Saturday, June 1st... Save the date! This is a fun filled day for everyone where you get the chance to create a beautiful green space in the heart of our city. There will be food and drinks for volunteers and we will provide the required tools. To sign up or to hear more, email project coordinator Dawn at [dawn.pond@greenup.on.ca](mailto:dawn.pond@greenup.on.ca) Downtown Peterborough, Depave Paradise, Ontario Trillium Foundation #letsgetdirty

## May Flower Show

Our flower show is May 22nd. I know it may not seem like there will be flowers to show but in the weeks before the show I'm sure your gardens will pop!

If you've never entered a show before there are two categories set aside for first timers. Everyone else, remember to please participate. We all enjoy seeing the many lovely flowers from members' gardens. Go through your garden a couple of days before the show to see which of your flowers can be entered. See pages 24 & 25 in our yearbook for rules and information.

Flowers and entry cards must be in place no later than 6:50 that evening.

If you are not participating, please avoid the flower tables until judging is completed.

If you have any other questions please feel free to call either Shaun. [705-740 2411](tel:705-740-2411) or Anita [705-748 0267](tel:705-748-0267). Looking forward to a great show.

❖ Shaun Pyper

# Upcoming Events:

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| May 18<br>8:00 am                     | Campbellford                 | Spring Plant Sale - corner of Doxee and Bridge St. (Bank of Montreal)   |  |
| May 18<br>8:00 am                     | Lakefield                    | Cenotaph Park, in front of Memorial Hall at traffic lights  |  |
| May 18<br>9:00 am                     | Omeme                        | Omeme Legion  |  |
| May 25<br>8:00 am                     | Stirling                     | Covered bridge at Mill street and Front Street.   |  |
| May 25<br>8:00 am - noon              | Ennismore                    | Ennismore Horticultural Society plant sale<br>James Gifford Causeway  |  |
| May 25<br>9:00 am                     | Lindsay                      | Lindsay Horticultural Club Plant Sale<br>Memorial Park, Lindsay St. S   |  |
| May 25<br>10:00 am                    | Minden                       | Minden Horticultural Society Plant sale – Villiage Green, Bobcaygeon Road, Minden   |  |
| May 25<br>10:00 am                    | Fenelon Falls                | Spring into Gardening Plant Sale<br>Mayboro Lodge - The Fenelon Falls Museum, Fenelon Falls   |  |
| June 1<br>8:00 am                     | Lindsay                      | Garage sale – 32 Parkside drive   |  |
| June 11<br>6:30 pm                    | Grafton                      | June Flower Show  | St. Andrew's Church, 137 Old Danforth Road                               |
| June 11<br>7:30 pm                    | Lindsay                      | Glorious Colours  | St. Paul's Anglican Church, 45 Russell St. W.<br>– at general meetings – |
| June 14 (Friday)<br>8:45 am - 6:00 pm | Peterborough                 | Join us for a one day bus tour - Meadowview Gardens, Schoolhouse Gardens and Giboshihill Hostas - includes Lunch \$65 – <a href="mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com">patdevilliers@hotmail.com</a>          |  |
| June 15<br>10:00 am - 4:00 pm         | Port Hope                    | \$25 Information <a href="tel:905-995-7929">905-995-7929</a> Tickets available at Johnston's Greenhouse   |  |
| June 15 2:00-4:00 pm                  | Brighton                     | Spring Flower Show  | King Edward Community Centre<br>- \$3 incl. tea                          |
| June 17<br>7:00 pm                    | Omeme                        | Magical Miniature<br>Gardens and Flower<br>Show   | Trinity United Church, Omeme   |
| June 18<br>7:00 pm                    | Lakefield                    | Lakefield in Bloom<br>speaker series presents<br>Heather Ray<br>"Rain Gardens"  | Marshland Centre, Haig Blvd  |
| June 19, 20                           | Niagara - On - The -<br>Lake | Northumberland Master Gardeners Bur Tour (overnight)<br>Niagara - On - The - Lake \$299<br><a href="mailto:northumberland@mgoi.ca">northumberland@mgoi.ca</a>   |  |
| July 6<br>10:00 am - 4:00 pm          | Peterborough                 | Activity Haven Garden Tour. Tickets: \$20. <a href="tel:705-876-1670">705-876-1670</a><br>Available at Avant Garden, Burley's Garden Centre, Griffin's Greenhouses,<br>Lakefield Trinket's and Treasures. |  |

# Bus Trip 2019

Friday, June 14th Bus Trip

Only 7 spots left! If you are interested and have not yet signed up for the Bus Trip on Friday, June 14th, please contact Pat de Villiers at [705-741-1101](tel:705-741-1101) or [patdevilliers@hotmail.com](mailto:patdevilliers@hotmail.com) to be added to the list.



Payment can be either made by cheque to Peterborough Horticultural Society at the May meeting or by e-transfer. The cost is \$65 which includes bus, our 2 tours and a lunch special of soup, salad and sandwich.

The bus leaves the Sears parking lot at 8:45 am and the morning is spent at beautiful Meadowview Gardens near Roseneath with a tour by Gary Edwards. After lunch in nearby Warkworth, we visit the School House Gardens where their peony collections will be in bloom, again with a tour.

Our final stop is Giboshihill Hostas north of Cobourg, one of the largest display gardens in Northumberland region with hostas which can be purchased as well as touring their extensive display gardens. Return is to the Sears parking lot at 6 pm.

For more details on each of these spots, see the April Newsletter for descriptions or check out these gardens online.

# Plant Sale

The weather just did not want to co-operate with us! It was a cold Spring, resulting in donations of only 331 plants; last year our plant donations totalled 470 plants. Despite that, we still managed a profit of \$1,124.35 this year! An enormous thank you to the following volunteers that always make the sale fun and a big success! And much gratitude also goes to all those who donated their plants and garden décor.

Annie English, Beth Williams, Cauleen Viscoff, Daina Zvaigne, Dawna Rhondinhizer, Dianne Gordanier, Diane Raper, Donna O'Brien, Etela Vojnic, Elane Kalavrias, Issa Horani, Kathy Hewitt, Lois Scott, Laura Jack, Marie Doyle, Mary Charlton, Maya De Maria, Maura Holec, MJ Pilgrim, Monica White, Pauline Drake, Susan Gomez-Duran, Sally Rye, Scott Bain, Shaun Pyper, Su Musclow.

❖ Anita Clifford

# Barnyard Gold is back!

Hurray... Barnyard Gold is back at Kawartha Capital.

\$11.25 a bag, but with your membership card 25% off

Use like mulch for lots of worms, great soil and weed reduction...

One bags covers an area about the size of a 4 x 8 sheet of plywood...

The OHA's Spring edition of the Trillium is now available from the [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) website.

<https://gardenontario.org/2019-spring-trillium/>