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Wednesday, January 22, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Speaker: Erin Muscutt **"Fossilized Plants that Still Exist Today"**

Erin Muscutt has been professionally gardening for 25 years. She graduated from Durham College with a diploma in General Arts & Science. Later she attended Humber College where she attained 2 certificates and licenses in: Horticulturist Landscape / Greenskeeper, & Horticulturist Nursery / Greenhouse. As well she is a licensed Horticultural Technician. Through Arboriculture Canada Erin holds certifications in: Tree Dynamics & Integrated Risk Assessment, Technical Tree Falling & Cutting in the Urban Forest, and Hazard & Danger Tree Cutting & Falling. Erin has operated her own business, and has worked for Sheridan Nurseries & Cullen Gardens & Miniature Village. Currently Erin's job has shifted inside working on cabinet making / wood working and furniture repair along with other mechanical repairs. The most recent venture Erin has started is a part-time business selling tubers and seeds under the name "Muscutt Seeds". Erin will be selling her seeds at Seedy Sunday on March 15 and at the Bobcaygeon Garden Tour.



President's Message

As we begin a new year, I'm so glad that we can do so TOGETHER. Everyone who volunteers of their time and energy strengthens the entire Society, and usually has a lot of fun while we're doing it! We have a great line-up of speakers for 2020, and I'm really looking forward to our incredible Garden Show at our amazing venue in April. Let's make it a great start to a great year.

❖ **MJ Pilgrim**

Each year, we submit a 'volunteer hours' report to the OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association). Our number this year was almost **5,000 hours!** Incredible. On average, that's about 24 hours of volunteering PER MEMBER. Simply Amazing. Well done.

Review of the Weather Cancellation Procedure

If we have to cancel, 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's good to be prepared!

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

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

Hospitality

We did it again this year!! Our November Meeting was a huge success for those less fortunate than ourselves, due to the generosity of our PHS Members. Our tables were overflowing with a total of 78 pairs of socks, 45 pairs of mitts/gloves, 40 hats, 10 scarves, 4 pairs of slippers and a mountain of non-perishable foods...280 lbs. to be exact. In the past four years we have "knocked it out of the park", always beating the year before. At the end of the night Anita and I take all that is left on our goodie table to Brock Mission so they can enjoy our Christmas Baking and they are so appreciative of it. Pat Lounsbury delivers the clothing items to Crossroads, and Brock Mission the following day after she does the count, and I deliver the food to Kawartha Food Share. So, again a BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful members, and may you all be Blessed in this Year of 2020.

❖ **Annie English, Anita Clifford and Pat Lounsbury**

Garden Show – Volunteers

It's that time of year again! We need your help again to make this another amazing, successful Garden Show. The online sign-up will be available by January 22nd & the link will be posted on our website for you to access. Please review the job descriptions as there are a few changes - both in times and responsibilities. You will also have the option to sign up at our January 22nd general meeting. Email Donna or Susan with any questions. Thanks for all your generous support! donnared2001@yahoo.com or sled21.sg@gmail.com.

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

PHS Meeting Info

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

Memberships

\$20.00 Individual, \$25 Family, \$2 guest

A new year of learning and growing awaits! Have you renewed your membership for the coming year of great speakers? Please come see Laura or 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. Remember to wear your name tag, it helps us all get to know each other and we already have 2020 tags available, just waiting for your renewal. Looking forward to seeing you all this month.

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

OHA Trillium Newsletters from our parent organization:

Includes articles about:

- OHA Society activities
- OHA Website update
- OHA awards & grants
- 2020 Convention information in London, ON in July.

www.gardenontario.org

Website: www.PeterboroughGardenShow.com

This site is your gateway to all things Garden Show. Use it and love it. Show dates: April 24-26, 2020.

On the website you will find dates, times, place, people and events.

We have dynamic speakers, and incredible workshops in our gorgeous venue (Fleming College). Lots of free parking, and two entrances this year for easier access & faster admission.

Please consider volunteering. With just 2 shifts, you get to come to the show for the whole weekend. You don't have to join a committee or attend meetings. There are lots of tasks you can even do in a couple of hours at home, before the show. But when show time comes, get your preferred shifts by signing up early.

Remember why we do this. It is our way of giving back to our community, and we do it so well & have fun while we do.

We are a terrific group and we do terrific things. Make sure to join in!

❖ **Cauleen Viscoff**, 2020 Chair, Peterborough Garden Show

Perennial Plant of the Year 2020

Aralia cordata 'Sun King'

Common Name: Golden Japanese Spikenard

Looking for something uniquely different for shade? Try this tropical-looking golden beauty with large compound leaves that measure up to 3 feet long!

An excellent complement to hostas and woodland perennials, 'Sun King' emerges mid-spring with bright gold leaves held on nicely contrasting reddish brown stems. If given at least a few hours of sun a day, the foliage will remain yellow all summer. In heavier shade, the foliage ranges from chartreuse to lime green. In mid to late summer, interesting racemes of tiny white flowers are produced followed by deep purplish black, inedible berries. Like most Aralias, the flowers attract honeybees.



Upcoming Events



Save the Date – Saturday February 29: Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners are hosting the 5th Annual “Day For Gardeners” at Activity Haven, 9:30am-3pm. “Everyone Welcome!”

See peterboroughmastergardeners.com for more information and to register -- \$40 includes a catered lunch. \$35 EarlyBird before February 15.

Session 1: Attracting Birds to the Garden OR Understanding Plant Growth for Better Pruning
Session 2: Favourite Perennials OR Houseplants: How to Identify and Grow Healthy Houseplants
Session 3: Gardening for Seniors OR Plants for your water garden

SOOS Orchid Show and Plant Sale – February 8 & 9: Southern Ontario Orchid Society – 11am to 5pm both days at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. More info: www.soos.ca.

Canada Blooms – March 13-22: Enercare Centre, Toronto. canadablooms.com

Peterborough Garden Show – April 24, 25, 26: Fleming College, Peterborough.

Seedy Sunday – March 15: Peterborough’s 15th annual seed swap and sale. 12noon – 5pm. Emmanuel East United Church (formerly George St. United). Free admission.

OHA District 4 AGM – Saturday April 4: 10 am-3 pm, hosted by Lakefield @ Lakefield Legion.



“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

~John Steinbeck