

# PETERBOROUGH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Established in 1861, a proud supporter of our community.

## A Message from the President

MARY-JANE PILGRIM

It is almost Spring! I am so excited about the lighter evenings and I am loving the very brave spring bulbs that are popping up all over my gardens. It's truly a time of awakening and rejuvenation. All we truly need now is for things to be a bit warmer on the temperature front, and for a reduction in the number of white flaky things falling from the sky.

The spring ephemerals that don't get blasted with ice or snow never cease to disappoint. Tulips, crocus, daffodils, grape hyacinths are all pushing their heads out of the soil and showing us what they've been planning on for the full year behind us. I always wonder at the fact that they can survive such cold temperatures in the soil, and then remember what they're supposed to look like – not only that, but they're making more of themselves as well. Nature is simply amazing.

Thank you all for your continued support. As always, if you have suggestions, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out: [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com)

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## PHS Meeting: Wednesday, April 26 @ 7:00 pm @ the Lions Community Centre

### DAVID RETALLICK “PRUNING 101”

David Retallick was born in Peterborough, Ontario. In fact, he still lives on a 50 acre farm just south of the city on Highway 28. David grows perennial flowers for sale.

Daylilies are his favorite for many reasons, but he also enjoys growing true lilies (Asiatic, Trumpet, Orientals, LA Hybrids and Orientals). He also has a select group of iris, coneflower, hosta and grasses for sale on his farm during various times of the year.

David is also the owner of a professional gardening service named David's Garden Service which involves the pruning of trees, shrubs and hedges. His website is [davidsgarden.ca](http://davidsgarden.ca). He has accumulated a great knowledge of the subject over 30 years of gardening. David looks forward to giving our group his perspective on the sometimes misinformed way to do pruning RIGHT.

David will be speaking to us on Wednesday April 26 at 7pm at the Peterborough Lions Centre, 347 Burnham Street. Guests are welcome for a \$5 guest fee.





## Flowers Are Big Business

SHAUN PYPER

Thanks to the lovely scents of flowers, it's no surprise that we bottle their aromas.

During the 19th century, perfumes were often made from the fragrance of a single flower, but as the industry evolved, the scent profiles became more complex, made up of several natural and synthetic chemicals. Chanel No. 5, has the concentrated oil of around 12 roses and a thousand jasmine flowers in every 30 ml bottle.

Altogether the global flower industry earns more than US \$30 billion. (Gleaned from a Reader's Digest article)

## Spring Is Sending Out Signals

SU MUSCLOW

Outside Spring is definitely sending out signals of a return to warmer pleasant times. You can hear the squawking of the crows mixed with the sweet sound of the robins and doves, willows have a decidedly “yellow” tinge, snowdrops and crocuses are poking through a still yet cold ground, and bunnies are charging across my backyard.

On March 26, I brought my geraniums up from the basement where they had been resting since last Fall, trimmed off all the spent foliage, and planted them. If you look closely you can see they have tiny green shoots starting to appear. While they are very small now, by early to mid May they will be substantial enough and I'll put them in my outside planters.

These geraniums are now 3 years old, and I've managed to “over winter” them in my basement. And so the cycle continues!!!

Do you have stories to share? We love getting stories from members!  
Email them to [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com)

"Our greatest strength lies in the gentleness and tenderness of our heart."

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## PETERBOROUGH'S HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### CELEBRATES GARDENERS ACROSS THE CITY

The Peterborough Horticultural Society wants your help recognizing home gardeners who transform their front and/or back yards, or porches or balconies, into something eye-catching. There are stunning home gardens all around the city. This spring and summer, let's recognize home gardeners across the city who create these special places and make the city that much more beautiful. We are looking for this year's GARDEN HERO recipients.

Is there a beautiful garden in your neighbourhood? If so, you can nominate the gardener to be a GARDEN HERO. The Peterborough Horticultural Society will give you a GARDEN HERO sign that you can use to recognize the contribution that gardener makes to horticulture and the happiness gardens bring to us all. Whether it's big or small, traditional or wild, doesn't matter so long as it brings you joy.

If you have a neighbour who loves to garden and you'd like to recognize them as a GARDEN HERO, please email us at [ptbohortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:ptbohortsoc@gmail.com) for a sign. Supplies are limited, so email us early in the season. If you are a member of the Peterborough Horticultural Society, you can pick up a GARDEN HERO sign at the May 24th members' meeting. And if you see a GARDEN HERO sign in someone's garden this summer, please post a picture to social media @ptbohortsoc. Happy gardening everyone!

**"It was a fun program and I enjoyed moving the sign to a good friend who was very deserving of being a Garden Hero. It promoted the Peterborough Horticultural Society and was instrumental in creating conversation amongst the neighbours about the therapeutic and environmental benefits of gardening."**

**Sharlene Pratt, 2022 Garden Hero sign program**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & OTHER NEWS

### SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT

The Ontario Horticultural Association has awarded the Peterborough Horticultural Society with a \$1,000 Special Project Grant towards landscaping at the Canadian Canoe Museum.

### OHA GRANT

We also received a \$250 grant from the OHA to support Seedy Sunday held last month that many of our members enjoyed. We are crushing it this year, thanks to everyone for their support!

### WE MADE THE PAPER!

We were featured in the Peterborough Examiner last month when we presented the Canadian Canoe Museum with a cheque for \$5,000 to assist with the landscaping of their new building now under construction. Link [here](#).

### Fundraising: Peterborough Horticultural Society helps Canadian Canoe Museum's trees grow

The donation will be used at the new Lake and Little Lake

By Caroline McConnell Special to the Examiner  
Mon., March 13, 2023 @ 3 min. read



### SAVE THE DATE!

**May 24: PHS Spring Flower Show at General Meeting**

**May 26: 1pm-6pm - drop-off plants for PHS Plant Sale, Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke Street**

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**May 27: Fleming Park Cleanup, 9:00am-10:30am. Corner of Brock and Aylmer. Bring your gloves, pruners, rakes, tarps and shovels for moving mulch.**

**June 14: PHS Bus Trip to Oshawa including the Peony garden, Parkwood Estate, catered lunch at Durham College and tours of 2 private gardens**

**June 28: Bring a Bouquet to the PHS General Meeting!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PLANT SALE 2023

Our annual Plant Sale will be held Friday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. at Westdale United Church.

The doors will be open Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. so all donations can be dropped off that afternoon.

We are in need of volunteers, plant and garden related items. Please no aggressive or invasive perennials. Plants should be potted in pots so they could be sold for \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, etc.

You can get in touch with Anita Clifford, [anitaclifford@bell.net](mailto:anitaclifford@bell.net) or by phone 705.748.0267 to let me know if you can volunteer.

Please hang on to your divisions of perennials for donations!



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
VOLUNTEER AT THE  
PLANT SALE? GET IN  
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FLOWER SHOW - MAY 24, 2023

THE SCHEDULE:

Must be in place with completed entry cards at 6:45 pm. Judging begins at 7:00 pm.

Prize money: 1st place - \$3.00, 2nd place - \$2.00, 3rd place - \$1.00 (to be presented night of show).

Best in Show – Prize \$5.00.

Judge's Choice - Prize \$5.00. First time exhibitors are not limited to Class “1” only.

SECTION A: SPECIMEN (Cut Flower)

CLASS A

1 For 1st time exhibitors – “Bring your best bloom”, one stem

2 Ferns – 3 stems

3 Heuchera – 3 leaves, 2 or 3 cultivars

4 Pansies – 3 blooms

5 Iris - 1 spike, any type or colour

6 Tulip – single, 1 bloom, any cultivar

7 Tulip – double, 1 bloom, any cultivar

8 Bulb collection – 3 stems, 2 or 3 cultivars

9 Spring Flower Collection – 3 perennial, 2 bulb

10 Hosta – 3 small leaves, same cultivar

11 Hosta – 3 medium leaves, same cultivar

12 Hosta – 3 large leaves, same cultivar

13 Allium – 1 stem

14 Columbine – 1 stem

15 Bleeding Heart – 1 stem

16 Solomon's Seal – 1 stem

17 Any other Spring flowering branch – NAMED, max. length 30”

18 Any other Spring bulb, corm or rhizome – one bloom or stem, NAMED, multiple entries will be allowed provided they are different cultivars.

19 Any other perennial – NAMED, multiple entries will be allowed provided they are different cultivars.



SECTION B: DESIGN

20 “For the 1st time exhibitors” – “Heralding Spring” design to include Spring Flowers – any size in container

21 “Heralding Spring” design to include Spring Flowers – any size in container

22 “Shades of Pink & Purple” in your Favorite Wine Glass

23 “A Mini Design”- 5in. x 5in. (not to exceed)



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### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLOWER SHOWS

1. Exhibitors shall be a member in good standing, of the Peterborough Horticultural Society
2. Horticultural Exhibitors must be amateurs. Design Exhibitors must be amateur. An amateur is a person who does not earn his/her livelihood from the growth and/or sale of flowers, vegetables, plants or fruits. Exhibitors must be present to place entries onto the show tables.
3. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in each section in each class unless specified.
4. All exhibits must be in place by the specified time.
5. The exhibitor must grow their own entries in the horticultural (specimen) classes. In the design classes, the exhibitor may purchase the materials.
6. Exhibitors must furnish their own clean, clear, glass containers and the exhibits must be removed after the show. The Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the containers.
7. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry tag. Name the cultivar where possible. Entry tags will be available from the Show Committee prior to each show.
8. Judges will use the publication "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards" (Publication #34) for all guidelines and rules. Copy can be found in PHS Library.
9. The decision of the judge is final. Judges may withhold an award if in their opinion the exhibit is not worthy.

#### Design

1. In Design Classes, accessories may be used. (Unless otherwise stated)
2. In Design Classes, material must be fresh (not dry, silk, etc.). (Unless otherwise stated).

#### Horticulture

1. Artificial materials are not permitted.
2. Unless otherwise stated, buds showing colour are counted as blooms.
3. A Class may be subdivided and/or a new Class may be created at the discretion of the Flower Show Committee.

#### Photography

1. Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor within the past 24 months.
2. Entries are limited to one per exhibitor in each class.
3. Prints must be in colour unless otherwise specified.
4. Prints must not exceed 4" X 6" (10cm X15 cm). No frames allowed.
5. Each print must be accompanied by a fully completed entry tag.
6. Entries must be picked up at the end of the meeting.
7. Entries must not have been previous winners at a PHS show.
8. Entries may only be submitted once.





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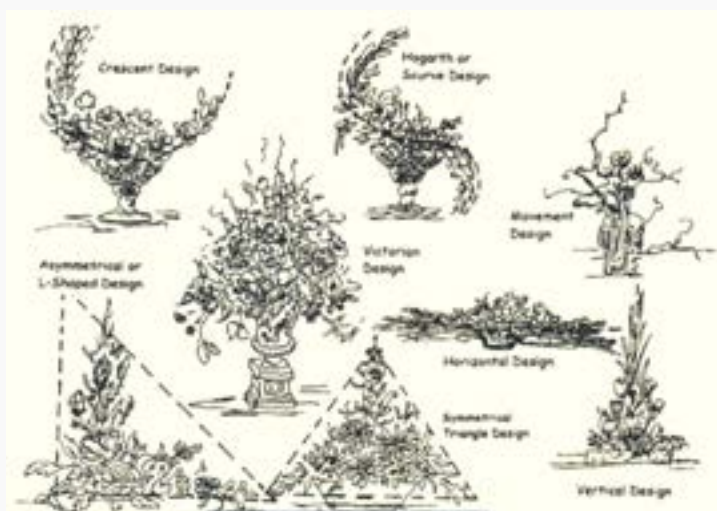
### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FLOWER SHOWS - CONTINUED

#### Exhibitors Information

- Clearly print your complete name (first and last) on entry tags
- Oasis should NOT be seen. Try not to take a flower out and then replace it. The block will break if full of holes.
- Gladioli and Iris display best in narrow necked containers.
- Study the categories carefully. Make sure your exhibit is placed in the proper category.
- Submit your entry on time.
- In specimen classes, judges look for uniformity in size, colour and perfection. Try to avoid mismatches in size and colours.
- Check all foliage and remove blemished or damaged leaves. Faded or black petals should be removed.

#### CONDITIONING TIPS FOR FLOWER SHOWS

1. Use only very clean vases, pail and clippers. Rinse pails, knives and clippers periodically with mild chlorine bleach solution.
2. Cut flowers in the cool of the day, either early morning or late evening. Immerse stems immediately after cutting in a pail of tepid water.
3. Remove unnecessary foliage, including any leaves that will be submerged when arranged.
4. Recut stems on the diagonal, removing 1 inch, preferably under water.
5. Plunge stems into deep water. Leave for several hours or overnight in a cool draught free area.
6. A commercial florist preservative may be added to the water, but if used in the water for conditioning, it must also be used in the water for arranging.
7. To condition ferns, break off rather than cut stems and completely submerge in cool water for 12 hours before arranging.
8. Iris can be conditioned in 3 drops of peppermint in a quart of water and arranged in shallow water.





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### OSHAWA BUS TRIP - WED, JUNE 14TH - 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

Our trip arrangements are now finalized for a Bus Trip to Oshawa on Wednesday, June 14th. We will meet at the former Canadian Canoe Museum at Monaghan Rd near Lansdowne St where we have permission to leave our cars for the day. The bus will leave at 8:30 am.

Our first stop will be the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens to visit the peonies. The OVBG is a diverse garden complex known for its seasonal display of peonies with waterfalls and walking paths. Next, we drive to the Parkwood Estate, a 55-room mansion built in 1917 - 1919 by R. S. McLaughlin, founder of General Motors Canada.

At 11 am we have a 90-minute tour of the historic gardens with our group being divided roughly into groups of 10. The gardens were designed in the 1920s reminiscent of the great gardens of England. The design is Arts and Crafts lawns, pavilions, statues and walkways. A 2-acre 'arte moderne' formal garden was created in 1935. 26 grounds keepers maintain the gardens.

Lunch at 1 pm will be at Bistro 67, Durham College, a farm-to-table teaching facility with its own gardens. Lunch is included in the cost of the trip. After lunch we will be visiting 2 private gardens. The first one, only 10 minutes from the College, is a city property with a garden train and many garden rooms and was established just 7 years ago.

Our 2nd garden contains a peony garden, a pond, unusual trees, a bridge and creek and has many seating areas, a verandah and gazebo. From there, we head back to Peterborough and should arrive about 5 pm. As we will not be visiting any garden centres, bins will not be required this trip.

The total cost of the trip including tours and lunch is \$90.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/cPVrdryAAYHbpt9k8>

**OTTAWA BUS TRIP  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH  
8:30AM - 5:00PM**

**SIGNUP LINK:**  
<https://forms.gle/cPVrdryAAYHbpt9k8>





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### PMG ADVICE TABLE!

The Peterborough and Area Master Gardener's Advice Table will be at the PHS general meetings most of the year: Please bring your questions, and keep those MGs busy!

### Blue Frog Water Gardens

- Plants
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Ontario Horticultural Association Spring 2023



## Secret Garden

During the spring and summer of 2022, Ennismore Garden Club volunteers worked tirelessly to create their worst-kept secret.

Here is the Spring Edition of the Trillium 2023:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-Spring-Trillium.pdf>