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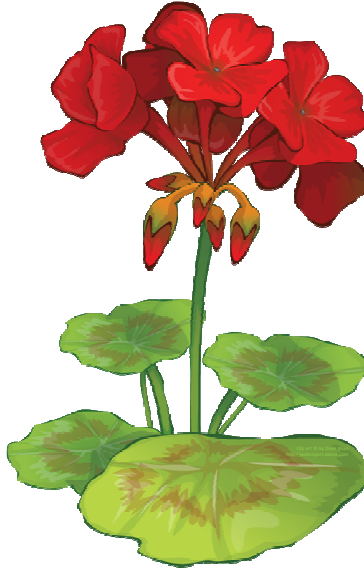
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Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.



Cancellation of the February Meeting

I hope everyone received adequate notice of the cancellation of the February meeting with a minimum of inconvenience. It is a difficult call to make knowing what the weather and road conditions will be like later in the day. The decision was made to cancel in consulting with several other Board Members and we all felt that safety on the roads should be our first priority. Later in the afternoon when conditions cleared I wondered if we had made the right choice, but later when the temperature dropped and the roads were again snow covered and icy I was glad we had cancelled the meeting. We will consider booking our speaker, Matt Logan, on common tree problems for next year.



Doug Kennedy

has appeared as a keynote speaker at venues such as the International Centre in Toronto, Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay, Toronto Botanical Gardens, many Horticultural societies (2009 OHA AGM Fall Seminar in Lindsay), Oshawa garden club, Canadian Organic growers and more. Topics of discussion include importance of native plantings, soil health, shoreline health and many other horticultural and environmental issues.

Peterborough Horticultural Society and Peterborough Garden Show are now on Twitter! You can FOLLOW us at: @PtboGardenShow and @PtboHortSoc so please do. Also, please ReTweet us to your friends and followers AND use Hashtags (#) in front of any word that could get picked up by a search engine. Some examples: #garden #show #horticulture This will help to get our name out there in the Twitterverse and attract people to our website, to our monthly meetings, and to our Garden Show. Contact **Claire Sullivan** @clairewrites or at any general meeting for more info.

If members are so inclined you are invited / encouraged to use the following email signature (below your name on your emails) for the next couple of months to attract your email contacts to our website.

Come to the Peterborough Garden Show on April 12th, 13th, and 14th. Check out our website: www.peterboroughgardens.ca for Show info and follow the show on Twitter @PtboGardenShow

Spring Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will be held at Westdale United located on Sherbrooke Street West on **Saturday May 4th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Sign up sheets will be passed around at the March meeting. If you are able to volunteer some time at the sale either Friday night or Saturday morning your help would be greatly appreciated.

We welcome any plants, seedlings, garden magazines and garden decor items in good condition you can contribute to the sale. If you have any extra garden trays or pots, please bring them to the March or April meetings for those who may need them. Gardening magazines may also be dropped off at that time. If you have any questions and suggestions for our plant sale, please contact Anita Clifford at 705-748-0267, or anitaclifford@bell.net.



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Peterborough Horticultural Society
The Peterborough Garden Show

Welcome New Members!

Sandy Spremo & Scott Bain

SPRING FLING - Griffin's Greenhouses Friday March 15 and Saturday March 16

Griffin's Greenhouses is, once again, holding a **SPRING FLING!** To welcome spring at our greenhouse, 3026 Lakefield Road.

Our **SPRING FLING** will include:
Complimentary Refreshments
Springtime Cookies and Lemonade

A fun "Spring Fling!" Workshop - 1:00 p.m. each day.

A photo of the container and details can be found at www.griffinsgreenhouses.com. Please register to join.

SPRING FLING bonus for Horticultural Societies which gives back to our local community. Each person, horticultural society member or not, who makes a purchase on Friday March 15 or Saturday March 16 will be asked where he/she would like his/her support "flung". A large chart with the name of your horticultural society on it, along with four other societies, will be prominently displayed. **10%** of the pre-tax amount of each sale made at our **SPRING FLING** will be given to the horticultural society the buyer chooses in the form of a gift card that your group can use at your discretion.

Last year we donated over \$350 to local horticultural societies in gift cards ranging in amounts of \$30 to over \$100. Please encourage your members to visit to see lovely spring plants and our new spring garden decor and, if they make a purchase, know that they are helping their own horticultural society!

Welcome Spring! Welcome! Welcome!
Sincerely, Vikki and the team at Griffin's Greenhouses



Ask Tammy

Turns out you don't need snow for snow peas, but they do like a soil that is rich in phosphorus and potassium, as well as lots of sun!

However, I was wondering if I should use white or brown sugar for my 'sweet potatoes'?

Coming Events

SPRING GET-TOGETHER - Saturday, March 16th
All are welcome and at no cost to the OHA District 4 Spring Get Together. It is being held this coming Saturday, March 16th here in Peterborough at the Public Library on Aylmer Street from 1 - 3:30 pm. The programme is "Best Practices for Society Meetings" and there will also be a seed exchange.

District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association is thrilled to welcome a new society ~ Ennismore & District Horticultural Society. Representatives will be joining us at the Spring Get Together

Local Plant Sales

Suggest that you go early to all sales for the best selection:

Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Peterborough Horticultural Society Plant Sale at Westdale United Church on Sherbrooke Street, just east of Brealey, Peterborough

Sunday, May 5 from 12 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Toronto Botanical Gardens, **5th Annual Hardy Plant Sale** 777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto. For information visit our website www.onrockgarden.com/plantsale for an updated list of vendors, plants and photos.

Saturday, May 11 - 9:00 a.m. until noon
Omeme Horticultural Society Plant Sale.
Omeme Curling Rink. For information: omeme@gardenontario.ca

Thursday, May 16 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Norwood Horticultural Society Plant Sale - Norwood United Church Lawn at the north east corner of Highway 7 and Regional Road 45 (at the lights)

Saturday, May 18 - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Lakefield Horticultural Society Plant Sale
at the Cenotaph in Lakefield

Membership

Please go to the website to download the membership form.

<http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/Membership%20form%202012.pdf>

LUG-A-MUG

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





April 12, 13, 14

It's almost here – the 2013 Peterborough Garden Show-April 12th, 13th and 14th.

The show is looking great with a full line of lectures and demonstrations. As some of you may want to plan your visit around the renowned lecturers and demonstrators I am listing the days, times and subjects below.

Come out and cheer on your favourite in the **Celebrity Challenge** on Friday night. **Gary Dalliday, Ken Tremblay, John Mackle** and **Peer Christenson** will be competing to make the best flower arrangement. Don't forget to vote for your favourite for the Peoples Choice Award.

Bring your garden tools and knives to be sharpened by **Robbie Preston, the Scissor Man**. You will be able to drop them off on your way into the show and pick them up when you leave. **Robbie only accepts cash.**

We are very excited to have **BE Catering and Kyoto Coffee** looking after the food this year. The menu looks delicious and healthy. **The Children's Garden** has a bug slant this time and should be lots of fun for those 12 and under. We are looking for entries in the **Floral Design Competition** and the Open Class is entitled Spring Fling. See the show website www.peterboroughgardens.ca for full details of how to enter.

Once again we are running the **free shuttle** from the Kinsmen's Centre on Saturday and Sunday. You can park for free at the Kinsmen Centre and we do suggest that you park there if at all possible.

Avoid the long lineups and buy advance tickets that will entitle you to enter by the priority entrance. **Joan Harding** will have tickets for sale at the meeting and they are also available at **Griffins, Lakefield Flowers, Greenhouse on the River, Avant- Garden, Hotner's and Custom Copy**. We will also have a special entrance booth for people with exact change of \$6.

It's going to be another great show - spread the word verbally and with rack cards and posters which will be available at the meeting.

Rachel Burrows, Show Chair

Garden Show Volunteers It's that time of year again!

Thank you to those who phoned and e-mailed after the cancelled meeting to put their name on the Volunteer list. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please contact Pat de Villiers at **705-741-1101** or by e-mail at patdevilliers@hotmail.com. Our committee is meeting next week to see where we stand for volunteers for each shift throughout the Show. We will be phoning to confirm after that or to request more help where and when needed. Thanks for all those who have so generously offered their time.

Photo Request

At the Horticultural Table at the Garden Show, we are planning to have photos of any PHS events or projects. If you have any recent pictures to share from the Mystery Tour, "garden shopping therapy" trip, Fleming Park, the June Celebration luncheon or Volunteer Appreciation Event please notify Pat de Villiers (patdevilliers@hotmail.com) or bring them to our next meeting.

Pat de Villiers



Little Green Thumb Children's Garden

Last year it was so wonderful that all of you participated in the success of the children's garden by saving your paper towel holders for our rain maker craft. What a hit! Well, I need your help again. Please save your individually portioned yoghurt containers, washed and preferable the label taken off. We are going to 'fancy' them up and plant some pansies... 'fancy pansy'! Please bring them to the March meeting. Also, if you know of a student who needs volunteer hours, we are happy to accept them to volunteer in our area. Thanks so much. Please read on to see what else we will be up to in the Children's Garden upstairs.

I'm so excited for this year's Children's Garden, and I hope you have a chance to pop by and visit. Please bring the little people in your life to come and enjoy many interesting events we have planned. This year we have added a few things including a giant felt board where children can plan their own veggie or flower garden, a large and miniature Zen garden, decorate a container and plant a pansy 'fancy pansy', new bug crafts and insect keepers to make, and you might even find a few living insects hanging around. We of course will still have our dress-up and face painting, book worm area, discovery tables, veggie and fruit market and many other crafts and things to do. Did I miss anything? Hope to see you there



Susan Bowie

New This Year

Celebrity Challenge

Friday, April 12th, 2013, 7:00 pm

Local celebrities will be competing in a fun flower arranging competition on the opening evening of the 2013 Peterborough Garden Show. Add Friday, April 12th to your diaries and come along and cheer on your favourite.

Corry Vanderkooy from **Pammetts Flower Shop** will be demonstrating how to make a flower arrangement and then our celebrities will take on the challenge themselves. There will be an opportunity to vote for your favourite arrangement and a people's choice award will be presented at the end of the show.



Peer Christenson

artist and owner of Christenson Fine Art

Gary Dalliday

retired sportscaster and CHEX personality

John Mackle

retired as Director of Education for the Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB)

Ken Tremblay

CEO, Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Floral Competition

Presented by Omeme Horticultural Society

There will be 1 open class titled Spring Fling & 3 classes for schools only.

We encourage all Horticultural members to enter the open class.

For more information, contact **Donna at 705.799.6656** or flowers@peterboroughgardens.ca

Speakers



Saturday April 13th

10:45 am	Kevin Elchuk	Designing with Hostas
12:00 noon	Dawn Golloher	Easy Care Perennial Partners
1:15 pm	Paul Zammit	Lessons from the Garden
2:30 pm	Marjorie Mason	Gardening for All the Days of Your Life



Sunday, April 14th

10:45 am	Dugald Cameron	Summer Flowering Bulbs, Exotic Flowers & Fragrance All Summer Long
12:00 noon	Beckie Fox	Making a Cutting Garden
1:15 pm	Kerry Hackett	Well Seasoned Medicine: Kitchen Herbs & Spices

Demonstrations



Saturday April 13th

11:00 am	Ask a Master Gardener	Rachel Burrows, Margot Cox, Betty Delong, Beryl Harris
12:00 noon	Lee Valley	My Favourite Tools
1:00 pm	Peter Keeping	Clematis
2:00 pm	Jill Bishop	Growing Diversity in the Garden
3:00 pm	Cauleen Viscoff	Rose Pruning



Sunday April 14th

11:00 am	Vikki Griffin Whitney	Explosions of Colour: Container Ideas that will Blow your Mind!
12:00 noon	Claire Sullivan	Reading from her book "Master Gardener"
12:00 noon	Jill Cockerell	Chartered Herbalist
1:00 pm	Cathy Dueck	Homes for the Homeless - Taking Care of the Birds and Bees
2:00 pm	Sue Lajeunesse	How to Make Inexpensive Flower Plate Garden Art

Ongoing Demonstration Friday, Saturday and Sunday
The Scissor Man – Robbie Preston
Get your garden tools sharpened - Cash Only Please

