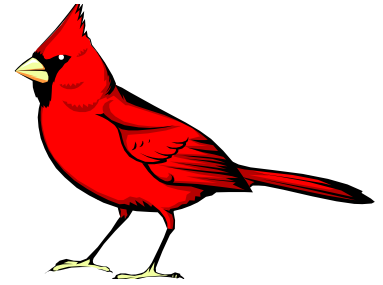


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Our February 20th Meeting

Don't miss this month's presentation on Growing Veggies in 2012. Paula Anderson's enthusiastic talk in 2010, covered such topics as heritage seeds, new varieties worth trying and hints on desirable growing conditions. Paula inspired many of us to get out our seed catalogues, visit Seedy Saturdays, and to expand our gardens to include healthy vegetables. This time, Paula is encouraging us to consider more than the seeds we are planting. As we found out last year when we heard Joyce Higgs speak on the topic of Square Foot / Container Gardening, many gardeners no longer garden in the same way as our ancestors. Growing Veggies in 2012 may require us to re-think some preconceived ideas. Paula is introducing the idea of permaculture as associated with gardening. While talking to Paula last week, she gave me a second title for her talk. Paula also calls her talk - **Permaculture: Integrating Diversity Into Your Home Garden**. So don't miss our first meeting of the season.



Valentine's Day (a little late)

Valentine's Day may legally be held on the 14th but your Executive and Board Members are letting it spill into our upcoming meeting on the 20th! So skip dessert at home and come prepared to share some Valentine spirit, combined with Family Day social time. There are rumours that this includes a Valentine Punch, red and white decorations, and some tasty snacks. So get in the spirit. Who knows, there might even be a prize for someone showing outstanding spirit or dressed for the celebration!

March 19th Meeting

Our speaker at our March meeting is one that you will long remember. Brian Nichols spoke in Peterborough last year and those of us who attended his talk came out refreshed and strong in our belief that gardening is truly therapeutic. This is certainly a "don't miss" evening. Try to bring a friend to share the experience.

The Electronic Newsletter

Most of our members do receive newsletters and news bulletins via e-mail. If you can not receive your newsletter electronically, a few printed copies are available at the Registration Desk each month. We hope to be able to post our newsletters on our website in the very near future, as another alternative. Remember to pick up both the Jan and Feb copies this month.



Express Registration

It is a new year and it is time to register once again. As you read in the January newsletter, we are trying a new idea in an attempt to avoid a long line up at the registration desk. A registration form is included as an attachment in the same e-mail as this newsletter. Fill it out, add your membership fee, and seal it into an envelope. When you come down the stairs, you will find our friendly Greeter Pat with the sign in book, as well as another executive member with an Express Registration basket. Drop your registration envelope into the box and you will receive your new yearbook, and membership card. ...and you are ready to socialize!

If you would like to register the regular way, Donna and Darlene will be happy to take your money or answer questions, inside at the Registration Desk.

Yearbook and Bookmarks

Our new yearbooks are once again ready for you to enjoy. Thank you to Diane Webber and her assistants for this beautiful book. A lot of hours (and probably a few frustrating moments) went into this finished product. It is truly a treasure! Thank you Diane!

The 2012 bookmarks (advertising our meeting dates) are also ready for distribution and can be obtained at any meeting. Please feel free to take a few to keep in your purse or car, to be given to anyone that you think might be interested in visiting or joining our group. Word of mouth is our best way of increasing our membership. Spread the word and be sure to bring your friends out to a meeting. Guests are always welcome at no charge.

Working on the
parade float.



District 4 Spring Get Together - March 17th

Horticultural members from the various societies, are invited to get together to share ideas and to find solutions to problems facing their societies. A DVD presentation on Accessibility of Meeting Places will be shown and discussed. This is open to all members, at no cost. The location is the Peterborough Library (downstairs) 1:00 - 3:30 We have members going from Omeme, If you wish to attend and would like to carpool, phone Heather @ 705-328-0342

OHA District 4 Photo Competition Categories for Oct 20th Peterborough Fall Meeting:

1)Blowing in the Wind -garden related subject:
2)Clouds: 3)Winter's Wonder -focal points while the garden sleeps. *You may want to start taking photos now, to be ready for Fall 2012. (Especially for #3) You may send photos even if you do not attend the meeting.*

OHA Convention Aug 17-19th

This year's Convention is being held in Niagara on the Lake. Program details will be out soon but if you think you would like to attend, please contact Heather Grassie

Spring Into Garden Speaker Series

Once again Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers is hosting their fundraiser speaker series. We have had several members attend in the past and they had an enjoyable time. The Cost is \$20 for a ticket which covers all 4 speakers. We carpool to Port Hope, sharing the cost of gas. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Mitchell carol@aflowergeek.com or 705-799-6282 to order a ticket.

Mar 14: Jack Kent - Working with Ornamental Grasses

Mar 28: Paul Zammit -Planning & Planting for All Seasons

Mar 28: Martin Galloway - A Naturalist's Garden - Growing Native Plants

Apr 11: Sonia Day- Our Love Affair With Plants



The Peterborough Garden Show

Spring is really not so far off! Where better to get a taste of spring than at a garden show. This year's Peterborough Garden Show promises to be even bigger and better! It is on Easter weekend but the days have changed to avoid Easter Sunday.

Thursday Apr 5 - 5 pm to 9 pm

Friday Apr 6 - 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday Apr 7 - 10 am - 4 pm

Location: the Evinrude Centre - Cost \$6 per day

There are some new changes this year as well.

Extra Parking: at the Kinsmen Centre, Sherbrooke & Consilla with a free shuttle bus every 15 minutes

Advance Tickets: Purchase your tickets now (available at our meetings) and you will have a separate entrance with no line up to pay.

New Vendors: many of your favourite vendors from past years are returning as well some new ones - one being Garden import. Lee Valley is also back so start making your wish list.

The Judged Flower Show

Once again, Omeme has been asked to organize and staff the judged flower show. At our Feb meeting, Donna will be sending around a clip board asking for volunteers. Your duties would be to hand out ballots for a People's choice award and to supervise the Show Hall. You get a chance to visit with a lot of interesting gardeners. It isn't a difficult job and it is an enjoyable experience. In payment for helping out, you get free admission to the Show and with the exception of the 2 hour shift you work, you are free to visit the rest of the show. Last year, the Peterborough Show Committee gave our Society \$700 in thanks for what we do. This donation then went to provide better speakers and more activities for you our members. If you are available, please try to help out.

Don't forget to Lug -a- Mug.

Flower Show Entries

Wanted: Entries for the Floral Competition

Do you have a house plant or a Design that you could enter in the Peterborough Show? Please try to help. To see the categories: Go to

<http://www.peterboroughgardens.ca/>

At the top, Click on [Garden Show](#) and then [Floral Competition](#). Just phone Donna Hunter 705- 799-6656 to tell her what you will be entering.

A Plant Sale Report

It is never too early to start thinking about our May plant sale. As you plant your seeds or start your cuttings... remember to do a few extra for the sale. For questions or more information, call Suzanne Seyck 705-277-9590

This year's sale is on Mother's Day Weekend, Sat. May 12th at the Curling Club

Humber Nurseries Coupon

We have received coupons for Humber Nurseries 2012. This is an exclusive offer to members of Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs for 30% Off Herbaceous Perennials and 30% Off Any ONE Nursery Stock Item! Any Day of the Year, One Day Only . If you are interested in one of these coupons, see Donna Hunter at the Registration Desk.

Our Prize winning Santa Claus Parade float



Something new and exciting has been added for 2012! We are featuring a Master Gardener Corner. Stay tuned for articles, information, tips, & questions answered. The possibilities are endless. Thank you to Sue Lajeunesse for this first article. Enjoy!



MASTER GARDENER CORNER

What is a Floriade?

Floriade is an international exhibition of flowers and gardening held every 10 years in the Netherlands. It is being held for the 6th time in 2012 in Venlo, the Netherlands from April 5 to October 7. The theme this year is “Be part of the theatre in nature, get closer to the quality of life”. This Floriade includes 100 acres (66 hectares of park), 40 hectares of show grounds, including approximately 100 exhibitors, 100,000 flowers for your viewing pleasure, 30 country exhibitions, wine tastings, the biggest cable car ride in the Netherlands with a capacity 4000 people per hour, cultural shows as well as regional culinary delights and 5 restaurants. Past floriades have taken place as follows: 1960 Rotterdam, 1972 Amsterdam, 1982 Amsterdam, 1992 Zoetermeer and 2002 Haarlemmermer. Wouldn't it be wonderful to visit a Floriade but even if you can't, check out <http://www.floriade.com/floriade-2012> to see what it is all about.

If, per chance, you find yourself in Europe this summer, you might like to include the Floriade in your trip or there are tours available through your travel agent including a river cruise down the Rhine in May and another in September, this one is guided by Denis Flanagan of Landscape Ontario which both include a visit to the Floriade in Venlo. See <http://clarkson.cruiseholidays.com/floriade.aspx>

Up & Coming Events:

Local Horticultural Society Meetings:

Peterborough

Wed. Feb 22nd at 7:00 at the Peterborough Library: Eating Your Weedies, Kerry Hacket

Lakefield

Tues. March 13th at 8 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: Wildflowers & Invasive Species, Paul Heyden
Tues. Mar 13th - Garden Focal Points & Garden Rooms , Vicki Taylor-Scott - Cost \$5

Lindsay

Tues, Mar 20th 14 15th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall (45 Russell Street West) Rock Garden Plants, Anna Mizyn

Garden Shows and Events in Southern Ontario:

Garden Show Season is here - so check out these events and mark your calendar.

Feb 24-26th- **Kingston Garden Festival**
www.kingstongardenfestival.com/

Mar 1-4th **Stratford Garden Festival**
www.stratfordgardenfestival.com/

Seedy Sunday: Sunday, March 11 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at George St United Church

March 17, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., **OHA District 4 Spring Get Together** at the Peterborough Public Library.

March 16-25 – Canada Blooms at the Direct Energy Centre Exhibition Park, Toronto. For more information go to <http://www.canadablooms.com/>

April 5-15th – **Successful Gardening Show** at The Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Road – Toronto. For more information <http://www.homeshow.net/successfulgardening/swg4show.htm>

Peterborough Garden Show: _April 5, 6,7th - Evinrude Centre \$6 (see pg 3 for more details)

May 25th -27th - **Lindsay Lilac Festival**

June 24th - 10-4 p.m. **Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour**

