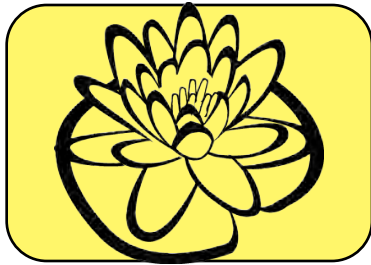


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Happy New Year!

Welcome to a new year of gardening! In spite of the cold weather, the bitter winds and the piles of snow, we are all thinking ahead to warmer weather and getting our fingers back into the soil! The seed catalogues arrived long ago and I know I have been pouring over them longingly! If you didn't get an actual catalogue, maybe you have been checking them out online. As the cold continues and the snowbanks grow higher - we are ready for spring! Snowbirds, enjoy your warm weather and think of us.

Our February Pot Luck -Sat Feb 21st

Back by popular demand - **a Saturday afternoon meeting and pot luck lunch.** No night time driving. Join us for some fellowship, laughter and lots of good food!

Please bring your cutlery, plates and mug along with a generous portion of your favourite dish. Tea, coffee & water are provided.

Time: Social @ 12 and eat at 12:30

Place: Trinity United Church

Don't forget to renew your membership. Donna and Darlene will be welcoming you. Single:\$20
Family: \$25



Jill Bishop

To start off our list of wonderful speakers, we welcome Jill Bishop, Co-ordinator of the Peterborough Garden Network and owner of Urban Tomato, a local heirloom seed company.

Jill is very experienced in growing productive, sustainable gardens and teaching others to do the same. She is particularly passionate about urban agriculture, seed saving and growing vibrant communities.



Don't miss this wonderful afternoon.

Our 2015 Yearbook

The new yearbook will be available at the Feb. meeting to all paid up members! Thank you to Diane Webber for heading up this creation and to all her helpers for getting this great yearbook together once again. It really is amazing!



Our Spring Plant Sale

Our plant sale is approaching faster than we might believe (as we continue to look out onto our winter wonderland of drifts and huge snow piles!) There is no better way to cheer up than to get your hands in that dirt by starting some slips or seedlings. When you do - make sure you plant a few extra for our plant sale.

Other things you can do to end the winter blahs....

- look through your photos of last year's gardens while taking note of which plants look overcrowded and in need of dividing this spring. Make a list so that you will be ready to dig!
- plan a new garden and make a list of what you would like to purchase at our sale
- Check out those seed catalogues. They are like a breath of spring air

Have faith! Spring will arrive **and won't we be grateful!** I don't know about you, but I have made myself a promise to **never complain, not even once, about how hot it is this coming summer!!!!**

Out and About.....

Special Speakers:

April 19th: Martin Galloway: Recent Trends in Horticulture - Bobcageon, Knox Church Cost: \$10 See Carol Mitchell if interested in ordering a ticket.

April 14th: Paul Zammit - Succulents: 7:30 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: - Cost \$5 Tickets available at Avant Garden Shop

Spring into the Garden Speaker Series:

Once again the Northumberland Master Gardeners are hosting 4 wonderful speakers. The cost is \$40 for all four. The speakers for 2015 are as follows:

Monday, March 9 - Dugald Cameron

Monday, March 16 - Frank Kershaw

Monday, March 23 - Dawn Tack Golloher

Monday, March 30 - Ed Lawrence

There is already a group going from Omeme. We carpool and have a wonderful month getting revved up for Spring! Would you like to join us? (You can usually attend for one night - cost \$15

Contact Heather if you would like to join us for all or some of these wonderful evenings.

Happening in Peterborough...

A Day for Gardeners

hosted by Ptbo Master Gardeners - March 7th

This is a wonderful way to welcome spring! A whole day of "Gardening How to Demos" Choose three out of six demos/workshops held at Activity Haven. \$30.00 Lunch is included. Landscape design (Lee Edwards), Pruning (Rachel Burrows), Soils/Composting (Gary Westlake) Forest Gardens (Cathy Hooper), Square Foot Gardening (Gladys Fowler) and Herbs (Kerry Hackett). For more information as well as a registration form, visit www.peterboroughgardens.ca

Seedy Saturdays

Seedy Saturday in Ptbo - March 1st - 1-5 George St. United Church, 534 George St N., Peterborough
Drop by to trade or buy seeds & to get inspired for spring! No admission charge.



Seedy Saturday in Lindsay - March 28th - Queen Street United Church, March 28th. Time 10-3

Sign Up For Snacks

Everyone loves the wonderful snacks and the hot or cold beverages which are always so wonderfully displayed by Barb Muscutt. It adds a great start to our pre-meeting social times. When Barb sends around the sign up sheet to volunteer these snacks - please try to help out.





The 2015 Peterborough Garden Show:

Once again, there are excellent, professional **Speakers**. Come and learn new techniques and ideas. Check the new web site for the bios for all speakers and demos- come to hear them all.

The Horticultural Couture is back because the audience, the vendors and the models had so much fun last year. (Opening night only: Thurs. April 2 at 6:30 pm)

New this year, is our little **Garden Market**; giving small market gardeners a table and an opportunity to sell their wares at a fraction of the cost of a booth. We want to extend our show to include local gardens in order to promote local and sustainable food sources. We have vendors with honey, goat cheese, veggies, local fudge and more.

The Children's Garden's theme this year is all to do with Bee's - pertinent as we continue to learn about pollinators and want to pass on their importance to our children.

Judged Flower Show- Once again, Omeme has been asked to run the judged flower show. Donna Hunter will be asking for volunteers to help with set up, take down, and to "man the Show" by welcoming visitors viewing the show while also guarding the exhibits.

Our 2015 Program

A huge thank you to Sue Lajeunesse for organizing our 2015 speakers. It was a huge job and we do thank her! We have speakers, demos, garden hints and another wonderful On Site Visit. See the back of your yearbook or our website :Omeme Blooms to see the list. Well done Sue.



Here's What's Happening Out & About....

Local Hort Society Meetings:

Bobcaygeon: Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church - Organic Gardening, plants and Veggies, Paula Anderson

Lakefield

Tues. March 10th at 7:30 p.m. Lakefield Marshland Centre: - Hot Houseplants, Indoors and Out! Jeff Mason

Lindsay

Tues, Mar. 17th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish Hall (45 Russell Street West) Oakridge Roving Garden Reporter, Marjorie Lafrenier

Peterborough

Wed. Feb 26th at 7:00 at the Peterborough Library: Matt Logan - Emerald Ash Borer

A Garden Tour Anyone

Here is the first "Save the Date" for your calendar. I will add others as I receive them.

July 11th -Bobcaygeon Garden Tour

Fall Bulbs For Spring Colour:

District 4 is sponsoring a sale of bulbs to plant this fall for bloom next spring. Order now and get the bulbs in the fall.

All packages cost \$7 but the number of bulbs per package varies. A portion of each sale comes back to our group. **Payment must accompany your order.** In a separate email, I am sending photos of the bulbs, a written description and an order form. Gaynor will have a table set up on Sat. See her (with your money) to order. Cheques should be made out to the Omeme & District Horticultural Society. In this cold, snowy weather - think Spring with wonderful colour in your gardens! Please watch for the "Bulb Order" email, check it out and be ready to order on Saturday.

