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The Newsletter of the Beaverton Horticultural Society (est. 1922)

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April 25, 2019 Meeting 7:30 pm

*Speaker: Marian Jean*

*Topic: Dahlias: History to Storage*

Marian discovered the incredible variety of Dahlias seven years ago when looking for 'Jessie G' as a gift for her mother, Jessie Giles. This began the obsession which created Oakridge Dahlias. Oakridge now grows over 900 dahlias annually, about 500 varieties, on her property south of Peterborough.

Marian has offered to bring tubers for Wyn's Desert Sunrise Dahlias for members to plant in their gardens and enter in the special competition in the August and September flower shows. We look forward to seeing some fantastic results.



Wyn's Radiant Star

**The Beaverton Horticulture Society meeting in March drew a record attendance to hear the very informative presentation by Gini Sage and Karen Durnin, Durham Master Gardeners. Gini provided an overview of the different types of hydrangea (arborescens, paniculata, macrophylla, serrata, petiolarus, and quercifolia) including helpful hints for the proper pruning, based on whether the plant blooms on new or old wood, sunlight requirements and fertilization. A summary of her information can be found at :**

**[https://www.durhammastergardeners.ca/tips\\_files/](https://www.durhammastergardeners.ca/tips_files/)  
Karen highlighted some of the newer varieties that can be grown in our gardening zone. Some recommendations included Bobo, Fire and Ice, PeeGee (tolerates full sun) and Serrata varieties tuff stuff and tiny tuff stuff.**



**Pictured at right are Gini, Karen and Judy Mitchell Wilson.**



At the March meeting awards from the 2018 were presented to Mary Antolak and Ruby Lancaster. Ruby Lancaster received the Herb and Dorothy Davidson Memorial Award for Highest points in Roses as well as the award for the Highest points in Vegetables. Mary Antolak received the Ethel Smith Memorial Award for the Highest points by a Novice. Congratulations to both.



Ainsley Gillespie, Show Committee Chair presents awards to Ruby Lancaster (left) and Mary Antolak.



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Jacky Thomson  
Financial Advisor

Thank you to our local community partners who have supported us through Associate Membership. We apologize for the oversight in not including Jacky Thomson Financial Advisor CIBC Beaverton Branch in the 2019 Yearbook.



Above, Sharon Marvin demonstrates the creation of newspaper seedling pots At the March meeting.

**Thank  
You**

Thank you to the Beaverton Tai Chi Group for their generous donation of \$200.00. The Beaverton Horticultural Society is a non-profit organization. Monies raised go toward our \$500 bursary offered annually to a student of Brock High School who chooses a course of study in Horticulture/Agriculture. As well we provided a \$375 sponsorship fee for a student who participates in the Ontario Nature 2019 Youth Summit for Biodiversity and Environmental Leadership.

*Beaverton Horticulture Society Board have planned for a busy year featuring stimulating guest speakers and other activities ....*



### **Plant Auction**

**Saturday May 18, 2019**

**Auction begins at 10 am**

**Preview and Registration 9 am**

Time to start planning for your contribution to the Beaverton Horticultural Society Plant Auction. Please bring your plants potted and labeled, including colour of flower. Both botanical and/or common names are helpful. Perennials, shrubs, annuals, houseplants, dahlia bulbs, glad corms, vegetable and flower seedlings are gratefully accepted. We also appreciate donations of garden items suitable for auction. Please contact Janet Johnson, Secretary regarding suitability of donations.

The Anglican Church Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to accept the plants and donations. Please let your friends and neighbours know of the Plant Auction in case they have something they want to donate and invite them to come as well.

Don't  
forget

Do you have a weed that you would like to know the name of and how to eradicate from your garden? Our guest speaker on May 23, Richard Dickinson, is a weed expert. He has offered to identify and help with your weed challenges as part of his presentation. Please bring your weeds to the meeting so we all can learn about our local weeds and how best to control them.

Check out our new website at [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) Not all of our information has been uploaded but you will be able to see that we can now post pictures and flyers to the website. Please let Ainsley Gillespie, Beaverton webmaster know if you have content that you would like to see posted on our website.

Mark your calendar for the following Horticulture Society and Gardening activities:

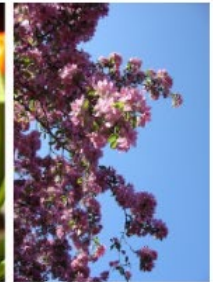
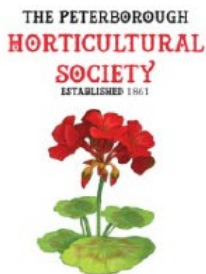


**Local flowers, Artisan products, Country setting**  
**Grand Opening April 20, 21 and 22 10am -4pm**  
**1125 Concession 7, BEAVERTON 705-928-2910**  
**Regular hours Weekends 10am to 4pm**

## The Peterborough Garden Show

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 [peterboroughgardenshow.com](http://peterboroughgardenshow.com)



*"Coming Up Roses"*

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**Show Dates: April 26-27-28, 2019**

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Proudly presented by the [Peterborough Horticultural Society](http://peterboroughgardenshow.com).

Beaverton Special Events is pleased to announce that we have partnered with RainBarrel.ca to host a \$60 RAIN BARREL FUNDRAISER! Rain barrels are \$60 each and must be pre-ordered online at [RainBarrel.ca/Beaverton](http://RainBarrel.ca/Beaverton)

Online order will be available until May 26. Pre-ordered rain barrels will be available for pick up on Thursday June 6th from 1 to 5pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 383 Osborne St. Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0 For more information, contact Dave Forbes: T: 416-258-1459 E: [info@beavertonspecialevents.ca](mailto:info@beavertonspecialevents.ca)



## Cannington Horticulture Society Activities

**All general meetings are held at the  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 186  
72 Peace St. Cannington, 7:30 pm**

April 27, 2019

Speaker: Deborah Pearson

Topic: Connecting Polar Bears and Carrots, What Climate  
Change Really Means

May 11, 2019 Plant Auction and Sale 9:30 to noon  
Cannington Legion

May 27, 2019

Speaker: Prof. Richard Dickinson

Topic: Going Native – Incorporating Wildflowers and Native  
Plants into Your Garden

**Cannington Horticultural Society**  
invites You to the...

# Spring Plant Auction & Sale



**Saturday May 11, 2019**  
**9:30am**

**Cannington Legion, 72 Peace St. Cannington**

**Open to the Public – Live Auction with Kevin McGuckin**  
Get ready for spring - great selection of locally  
grown perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings,  
fruit cane stock and much more!  
[learn.grow.enjoy](http://learn.grow.enjoy)  
[www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.canningtonhorticulturalsociety.org)

## Georgina-Brock Garden Club Activities

**Meetings at Wilfrid Community Hall  
C20915 Brock Road, Wilfrid**

May 13, 2019 Plant Auction 6:30 pm

The event you've been waiting for. Huge sale of perennials, annuals and vegetable seedlings. A fun event with Auctioneer Kevin McGuckin. Bring your potted and named plant donations by 6:15 pm, viewing starts at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments and loads of fun. \$2 bid card.

**Please refer to your 2019 Yearbook for more information re meetings and events**