

Port Hope Garden club

April 2019

We now see Robins and Snowdrops on our walks. I do believe that Spring is here.

For members of the Port Hope Garden Club Springtime is a signal that it's Plant Sale time. It's time to plan which plants to donate to the **May 11th Plant Sale**. We'll be accepting your contributions on May 10th from 3.30 to 5.30 pm at the Fair Building at Town Park Recreation Centre. Please label and pot your plants and, if possible, include the colour. If you need assistance with digging up plants, let us know.

- * Contact Bonnie Tuttle to arrange a **digging party**, 905-885-4670
- * If you have **pots for us & to volunteer**, contact either Carole Elliott 905-885-0098 or Julia McParlan, 905-885-0236

April Meeting

Our April meeting with **Charlie Dobbin** attracted many guests as well as members. Charlie talked about gardening as we mature. She focused on the importance of ensuring our gardens appeal to all of our senses – sight, sound & touch. And she emphasized the importance of preparation – including preparing the soil, having ergonomic garden tools, and exercising our bodies. See www.chiropractic.on.ca for warm-up exercises to do before starting to dig.

At the April meeting, we **unveiled our new and very attractive Garden Club banner**, which was designed and produced by Charles Earp and Paulette Mouzer. Sincere thanks to both of them. We also viewed the **Membership Increase trophy**. Our Club achieved the highest increase in members among the clubs in District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. And we congratulated our **25-year members: Barb Irwin & Bryan & Georgina Rose**.

In recognition of **National Volunteer Week**, we drew a name from our list of volunteers. The winner -- **Marg Merrill** -- is now the owner of an attractive metal garden decoration that was carved from the top of a steel drum.

May Meeting

Our **May 13th** meeting – the 2nd Monday in May because of the statutory holiday -- will feature Irka Dyczok of DesignFarm who will tell us about **the secret world of mushrooms**. This meeting is also the **Spring/May Flower Show**. Check page 16 of your Garden Club yearbook.