



May 2019

## OUR NEWS

**Plant Sale:** Our plant sale on Saturday was a great success. We raised over \$2,200, a record for sure. We received donations from members, friends, nurseries and businesses in Northumberland and beyond. There were lots of members involved as volunteers and purchasers. A big thanks to everyone, especially Bonnie Tuttle and her team of diggers; Julia McParlan for attracting a bumper crop of donations; and her husband Gerry McParlan for setting up the tables and picking up plants from hither and yon. It takes many people to organize our Plant Sale. Kudos to one and all.

**May meeting:** At our May meeting, Irka Dyczok discussed the secret world of mushrooms – an eye-opening intro to the fungal kingdom. She talked about her early love of fungi to her observations at her 50-acre farm in Ganaraska Forest. For those interested in knowing more, following are some websites: Richard Aaron [www.natureknowledge.weebly.com](http://www.natureknowledge.weebly.com); Michael Kuo [www.mushroomexpert.com](http://www.mushroomexpert.com); Paul Stamets [www.fungi.com](http://www.fungi.com); and the TED Talk – Six ways mushrooms can save the world, a talk by Joe Rogan.

**June meeting.** On June 17, Joanne Weber will address, **Getting your garden off the ground** – trellises, supports, plus the **importance of soil**.

**Pollinator Patch:** The pollinator patch will be a stop on the Port Hope Garden Tour. If you are willing to help to ready the patch for the tour and for the season, contact Bonnie Tuttle, 905-885-4670. The first clean-up is this **Thursday afternoon, meeting about 1:30 pm**. Bring pruners and maybe a rake. The Pollinator Patch is located on the north side of County Road 9, in Garden Hill, directly across from the Fire Station.

## AROUND & ABOUT: News and events

There are many plant sales in the next few weeks. Of interest -

**Sat May 18: Cobourg Plant Sale.** 9–11 am. Columbus Community Centre, Spencer & D'Arcy, Cobourg

**Sat Jun 1: Spring Plant Sale & Garden Tea, Kendal.** 10am–3 pm. Multi-vendor event incl plants, garden art & crafts. Kendal Community Centre, 6742 Newtonville Rd. On-site: Afternoon Tea by Tea Grannys & Friends. \$20 each. [kendalcommunitycentre@hotmail.com](mailto:kendalcommunitycentre@hotmail.com), 905-809-7144, Tea at 12.30 pm promptly.

**Sat Jun 15:** Beautiful Country Gardens, **Port Hope Garden Tour.** Tickets \$25. [www.phhf.ca](http://www.phhf.ca) Tickets at Holton Flowers, Furby Hose Books, Acanthus, Quinns Blooms, Johnston's Greenhouse

**Sat Jun 22:** 10am-4pm. **Long Branch Garden Tour**, Toronto's biggest free garden tour. 40 gardens in Long Branch area, (southern section of Etobicoke). See <https://longbranchgardentour.ca/>. Tour also includes expert speakers & events for children. Etobicoke Master Gardeners will answer questions.