



## **Leaside Garden Society – Speaker Series presents:**

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**Speaker: Ingrid Janssen**

**Topic: Peonies and Friends: The Stars of the June Garden**

**Date: Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Time & Place: 7pm on Zoom**

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Our April speaker, Ingrid Janssen, is a horticulturist, speaker, blogger and Master Gardener. She has been gardening for most of her life and is a passionate, some would say “crazy” gardener. How else to describe someone who plants bulbs in January despite 15cm. of snow! She has appeared on Rogers TV Durham and has spoken at Canada Blooms many times. Ingrid is a recent peony enthusiast with a special interest in Canadian bred peonies and the peony hybrids of Professor A.P. Saunders. Her collection has grown from 1 to over 130 peonies in the last 6 years. Ingrid received her Horticulturist Diploma from the University of Guelph and is an active member of several horticultural and plant societies including the Canadian and American Peony societies. She volunteers on many garden projects in her community the most notable

being the restoration of the perennial borders at the Parkwood National Historic Site in Oshawa.

Peonies are beloved for their gorgeous blooms and captivating fragrance. They are adaptable, easy to grow plants that fit into any garden style. Along with many plant companions, they are the stars of the June garden. Ingrid will talk about the different types of peonies you can grow, how you can achieve 6 weeks of peony blooms in your garden and the wonderful plant friends that bloom alongside them.