

"At last came the golden month of the wild folk honey-sweet May. When the birds come back, and the flowers come out, and the air is full of the sunrise scents and songs of the dawning year."

Samuel Scoville, American writer & naturalist

May 15th meeting

Garden Club Member, Donna Edmonds will give an informative and entertaining presentation about taking photographs in your gardens. Whether your interest is garden art, bugs, bees, butterflies and even plants and flowers, Donna will cover photo tips for the novice and skilled photographer alike. Having photos of garden events and activities will help you to enjoy your garden throughout the year.



Refreshments provided by Darlene Mack and Anne Shields

Mark your Calendar: The Spring Flower Show – Monday May 15

Please check the 2023 Yearbook page 13 for the categories and pages 9-11 for the Flower Show Rules and How to Enter. Looking forward to seeing all the Spring Flower entries!!

April's Speaker – Lorraine Johnson, author, community advocate

Lorraine Johnson led us through a fascinating discussion on climate change and the garden: action in a time of crisis and what gardeners can do. She talked about the need to create beautiful habitat gardens full of life and the need to take action to support and protect pollinators, by creating habitat in yards and community spaces, on balconies and boulevards, everywhere! Her books include, "A Garden for the Rusty-Patched Bumblebee-Creating Habitat for Native Pollinators" and "100 Easy-to-grow Native Plants".

Here are some sources for Native Plants

- Burleys Plants, Peterborough
- Gardens Plus, Peterborough
- Green-up Ecology Park, Peterborough
- Grow Wild, Omemee
- Ontario Native Plants, Guelph

Garden Club Plant Sale May 13th

Digging for the Plant Sale

- Time to start potting plants for our plant sale. Look around your garden for both common and specialty plants. Please put them in pots and label them. Include colours if possible.
- Need help? Notify Malcolm at susannepacey@yahoo.com or Bonnie at bonnie@aprod.com



Setup – Friday May 12 – Volunteers to arrive at 2:30 pm. Fair Building, Town Park. 62 McCaul St

- Helpers welcome
- Bring gloves, water bottle, any boxes or containers for use to transport plants
- Plant drop-off – 3 to 5 pm

Plant Sale – Saturday May 13

- Volunteers arrive at 8 am. Use small door on north side of Fair Building
- Wear layers as the building may be cool
- There will be coffee
- Sale starts at 8.30 am – usually finished by 10:30-11 am

Not working at the sale: Please come and see what it's all about. You'll be tempted to buy some plants for your garden or your balcony

Questions: Malcolm Pacey 905-885-2697 // Bonnie Tuttle 905-885-4670

Lots of Events for Gardeners this Spring:

Sat May 13, Our own plant sale will be #1 on your list!

Sat May 13, Grafton Annual Plant Sale, 9 -12 noon, 137 Old Danforth Rd, St Andrew's United Church

Sat May 20, Green-up Ecology Park Plant Sale, 10-4, 1899 Ashburnham Dr, Peterborough
Visit website for information.

Sat May 20, Campbellford Hort Society Plant Sale, 8 am until supplies last,
213 Front St N, parking on Ranney St N at Football Field

Sat May 20, Cobourg Garden Club Plant Sale, 9-noon, while supplies last,
232 Spencer St E, Columbus Community Centre

May 27-28, Lilacs in Bloom, Warkworth. [LINK](#)

Sat May 27 Joint Northumberland Master Gardeners & Peterborough Master Gardeners at the Lilac Festival. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/biodiversity-native-plantsthe-lilac-trail-tickets-557024694857> Paul LaPorte, owner of Ephemeral Ark Nursery (specializing in native woodland species) and consultant on ecological gardening and design will present on "Building Biodiversity with Native Plants", followed by a native plant sale. Coffee and muffins will be provided on arrival, lunch and door prizes are also included. \$35.

Sat May 27, Cramahe Hort Society Plant Sale, 10am-1pm, while supplies last,
Victoria Square Park in the heart of Colborne .

Sat June 3, 9 to noon. Peterborough Master Gardener Plant Sale,
Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St, Peterborough.

Wed June 7, Port Hope Garden Club Coffee get together, 10:30 am Starbucks, Port Hope.

Wed June 7. Visit Garden Club Member, Yvonne Lane's garden. 1:30-4:00, 48 Charles St, Port Hope.

Sat June 10, Visit Port Hope Garden Tour 2023 PHHF. Tickets \$25.

Wed June 21, Whistling Gardens & Northland Nursery bus day-trip. Still room to join club members on this excellent trip. Contact Bonnie at bonnie@aprod.com for registration information.

Sun June 25, Lakeside Gardens of Cobourg Garden Tour, \$30. For details [LINK](#)

July 21-23, OHA Convention Kanata (Ottawa). For info visit <https://gardenontario.org/convention>

Links of interest

Artificial lighting at night poses a hazard to nocturnal pollinators and prevents proper navigation, reproduction, and their ability to find food. See Peterborough & Area Master Gardeners. [LINK](#)

Natural Edge Program: Watersheds Canada's Natural Edge Program empowers Canadians to take local action on the restoration and conservation of their freshwater resources by enhancing their shoreline areas with native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. By working in 11 new communities across Canada, the Natural Edge Program will address the pressing issue of development impacts on local freshwater resources by providing training and all program materials to each group. This will build capacity as they can continue this work into the future and ensure long-term sustainability. [LINK](#)

Butterflyway: As our communities continue to grow, local butterflies and bees are losing natural spaces to eat, sleep and raise their young. You can help make your neighbourhood more bee- and butterfly-friendly by following a few easy steps. Credit David Suzuki Foundation. [LINK](#)

Start small by adding native wildflowers to your garden, yard or balcony. Join forces with friends and neighbours to share seeds and plants. Next, encourage schools, businesses and institutions to add pollinator-friendly plants to their gardens and properties. Stitch this network of pollinator patches together and you've created your own Butterflyway! Seven steps to creating a Butterflyway

1. Grow native wildflowers
2. Invest in a tree or shrub
3. Create a woodpile bug hotel
4. Leave sunny soil patches for bees
5. Provide a water source
6. Learn more about local bees and butterflies
7. Create a neighbourhood Butterflyway!

Blooming Boulevards: Mississauga Ontario has developed a program to increase biodiversity by lobbying for boulevard gardens. [LINK](#)

From Mother Earth News

How much food can you grow in 100 sq ft? Set aside a small amount of your yard for vegetable landscaping instead of growing so much grass [LINK](#)

Plus - growing potatoes in a barrel: [LINK](#)

Gardening Calendar: What plants are gardeners searching for this season? Here is a look at the top three trends from Monrovia Plants. [LINK](#)

Nostalgia Varieties: Home gardeners are returning to classic flowers., eg, roses, hydrangea, peony and other shrubs that remind them of relatives who tweaked their interest in gardening.

Wilding: Interest in more natural garden spaces is on the rise. We're welcoming pollinators into our gardens with plants that offer pollen, nectar and structure.

Private Retreats: Many are looking to create a private oasis to shut out the chaos of everyday life.

Compost Science for Gardeners Podcast with Joe Gardener , Gardening Fundamentals. [LINK](#)

Meadowview Gardens near Roseneath is open again for visits and plant sales.

Cash only. Check details on their website. [LINK](#)

The Branch Ranch See the list of Madame Twig's Workshops. [LINK](#)

A special offer from Blue Frog Water Gardens / Port Hope Garden Club members only



The Aquascape AquaGarden Mini Pond Kit makes it simple and easy to add the sights and sounds of a water garden to any location. Setup is quick and easy, simply place it in your ideal location, add the planting substrate/biological filter media, finish with the decorative gravel, fill with water, and enjoy. You can add a few small fish and a wide variety of plants to create your one of-a-kind aquatic paradise.

With the preorder of the Aquascape AquaGarden Mini Pond Kit, Denis Orendt of Blue Frog Water Gardens will include two water hyacinths and two water lettuce free. Special Garden Club Price \$238.

Contact Denis at bluefrogwatergardens@gmail.com, 905-373-5103. www.bluefrogwatergardens.com.

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REMINDER: THE ROLE OF THE REFRESHMENT FOLKS INCLUDES BRINGING MILK AND CREAM, MAKING TEA AND PUTTING THE DISHES IN THE DISHWASHER AFTER THE MEETING. YVONNE LANE WILL MAKE THE COFFEE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL THIS ROLE, PLEASE ARRANGE WITH ANOTHER MEMBER TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

Many thanks to those who contribute information for our newsletter.

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