

GROWING TOGETHER



Cobourg Horticultural Society Newsletter

Winter Edition 2019



THE TRAVELING GARDENER

This time of year it seems everyone is getting out of town. Whether figuratively or literally, the winter weather is getting harder and harder to tolerate and we all need to find a mental or physical escape. There is no better time of year to simply transport your mind to a sunnier climate, near or far. A quick call to the travel agent, or an online search for a last minute deal makes it all too easy and the possibilities are endless, even on a budget.

Most notably, the **garden tourism** industry is reported to be growing in popularity every year amongst travelers both young and old. According to *Wikipedia*, garden tourism is a type of niche tourism involving visits or travel to botanical gardens and places which are significant in the history of gardening. Garden tourists often travel individually in countries with which they are familiar, but also prefer to join organized garden tours in countries where they might experience difficulties with language, accessing rural

landscapes or finding accommodation in the vicinity of the garden. Some of the worlds' most famous gardens include Sissinghurst Castle Garden in England, the Gardens of Versailles in France and the Keukenhof in the Netherlands. But with millions of tourists tromping through historical landscapes every year, the garden tourism industry can also pose ongoing problems for those who manage the landscapes and preserve natural heritage. Over-tourism can put a strain on some of the natural habitats which humans like to flock to by the bus load and detract from its purpose rather than serve its cause. So choose wisely.

However if packing a suitcase and boarding a plane isn't your thing, I particularly enjoy some of the places in Ontario that one can visit by car or train in a matter of a few hours. This includes the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, the Conservatory at the University of Guelph, or even a year round gardening centre where the warmth and smell of the greenhouse on a cold day, is marvelous. Just looking for a quick winter day escape? The pages of our newsletter this season are filled with activities and events in our region to plot in your calendar over the next few months! Take a peek and Bon Voyage!



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OUR UPCOMING MEETINGS & SPEAKER SERIES

February 13, 2019**

Denis Orendt

Water: Nature's

Stress Reliever

**Changed from Feb 6 to Feb 13

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March 6 2019

Rory Quigley

The Urban Forest

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April 3, 2019

Sean James

Fusion Gardening

All meetings held at the Cobourg Columbus Centre, Join us for coffee, treats & social time before meetings commence at 7:30pm

P.S – The photo above was taken while visiting the Gardens of Chatsworth on my honeymoon in England last year. MB



Our 19th Annual Show!

BIG NEWS:

Our show is partnering with Fleming College and will be hosting the 2019 show at the Fleming Trades and Technology Centre, Peterborough

Fleming boasts a bright and attractive space, more than ample parking and a fresh look for the show.

Friday April 26th

5pm to 9pm

Saturday April 27th

10am to 5pm

Sunday April 28th

10am to 4pm

"New" General Admission: \$10
Enjoy the show all weekend!

All three days include great speakers, demonstrations, 150 vendors, children's garden, garden displays and floral arrangements.

For more information, visit

<https://peterboroughgardenshow.com>

or like us on Facebook!

YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE *Beautiful* COUNTRY GARDENS



PORT HOPE 2019 BIENNIAL GARDEN TOUR JUNE 15, 2019

Relish the scents of peonies blooming, walk through a labyrinth, admire sculptures, delight in patterned vegetables, enjoy the extravagance of colour, feel the formality of design, the freedom of a butterfly haven and relax in these amazing landscapes on a spring day.

Tickets - \$25.00

www.phhf.ca

Info: 905 885-7929

Funds raised by the Port Hope Garden Tour will support the ongoing work of the Port Hope Heritage Foundation for the restoration, rehabilitation and conservation of our built heritage.



PORT HOPE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Perennial Plant of the Year 2019 - *Stachys monieri* 'Hummelo'

Source: perennialplant.org

A cousin to the familiar Lamb's-Ears, but not at all similar. This is a clump-forming perennial, forming a low mound of crisp green foliage. In early summer the upright spikes of bright-purple flowers appear which attract bees to the nectar. Removing faded flowers will encourage more buds to form for weeks on end. It is an interesting and unusual perennial for near the front of the border, or in containers. Plants may be clipped back hard immediately after blooming to tidy up the clumps for the rest of the season.

It is easily divided in early spring.

Prefers a sunny location and is hardy to zone 4.



Nudging Shrubs into an Early Bloom

page 332-3; 52 Weekend Garden Projects – by Nancy Bubel

Just when winter begins to seem like a permanent condition, you have a chance to bring a preview of spring indoors, to foster some budding tree or shrub branches on their way to flowering. Mid-to late winter is the perfect time to cut some flowering branches for indoor bloom. You're ready for a breath of spring, the buds have matured enough to be capable of producing flowers, and often the plants need to be pruned anyways.

Coaxing the Best Bouquet: Bring in a few cuttings every week or so to have a steady succession of indoor blossoms until the spring gardening season begins. In late winter and early spring, as the natural blooming seasons grows closer, you'll find that cut branches take less time to bloom indoors than they did in January. Follow these tips for greatest success:

- Cut branches on a day when temperatures are relatively moderate – not bitter cold
- Look for branches that have abundant flower buds (Hint: Leaf buds are slimmer, more pointed; flower buds are rounder, fatter.)
- Use sharp, clean tools to cut the branches. Pruning shears make a quick, neat cut. Don't break branches off; that leaves a ragged cut that doesn't heal well.
- Crush the ends of the branches to expose more plant tissue, so that water can be absorbed readily.
- Then plunge the branches into a bucket of lukewarm water.
- The following morning, put the branches in fresh, cool water. Mist them daily with a spray of water from a plastic bottle with a trigger nozzle.
- For best bloom quality, keep branches where temperatures range between 60 and 70 degrees F.
- When the buds begin to swell, remove the branches from their storage bucket, arrange in an attractive container and keep away from heat to last longer.



A Day For Gardeners

SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2019

ACTIVITY HAVEN CENTRE

180 Barnardo Avenue, Peterborough ON

9:30AM - 3PM

Price: \$35.00/pp Early Bird

\$40.00/pp after Feb. 9th

Includes a delicious lunch

**Free takeaways: gardening books,
magazines, seeds and other freebies!**

**Come Join Us for a fun day of
learning, lunch and friendship!
Select 3 of 6 gardening sessions
presented by Master Gardeners:**

- Perennial Gardening-Planning,
Planting, Pruning and Sharing!
- Low Maintenance Gardening-
Fact or Fiction
- Shrubs for all Seasons
- Improving your Vegetable
Production
- Starting a New Garden
(Beginners)
- Container Gardening

FOR MORE INFO:

CALL (705) 876-1771 OR EMAIL: MAHIGGINS@SYMPATICO.CA

Registration Forms: www.peterboroughmastergardeners.com/events

TrueNorth Daylilies



We would like to introduce TrueNorth Daylilies located in Warkworth

Our daylilies at TrueNorth range in the thousands, actually 50,000 and growing with each one being unique. Mother Nature selects those that will flourish ensuring that the plants you buy will be hardy and healthy providing many years of enjoyment. Your selections will be freshly dug, bagged & ready for their new home.

Available in 2019 are Hostas. We have selected new releases and favourites ranging in size from small to gigantic. Also available, brightly coloured Echinacea (Coneflower) and several uniquely coloured Baptisia (False Indigo). We have selected plants that are tough, drought tolerant, and look great with very little care while attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

There is no admission cost and visitors are welcome to explore the many sun and shade perennial gardens that spread throughout the two acre property. Water features and split rail structures provide additional interest. Come and visit, walk among the daylilies and stroll through the gardens.

(705) 924-1071
www.truenorthdaylilies.com



Dahlia May Flower Farm

1226 Stockdale Rd, Trenton, Ontario, Canada

Mid-Winter Flower Market

Join us **Saturday February 9th from 9-5 & Sunday February 10 from 10-4** for our Mid-Winter Flower Market at the Farmstand. Fresh bouquets and spring flowers will be available.

Spring Design Workshop 2019

Spring is always a favourite time of year for us here on the farm. Flowering branches are blooming and our fields are bursting with special varieties of tulips, daffodils and ranunculus. Every winter we wait patiently for this abundance and spring never disappoints. We are excited to share these blooms with you in this spring workshop series!

When:

Saturday April 13th 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

Sunday April 14th 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

Saturday April 27th 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

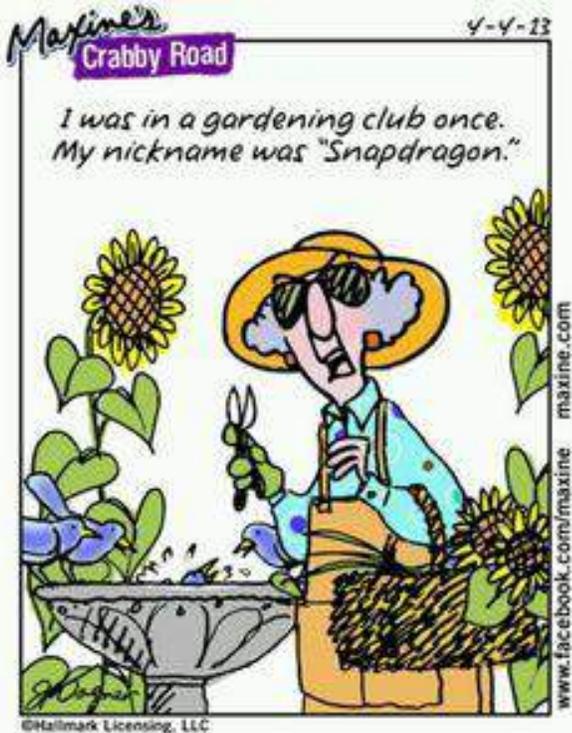
Sunday April 28th 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

Where: Dahlia May Flower Farm located at 1226 Stockdale Rd, Trenton, Ontario, Canada

More Information: (613)403-5055

<http://www.dahliamayflowerfarm.com>

A few giggles:



Ecology Events at Villa St Joseph Ecology and Spirituality Centre

445 Monk Street - Cobourg

Saturday March 16, 2019 10am to 2pm

Cobourg Seedy Saturday

Our speaker this year is from the Kenhteke Seed Sanctuary at Tyendinaga in Prince Edward County. As agricultural people, the Mohawk have had a tradition of seed saving as part of their way of life. Our speaker will talk about the spirituality and worldview that encompasses their seed saving as well as the Seed Sanctuary and Learning Centre that they are setting up. Once again there will also be vendors at our event. Cost: Donation - Contact: **David** at wintertime23@hotmail.com

Saturday, March 30, 2019 10am to 1pm

Workshop: "Seed, Soil and Soul"

Have you experienced sacred moments in the garden? If this is a deeper connection you would like to nurture, you are invited to attend this workshop on organic gardening. Here you will be introduced to the basic skills and rhythms of organic culture, learning to work with nature to grow healthy vegetables and fruit. This is an opportunity to get your hands into the wonder of the soil which sustains us and to touch the blessings of all creation. Cost: Donation.

Photos from Our December Meeting and Holiday Party!

