

NEWS LETTER FEBRUARY 2014

GENERAL MEETING

Wed. Feb. 26th, 2nd Floor at the Fire Hall (corner of Ross & King Streets in Picton). Come and hear a wonderful presentation by

PETER FULLER

www.fullerplants.com



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Renew your 2014 Membership - \$15 per person.

We are offering a **\$25 family membership.**

Give a Membership as a Gift

We have Gift Cards

You get the opportunity to hear great speakers, get discounts at local nurseries, fellowship, enter monthly flower shows and much more!

Peter Fuller of [Fuller Native and Rare Plants](http://www.fullerplants.com) propagates and grows perennials, ferns, grasses, shrubs and bulbs native within a 100-mile radius of the nursery. "We practice ethical seed collection and propagate all plants at the nursery," said Peter Fuller. "We promote the conservation of wild plants and the maintenance of genetic diversity in plant populations. We provide plant lists, site plans and resources for property owners engaged in naturalizing or shoreline plantings - we even do house calls!" The nursery grows heritage tomato plants in the spring as well as a collection of unusual perennials hardy in our region. A number of display gardens at the nursery are open to the public.

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE 2014 – LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

| 2014 PRESENTATIONS | | | 2014 MINI SHOW SCHEDULE | |
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| DATE | Speaker | Topic | CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 |
| FEB 26 | Peter Fuller | Using Native Plants in the Garden' | Design in Shape of a Heart | Miniature design all dried material |
| MAR 27 | Nicolette McGraw | Photographing Your Garden | St. Patrick's Day Design | An all Green Design |
| APR 30 | Penny Stewart | Getting Ready to Enter the Flower Show | Early bloom from your garden | African violet one crown, one colour |
| MAY 28 | Christine Gill | How to Grow Amazing Delphiniums | Miniature design using fresh flowers | Daffodils or Narcissi 3 blooms only |
| SEPT 24 | Erica Wolfe | Wild Plants to Eat and Growing Sprouts | Annual Rose Show | Judged by Marvin – details to follow |
| OCT 29 | Laurie McMurray | Making Corn Husk Dolls To Decorate a Tree for the Festival of Trees | Design using a pie pumpkin as a container | Collection of herbs CUT in a container, 3 or more varieties named |
| NOV 26 | Pot Luck Turkey Dinner and our Annual General Meeting –NOTE: MEETING STARTS AT 6:00 PM SHARP | | | |

The Sophiasburgh 4H Club Needs Our Help

Please email Sherrie Brown at sheriden@xplornet.ca. She is wondering if a couple of our members would host a one evening 4H Meeting in their garden. They generally meet on a Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. If you want to tell this wonderful group all about your garden please let Sherrie know. The club will be meeting in June. They will also be attending our April General Meeting to learn all about entering and winning at the Flower Show!

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE SOCIETY IS

Pechorticultural@gmail.com



PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS TO OUR LIBRARY CARAVAN!!

MEETING REMINDERS

'Lug Your Mug'

for refreshments supplied at the meeting!

PLEASE BE POLITE PUT YOUR CELL PHONES AWAY AND TURN THEM OFF DURING THE PRESENTATION

WEB SITE – PLEASE USE IT FOR INFORMATION about MEETINGS, EVENTS, SPEAKERS, MINI SHOWS – FUN, AND OTHER GARDENING EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

IF YOU WANT TO BE REMINDED OF THE MEETINGS by telephone please let us know.

BRING A FRIEND TO THE FEBRUARY 26TH MEETING FOR FREE – COME & HAVE SOME FUN

We really want members to use the web site this year. You will find it a great place to get information on upcoming events and general meeting topics. **Please use the web site!!!**

www.pechorticultural.org

We will be posting events and information weekly for you.

We need your email address so we can send you a news letter each month. (See the privacy policy on our web site)

Please welcome any friends, visitors or neighbours to the February General Meetings.

The Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit branch of the Ontario Horticultural Society

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT ON ANY COMMITTEES IN 2014 WE COULD USE SOME HELP!

At the Board Meeting:

We are on track with the County Garden Show, some Vendors are already booked. The theme is “June is Bustin Out All Over”.

Norma & David Crichton have offered their home on Paul Street for the Summer Picnic – date to be announced. The District 3 AGM will be held on May 3 in Cloyne and 4 of our members will attend.

OHA rules dictate that we up our insurance amount.

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Plant Flowers and Grasses Together to create a natural meadow effect. The dense root systems of the grasses dominate the upper soil and help to squeeze out the weeds. The grasses essentially do most of the weeding for you, simply by eliminating open soil available for weed seed germination.

Select the Plants to Match the Scale of your landscape. Use the shorter flowers and grasses in small meadow gardens. The short grasses, such as Little Bluestem, Side Oats Grama, and Prairie Drop seed are clump-formers that leave room between them for flowers. Most of the tall native grasses form a dense sod and do not always accommodate a diversity of flowers.

Attract Songbirds and Butterflies with wildflowers. The flowers provide food and combined with the grasses, create habitat for wildlife, adding drama to your garden as these creatures go about their business. Early blooming flowers provide spring nectar for butterflies. Blazingstars and coneflowers are on the mid-summer menu, and asters and goldenrods sustain late season visitors. Silphiums, sunflowers, and grasses provide nutritious seeds for winter birds.

DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVES

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Gayla Campney
Director – Penny Stewart

GREEN TRUST

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What's Happening

Our next General Meeting is
Wednesday, February 26th
Fire Hall in Picton

Seedy Saturday 10-4
654 County Rd. 40, Trenton

Ameliasburgh Garden Club
Meets the last Monday of each month except July and Dec.
13 Coleman Street, Ameliasburgh

Bath Garden Club
Monday Feb. 17, 2014
St. John's Hall,
216 Church Street
Organic Gardening

Belleville Garden Club Feb. 25
Moir Secondary School 275 Farley Ave
at 7:00 p.m.

Bus Trip to the
Ottawa Valley Farm Show
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Leaves
Picton at 7:30 a.m.
from County Farm Centre

2014 CANADA BLOOMS
MARCH 14TH TO 23RD
DIRECT ENERGY CENTRE
EXHIBITION PLACE TORONTO

Peterborough Garden Show
APRIL 11, 12 & 13
911 Monaghan Road
SEE THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO
www.peterboroughgardens.ca

COUNTY GARDEN SHOW
SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH 2014
Crystal Palace Picton
10 am to 4 pm
FLOWER SHOW, TEA, SPEAKERS,
VENDORS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME