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MARCH 2014 NEWS LETTER

Prince Edward County Horticultural Society an
 Affiliate of the Ontario Horticultural Society



GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th

Time: Doors open 7:00 –
 Meeting starts at 7:30

Mini Show – Drop off by 7:15

Location: 2nd Floor, Picton Fire Hall
 (corner of Ross & King Streets).

Come and hear a wonderful presentation
 by

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 and
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***Note from Nicolette McGraw:** I bought my first camera in 1978 while living in the mountains. I am self taught through trial and error. Always on the look out for articles and internet information, I enjoy giving myself small challenges.*

For the first 20 years I did mostly landscape photography until we bought our first house and planted a garden. Photographing my garden gave me plenty of opportunities to challenge myself with light, perspective and composition. I learned to be patient and watchful.

Many of my favourite photos were taken in my yard. I believe if you have a camera in hand, there is a picture waiting to be captured. I look forward to sharing my thoughts and photos on garden photography.

UP-COMING MINI SHOWS

DATE	CLASS 1	CLASS 2
MAR 26	St. Patrick's Day Design	An all Green Design
APR 30	Early bloom from your garden	African violet one crown, one colour
MAY 28	Miniature design using fresh flowers	Daffodils or Narcissi 3 blooms only
SEPT 24	Annual Rose Show	Judged by Marvin – details to follow
OCT 29	Design using a pie pumpkin as a container	Collection of herbs CUT in a container, 3 or more varieties named



February 26th Class 1 – First Place Pat Stuckey

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MARCH 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!!!** We will be posting events and information on the web site.

www.pehorticultural.org

We need your email address so we can send you a news letter each month, or notify you if meetings are cancelled. If you prefer a phone call please speak to John Garside. Please welcome any friends, visitors or neighbours to the March General Meetings.

The Prince Edward County Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit branch of the Ontario Horticultural Society which is a volunteer, charitable organization whose mission is to provide leadership and assist in the promotion of education and interest in all areas of horticulture and related environmental issues in Ontario. www.gardenontario.org

HELP NEEDED FOR HOSPITAL GARDENS in 2014

A big thank you to Arline de Bourbon who headed the Hospital Garden Committee for the past three years. Arline is stepping down this year. We need a member from the society who could take up this position.

Thanks so much to the following members who made the Hospital Gardens the prettiest Civic Garden in the County! Congratulations and thank you!



- Pat Bury
- Arline and Charles de Bourbon
- Annette and Stuart Brown
- David and Norma Crichton
- Elizabeth Cowan
- Peter and Dini Kempenaar
- Angela Palmer
- Janet Skelton
- Joyce Young



February 26th Class 1 – Second Place Mary Jenkins

COUNTY GARDEN SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you to help with the County Garden Show on June 29th. If you are able to help we will have sign up sheets at the March meeting We need people to help with the set up of the Crystal Palace, Flower Show Committee, Admission Tables, Bakers for cookies and squares for the Tea.

Ontario Horticultural Association Judging School

District 4 of the Ontario Horticultural Society sent an invitation to all horticultural and agricultural members in Ontario to join them for a Flower Judging School Course. The course includes 5 segments. The first of these five segments will be held in September of 2014 in the Peterborough area. The following 4 segments will be held in the Spring of 2015 and fall of 2016. Each segment is to be 2 consecutive days held on a weekend.

If you are interested the application form is on our web site at www.pechorticulture.org. There is a \$10 fee which will be applied to the first segment's fees. The application deadline is April 30th. For more information contact Barbara Twiner at d4judges@gardenontario.org or call her at 905-839-7600 or Christa Marton at 705-277-9548.

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!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Renew your 2014 Membership
\$15 per person or 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 so much more.

DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVES

Howard Hunter, Gayla Campney
 Director – Penny Stewart

GREEN TRUST

Marianne Malachowski, President
 613-476-3992

MASTER GARDENERS

Kathleen Bazkur, President
 613-476-9053

Remember to turn off your cell phones, and put them away during the meeting. Lets make our speakers feel welcome and respected.

Remember to Return your Books to the Caravan



Refreshments are supplied at the meeting if you would like to donate baked goods please speak to Darlene Johnston

REPORT FROM THE PECHS BOARD MEETING of FEBRUARY 17, 2014

The summer picnic will be held at the home of David and Norma Crichton – date to be determined
 We received an invitation to the District 3 AGM on May 3, 2014, 2 of our board members will attend along with Gayla and Howard who are on the District Board. We need to upgrade our insurance so this is being done. The Treasurer reported that we have a total of Funds and Liabilities of \$8148.97. Plans for the County Garden Show are on track with 3 speakers chosen for the Blue Bird Room, Posters and tickets designed and vendor sales on track with \$1600 in commitments. We need prizes for the raffle so if you have something to donate that would be much appreciated. If we have to cancel any meetings it will be at the discretion of the President. Members will be notified by email. The Board is doing some research on replacing trophies with certificates. More news on that later.

REPORT FROM THE FEBRUARY 26TH GENERAL MEETING

The February meeting was a bit low on attendance due to weather conditions. A snowy night and very cold temperatures kept members at home.

Peter Fuller of **Fuller Native and Rare Plants** gave an excellent presentation on growing perennials, ferns, grasses, shrubs and bulbs that are native within a 100-mile radius of his nursery. He talked about the practice of ethical seed collection and about the wild flowers and plants that he grows at his Nursery in Belleville. Peter promotes the conservation of wild plants and the maintenance of genetic diversity in plant populations. Located on Airport Road in Belleville we were all inspired to take a trip to see his nursery.



The mini show winners were as follows:

Class 1 Design in the Shape of a Heart First Place – Pat Stuckey, Second Place Mary Jenkins
 Class 2 A Miniature Design of all dried materials First Place – Mary Jenkins
 Please enter the Mini Shows – the competition makes the show a great deal of fun.

Our Facebook page is getting lots of attention with approximately 180 friends at last count. Check out the page [pechhorticultural](#) for beautiful garden related photographs and information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AND AROUND DISTRICT 3

PETERBOROUGH GARDEN SHOW - APRIL 11, 12 & 13
 911 Monaghan Road --MORE INFO at www.peterboroughgardens.ca

DISTRICT 3 AGM – SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m
 Hosted by Land O'Lakes Horticultural Society
 Pineview Free Methodist Church 14397 Hwy 41 in Cloyne

PEC County Sustainability Group Fundraising Rain Barrel Sale
 Saturday, May 17 at 10:00am - Valleepine Farm, 847 County Road 13
 (the corner of Cty Rd 13 & Cty Rd 16, near the Black River Cheese Factory

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

ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
 JULY 18 to 20th IN CORNWALL
 see <http://www.gardenontario.org> for more details

AMELIASBURGH GARDEN CLUB
 Meets the last Monday of each month except July and Dec.
 13 Coleman Street, Ameliasburgh

BATH GARDEN CLUB, Monday March. 17, 2014
 St. John's Hall, 216 Church Street



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- Colleen Green, President**
- Darlene Johnston, Vice President**
- Gayla Campney, Secretary**
- Howard Hunter, Treasurer**
- Elizabeth Cowan, Marketing**
- John Garside, Membership**
- Mary Jenkins, Mini Shows**
- Charles Lacey**
- Anne Reeves, Garden Show**
- Connie Graham – Social Media**
- Hedy Campbell – Events**

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CLASS 2, February 26 -First Place
 Mary Jenkins

Photographing Your Garden

Sometimes the coolest subjects are literally right in our own backyards. Got a garden? Then great images are mere steps away.

Or they're close enough to make the photo opportunity irresistible—that nearby arboretum, park or botanical garden, for instance.

To gather some tips for garden photography, we elicited the advice of Cindy Dyer, who combines the skills of a professional photographer and graphic designer with the enthusiasm of an avid gardener.

Here's what we learned about capturing a lot more than garden-variety views.

The Garden Idea

Think of a garden as the sum of its parts—flowers, plants, structures, decorations, perhaps a pond. The key to portraying it is the establishing shot. "Picturing the garden as a whole is a prime goal," Cindy says, "and the establishing shot sets the scene." So first capture vistas that include all the elements of your garden; you'll get to the individual components, of course, but the initial step is picturing the garden as the collection it is.

The Best Time

Honestly, just about anytime is the best time. "There's always something in bloom somewhere in the garden. As some plants and flowers wane, others come into bloom and color. Because spring and early summer are especially colourful that's when you are sure to capture the establishing shots. As the season moves on, narrow the focus for medium-distance images and close-ups.

You could plan your garden with photo composition and color in mind. Learn what plants are best for shade and sun, and look at other people's gardens and at gardening books to see how the color palette of the garden works so you will know what colors are going to complement each other or really stand out. Plant with colour in mind. For example, the sweet potato vine is going to be lime green, so in front of it plant something that's hot pink, and when those two are blooming, you have your colours.

Often, getting great shots means choosing the right time of day to shoot. "If you want to improve your garden photography, shoot when it's overcast.

If there's bright sun, the benefit of shooting in your own garden comes into play: you'll know where the light will be and how it will behave.

And don't feel limited by the seasons. "Although most garden photography is done from May to September you can also find subjects in the fall and winter. Photograph the trees when they're iced over in January. There are red and orange berries in winter, and snow on holly and evergreens.

Photograph the minute a crocus bloom breaks through the snow."

The thing is, there's always seasonal variety and opportunity.

Flowers are probably everyone's number one subject, but they aren't the whole story. There are structures and decorations; and vegetables (not only growing, but pictured in a hands-holding-the-harvest image); and the critters who happen by—or who you entice into the frame, like the monarch butterfly in the ninth photo. "I plant things the monarchs love," Cindy says. "I was photographing somewhere else, saw that one land and went right over to take the photo. Most often I'll go up to a flower that I know is a bug magnet and with my camera on my tripod, I'll wait. If nothing shows up, it's a plant portrait."

Remember that the garden is, after all, an invitation to get creative, so not all flowers have to be pictured the same way. In fact, you don't have to portray the entire flower, or even hint at its overall shape. Look to see where the light is coming from and where it is hitting and decide whether to photograph from the front or the back of the flower—and if the light is leading you to a different kind of shot, all the better.