

# PEC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

General Meeting to be Held on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Picton (corner of King and Ross Streets)

September Speakers

### GARY & DIANE WESTLAKE

TOPIC – GARDEN ART FOR CHEAPSKATES

Diane and Gary Westlake, are award winning gardeners from Peterborough. They will be the key note speakers at the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and they will speak to us about art for our gardens. Please welcome them!

Bring a Friend to the September Meeting. Our insurance requires that any non-member sign in so a guest book will be provided at the meeting

#### PHONE CALL

If you require a phone call to remind you about the meeting please let Connie know and we will call you the day before the general meeting. Make sure we have your correct number.

### Summer Events

#### County Garden Show

*A special thanks to all the board members, committee members, members who baked for the tea, volunteers, judges, flower show exhibitors, 4H members and leaders, vendors, who helped to make this year's garden show a huge success. We will have a better idea of the numbers after the September Board Meeting.*

#### Hospital Gardens

*Special thanks to John Garside for organizing the care of the hospital Gardens. Thanks to all who helped with the gardens again this year.*

#### Bus Trip to Rideau Woodland Gardens

*Thank you to Sheila Simmons for organizing the trip which was fun, relaxing and we visited one of the most beautiful garden centers I have ever been to. We stopped for lunch in a quaint town and went on to see the prize winning garden center. The plants I purchased were beautiful and unusual.*

### General Meeting Agenda

7:00 Mini Show Entries In

7:15 Speaker Starts

8:15 Coffee Break

8:30 Business Portion

9:00 Announcements from members

All times are approximate

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

PEC Horticultural Society General Meeting @  
7:00 p.m. Wed. Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
At the Fire Hall in Picton

PEC Music Festival  
Sept 18 to 27, Picton

PEC Studio & Gallery Tour  
2 Weekends Sept 18 – 27<sup>th</sup>

Ameliasburgh Country Fair  
Sept. 26 & 27

County Marathon  
Sunday Oct. 4  
roads will be closed

Pumpkin Festival  
Saturday, October 17 in  
Wellington

Festival of Trees  
November 29<sup>th</sup>

Civic Gardens

Thanks to Howard for organizing the application for the civic garden applicants. We will let you know how many gardens received funds this year

## Flower Show Winners 2015

\*Youth under 18

### **SECTION 1 ROSES – CLASS #6 BEST ROSE – JACK HICKS WINNER**

#	Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1	Rose Carpet			
2	David Austin			
3	Rose Miniature	Evelyn Young*		
4/5	Rose Miniature	Evelyn Young*	Judy Young	
6	Rose, Climbing	<b>Jack Hicks</b>		
7	Rose Floribunda			
8	Rose Fragrant			
9	Rose Grandiflora			
10	Rose Hybrid Tea		Judy Young	
11	Rose Shrub	Jane Thompson	Jack Hicks	
12	Rose In A Bowl	Evelyn Young*	Maggie Lindsay*	
13	Rose Specimen			
14	Rose Canadian Hybrid			
15	Vase of Roses	Jane Thompson		

### **SECTION 2 - ANNUALS & PERENNIALS BEST IN CLASS #41 SANDRA DOWDS**

16	Allium Small	Pat Stuckey		
17	Allium Medium	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	
18	Allium Large	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	
19	Aquilegia (Columbine)	Pat Stuckey	Maggie Lindsay*	
20	Calendula			
21	Campanula	Colleen Green	Pat Stuckey	
22	Clematis Single	Pat Stuckey	Maggie Lindsay*	
23	Clematis Double			
24	Delphinium	Judy Young		
25	Delphinium			
27	Dianthus Barbatus	Jane Thompson		
28	Dianthus Chinensis			
29	Digitalis	Colleen Green		
30	Gallardia			
31	Heuchera Coral Bells	Pat Stuckey	Jack Hicks	Colleen Green
32	Larkspur			
33	Daylily Hemerocallis			
34	Lily Asiatic/Martagon			

#	Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
35	Lupin	Sheila Simmons	Michaella Zantingh*	Judy Young
36	Papavar Oriental Poppy		Judy Young	
37	Pansy/Viola	Colleen Green	Maggie Lindsay*	
38	Any other Perennial		Jack Hicks	Pat Stuckey
39	Any other bulb/corm etc	Michaella Zantingh*	Shannon Zantingh*	
40	Flowering Branch	Shannon Zantingh*	Pat Stuckey	Evelyn Young*
41	Mixed Bouquet	<b>Sandra Dowds</b>	Judy Young	Hanna Daley-Jewel*

### SECTION 3 – IRISES - CLASS 42 BEST IRIS PAT STUCKEY WINNER

42	Self Solid Colour	<b>Pat Stuckey</b>	Jane Thompson	Jane Thompson
43	Bicolour			
44	Bitone	Evelyn Young*	Judy Young	
45	Blend			
46	Broken Colour			
47	Plicata			

### OTHER IRISES

48	Medium Bearded	Jack Hicks	Judy Young	
49	Dwarf Bearded			
50	Beardless Iris Siberica	Pat Stuckey	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young
51	Beardless Any Other Var			

### SECTION 4 PEONIES - CLASS 64 BEST PEONY SANDRA DOWDS

52	Single red or pink	Sandra Dowds	Pat Stuckey	Colleen Green
53	Single white	Pat Stuckey		
54	Single any other colour	Pat Stuckey		
55	Semi Double red or pink	Sandra Dowds	Pat Stuckey	Shannon Langridge
56	Semi Double White	Sandra Dowds		
57	Semi D – any other colour	Sandra Dowds		S
58	Double red or pink	Pat Stuckey	Sandra Dowds	Amanda Whiten*
59	Double White	Judy Young	Jane Thompson	Sandra Dowds
60	Double any other colour			
61	One Cultivar	Michaella Zantingh*		
62	3 different Cultivars	Pat Stuckey	Sandra Dowds	
63	Tree Peony any colour	Sandra Dowds		
64	Other any colour	<b>Sandra Dowds</b>	Sandra Dowds	Sandra Dowds

### SECTION 5 - HOSTAS

65	Green less than 3"			
66	Green 3-6"	Tally Wilkinson*	Shannon Langridge	Pat Stuckey
67	Green 6 to 10"	Maggie Lindsay*	Lise Bois	Pat Stuckey
68	Green greater than 10"	Lise Bois		
69	Variegated less than 3"	Lise Bois	Lise Bois	Lise Bois
70	Variegated 3 to 6"	Kiandra Gibbons*	Pat Stuckey	Emma Whiten*

Hostas Continued

71	Variegated 6 to 10"	Evelyn Young*	Lise Bois	Pat Stuckey
72	Variegated greater than 10"	Jack Hicks	Maggie Lindsay*	Pat Stuckey

**SECTION 6 – VEGETABLES NO BEST IN CLASS THIS YEAR**

73	Asparagus 3 on plate	Shannon Langridge		
74	Beans			
75	Green Onions			
76	Leaf Lettuce	Kiandra Gibbons*		
77	Rhubarb	Hanna Daley-Jewell*	Shannon Langridge	Evelyn Young*
78	Any other Vegetable			
79	Collection of Herbs			

**SECTION 7 – DESIGN – BEST IN SHOW CLASS 85 PAT STUCKEY**

80	My Head to Clearer Thinking	Pat Stuckey	Sheila Simmons	Judy Young
81	My Heart to Greater Loyalty	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	
82	My Hands for Larger Service	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	Rose O'Dell
83	Health for Better Living	Judy Young	Logan Harington*	Rose O'Dell
84	My Community/Country	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	Richard Whiten*
85	Learn to Do by Doing	<b>Pat Stuckey</b>	Judy Young	Sandra Dowds
86	Happy 100 Anniversary 4H	Pat Stuckey	Judy Young	Rose O'Dell

**SECTION 8 - YOUTH DESIGN - BEST IN SHOW CLASS 90 KAYLA HEPBURN**

87	My Head to Clearer Thinking	Tally Wilkinson	Lily Hepburn	
88	My Heart to Greater Loyalty	Emma Whiten	Kayla Hepburn	Tally Wilkinson
89	My Hands for Larger Service	Logan Harington	Lily Hepburn	Hanna Daley-Jewell
90	Health for Better Living	<b>Kayla Hepburn</b>	Lily Hepburn	Tally Wilkinson
91	My Community/Country	Evelyn Young		
92	Learn to Do by Doing	Tally Wilkinson		
93	Happy 100 Anniversary 4H			

A big round of applause to all the exhibitors and winners of the flower show. The entries were down this year due to the very heavy rain the day before the show. Categories with no winners had no entries in that particular class. Thanks everyone for a great show and special thanks to Penny Stewart for all her help organizing the show and to our judges for their hard work. Looking forward to next year's show.

MINI SHOWS 2015			
DATE	THEME	DESIGN CLASS 1	HORTICULTURAL CLASS 2
WED. SEPT. 30	FALL'S COMING	Splendour in the Grass – a design using a variety of ornamental grasses	Collection of mixed garden flowers at least 3 varieties
WED. OCT. 28	AUTUMN CHARM	Design in Orange & Black	3 blooms any variety last blooms in the garden

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE AT [www.pechorticultural.org](http://www.pechorticultural.org) for updates and news regarding the horticultural society. Also if you haven't already friended us on facebook please check it out for lots of gardening advice and interesting stories from around the world about gardening and gardening events!

## 16 ESSENTIAL GARDEN TASKS FOR FALL

As autumn leaves drift by your window, it may be tempting to look outside and think idle thoughts about nature taking care of itself. But like the rest of us, Mother Nature needs a good kick in the pants once in a while. Here are some fall dos and don'ts, plus tips to help your garden get a jump-start on spring.

**[1]** When available, pop 'Icicle' pansies into spots where summer annuals have been cleared out. They will bloom until December, then lie down for the winter. Cover them with evergreen cuttings until earliest spring, when they'll be ready to sprout new flower buds.

**[2]** Leaves are garden gold. Spread small leaves of trees, such as honeylocust, birch, beech, ginkgo and silver maple (or shredded large Norway maple leaves), under shrubs and over all exposed soil. They will degrade into mineral nutrients; worms will turn them into fertilizer.

**[3]** Take a gamble and throw seeds of hardy annuals where you want them to bloom next year. Larkspur, poppies, cleome and cosmos will frequently take root from seeds sown in autumn and conditioned under winter snow.

**[4]** Plant bulbous Asiatic and Oriental lilies in late fall to ensure flower bud set. When planting is delayed until spring they may not get enough chilling and come up blind, with no flowers.

**[5]** Wait until the soil has frozen before mulching autumn-installed plants. After freeze-up, a thick mulch of leaves and evergreen cuttings will keep their root balls safe from the heaving action of frost.

**[6]** Lift big, fibrous clumps of summer phlox, hostas and Siberian irises and divide with a sharp spade or knife; tease apart fleshy roots of daylilies. Late-blooming perennials such as Michaelmas daisies and obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana*), purchased in bloom, can go directly into garden beds (see #5).

**[7]** Plant garlic in October, in a sunny spot with lots of manure dug in. Set individual cloves eight centimetres deep and 15 centimetres apart, and mulch with five to eight centimetres of leaves. Hard-neck Rocambole garlics such as 'Music' are the hardiest strains, and, when planted in October, can be harvested in July, just as the first cherry tomatoes turn red.

**[8]** Autumn is a good time for planting evergreen trees and shrubs. The evergreens' root systems pump water all winter, so be sure to water them well before the ground freezes. And don't hesitate to purchase deciduous flowering shrubs at discounted prices. Even after a summer in containers, they'll adapt and make strong root growth in cool autumn soil.

**[9]** Autumn is the only time to move clematis or honeysuckle vine to prevent shock to growth: both vines begin extending leaves and shoots while frost is still in the spring ground. If the vines are large, cut them back by half, and they'll leap forward next spring.

**[10]** Use generous amounts of anti-transpirant sprays (available at garden centres) on needle evergreens and broadleaf evergreens, such as euonymus, Japanese pieris and rhododendrons. The waxy coating helps to preserve tissue moisture and prevent winter windburn and sunscald. And lavish it on your Christmas tree to help keep it fresh through the holidays.

**[11]** Root vegetables such as carrots and parsnips are sweeter after hard frost and can be harvested all winter. Remove top foliage from the plants and cover them with a 15-centimetre-thick mulch of leaves or straw (available from garden centres) spread to similar thickness. Throw an old piece of carpeting on top and let it snow. Lift the coverings to dig out veggies as needed.

**[12]** Tender hybrid teas, floribunda and grandiflora roses need hilling up about 25 centimetres above their crowns with fresh soil or triple mix. A simple trick that reaps armloads of rose blooms is to tie the flexible new canes of climbing roses in a horizontal arc along fences or trellises. This will trigger the breaking and blooming of many more buds next summer.

**[13]** As for garden hygiene, pick up or rake diseased leaves from under roses (blackspot) and crabapples (scab) and dispose of them in the garbage, not the compost pile. Left on the soil all winter, they'll reinoculate the plants with disease spores the following spring.

**[14]** Squirrels "read" the disturbed soil and marks you leave when planting their favourite tulips and crocuses. Outwit them by concentrating spring bulb plantings in large groups and disguising your marks by flooding the soil surface with water. Then cover them with five centimetres of leaves topped with some shrubby branches.

**[15]** Remove the debris of summer annuals, then be honest with yourself: will you really go out in early spring to remove remaining perennials? Clean up as much as possible now, leaving strategic clumps for attractive winter display and food for birds. Sedums, hostas, astilbes and ornamental grasses are beautiful in snow.

**[16]** Unless you really are Snow White, try not to create a garden of little winter dwarfs all wrapped up in burlap coats. Tightly wrapped burlap does plants more harm than good by potentially holding ice against their tissues. To protect them from wind or household dryer vent emissions, set up stake-and-burlap barriers, fastened with diaper pins, to break air currents.

#### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Sorry for the delay with the newsletter. I have had a very busy summer and am now visiting my daughter in New Mexico. I have a new granddaughter, Felicity Lynn Grant born on August 18. I will be missing all of you at the September meeting but am looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting. I am wondering if you would like to have a hosta exchange at that meeting. I am not sure if it will be too late. I will have an up-date with the results of the garden show in the next newsletter along with proceeds made from the bus trip. We also held a plant sale in May and our membership is up so I think we have had a good year financially. See you soon. Colleen