



PRINCE · EDWARD · COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWS LETTER

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



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

Doors Open @ 5:30 DINNER AT 6:00 Sharp
Location: Fire Hall 2nd floor corner of King and Ross St.

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and
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MEMBERSHIP DUES **RENEW your 2016 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!

WEB SITE: www.pehorticultural.org

We will have Gift Memberships available for your stocking stuffers. What a great gift for a friend or neighbour.

Preparing for the AGM on Wednesday

THINGS TO BRING TO THE AGM:

- 1) Bring your own plate, cup and cutlery.
- 2) Bring 1 large Apple and scissors or something to cut plant material
- 3) Bring packets of seed that you have saved from your gardens for Seedy Saturday (name the seeds)
- 4) We have lots of door prizes

Mary Jenkins is the convenor for the Pot Luck and will be co-ordinating the food. The Horticultural Society will be providing the turkeys for the pot luck as a thank you to all the members. We will be electing the board of directors for 2016 and voting on some minor changes to the Constitution and By-laws. The Treasurer will present the Financial Report and the Flower Show and Mini Show winners will be presented with their awards.

Big thanks to Marvin for supplying the beautiful flowers to decorate our tables for the AGM.

I am looking forward to the AGM and I hope you are too.

Election of New Board 2016

Slate of Directors

President:	Sheila Simmons,	Treasurer:	Howard Hunter,	Past President:	Colleen Green
Directors:	Gayla Campney, John Garside, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Johnston,				Anne Reeves

Naneen Keenan, Lise Bois and Alison Westlake have agreed to be nominated as board members for 2016. Yeah!

Please put your name forward on Wednesday, November 25 to join this hardworking and amazing group of people.

I especially want to thank **Connie Graham** for her hard work on membership (62 members) and for her work on Social media – Facebook has 516 friends. Also a big thanks to **Elizabeth Cowan** who did all the marketing for the Flower Show and **Liz Bowers** for her help throughout 2015. Big thanks to all the board members who work tirelessly to help you enjoy the monthly meetings, raise money for speakers and special events and help us improve our community. Big thanks also to **Bert Jenkins** our photographer at large for taking great photos of our meetings all year. Thanks to **Andy Bowers** our website is great. Thankyou to my wonderful board and helpers!

October Meeting – Thank You Coriander Girl



Alison Westlake owner of Coriander Girl helped us make beautiful arrangements.

OCTOBER MINI SHOW WINNERS

DESIGN CATEGORY: ORANGE AND BLACK DESIGNS

1st GAYLA CAMPNEY



2nd MARY JENKINS



3rd PAT STUCKEY



Horticulture Category: 3 blooms any variety – last flowers in the garden

1st REG LAPIERRE



2nd MARY JENKINS



2nd DARLENE JOHNSTON



Just Thought You might like to Know:

There are 282 Horticultural Societies in Ontario working on projects to Keep Ontario Beautiful. The projects include a wide variety of activities like beautifying local parks, planting boxes in downtown areas, and creating and maintaining public gardens around government buildings, hospitals, health and hospice centres.

The County Garden Show – Fun & Successful

Up-coming Events

Nov. 27 to 29th
FESTIVAL OF TREES
 Supporting the
PRINCE EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 At Isaiah Tubs Resort

Wassail Bus Tours Saturdays
 November, 28 & Dec. 5

Food Not Bombs
 Free Dinner
 Fire Hall on King St.
 Dec. 2 @ 5:30

OHA 2018
 CONVENTION WILL BE
 HOSTED BY
 DISTRICT 3
 In Planning stages now



Enjoying the Tea



Victorian Tea



Taking Tickets



Vendors Were Amazing



Flower Show Beauties



Flower Show

Looking for Volunteers for 2016

Please help us we need a lively group to organize the tea this year and some help with the flower show and work on the day Start thinking about it now – June will be here soon!

We also need people to enter the flower show if you have any ideas on how this could be improved please let us know. One idea was to have money prizes. What do you think of that idea? Please let us know.

Year End Volunteer Hours

Have you kept track of your volunteer hours this year. If you helped with the Hospital Gardens, the County Garden Show, or made something for any of our events or meetings or fundraised on our behalf we need to have those hours to report to the OHA. Please email us the number of hours you spent or bring a written tally to the AGM. Thanks so much for all your hard work!

Lower Trent Conservation's 2016 Tree Seedling Program

This year Lower Trent Conservation has a fantastic array of 34 native species of evergreen & broadleaf trees and wildlife shrubs available. These bare-root seedlings will be ready for pick up sometime in late April 2016. Broadleaf trees & shrubs are \$1.25 each, and evergreen trees are \$1.00 each. There is a \$10 Shipping & Handling fee per order. Order early for the best selection as some species are already sold out! See our website for all the details.

Autumn Movement

I cried over beautiful things knowing no beautiful thing lasts.

The field of cornflower yellow is a scarf at the neck of the copper sunburned woman, the mother of the year, the taker of seeds.

The northwest wind comes and the yellow is torn full of holes, new beautiful things come in the first spit of snow on the northwest wind, and the old things go, not one lasts.

Carl Sandberg

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014
 THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY 2016**

Next Board Meeting will be Monday

NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Janet Storrington -president of the Prince Edward Stewardship Council came to speak to the board members. They are looking for some possible synergies between like- minded organizations in PE County and for possible project partners. Their focus is primarily (but not limited to) educating and encouraging private landowners and community groups to improve and sustain the healthy a healthy environment. We suggested that perhaps we could work with the Stewardship Council to hold a speaker event for public for our October 2016 meeting. We hope to work with Janet to prepare a topic and event.

Anne provided a detailed update on the garden show. She advised the critical issue at this time is that we do not have a Garden Show Media and Marketing Mgr. Elizabeth Cowan had provided a critical path document for this role. Options such as contracting this out to Loyalist College were discussed. Since the meeting John Garside offered to take on this position. Anne and John will meet to review the critical path doc. It was noted that we do not have a plan for the Victorian Tea. Options were discussed such as contracting that out, replacing it with a strawberry social etc. No one on the 2015 board is able to take on this task. It will be discussed again with the new 2016 board. There was a discussion about how to get more people to enter the Garden Show. It was suggested that we ask Penny Stewart to speak to the public at meeting and invite the general public to listen on how to enter a garden show.

Civic Gardens – do we need a committee to find more ways to give out the lottery money and perhaps apply for some other use of the lottery money this year.

Programming for general meetings – this should be decided before January so that we can let the membership know for 2016

The auditors have looked at our books and approved our financial report for 2015. We have some beautiful post cards to give out at our events this year. Thanks to Howard for putting our Logo and pertinent information on the back. These will make great book marks etc.

JOIN A COMMITTEE IN 2016

WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP WITH
THESE EVENTS:

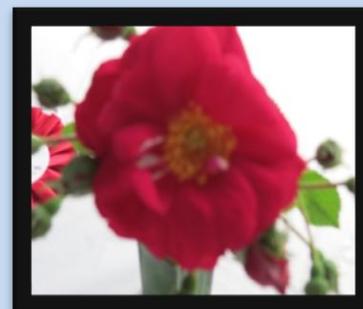
SEEDY SATURDAY EVENT IN
FEBRUARY

MAY PLANT SALE

SUMMER BUS TOUR

JUNE GARDEN SHOW
We need Volunteers for
The Flower Show
The Victorian Tea
Collecting Tickets
Raffle Event

HOSPITAL GARDEN
VOLUNTEERS



Dear Members:

This is my last news letter as President for 2015. I have greatly enjoyed being the president of the Prince Edward County Horticultural Society. In 2015 we enjoyed a variety of speakers. Susan Chen told us all about our native bee populations and how important they are to our gardens and environment. We enjoyed Vicki Emlaw who told us all about her amazing organic gardening business. Dawn Tack spoke to us about low maintenance perennial gardening and it was great to hear from the Westlakes about garden art. We had a lot of fun at the October meeting making beautiful flower arrangements with Alison Westlake. In February joined in the Seedy Saturday event and sold memberships and books donated to our society. This was a great event and we will take part again this year. In May we held a plant sale at the Wellington Market with good success. In June we held our annual Garden Show with more attendees than 2014, great vendors and good weather. The Blue Bird Room held the Flower Show design competition and the not-for-profit vendors making very good use of the space. The exhibitors in the flower show were less than last year with more 4H Children competing than adults. The Victorian Tea was beautiful and well attended. Thanks to Anne and Howard for hosting a volunteer thank-you barbecue following the garden show. Sheila Simmons organized a bus tour to the Rideau Woods garden centre which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

I am pleased with what we have accomplished. None of this would be possible without the support of you the members and of the wonderful board that has made all this possible. Also a special thanks to Penny Stewart, Director of District 3 for all of her support, patience and time she gives us every year. Yeah Penny! I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM and will continue on the Board as the Past President. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Colleen Green, President

Please let us know what you liked about the programme and events for 2015 and let us know what you would like to see in 2016.

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