



Garden Beet

Ennismore &
District
Horticultural
Society



Summer 2018

BEAUTIFUL PEONIES

JULY

Note from Our President

by Helen Young

Happy July Everyone,

I know all of you, like the Society, have been busy getting your gardens in order. After a cool Spring there seemed to be a lot of work to be done in a short period of time. We had a good turnout on Friday, June 8th to whip the Dry Stone Wall garden and a couple of others into shape.

We have had two Donor Recognition Ceremonies this year, one in May and one in June. The first was to recognize the donors of the Dry Stone Fir Tree at the Robert E Young Recreation Complex and the second was to recognize the donors of the Memorial Forest at the Ennismore Waterfront Park.

Recently the Board has had considerable discussion about rebranding our Society. This is becoming popular in the Ontario Horticultural Association. The feeling is that the word "Horticulture" may suggest to some that they need to have a great knowledge of gardening to join. As you know we are always trying to recruit new members. We have three name suggestions to present --- Ennismore Garden Club, Ennismore Gardeners or make no change. We will vote on it at our June 21st General Meeting by secret ballot. Ennismore and District Horticultural Society will remain our Legal Name for reports to OMAFRA and OHA and for Banking.

We have a busy and interesting Summer and Fall program lined up for you with a Garden tour in July and a Special Speaker in September. I hope you all have a healthy and safe summer.

- Helen

**Meetings start at 7:00pm with Social Time at 6:30pm.
Optimist Club Space located below the Ennismore Library.**

Upcoming Event

by Gail Murray

July 19th is our summer meeting/outing and this year we are going on a tour of Burley's Garden Centre in Peterborough. Burleys is located at 2604 Television Road.

We will meet at the regular meeting hall and carpool from there. We will be leaving at 6:30, or you can meet us at Burleys before 7PM. We thought we would stop for coffee and donuts after the tour.



From the Burley's website:

Our private gardens are open to the public, our Garden Gift Shop and our Executive Guest Suite are available if you are interested in staying with us, or shopping, while surrounded by our beautiful gardens.

Red Flower Whether you are searching for perennials to liven up your flower beds, a nice thank you gift for a friend or a beautiful place to stay while you visit Peterborough Ontario, Burley's Gardens can make sure you find what you are looking for.

We have twelve gardens each with a distinct focal point. Our gardens span two acres of property. There is plenty to see and enjoy. A pond, beautiful Japanese Koi, water lilies, a babbling brook, the luxurious guest suite, each of our beautiful gardens and the resident wildlife are all waiting for you to come and visit Burley's Gardens.

To learn more, take a look at around the site or better yet, come and visit us!

We look forward to seeing you at Burley's Sincerely,

Your Hosts,

Marg and Bob Burley



Meetings

Ennismore and District Horticultural Society

September 20th – Dan Cooper, Green Gardens and Tours

Don't miss our Special guest speaker I got for our September 20th meeting.

It is Dan Cooper and he is a wonderful speaker, author and master gardener. His talk is "Gardening from a Hammock". Dan was a guest speaker at the Peterborough Garden Show this spring, so we are very fortunate to have him coming to Ennismore. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available now.

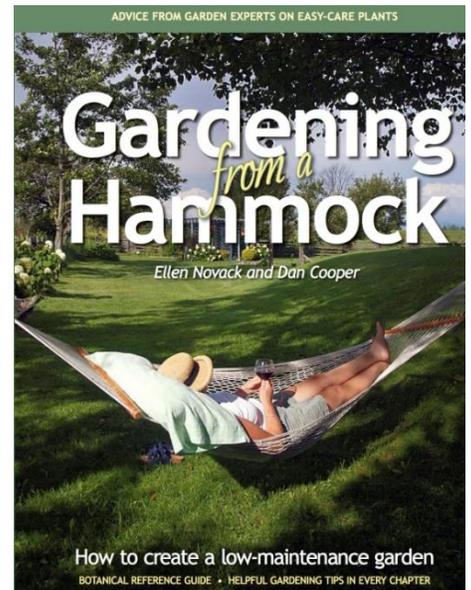
October 18th – Cindy Cartwright, Ontario Hummingbird Project

The founder and lead researcher of Hummingbirds Canada.

Cindy researches and bands hummingbirds in five provinces across Canada.

November 15th – AGM Potluck Christmas Supper

The AGM Potluck Christmas supper is being held at 6 PM at the Ennismore Arena, upstairs. Uta Coussins is making a unique Christmas arrangement.



Report from our Treasurer

By Diann Butt

See your financial contributions at work...

As we work in the gardens, many people express their appreciation in words and donations. We are thankful for our community that recognizes the work we do and are willing to drop \$10 or \$20 into our coffers. Sharon Kyle, one of our members, is excellent in reminding people of our work, and thanks to Sharon and Helen and others we have received donations of over \$500 so far this year. You will see this as you pass by and view the results of donations and work.

Thank you.

Membership

By Kelly Young

We are happy to announce that we currently have 111 EDHS members including 10 Sprouts.

If you have not yet paid your 2018 membership please contact myself or any board member to arrange payment. Fees are \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Please remember to tell your friends and family about the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society as new members are always welcome.

Thank you so much for supporting the Ennismore and District Horticultural Society.

Annual Plant Sale

By Gail Murray

We held our annual plant sale this May 26th. The weather was great, buyers vigorous and lots of very eager volunteers. We were sold out of plants by 11:30 in the morning. Our profits totalled \$1,100. It was a great morning to visit with neighbours who dropped by, colleagues and new gardeners looking for advice on what to plant where.

We would like to thank the township for loaning the tables, the BEL Rotary for the use of the park, and everyone who donated plants and worked hard to make this all come together.

The only way we could improve on this fundraiser would be to have more plants donated by our members.

This is our second-largest fundraiser and maybe there are other fundraisers we could look in to. If you have a great idea for this, please bring it forward.

Thanks again,

Gail Murray



Ennismore Memorial Forest

By Mary-Lou Young

The Ennismore and District Horticultural Society had their Donor Plaque Donor Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, June 10th at the Memorial Forest. People who had purchased trees were invited to attend, as well as our Society members and Donors. They were excited to see that the Forest had wintered well and the hostas framing our Memorial Forest really show it off!

Hopefully our two new flowering bushes, planted next to our stone bench, will give the Forest a bit of summer colour. Going forward, the cost of purchasing a tree will be \$450. This purchases one 2-inch diameter tree, with 4 different kinds of trees to choose from. They have perpetual care included with their purchase, so no need to worry about storm damage in the future!

We do our planting in the Fall, so it gives everyone a chance to go down to the Ennismore Waterfront Park, where the Memorial Forest is located, and take a look and see how beautiful the Forest is. If anyone has any questions, please call Mary Lou Young at 705-292-7335. You can leave a message and she will return your call.





Memorial Forest Donor Recognition Ceremony

By Gail Murray

Sunday, June 10th, the Society held a Donor Recognition Ceremony for our lovely Memorial Forest at the Ennismore Waterfront Park.

The sun shone on 30 guests who, lead by our President Helen Young, recognized the donors who had supported the establishment of the Forest. The trees purchased by individuals have been dedicated in memory of loved ones.

Thanks to the very hard-working committee Bill Brouwer, Ian Deslaurier, Helen Young, Mary Lou Young and Super Volunteer Paul Young. Hats off to you and thanks to our donors.

We want to recognize our donors for giving us such a good start. The donors are the Ennismore Curling Club and, in particular, the Curl for a Cause Bonspiel (in 2016 they shared the proceeds from this bonspiel between us and the Bridgenorth Beautification Committee); Gerry Cavanagh, who donated his 2015 giant pumpkin prize of \$500; the Ontario Horticultural Association who gave us a Project Grant; Scott Concrete who donated mulch; Mike Crough of Treescape Arborists who donated mulch; and Jeff Parnell of Jeff Parnell Contracting who donated the Stone Bench located at the site.

We are very fortunate to have such generous people take an interest in this endeavour.

Cake and lemonade was enjoyed by all who attended and even other kids visiting the park that day. That is truly community spirit.



Dry Stone Tree Recognition Ceremony



We honoured those who had donated the Dry Stone Tree with a small ceremony prior to our May meeting. A plaque was unveiled with the names of the donors.



Spirea blooming like crazy in the BEL Rotary Park



Our tulip display again this year at St. Martins school



Volunteering at the Peterborough Garden Show

Pruning Lilac Trees

Caren White is a Master Gardener who posted a very good article about growing and caring for lilacs at dengarden.com.

For best practice when pruning lilacs, she suggests:

- ⊗ Prune lilac shrubs soon after they have finished blooming, before new buds can begin to form. If you prune in fall or spring, you are likely to cut off next year's flowers.
- ⊗ Remove dead branches and thin out crowded areas to improve air circulation and reduce the risk of disease.
- ⊗ Rejuvenate older lilacs using her "Three Year Plan":
 - Year one, remove 1/3 of the oldest stems, down to the ground.
 - Year two, remove half of the remaining old thick stems.
 - Year three, remove all remaining old stems.

To read her wonderful article, go to:

<https://dengarden.com/gardening/How-to-Grow-Lilacs-for-Spring-Color>



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Caring for Peonies

The Old Farmer's Almanac has published a collection of detailed Growing Guides for all types of popular plants, including peonies. The Guides are available at <https://www.almanac.com/gardening/growing-guides>. Their advice for caring for established peonies is:

- ☼ Deadhead peonies as soon as they begin to fade. Cut back to a strong leaf. Cut foliage to the ground in the fall to prevent disease.
- ☼ Limit the use of fertilizer. Fertilize using bonemeal, compost or manure every few years at most, after the flowers are done blooming and you have deadheaded.
- ☼ Give the plant structural support, such as peony or tomato cages, where the blossoms are too large for the stems to support.
- ☼ Don't mulch around the base of the plant. The plant will react as if it was planted to deep and there will be few to no flowers.
- ☼ Ants help peonies to bloom. They eat nectar and kill pests in return. They should be left alone.

Check out the Guide for more advice on peony care and planting.



Interesting: Peterborough Master Gardeners' Blog

by Helen Young

Did you know that our local Master Gardeners group publishes a blog entry weekly each Monday? The website address is:

peterboroughmastergardeners.com

Articles are short and timely based on the season. Recent titles have been:

- 🌱 Growing Perennials in Containers
- 🌱 Trench or "Hole" Composting
- 🌱 Is it Dead?
- 🌱 Perennials: When should they be divided?
- 🌱 Frost Dates and Pushing the Limits
- 🌱 Preparing your garden beds for planting vegetables and annuals
- 🌱 Why a Rain Garden?



If you would like to be notified whenever a new entry is made to the blog, choose 'follow us by email' on the left menu.

Any comments or suggestions are most welcome!

Peterborough Horticultural Society

For upcoming events, meetings and news, see:



peterboroughhort.com



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Useful Links



[Ennismore and District Horticultural Society Facebook Page](#)

- **OHA Trillium Newsletter** - www.gardenontario.org
- **Omeme and District Horticultural Society** www.omemeblooms.ca
- **Peterborough Horticultural** - www.peterboroughhort.com
- **Lakefield Horticultural** - www.lakefieldhort.org
- [Selwyn Township Guide](#)
- **Garden Making** - gardenmaking.com

April 19, 2018 – Happy 5th Anniversary to Us!



Our hardworking Board of Directors

Kelly, Gail, Joan, Susanne, Cindy, Helen, Diann, & Mary Lou



Mayor Mary Smith and Deputy Mayor Sherry Senis offer congratulations to President Helen Young



Drew Monkman speaking on 'Climate Change in the Kawarthas'