

Brooklin Horticultural Society Newsletter

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BHS meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Brooklin United Church; except January, July and December.

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Saturday May 12 beginning at 10 AM BHS Plant Auction Bring your friends and neighbours!

Come rain or shine, we're having our fantastic plant auction in the large gazebo in Grass Park at Baldwin & Cassels Road with Auctioneer Ken Brown! This is your chance to bid on large-sized pots of new varieties and old favourites of perennials, annuals, shrubs, houseplants and seedlings grown and donated by our members. Enjoy some light refreshments and the jovial atmosphere as bidders compete for prized plants.



Auctioneer Ken Brown

We also need your plant donations. When dividing your favourite perennials this week, please pot up and label a couple of large divisions for the auction and deliver them to Grass Park between 8:30 and 10 AM.

If you would like to volunteer or need assistance with delivery of your plants, contact **Kathy Allam** at kathyal-lam@hotmail.ca or 905-430-7213.

"The Jarvie Garden - Creating a Work of Art" on Wed May 23 at 7:30PM

Marion Jarvie is a passionate plants woman, collector, designer, lecturer and world traveler. She and husband David have an



impressive, diverse garden that makes use of every bit of ground on a suburban lot in downtown Thornhill. Marion will provide design tips and recommendations on plants, shrubs and trees, as she shares her passion

and knowledge. She knows what's hardy in our climate and what will work in various settings. Also an expert on rare and unusual plants, Marion is in high demand as a speaker across North America. Get inspired by this accomplished photographer and enthusiastic lecturer. You'll want to visit her stunning garden during her open garden dates of May 26 & 27 at 37 Thornheights Road. Maybe you'll even buy a special plant or two. Marion's presentation is co-sponsored by BHS and "Whitby in Bloom".

This is also our "Spring Show". You'll see tulips, irises, narcissus, lilac branches, early vegetables, orchids, floral designs and more.

Come early for refreshments and draw tickets. Don't forget to lug-a-mug.

Upcoming BHS Meetings & Events

Saturday May 12 10 AM	Brooklin Horticultural Society Plant Auction Grass Park, Cassels Road East, Brooklin Auctioneer Extraordinaire: Ken Brown	
Wednesday May 23	The Spring Show Guest Speaker: Marion Jarvie , Plants woman, Designer & Lecturer, Thornhill Topic: The Jarvie Garden - Creating a Work of Art	
Wednesday June 13	The Iris and Peony Show Guest Speaker: David Jewell , On Russell Garden, Lindsay Topic: What's Lurking in Your Garden... Viruses, Diseases & Other Nasty Critters	
Sunday June 24	BHS Members' Garden Tour Spend an enjoyable afternoon visiting several gardens in Whitby, Brooklin & area, ending with refreshments and a brief social. Free admission to BHS members. A list of gardens on the tour will be provided at the next meeting. Contact Lorna Ravary at 905-666-4443 or lornaravary@rogers.com .	
Wednesday June 27	The Rose Show Guest Speaker: Jack Kent , The Potting Shed, Dunnville Topic: Following Your Heart (and your gut) in the Garden	

What's New in Your Garden this Year?

I have added more space (approx. 8' X 9') in an existing garden by cutting down a huge blue spruce. I've started dividing and moving perennials to this space and I'm planning to move two climbing roses, "Coral Dawn" and "America" which I planted in a shadier spot last summer, to this sunnier spot next to the existing "John Cabot" Explorer rose. I've also been googling for "fountain/pond in a pot" ideas as I would like to build one on my deck. Stay tuned for my results and photos.

Sherry Howard, Show Committee

It's time to update the landscape lighting that was installed a dozen years ago around the back yard, especially since duct tape is no longer holding one of the fixtures together anymore. We'll be adding spot lights on either side at the back of the lawn on the two clusters of Karl Foerster grasses which stay upright and attractive throughout the seasons. A pyramidal oak beside the house will also be spot-lighted and

small lights are being inserted among the rocks of the waterfall to shine through the water. All the fixtures will be fitted with LED lights to save on energy consumption.

Jone Webster, Newsletter

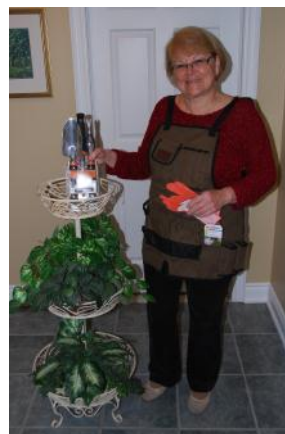
This year, a new pergola, gardens and firepit are what's needed tying the yard, sky, the apricots and cedar hedges into an area of peace and contemplation, looking out over the valley and the woods by the creek. It's a chance to be creative, constructive and adventuresome. But it can become overwhelming as well, if we're not careful and cautious. Ideas jump out and grand visions abound. Then, comes the digging and doing. Cost and sustainability are key, and maintenance of and around the area is critical... A chair with a book and coffee cup anywhere in the middle of the yard is starting to seem pretty good now that I really think about it. Let me nap on it for a bit.

Hans Paats, Secretary

Welcome, New Members!

Audrey Atkinson
Barbara Carroll
Lee Carter
Sharon Clarke
Jennifer Collins
Joe Drumm
Karen Durnin
Dianne Fraser
Norma Haney
Wendy Harrison
Jan Illing

Louise Kevins
Marie Lawson
Helen Read
Gini Sage
Sandy Scinocco
Bob Stelmach
Geri Stelmach
Elizabeth Stewart
Marilyn Trunks
Nancy Turner
Sue Willar



LOADED PLANT STAND

You could win this plant stand filled with garden plants, along with garden hand tools, gloves and a Lee Valley tool apron (as shown). Tickets will be available at the Plant Auction, and the May 23 and June 13 meetings. Draw will be held on June 13. Donations support the Brooklin Horticultural Society.

GOOD LUCK!

Other Plant Sales (if you haven't got enough yet)

Saturday May 19
9 AM – 1 PM

Pine Ridge Garden Club Plant, Bake & Yard Sale
Nestleton Hall (Hwy 7A, east of Blackstock)

May 19, 20 & 21
8 AM - 4 PM

Sue Turner's Hosta Sale
57 Garden Street, north of Burns in Whitby
Contact **Sue** at 905-430-6638 or tigertails@rogers.com.

Saturday May 26
2 PM

Durham Region Orchid Society Plant Auction
Orchids, houseplants, and lots of perennials
Fernhill Community Centre in Oshawa (northeast of Stevenson & Bond)
Contact **Anne Antanaitis** at 905-728-5336 or anneantanaitis@hotmail.com.

Saturday June 2
9 AM - 3 PM

Oshawa Garden Club Plant Sale
Annuals, lots of perennials, and shrubs
Northview Seniors Centre in Oshawa (at 150 Beatrice St E near Ritson & Taunton)
Contact **Gary Lucas** at 905-668-6368 or info@oshawagardenclub.ca.

Other Gardens to Visit

June 16 & 17
10 AM - 4 PM

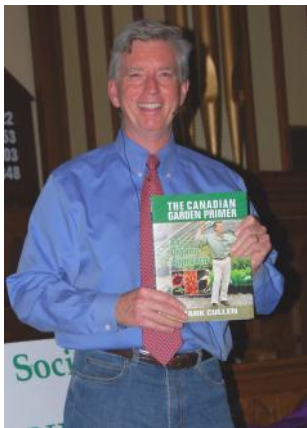
The **Peony Festival** is being held at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, 155 Arena Street Oshawa. Includes peony show, artisans, advice, demonstrations and café. Free admission and parking. Come anytime in June to see early, middle and late blooms. Contact **Judi Denny** at 905-263-4765 or mjdenney@sympatico.ca. Visit www.oshawa.ca or www.peony.ca.

Saturday July 7
11 AM

The **Delphinium Society** is meeting at Sofie Bigham's Garden in Brooklin. BBQ, speaker Martin Galloway on Diversity of Plants (to be confirmed) and a small Delphinium Competition. BBQ cost is \$5, non-member charge is \$5, annual membership is \$10 (includes free delphinium seeds). To attend, contact **Don Wick** at 905-655-4065 or don@thevideoimage.com.

Saturday July 28
10 AM - 4 PM

Whitby in Bloom is presenting its first annual Community Garden Tour, showcasing some of Whitby's most unique and colourful properties including residential, business and Town sites. Your free tour ticket and brochure will guide your personal driving tour to the properties. Non-perishable food donations will be collected for Feed The Need Durham. To register, contact 905-430-4310 or parks.rec@whitby.ca.



Mark Cullen delighted a record crowd at our March meeting. His book signing generated over \$800 and many pounds of non-perishable food for a Food Bank.

Meeting Reports

Our year started with **Kate Seaver** providing us with 7 Steps to Successful Perennial Gardening at our February meeting. Our next meeting, the first in our series co-sponsored with "Whitby in Bloom" featured **Mark Cullen** who attracted over 200 listeners. He showed us his 10 acre property in Stouffville and talked about vegetable gardening and lawn management. Our next speaker **Brian Bergman** spoke on lilies to almost 100 people. Hybridizing is creating bigger flowers and stronger stems. Brian reports that Lily beetle can be controlled with available pesticides. Experiments are occurring now with a wasp predator for the beetle. Hopefully, it will be successful so that we can enjoy these orchids of the perennial world.



Brian offered many varieties of lilies for sale at the April meeting.

BROOKLIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY GARDENS AVAILABLE FOR VISITS 2012

The following members of BHS are sharing their gardening experiences and inviting other members to visit their gardens. You are welcome to call and arrange a visit at any time during the growing season. Better yet, get together with some gardening friends and create your own garden tour. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see what some of our member gardeners have accomplished – a great chance to view different forms of garden designs and see display gardens of specialty perennials. Bring your camera and take away new ideas!

Sofie Bigham	905 655-5929	Brooklin	10 acres, dry stone walls, colour wheel perennial garden, roses, pond.
Barb Borchuk	905 668-8364	Whitby	Perennial border, pond, rock and veggie gardens
Ken Brown	905 665-9411	Whitby	Bulbs, iris, vertical vegetables, water garden, front yard gardening
Sharon Clarke	905-244-5828	Whitby	Shade garden
Faye Collins	905 655-9695	Whitby	Mixed, integrated borders – 800+ daylilies, perennials, grasses, native and woodland plants, butterfly gardening
Judi Denny	905 263-4765	Enniskillen	Mixed borders – peonies, daylilies and other perennials
Eugene Gmitrowicz	905 655-3939	Brooklin	3 acres, ponds, 1000 hostas
Grace & Roger Inglis	905 852-6422	Port Perry	Large country garden in hilly setting, lilacs, dwarf evergreens, rock and perennial gardens, alpine plants
Marian Johnson	905 666-1141	Brooklin	Whitby-Ajax Garden Project (food raised for food banks), water-wise program, native plants & shrubs, 35 dahlia varieties. Open Saturdays 10AM-2PM. Open House on July 21 with seminars, mini-market and tours. Lakeridge Rd, S of Hwy 7 on east side.
Eleanor MacAlpine	905 655-4104	Brooklin	Perennials, daylilies, roses on large town property
Joyce Marsh	905 655-3854	Brooklin	English country garden in a woodland setting before June 15 or after July 30
Lorna Ravary	905 666-4443	Whitby	Variety in a small town garden, waterfalls, variety of clematis
Helen Read	905-666-5137	Whitby	Very small urban garden, no grass
Mary Ellen Simerson	905 655-4927	Brooklin	Country setting, May-June Peonies, scree, perennial, vegetable garden & a large selection of trees & shrubs
Dianne Stackhouse & Brian McLatchie	905 985-7823	Port Perry	Large country garden in a variety of settings
Elizabeth Stewart	905-666-5068	Whitby	All ornamental grasses and shrubs in front garden, back is very private with small constructed waterfall and stream
Jone Webster	905 666-2489	Whitby	Mixed borders of perennials, annuals, roses, grasses, containers, with pond and waterfall. Dahlias in the fall.
Aldine & Don Wick	905 655-4065	Brooklin	Mixed perennials and annuals with a water feature

President's Message

We have all been amazed at the mild weather we have experienced so far this year. This allowed us to do our spring clean-up a little earlier than usual.

Our March general meeting was a huge success. We had a record attendance to hear our guest speaker, Mark Cullen. His presentation was fantastic and professionally presented. Thanks to "Whitby in Bloom" for co-sponsoring this event.

Our website has been updated thanks to Hans Paats. Hans has taken on the role of the BHS Webmaster from Shelly Patrick who also had contributed so much of her time and efforts to make the website easy to navigate and informative. Our corporate members have been entered onto the website with a link where available, to their business. Please contact our business members if you require their services.

Fred Haggerty



Sofie Bigham presented her favourite new garden plants at the April General Meeting. Her choices will soon be posted on our website.

Speakers' Corner

Our speakers' program that is co-sponsored with "Whitby in Bloom" continues until our summer break in July. If the large audience and high interest in the first two speakers is an indication, we can expect continued high attendance for the next few meetings.

As noted on the front page, **Marion Jarvie** is our next speaker at the May meeting. She is known as a knowledgeable and enthusiastic lecturer who will captivate us as she reveals her garden in "*The Jarvie Garden - Creating a Work of Art*". www.marionjarvie.ca

The speaker for "The Iris & Peony Show" on June 13th is **David Jewell** who trained at the Royal Botanical Gardens-Kew. David is known for growing and hybridizing daylilies. Gardening in Lindsay, he also grows iris, hosta and all-season plants that make his garden a show piece for cottage country. His topic is "*What's Lurking in Your Garden - Viruses, Diseases and Other Nasty Critters*". Using his own garden and starting in spring, David will alert us to what might attack our plants throughout the year, and he'll provide preventative measures. These are practical tips and ideas that work. He'll cover bug assaults and viruses including Hosta Virus X. All this vital information will be provided with a hint of humour and gorgeous garden shots. You'll need David's advise to be successful with your garden.

On June 27th, **Jack Kent** of The Potting Shed in Dunnville returns to BHS speaking on "*Following Your Heart (and Your Gut) in the Garden*". Jack's nursery is one of Canada's top garden destinations. It has something for every gardener, including great display gardens, water features, art work and a menagerie of farm animals. Jack comes from a rural background, was educated at Guelph and is one of Canada's leading daylily hybridizers. His nursery also specializes in hosta, ornamental grasses, shrubs and trees, as well as perennials of every shape and description. His talk will encourage you to create a garden that reflects your personality and interests. There is no magic formula. You should plant what you like and the colour combinations that you enjoy. However, there are some rules that should be followed to be successful. Plants have habits that you can't ignore. Jack will present his topic in a natural, entertaining and very knowledgeable manner. www.pottingshedcanada.com

We know that you will learn from and enjoy these great speakers. As always, your feedback and suggestions for future speakers are appreciated. Contact **Faye Collins** at 905-655-9695 or madgardener23@hotmail.com.

Jone Webster (using Faye's notes)

About the BHS Newsletter This newsletter is published quarterly - February, May, August and October.

You are invited to submit articles, questions and comments about the newsletter to the **Editor Jone Webster** at 905-666-2489 or brooklinhortsoc@rogers.com or newsletter@brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com.

Plant And Groom Sessions at our Gardens

The Brooklin Horticultural Society gardens are flourishing but will only continue to do so with your help and involvement. The Butterfly Meadow located off Winchester southwest of The Luther Vipond Arena is a naturalized area, well-established and not requiring as much attention. The Brooklin Horticultural Society Garden at Carnwith and Montgomery, west of Baldwin is coming along beautifully as we continue to add to the collections planted there. But constant attention is needed to maintain the entire park's beds. It is an ideal teaching space - a place to hone your own gardening skills and a community magnet as well. For both gardens, bring your favourite gardening tools, gloves, buckets, etc. and come for an evening of horticultural camaraderie.

Butterfly Meadow - Every second Thursday from 6 PM to dusk starting May 17.

If the gate is not open, park behind the arena.

Brooklin Horticultural Society Garden Park Every Tuesday from 6 PM to dusk from May 8 to September 25.

Questions, information and schedule changes, contact **Faye Collins**, 905-655-9695 or madgardener23@hotmail.com.

Show Committee News

In addition to the May show, don't forget that there will be two shows in June.

- May 23 - Spring Show
- June 13 - Iris and Peony Show
A new class "Any Other Perennial" has been added to this show as many of us may not grow iris or peonies. This class will allow **UNLIMITED** entries of one bloom or one stem but they must be different cultivars.
- June 27 - Rose Show

Note that all specimen classes are **OPEN** which means that you may enter **TWO** items but they must be different cultivars. If you like to mix it up, you may submit two entries in each of the **OPEN** "Pick and Plunk" classes.

We are still looking for show clerks to assist the committee and the judges. Sign up at the set-up table or see any member of the Show Committee.

For more information, contact **Sherry Howard** at 905-668-7640 or howard21@rogers.com



See this garden on the June 24th Garden Tour!



Fence assembled from pickets decorated by the 12 clubs in District 17 of OHA. The BHS picket painted by Hans Paats is second from right. The fence was on display at the AGM in Cannington on April 28th. Cannington H.S. donated the fence to McCaskill's Mill Public School where the meeting was held.

Brooklin Spring Fair Parade

BHS will once again submit a float to the annual Brooklin Spring Fair Parade, scheduled for June 2nd. This year's theme is "Barnyard Mardi Gras". This will require horticultural creativity as we envelope the theme in an appropriate design. Volunteers to work on the float will meet to develop the theme and, once we have identified the design elements, will build the float, and assemble the materials in the week prior to the parade. Hans is organizing the construction and volunteer efforts. Now all we need is a remarkable "horticultural-barnyard-mardi-gras" integration!

To participate in the design and decorating of the float, please contact **Hans Paats** at secretarybhs@yahoo.com or 905-655-3846.