



The Peony Post

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CALLING ALL PLANT LOVERS!

Pickering Horticultural Society Plant Sale
May 7, 2016, starting at 8:00 am at the Gazebo in
Esplanade Park

Come on out and see what's new this year. Not only do we have plants dug out of our own gardens, we also have a good selection of not-so-common plants which you are unlikely to find at big box stores. Of course, we greatly appreciate any plants you are willing to donate. Please deliver your plants between 7:00 and 8:00 am. Some exceptions: We will not accept goutweed, Tawny Daylilies (ditch lilies) or anything else considered highly invasive. If at all possible, please have your plants labelled. Don't forget: after visiting us, nip across the street to pick up some free compost in the arena parking lot.

Next Meeting
May 10, 2016

**MEETING
START TIME
7:30 pm**

Come on out and
participate in our

Spring Flower Show

This show is always
one of the favourites
of the year.

In addition, we are
pleased to have

Dugald Cameron

entertain us with his
talk about "Climbers
& other interesting
Tidbits"

April Meeting Recap

We were very pleased to see a 'full house' for this meeting. We extend a warm welcome to new members *Sylvia Andreou*, *Ruth Arndt* and *Nancy Wulff*. We also appreciate the loyalty of returning members *Betty* and *Merna Burkholder*.

Announcements

- Thinking about plant shopping? Pay your dues and get your membership card to get a discount at select garden centres.
- Our new banner was unveiled to a round of applause.
- Invitation to attend the District 17 AGM – we will be hosting this event next year and it will be interesting to see what is expected of us.
- Barbara explained more about our annual bus tour – if you have signed up for it, payment is due now.
- Don Wick, Assistant District Director, encouraged everyone to attend the OHA convention in July.

Feature Speaker – Trudy Grantham

Trudy is well known for her outstanding floral design creations not just in the Toronto area but also on the international scene. She has competed successfully overseas as well. We felt honoured to have her demonstrate her skills to our group this evening.

Trudy likes to be unconventional. She never uses floral foam for her creations and tried to show us how wonderful designs can be created without relying on foam.

What is Trudy's advice to us? Play, play, play! Have fun while exploring the many possibilities; get to know your floral material; don't get stuck playing by the 'rules'; trial and error leads to success.



Editor's note: Trudy makes it all sound very simple because the 'Principles and Elements of Design' have become second nature to her and she applies them instinctively. For the rest of us, I would advise that a little study of those principles and elements would be beneficial. The OJES booklet gives a brief explanation, starting on page 82.

Refreshments

Wow! What a feast! From shrimp to fruit & cheese and still-warm bread pudding – we thoroughly enjoyed our snacks. Thank you to *Diane Anderson, Barry O'Neill* and *Barbara Twiner* for this wonderful spread.

Next Meeting – May 10th

Our speaker will be *Dugald Cameron*, a well-known and liked gardening personality. Dugald owned *Gardenimport*, a bulb and perennial plant mail order firm, for more than thirty years. Gardeners still rave about the quality of his offerings. He closed the company in January 2015 and now enjoys having more time to garden. Clematis and summer flowering bulbs are among his favourites. Therefore, his topic will be 'Climbers and Other Interesting Tidbits'. We look forward to welcoming Dugald.

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