



# The Peony Post

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## PUBLIC FLOWER SHOW

Do you realize that we have only 7 days to go before our public flower show? As usual, we are asking for your participation. Last year we had 147 entries in the horticultural division, 7 entries in the design division. Considering the exuberant growth in our gardens, could we possibly increase those numbers? We certainly think so.

It is always a lot of fun to see visitors to the rec complex looking so surprised to be greeted by a sea of colourful blooms. Children in particular seemed to be fascinated and want to inspect everything very closely.

Please note: for this show, the usual restrictions about the number of entries per exhibitor do not apply.

Please consult page 34 of your yearbook for all the details.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**  
**7:30 pm**

Well-known  
gardening  
personality

**Dugald Cameron**

will entertain us  
with his favourite

**'Tips and Tricks'**

## Plant Sale Thank You

First of all, we would like thank all of you who took the time and made the effort to contribute plants to our sale. Without your support it would not be possible to hold this annual fundraiser for our society. Without fundraising, our fees would need to be increased substantially.

Secondly, thank you to all of you stayed around and helped with sorting, pricing, giving advice and gave all-around excellent customer service.



## May Meeting Recap

We were happy to welcome 54 people to the meeting, including several members from the Oshawa Garden Club.

### Announcements

- Welcome Oshawa members
- The District 17 AGM on April 21, hosted by Bowmanville Horticultural Society, went very well. Five of our members attended.
- Joanne just returned from a trip to Austin where she visited some amazing gardens.
- We have now received a cheque from the OHA to refund some premiums we paid into an insurance fund that was never used and has now been dissolved. This enables us to make a donation to 'Scientists in Schools'.
- Our next planned community event is our plant sale on May 12, 2018.

### Feature Speaker – Bill Grainger

Bill gave a wonderful, humorous, entertaining presentation about pelargoniums/geraniums. The annuals we usually refer to as geraniums are really pelargoniums. Geraniums are perennial, the foliage is quite different. Bill got interested in pels as a child watching his Grandmother fussing over them. He now has a day job as a schoolteacher but still loves propagating and hybridizing pelargoniums. He brought quite a few specimens with him which sold out pretty quickly.

We thank Bill for this great visit with us.

### Refreshments

Our thanks go to Glenda Alfred, Carol Halliday and Karen King for delicious refreshments provided.

### Flower Show

As is usual for our first flower show of the, this May show was wonderful. Spring flowers are such a joy and we had 107 of them on display.

Congratulations to these 'Best in Show' winners:

<i>Barbara Twiner</i>	Best Tulip
<i>Monica Por</i>	Best Narcissus
<i>Barbara Twiner</i>	Best Other Bulb
<i>Ada Mueller</i>	houseplant (orchid)
<i>Monica Por</i>	'Judge's Choice'
<i>Barbara Twiner</i>	Best Advanced Design
<i>Susan Saunders</i>	Best Beginner Design

This was the first time for Susan Saunders to get a 'Best in Show' for design. As you can see - it's never too late to start!

## Next Meeting – June 26<sup>th</sup>

You may wonder why our June meeting is on the last Tuesday of the month instead of the usual second Tuesday. It is because having the meeting in late June gives us a chance to show off our lovely roses. This year we have added clematis to the show schedule as well. I am convinced that every garden deserves at least one rose bush and one clematis plant. Let us admire what you have.

Our feature speaker will be Dugald Cameron. We have met him before and his presentations are always fun and very informative.

Before that, we hope to see you at our public flower show on June 16, 2018.



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