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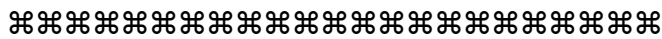
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What's Up (PDHS News)

February 2020

Welcome to another exciting year. I am looking forward to being the president of the PDHS for this year. I have been a member of PDHS for 13 years and have some history and knowledge about how things work around here. I have been a member of the PDHS Board for about 10 years on and off. I am a Certified OHA Horticultural Judge. I was an Assistant District Director for District 2 for six years. I have been dabbling in gardening, both flowers and vegetables for over 40 years. Thankfully, I have a great executive team who support me, each other, and every one of our members.

Linda Bartlett, President



PDHS PLANT SALE 2020

Our Annual Plant Sale is the biggest fundraiser we have for our Society. This year it will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 in the gymnasium at The Stewart School. Our Plant Sale is usually successful and helps us to continue our Junior Gardener's Program which is offered in our area elementary schools.

This year we would like to try a different way to collect plants for the Plant Sale. We would like to set up a system where we have a few members volunteer to pot up plants brought in by all members starting at the beginning of May. The idea would be that members would dig up and/or split their plants and then put them in bags, boxes, pots, or whatever is convenient for you. If you could identify the

plants when digging them up, this would be greatly appreciated. Members would water their plants until such time as they are able to drop them off at Robin McIntosh's place in Perth or at Richard Catchpaw's place on Keays Road. We would set up a schedule where we would have some volunteers meet at Richard's place to pot up the plants and get them ready for the plant sale. The volunteers would also create name tags for the plants. We would then transport them to The Stewart School on the Friday night, set up the display of plants, and price them. Hopefully this will bring in more plant donations from our members, and give some other members, who do not have gardens anymore but still love to play in the dirt, the opportunity to do so.

In order to make this a successful event, we will need members to supply the plants, volunteers to pot up the plants and other volunteers to create the name tags. We would also need some volunteers to set up the plant sale at The Stewart School on the Friday night and then to help with the Plant Sale on the Saturday morning.

We will have more details and sign-up sheets for these tasks for the next two meetings (March and April).

If you have any questions or suggestions for this event, please come see me. David Archer will be the Plant Coordinator for this event but won't be back until our April meeting.

Junior Gardener 2020

Again, this year the program will run once a week on Thursdays for an hour each week from April 9 to May 14.

If you've been collecting strawberry containers, yogurt containers (750, 650, or 500 ml), small sour cream or cottage cheese containers as well as Canadian Tire money to donate, please bring them to the March meeting.

Ruth has been busy with the plant cuttings but could use some more. So, if you have plants to share, please start the cuttings in water so they will be rooted for Ruth can get them planted and ready for the students. Please bring plant cuttings to the March meeting We do not need any more Coral cactus or Kalanchoe plants.

Note that we have enough tuna cans this year, so we won't be needing them.

Please consider volunteering with us, it is a lot of fun and very rewarding. If interested, please contact the co-coordinators, either Sandi Sissons or Robin McIntosh. Thank you.



March 10th Meeting

What Horticulturists Need to Know About Lyme Disease by Myrna Lee

Myrna Lee will present information on the tick, the Lyme bacteria and the medical issues surrounding the disease.

Myrna became involved in the Lyme Disease issue when her daughter was diagnosed outside of the country with it after suffering for 12 years. With her background in Research, Technology and Education, Myrna used all her skills to acquire ALL of her daughter's treatment in Canada, something that very few people have achieved. Myrna continues to

advocate for appropriate testing, diagnosis and treatment for Lyme Disease sufferers across Canada.

See you at the meeting and bring a neighbour or friend with you!



Gardening Question Box

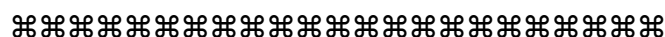
Something new for PDHS members – we are going to have a Garden Question Box for members to ask their gardening questions. You write up your question and put in the Box at one meeting, and we will answer the Question at our next meeting, in an email and in our newsletter.



Perth Seedy Sunday

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come out to Perth Seedy Sunday at the Perth Civitan Club, 6787 County Road 43. Free admission, free workshops, seed swap table and more. Get the gardening season off to a good start with local seeds, gardening advice, and farm products. Lunch and snacks available in front of the canteen. Perth & District Horticultural Society will be there. If you would like to volunteer to work at the PDHS table for an hour or two, please let us know.



District 2 AGM

The D2 AGM to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Johnny Leroux Stittsville Community Arena, 10 Warner-Colpitts Lane, Stittsville. and is hosted by the West Carleton and Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Societies. \$20.00 Registration fee. Deadline: March 31, 2020