



# PINE RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

*"Where Gardeners Come To Bloom"*

May-June 2023 Newsletter

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Nestleton Hall, 3967 Hwy 7A

**Tuesday, May 2  
7:30 p.m.**

**\*\*Place your Spring Flower Show entries between 6 and 6:45 p.m.\*\***

**Speaker:** Joanne Shaw,  
Landscape Designer

**Topic:** Designing a Low Maintenance Garden

**Tuesday, June 6  
7:30 p.m.**

**\*\*Place your June Iris Show entries by 7:00 p.m.\*\***

**Speaker:** Leif Petersen,  
Photographer

**Topic:** Mother Nature...What a Show-Off!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What up-and-down weather we're having this spring! I'm sure I did too much garden clean-up when we had that HOT spell in April. I was clearing leaf debris from my hostas and I uncovered a toad hiding underneath. Once I spotted him, I put some leaves back for his protection and I hope it was enough. Then I left a couple other perennial gardens to clear a week later.

I encourage you to plan to enter a little something in our May flower show. We learned quite a bit from Norma Haney's talk at our April meeting of how to enter a show. I'm hoping to try my hand at a miniature again since I learned so much with my first attempt last year. It's fun to enter and our more experienced members are there to help.

And as always, be prepared to enter our photography competition in October by taking photos throughout the year. June speaker Leif Petersen will also inspire us to capture mother nature's beauty in pictures.

Remember we need plant donations for the May 20 Plant, Bake and Yard sale.

All the best, *Libbi*

## Plant, Bake & Yard Sale—Saturday, May 20

Our largest fundraiser of the year is almost here. For it to be a success, we need everyone to provide plants, baking and good quality yard sale items (no electronics, no large items and only current books).

A list of the most desired plants will be posted at the May 2 meeting, across from the membership table—please have a look.

When you are dividing your perennials this month, pot and label some small sections for the sale, then deliver them by 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning to Nestleton Hall. Alternatively, you can drop them off May 18 or 19 to one of these locations: 51 Suggit Dr, Nestleton – on driveway or behind garage; 437 Bigelow St, Port Perry – along the driveway beside the house; 33 Ottawa St, Port Perry – on the front porch.

**We also need volunteers to set-up and clean up afterward.** Sign up at the May 2 meeting or contact a member of the Board before May 9.



## Upcoming Garden Tours

June brings plenty of options to visit gorgeous gardens for fresh air, fun and new ideas! Search online for more information and to buy tickets.

### 23rd Annual Gardens of Uxbridge Tour

Saturday, June 24, 10

a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets go on sale in May.

### Port Hope Garden Tour

Saturday, June 10, 10

a.m. to 4 p.m., \$25

### Toronto Botanical Garden's "Through the Garden Gate: Riverdale"

Saturday and Sunday,  
June 10 and 11, 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m.



## Oshawa Peony Festival

The 19th Annual Peony Festival returns to the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens this June.



Saturday June 10 and  
Sunday June 11  
155 Arena St., Oshawa  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Free Compost Giveaway

Durham's free compost giveaway returns to Port Perry on Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. at the Municipal Boat Launch, 2 Old Rail Lane. The compost is from the green bin program.

Quantities are limited. Bring your own containers and shovels, but there are usually plenty of staff and volunteers on hand to help fill your containers. Donations for the Operation Scugog food bank are encouraged.



## More Membership Discounts!

One of the benefits of being a Pine Ridge Garden Club member is the discounts at garden centres. We're happy to share that there are two great new options:

### Van Belle's Garden Centre

1979 Highway 2, Bowmanville

10% off on regular priced plants from our greenhouse in Courtice

[www.vanbelleflowers.com](http://www.vanbelleflowers.com)



### Groff Nursery and Market

23901 Highway 12, Sunderland

15% off regular priced merchandise (some exclusions)

[www.groffnursery.com](http://www.groffnursery.com)



## How to Divide Perennials

Many perennials benefit from being divided every few years, which is perfect timing for our upcoming plant sale! Dividing will keep plants from getting overcrowded and help them stay full. You may notice that some perennials add growth around the outside and die off in the middle – divide regularly to help avoid this.

Perennials that bloom later in the season are best for dividing in spring.

To divide a clump-forming plant, lift the whole plant by digging up as much of the root ball as possible. Gently remove enough soil from the roots so that you can see them, and pull or cut the clump apart into root pieces. Ideally you will have several growing points on each section. If you need to cut, use a sharp, clean garden knife or spade.

For plants that grow by runners or spreading roots, you can just dig up new, extra roots.

Place each plant for the sale in a pot, label it right away (before you forget) and keep it watered until delivering it on May 18, 19 or 20.

## Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw

The deadline to buy tickets on the latest Garden Ontario 50/50 draw is July 21 with a special Mother's Day early bird draw deadline of May 13.

Tickets will only be available online at:

[https:// www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha](https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha)