



# 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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## Annual General Meeting & Social Nov 28 - 7PM - St Thomas Anglican Church

Dear Members,

Thank you for being a part of our Society this year! We hope that you have enjoyed our speakers, horticultural shows, and plant sales. Many thanks to all of you who donated your time or your efforts for civic gardening, plant sales, or meeting refreshments. We invite you to join us for our year-end business meeting and social.

**DESSERT SOCIAL:** This is our annual dessert pot-luck social. You are invited to bring a dessert or snack for the buffet table, and your appetite. However, if you don't have the time to prepare a buffet item, we want you to join us anyways. Make new friends and catch up with current ones during the initial half hour while enjoying the desserts, with beverages served by the Pathfinders.

**FLORAL DESIGN DEMONSTRATION:** Just in time for the holiday season, **Vida Ycas -Abell** will be demonstrating how to make two quick and easy festive floral designs to decorate your home. The finished centre-pieces will be given away in the evening's Lucky Draw.

**YEAR IN REVIEW:** Photo highlights of this year's activities will be showing without commentary before and periodically during the evening for your viewing pleasure.

**AWARDS:** We will be presenting numerous show awards for those with highest points or the best submission in selected categories. Other members will be recognized with a President's or Life Award. Everyone who submitted at least one entry to our shows will receive a cash prize based on their total number of exhibits and awards.

**ELECTION:** The election of our officers and directors for 2013 will be held at this meeting. Sandy Rakestrow, the Director of District 17 of the Ontario Horticultural Society will conduct the election and installation of our new board. If you wish to be nominated for a position on the board, please contact Fred Haggerty at 905-655-8126 before the meeting.

**LUCKY DRAWS:** We will have numerous prizes to give away at this meeting, including seasonal plants. Donations of additional prizes are always welcome! Bring some loonies to get your draw tickets.

Join us for the closing social event of the 2012 gardening year at **St Thomas Anglican Church** on **Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 PM!** Please note the location and time.

If you would like a ride to the Social, please contact Fred at 905-655-8126.



## Speaker's Corner We need your input!! 2013 & 2014 Speakers

Faye Collins has been providing us with amazing speakers and topics for the past five years. She is looking for someone (or two) to take over arranging our speakers starting with 2014. If you are interested in dealing with speakers and topics, please contact Faye ASAP so that you can learn the process while assisting Faye to arrange the remaining 2013 line-up.

We also want your suggestions on speakers and topics:

- *Do you want to know more about certain types of plants, garden designs, or growing conditions?*
- *Have you heard a great gardening speaker elsewhere?*
- *Do you want to see a demonstration on something like plant division, potting, starting seeds, or flower arranging?*

If you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker for 2013, please contact Faye Collins at [madgardener23@hotmail.com](mailto:madgardener23@hotmail.com) or 905-655-9695.



Margaret McGibney  
and Jane Austin

## Can we still plant now?

For those of you who still have gardening energy and space in the garden, you can continue planting through to hard frost (and even during a winter thaw).

Fall is a great time to divide and plant **perennials** when the weather is cool with lots of rain to promote root growth. Then, in the spring, they will continue to establish themselves as soon as the first warm weather arrives. Similarly, many **trees** and **shrubs** can also be planted now before a killing frost.

You can still plant most **spring bulbs**, including tulips and hyacinths. Although it is best to plant **daffodils** in early fall, they can still be planted but may not bloom as fully in the first year. Plant fresh individual **garlic** cloves now to get a harvest next summer. (Don't use grocery store or imported garlic since it is treated to prevent sprouting.)

If you don't get to the planting of bulbs before the hard frost, you can plant daffodil and lily bulbs in moist soil in pots, place the pots in cardboard boxes, cover the boxes with a blanket or rug, and store them in the warmest part of the garage. Check for sprouting in March. Pot up late-purchased irises and overwinter them on a sunny windowsill, then plant in the garden in the spring.

For unplanted potted perennials, you can either store them in the garage after watering well, or heel them into a garden bed, by digging in two-thirds of the pot (placed on a 45° angle to allow water run-off) and mounding soil around and over most of the exposed portion.

## Harvest Festival

On a rather cool and rainy September 8th, BHS once again took part in this annual event. The weather certainly kept the crowds away. This of course had quite the impact on our sales. However, like any other occasion when our members come out to volunteer, no matter what the conditions may be, we enjoy our time together. For next year's Harvest Festival, we are considering a few changes. Perhaps, instead of plants, we may consider selling seeds or bulbs or even sunflowers. Any other suggestions are welcome. Please feel free to share them with me at [kathyalam@hotmail.ca](mailto:kathyalam@hotmail.ca).

Kathy Allam

## We have a Winner!

**Ken Love** was the winner of the fall special draw for a 70mm Linden Tree from Kobes Nurseries in Bowmanville .

## Pickering Seedy Saturday Expo

will be held on February 16, 2013 from 11AM - 4PM at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Valley Farm Road. The speakers include **Gary Westlake** on "Garden Art for Cheapskates", **Ken Brown** on "Container Planting" and **Dawn Tack** on "Hostas". Admission is \$3 at the door. For more information, visit [www.pickering.ca/museum](http://www.pickering.ca/museum) or call 905-683-8401.



Vivian's B.I.S.  
Branch - June 27

## The President's Message

As my time in the role of the BHS President comes to a close, I would like to thank all the Board Members for their words of wisdom and guidance over the past two years. I hope I have fulfilled all my duties as your President.

I feel that the Society is moving in the right direction with some of the new initiatives that we have implemented to help modernize our way of doing business.

I look forward to working with the new Board who will be elected at the AGM on Wednesday, November 28th, 2012.

*Fred Haggerty*

## New Board Members Wanted!

Would you like to help manage our club and participate in planning BHS events? Do you want to use or enhance your leadership skills? If you can attend most of our evening monthly board meetings (first Wednesday) over the next year and can communicate by emails, we would be delighted to have you join our board as a director. We have vacancies on the board that do not require elimination voting. Contact Fred Haggerty to find out more or submit your name for board membership. Reach Fred at 905-655-8126 or [ont.gardenconsultants@yahoo.ca](mailto:ont.gardenconsultants@yahoo.ca).



George Cowan's  
August Show Entries

## In Memoriam

### Doris Marlow

Doris Marlow, a long-time "life member" of BHS passed away in September at the age of 98. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.



October Pumpkins & Pies Judge Ken Brown  
with Dena MacDonald

## Recent General Meetings

In August, **Colette Murphy** of Urban Harvest showed us many delicious and interesting varieties of vegetables and herbs that we can easily grow in a small urban garden. Some vegetables have attractive foliage and plants suitable for use in display landscaping. Colette explained the open pollination planting layout used by Urban Harvest farmers to ensure that the seeds are pure. She also described the fermenting process for preparation of tomato seeds.

Judging from the high number of questions from the audience, **David Retallick's** presentation in September about fall garden clean-up was timely and informative. He addressed planting, weeding, pruning and plant division. After frost, he suggests digging up summer bulbs, pruning shrubs and dividing perennials. When travelling near Millbrook, look for cedar hedges pruned by David with rounded edges, rather than squared corners.

**Kristin McCrea** dazzled us with her spectacular close-up photography of flowers, insects and birds in all kinds of weather. She believes that a good photograph has emotion. She urged us to explore a flower, taking shots from different angles and with different backgrounds. Consider the colours, background and composition. Use your eyes and your imagination. Take photos when you see them; tomorrow may be too late.

## What's Next?

As the weather in Southern Ontario turns cold and our gardens go into hibernation, so too does BHS. Our next general meeting after the November AGM will be on **Wednesday, February 27, 2013**. Prior to this meeting, current members will receive our next newsletter along with our 2013 membership form.

**Have a safe and enjoyable winter and a memorable holiday season!**

**About the BHS Newsletter:** This newsletter is published 4 times yearly - 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](mailto:brooklinhortsoc@rogers.com) or [newsletter@brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com](mailto:newsletter@brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com).

## 2012 Show Results

### April Narcissus Show

Best Narcissus	- Connie McEllistrum
Best Specimen/Other	- Barb Borchuk
Best Branch	- Connie McEllistrum
Best Container Plant	- Nancy Skelding
Best Design	- Vivian Willerton
Best Special Exhibit	- Mary Ellen Simerson



### May Spring Show

Best Tulip	- Jone Webster
Best Specimen/Other	- Judi Denny
Best Branch	- Vivian Willerton
Best Container Plant	- Jone Webster
Best Vegetable	- Ken Brown
Best Design	- Lucille Huron
Best Special Exhibit	- Judi Denny

### August Annuals Show

Best Specimen	- Don Wick
Best Branch	- Barb Borchuk
Best Fruit/Vegetable	- Kathy Allam
Best Collection	- Sofie Bigham
Best Design	- Connie McEllistrum
Best Special Exhibit	- Jone Webster

### June Iris & Peony Show

Best Iris	- Judi Denny
Best Peony	- Mary Ellen Simerson
Best Specimen/Other	- Ken Brown
Best Design	- Connie McEllistrum
Best Special Exhibit	- Ken Brown

### September Autumn Show

Best Specimen	- Don Wick
Best Branch	- Ken Brown
Best Fruit/Vegetable	- Valerie Skinner
Best Collection	- Jean Skinner
Best Design	- Jean Skinner
Best Special Exhibit	- Sofie Bigham



### October Pumpkins, Pies Show

Best Pumpkin	- Vida Ycas-Abell
Best Design	- Mary Ellen Simerson
Best Special Exhibit	- Sofie Bigham
Best Branch	- Jone Webster
Best Apple Pie	- Esther Clodd
Best Pumpkin Pie	- Esther Clodd
Best Photography	- Lorna Ravary

### June Rose Show

Best Rose	- Vivian Willerton
Best Specimen/Other	- Ken Brown
Best Branch	- Vivian Willerton
Best Fruit/Vegetable	- Mary Ellen Simerson
Best Design	- Connie McEllistrum
Best Special Exhibit	- Lynda Chapman

