

I'm very pleased to share this recap of the May 7th meeting of CPDHS with you...

Many thanks to Debbie Guthro for providing her careful notes, and to Rob Drapeau for the photos he took. Attached please find the May CPDHS Newsletter which was prepared by Linda Bartlett with several contributors providing content. I've also attached a document to this email with 51 photos of Flower Show exhibits. There are too many photos to include directly in this email..

Land Acknowledgement - Kilby McCann

President Rick Roberts called the meeting to order. Kilby McCann acknowledged the Algonquin Ani-shin-aabe Nation.



Opening Remarks - Rick Roberts

A combination of our Spring Flower Show and an interesting guest speaker with a popular topic drew a bumper crowd. I counted 66 but I'm sure I missed some. Wonderful to see so many familiar faces and new members.



Rick provided a brief review of the evening's agenda and opened the floor to the evening's program

Treasurer's Report

- Linda Bartlett presented the financial report, showing a balance of \$7522.00.
- Motion May 7, 2025: Request approval to spend up to \$600.00 for the Victoria School Museum Garden and up to \$600.00 for the Heritage Museum Garden.
- Moved by Linda Bartlett and seconded by Sandy Roberts. All in favour.
- Additionally, Linda prepared and distributed printed copies of this month's newsletter.



Get well Card for Dianne Elliot - Rick Roberts

A card was sent around the membership for signatures for Dianne. We are wishing her well and hope to see her back soon.

Directors Update - Rob Drapeau (Photo Contest)

The theme for 2025 is "Canadiana", consists of 3 categories

- Class 1 - Canadian colours of red and /or white (any combination) from any plant source
- Class 2 - Structures/buildings typifying Canada - with horticultural content (barns structures representative of Canadiana, cedar rail fences, etc.
- Class 3 - Food for Thought "Container Gardening" - Vegetables, or herbs grown in a raised bed (a raised bed built above ground level, made of materials such as wood, concrete, or stone)

Director's Update – Bri Logan

Bri Logan extends heartfelt gratitude to all who generously donated materials for the event. The success of organizing such a cost-effective initiative would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated members. Your contributions are truly appreciated. With your help, we were able to accommodate up to 150 children who participated in the event.

Director's Update - Irene Tobis

- At Earthfest, two tables were set up for adult visitors, while the children were especially drawn to the cookies on offer. A banner was prominently displayed between the two tables. We are pleased to announce that the event resulted in five new memberships for the society, furthering our mission

and community engagement. The event also featured an educational live display focused on invasive plants, providing valuable insights to attendees.



- Looking ahead, the Climate Change and Biodiversity group is organizing a "Pull" Day on May 31, 2025, to remove Garlic Mustard along the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail (OVRT) in Carleton Place. A sign-up sheet is available for those interested in participating.

District 2 Meeting (May 3, 2025) report in Pakenham - Rick Roberts

- District 2 is currently in good standing, with any previous conflicts in their constitution successfully addressed. The election of officers has been completed.
- We were fortunate to have Alberto Suarez Esteban as a guest speaker, who delivered an outstanding presentation on "Modern Sustainable Gardening Practices". His talk was well-received, with numerous insightful questions from the audience, all of which were thoughtfully addressed. We have booked Alberto to be our guest speaker at the General Meeting in March 2026.
- Additionally, Rick Roberts had the honor of presenting the Ontario Horticultural Association - Garden Ontario **District Two Annual Appreciation Award to Bri Logan** in recognition of her exceptional contributions to youth engagement and development.



Spring Plant Sale Update - Rick Roberts

- The Plant Sale, scheduled for May 24, 2025, is a key fundraiser for the Carleton Place and District Horticultural Society, and a significant portion of our funds are generated through this event. To date, we have successfully potted up 114 plants, with more to come.
- This Saturday May 10th will be our next potting up day, and we encourage all members to join us in preparing for the sale.



Potting up May 10th

Photo - Rick Roberts

- In addition, we have three donor gardens that require digging in the coming weeks, and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
- We are also planning to sell donated garden tools at the Plant Sale. If you have any tools to contribute, please drop them off at Rick and Sandy's home. Additionally, if you have any gardening books to donate, kindly let them know so they can make arrangements to bring them indoors.
- Thank you for your continued support and participation!



Director's Update – Barbara Fowler

- We are excited to announce that the ***Summer Flower Show will take place on July 5, 2025***, and we will be hosting an Ice Cream Social as part of the event.
- We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the social. If you are interested in helping, please contact Barbara Fowler for more details.
- The Flower Show Schedule is included in the May Newsletter, and we look forward to showcasing a wide array of specimens and designs from our members.

Victoria School Gardens Update - Anita Ruus

Anita Ruus has reported a successful start to the season, with the gardens now expanded to twice their original size. To help maintain this growth, they are seeking volunteers to assist with garden work. Volunteers are welcome every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., with tea and cookies provided. Additionally, there are opportunities on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for those who prefer a later time.



If you're interested in learning more about gardening or simply wish to lend a hand, we encourage you to join us!

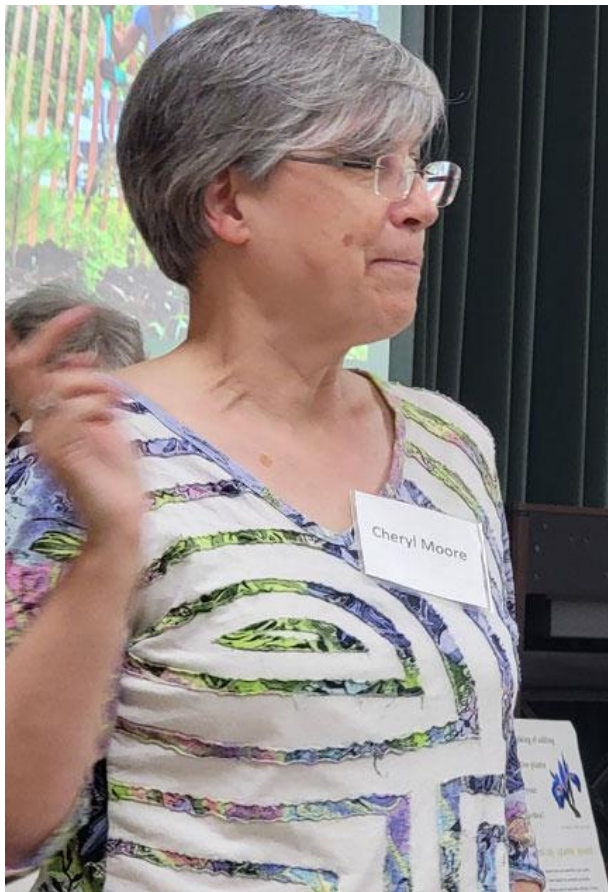
Show and Tell – Irene Tobis

Irene displayed various posters and photos from the tables at EarthFest, including education about invasive plants, promotion for some of our upcoming events in 2025 and a collage of photos from our events in 2024-2025 (meetings, workshops, Victoria School Garden).

Show and Tell - Cheryl Moore

Cheryl displayed 5 different ways to keep Tulips looking their best for displaying in a flower show:

1. Gin and Water
2. Pin at the base of the flower in water
3. Penny in the water
4. Wrapped in newspaper
5. Water



Guest Speaker - Stephanie Benoit

Stephanie Benoit, Project Lead at EnviroCentre who will present ***Tiny Forests and Their Big Impact***. Stephanie's work focuses on Green Infrastructure projects such as rain gardens, pollinator gardens, and Tiny Forests.



A fascinating discussion was held regarding the extensive work involved in establishing a Tiny Forest. Key topics included the identification of suitable locations, the pre-planting requirements, necessary soil amendments, and the volunteer efforts required for both planting and ongoing maintenance until the forest becomes self-sufficient.

Several questions were raised concerning various aspects of the project, including costs, funding sources, irrigation methods, and the types of materials used to sustain the soil over time.

Refreshment Break and Flower Show walkabout

The meeting recessed for a break, during which members had the opportunity to enjoy a selection of delightful treats while viewing the impressive flower show exhibits.

The Flower Show included a huge amount of entries in all classes with the quality of entries at a high standard. That quality was reflected in the many difficult choices that the judge was faced with.

Among the many exceptional displays, the Magnolia exhibit was a standout and earned the prestigious 'Best in Show' award for its category.



Photo credit - Anita Ruus

This striking Parallel Design was also won a 'Best in Show' honor for its category.



Please see the [PDF for 50 photos of the Flower Show..](#)

The recent workshops proved to be a success, as reflected in the high quality and craftsmanship of the exhibits presented.

Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to the door prize winners of a flowering plant or vase. Linda Scepascini, Bri Logan, Joelle Angelos, Jocelyn Filipowichm, Amanda Woolham, Rob Drapeau and Marie Harris.



Closing Remarks

Rick Roberts concluded the meeting by thanking all who entered the flower show and for so many members coming out to support our society.

Happy gardening, Rick

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