

LATCHAM NEWS

People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day. A.A. Milne

Latcham Gardeners

We are looking for members that love to garden. We need your time, your love of gardening, and to use some of your gardening tools.

Our project: to upgrade, replant, and maintain the Latcham Garden.

The Township will supply the gardens with compost materials and wood chips. We have asked The Pine Ridge Garden Club to put together a sketch of the gardens and a list of suggested plants.

This will be part of the PPSC's contribution to the Town of Port Perry's 150th Anniversary in 2021.

The cost will come out of the Federal Grant monies. If you'd like to join us email us at:

portpsc101@gmail.com

We won't be able to start until we get the o.k. from the Province, the Township and the Health Dept. but we can be ready to go once we get the nod that we can go ahead.



Sue and David Williams- our May speakers!

President's Message

I spent a wonderful two hours on Tuesday, May 4th with almost 50 members of the Club, most of whom I haven't seen in over a year. Kyle Brough of the Scugog Memorial Library was our guest and he taught us the ins and outs of using the Zoom app. We had 38 members participate and some spouses of members. We learned how to set up a meeting, the etiquette of Zoom and had a lot of laughs trying out virtual backgrounds and how to get rabbit faces, party hats (I still think the hat looks like a slice of pizza). We had a vigorous Q and A session with both Kyle answering Zoom queries and myself answering questions regarding the Club.

Download the Zoom app so that you can take part in some or all of the four exercise classes that we offer: Falls Prevention, yoga, chair yoga and Movin' & Groovin' to 60's and 70's music. It will let you join us when we have guest speakers and/or presentations that interest you. We're hoping to soon restart our general club meetings and they'll also be done with the Zoom app.



Coming in June a peony explosion at The Michael and Judi Denny Peony Garden in Oshawa.



The Zoom app can be downloaded for free from the App Store on your computer, tablet or smart phone. This app is very handy when trying to keep up with friends and family. I personally stay in touch with family in Pickering, Oshawa, Barries Bay area and Brighton, England. I also zoom meet with my card group every three weeks just to chat with each other and ensure that my friends are o.k. To help keep me sane through this past year of restrictions. I also have a group of PPSC members that I chat with on a regular basis. We discuss everything from some becoming grandparents for the first time, to how we would rule the world LOL. I look forward to my zoom calls as it's a positive thing. I, and probably a lot of you, have learned that things are just that things, but my people connection is my top priority! It's what I miss the most during Covid restrictions.

May 28th at 10 a.m.

Our Next Presentation

An Adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within

While in their early 50s, Sue, without an adventure-seeking bone in her body, and her husband David, without any real blue water experience, left their three sons, cast off in their 37 foot sailboat from Hamilton Ontario, and headed east- destination the North Atlantic Ocean.

In the space of a year the couple completed two transatlantic crossings and spent a total of 86 days on the high seas.

Sue has written a compelling memoir, *Ready to Come About* (Dundurn Press), of their improbable, often perilous, adventure.

Sue will read from her book and, with David, will present a slide show of their life-altering journey.

A Q&A will follow.

They have also graciously donated two copies of Ready to Come About to be raffled off at the meeting (as soon as we can figure out exactly how to do this on a Zoom meeting.)

The Waterfront Action Plan Committee has made some decisions

For more information and to see a copy of the preferred plan that was endorsed by Council, please visit the project page: <https://my.scugog.ca/waterfront>

Based on the approved budget and forecast, the following projects will be moving forward in 2021 and beyond:

- Phase 1 Palmer Park playground replacement - 2021
- Replacement of the picnic shelter - 2021
- Design for updates to the change rooms at Birdseye Pool - 2021
- Boat launch dock extension - 2021
- Expressions of Interest for North Street/Water Street parking lot - end of year 2021
- Palmer Park washroom - 2022
- Water Street reconstruction - 2022



TECH with KYLE

Our next workshop with Kyle is scheduled for **Thursday, May 20th at 10 a.m.** Session 1: Email Questions. Bring your questions about sending/receiving emails, spam, organizing emails into folders, setting up email on your computer or wireless device, sending attachments, etc.





Community Celebrating Community is the theme for Port Perry's 150th Anniversary. The past year has been and still is a challenge for us all. Residents and businesses banded together to support each other and their strength and resilience will continue to keep Port Perry a thriving town. Community wasn't cancelled because of Covid – 19, we just learned to do things differently. The plans to celebrate this 150th birthday throughout the year will look different from past celebrations. Although planned through a Covid - 19 lens, the events are

expected to showcase our town, reflecting our history and appreciating all the unique things Port Perry has to offer. For information and to submit an idea visit my.scugog.ca/portperry150.

**Earlier times-
when fire fighter
hats seemed like a
good idea.**

