



February
2024

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello February,

That anticipation of spring just around the corner has been accentuated this year by the very mild temperatures we have experienced in the past week or so...the countdown to spring is on! At the time of this writing, it is thirty-five days to the Spring Equinox (also the date of our March meeting). So what are you doing to get rid of those winter blahs? Are you suffering from a little floral withdrawal? I know I am.

I did try winter sowing last February with a little success, but I am trying it again this year with a few more tips and information gathered at a recent workshop at the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Library. While at the library, I had the opportunity to visit the Seed Library. It is very well organized and has many varieties of seeds available. Saving seeds from your favourite plants and the ability to share with your gardening community can really elevate the whole garden experience. This generosity not only saves money, it also moves us toward a more sustainable balance in this area. If you are not able to attend any of the many Seedy Saturday/Sunday events that are promoted on various media platforms, this seed library is an excellent local opportunity.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

Next Meeting-Tuesday, February 20, 2024

St. John's Church, 11 Guelph St. Georgetown

Kokedama Workshop



A fun way to grow a plant! A Kokedama is a moss covered ball that is easy to look after and a chance to have a unique addition to your plant collection. Best of all, we can get a little dirt on our hands in the dreary month of February!

Pre-Registration by February 13th was required.

Please bring

A spoon or stir stick (a skewer will work)

A pair of scissors or secateurs

A large margarine container or something equivalent in size

Apron or wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty

Rubber gloves if you wish

A container or bag to take your finished Kokedama home

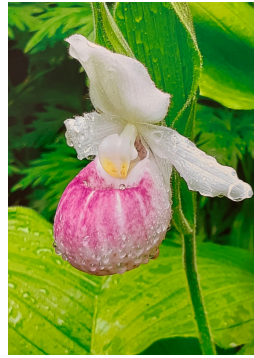
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January Photo Contest Results



Class A- Early Arrivals

1st- Karen Mattan
2nd- Ingrid Nordmeyer
3rd-Jo MacLean
H.M- Karen Mattan



Class B-My Native Plants

1st-Jo MacLean
2nd- Debbie Lang
3rd- Karen Mattan
H.M.-Debbie Laing



Class C-Favourite Visitor

1st- Karen Mattan
2nd- Debbie Lang
3rd- Dianne Kayess
H.M.- Diane Crawford



Class D-Bright Coloured Flowers and Foliage

1st- Karen Mattan
2nd-Jo MacLean
3rd- Debbie Lang
H.M-Dianne Kayess

Best of Show



Class E- Sudden Weather Changes

1st-Karen Mattan
2nd-Debbie Lang
3d-Karen Mattan
H.M- Debbie Lang



Class F- Special HousePlant

1st- Ingrid Nordmeyer
2nd-Jo MacLean
3rd-Jo MacLean

2024 PLANT SALE NEWSLETTER WRITE-UP

FEB 2024

This year's Plant Sale will be held on **Friday May 10th, 2024, 6pm to 8pm**
At the **Gellert Community Centre**

We are looking for people to donate their time to a worthwhile cause. We are also looking for supplies.

This Sale helps produce funds for our facility rentals, monthly speakers, workshops, maintaining community gardens and donating to the library.

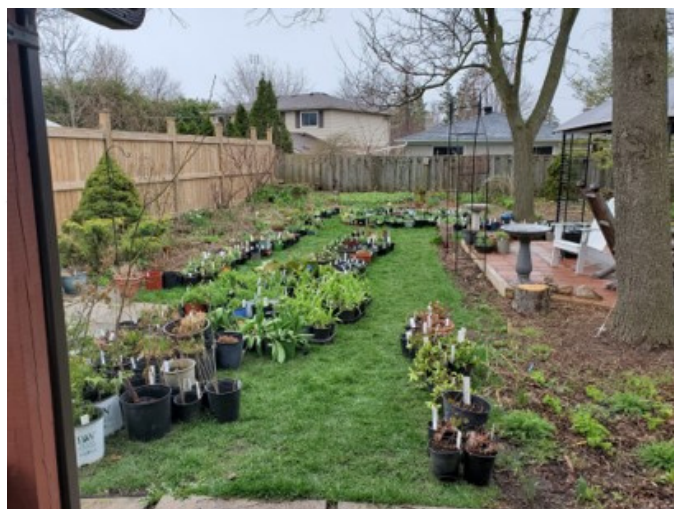
Be a part of this worthwhile cause through the following means:

- VOLUNTEER SHEETS -Sign up for various tasks. They will be located on the side table near the membership table. There are two pages: **Before Sale duties** and **Day of Sale Duties**
- PLASTIC WINDOW BLINDS to be used as plant labels
- POTS – 6 inch (1 gal) size, square preferred
- PLANT MATERIAL – Do you need to do a garden makeover this year and get help dividing and thinning out your plants.

Please send replies to Plant Sale Chairpersons

Mary Megelink - mary.megelink@sympatico.ca

Cheryl Strachan – healthyessentials@sympatico.ca



Annual General Meeting

February 20, 2024

Prior to Workshop

Georgetown Horticultural Society				
Financial Summary for 2023				
Reviewed 4 Jan 2023				
Income Statement 2023			Balance Sheet 2023	
	Expense	Income		
Events			Bank Balance	7,421
Plant Sale	826	9,426	Petty Cash	25
Yearbook	1,458	900	Cash Assets	7,446
Workshop	573	70		
Raffle		282	Pre-Paid Assets	2,116
Other Income			Fixed Assets	1,002
Provincial Grants		1,000		
Membership Dues		865	GIC	4,796
Donations			Jubilee GIC	2,273
Fall Fair Awards	35		Total GICs	7,069
Other Events				
Speakers	2,525		Total Assets	17,633
Gardens	27			
Contests	112		Liabilities - Prepaid	726
Christmas Meeting	219	30		
Centennial Hostas	280		Equity	
Flower Shows	749		GIC Interest	1,123
Operations			Retained Earnings	15,416
Hall Rental	1,788		Net Income	369
OHA Dues and Fees	722		Total Equity	16,907
Convention and D6 Events	1,007			
Operations & PO Box	778		Total Liabilities & Equities	17,634
Advertising and Promotion	1,105			
Totals	12,204	12,573		



Flamborough Horticultural Society

Invites you to bring your mug and join us for the

District 6 Spring Breakfast

Saturday February 24, 2024

At St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
rear Parish Hall

715 Centre Rd Waterdown

(North of Parkside Dr.)

Doors open at 8:00 am

Register at flamhort@hotmail.com

Guest Speaker: Darrell Bley

Winner of the Outstanding Educator of the Year for 2020

Topic: The Coniferous Forests of Canada



A Day in the Garden:

Garden to table: Planting and Harvesting Together

FRESH FOOD. HOW AND NOW!



Mike Smith
Planning a successful
community garden



Amy Bowen
Sustainable food
production



Stephen Biggs
Edible garden
makeover

Sunday, Feb 25th, 2024

8:30am - 3:00pm

Victoria Park East Golf Club

**1096 Victoria Rd South,
Puslinch, ON**

- **\$70 early bird ticket price**
- **Breakfast and lunch**
- **Vendors and door prizes**



6 CEUs

Buy tickets on Eventbrite
www.gwmastergardeners.com



HALTON GARDEN WEEK

FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 2, 2024

This year's event will include:

- + Educational Webinars
- + Sustainable Gardening tips & tricks
- + A Seedy Saturday Event

Halton Garden Week is
generously supported by



Visit our Seedy
Saturday
on March 2nd!

10AM to 3PM
Milton Sports Centre
605 Santa Maria Blvd



HaltonFood.org



HALTON
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HALTON
FOOD

SPRING TIDE BULB SHOW

Blooms and Bees

MARCH 8-17, 2024

Gage Park Greenhouse

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daily

Floral Shop & Cafe


DIY Workshops & Seminars

Weekend Vendor Marketplace

Free Admission

Free Parking

hamilton.ca/springtide

Food and monetary donations for  Share are appreciated.



Hamilton

CELEBRATE WITH US!



HEN's 20th Anniversary *Earth Day Gala*

April 27th 2024

St. Joseph's Banquet & Conference Centre

The evening will include a cocktail hour, followed by a three-course meal, entertainment, and a silent auction.

Early Bird Ticket Pricing is on Now!





8th. GCO School for Floral Design Judges - PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Proposed dates: 2025 – 2026 - 2027

Traditionally, the GCO School has had two sessions per year, each of these sessions are for 3 days, in the Spring (April) and the Fall (October). Each day started with Sign-in and coffee at 8:30am – 12:00noon and 1:00pm to 2:00 or 2:30pm approximately.

Total learning time: 3 years x 2 Sessions x 3 days = 18 days

Proposed location for the School: Landscape Ontario
7856 Fifth Line,
Milton, Ontario
K9T 2X8

Requirements for admission:

1. Completion of the Basic Course in Flower Arranging as prescribed by GCO and taught by an accredited GCO judge during the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons.
2. Two exhibitor cards from the decorative/design classes of a flower show during the 2024 – 2025 season, signed by the Show Chairman or Judge. These exhibits need not be from a standard show.

Cost for Admission:

Ten years ago, the first cost was for the “Notice of Intent to Register” \$10.00 and the fees for each session was \$85.00. This pricing obviously will change in 2025 and will be increased.

The benefits of becoming an accredited Floral Design Judge are many including some of the following:

- A gold star education in Floral Design with entry to a world of international exposure.
- Peer accreditation, which qualifies you to judge and teach Floral Design.
- Gives you eligibility to become a member of Judges Council, which opens a gateway to further learning.
- Acknowledgement of accomplishment and success from the Garden Club

- An opportunity to meet expert instructors and Designers and make many friends with like-minded individuals.

Prepared as preliminary information for the above PROPOSED 8th.GCO School for Floral Design Judges by Angeliqe Ellerton, V.P. GCO. January 2024.

Time for Renewal

Our membership year is from January 2024 to December 2024.

You can renew by any of these methods;

-at our meeting

-by mail to Georgetown Horticultural Society, P.O. Box 74016, Marketplace P.O., Georgetown , ON L7G 5L1

-drop off a cheque to Christine Williams 7 William St. Georgetown

-Interac e-transfer to geohort2020@gmail.com

Single-\$15

Family-\$20

Senior-\$10

Senior Family-\$15



Yearbooks will be given out at meeting when re-registering.



All of the events that the Georgetown Horticultural Society host involve hours of planning. We would not be able to offer any of these activities without our volunteers. Many hands make light work, and the GHS is always looking for help. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours for an event or on a committee, please reach out to any of our Board members.

We are currently looking for a few volunteers for the following committees for 2024:

Gardens Coordinator-**New Position** Members will meet weekly at Tims and then work on one of the three gardens that the GHS maintains

Flower Show convenors for May &/or June &/or September

Plant sale Silent Auction

