



March
2024

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello March,

A few days ago, I received a message from a friend, "Turn off your computer and go outside...it's a beautiful day!" I took her advice.

The weather has been pretty terrific so far this month. I know that I should not rake. I know that I should wait for several consecutive days of 15 degree plus temperatures to allow pollinators to leave their winter sanctuaries and I know that waiting for warmer and drier weather will be a little easier on the lawn as well. But sometimes, it's hard to "just wait". I am sure we will have a little more winter weather before the Spring Equinox on March 19th, also the date of our next member meeting. I have been lucky enough to be able to attend a few spring Seedy Saturdays/Sundays themed events, speakers and vendors that support home gardeners. It is nice to see the enthusiasm for gardening and the sharing of information continuing post COVID. Also happy to see so many people eager to share seeds in this community. I do like to shop local.

Question: Are you expecting the last frost date to be a little earlier than usual in the Georgetown area? The weather has been rather unpredictable this year so far...my grandmother always planted by the full moon in May. She called it the Flower Moon (this year it is May 23). My mother was more scientific...she followed the Farmer's Almanac. What is your go-to for seed starting indoors and eventually planting outdoors?

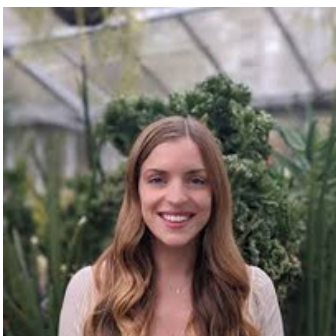
Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

Next Meeting-Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

"Canadian Succulents"



Molly Shannon is the plant and nature-obsessed maker behind Canadian Succulents. It all started about 6 years ago when Molly and her sister Alex began collecting succulents. Fascinated by the bright colour variations, symmetry and resilience of these plants, they began gathering and propagating succulents. Soon enough, Canadian Succulents was born. Through engaging instructional in person speaking engagements, she aims to foster a genuine passion for these remarkable and resilient plants.

Spring Container Workshop - April 4th

Reds Garden Centre
12771 Highway 25
Acton

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Ah, the chance to get dirty, have fun and make your spring container(s)! A large selection of plants will once again be available for you to choose from.

Create to your hearts content and Red's will keep your container(s) until they're ready for pick up in May.

To register: Call, text or email Lil Taggart at 416-809-9036 or liltovey@hotmail.com

Cost:

- ⇒ Free for members
- ⇒ Guests \$15.00
(for insurance purposes)
- ⇒ Each guest will receive a free one year membership

Things you need to bring:

- ⇒ Bring a container(s)
- ⇒ Trowel
- ⇒ Gloves

Other:

- ⇒ Soil is provided
- ⇒ Containers can also be purchased at Reds



GHS members busy creating Kokedamas at our February members meeting.



PLANT SALE 2023

FRIDAY MAY 10th, 2024, 6pm to 8pm at the **GELLERT COMMUNITY CENTRE**
THANK YOU! To all the volunteers who signed up so far. We really appreciate it. The volunteer lists will be available for sign-up at the March 19th meeting. There are many jobs to select from and something to suit any need.

Let's have fun and help our community too!

*****Anyone who volunteers is eligible for our monthly draw prize*****

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR:

- PLASTIC WINDOW BLINDS for labels (not metal)
- SHALLOW CONTAINERS - Ceramic or attractive plastic ones that you no longer want (for succulents)-bring with you to the next monthly meeting
- 6" (1 gal.) POTS-square preferred

Please send enquiries to **Mary Megelink** - mary.megelink@sympatico.ca

or **Cheryl Strachan** - healthyessentials@sympatico.ca

PLANTS & DIG SITES

- If anyone would like assistance with digging up and dividing plants this year the Plant Sale Diggers are here to help.
- If you have a neighbour or friend who wants to donate plants we would appreciate that you send this information to:

Karri Robichaud at karrir707@gmail.com or (289)924-9204

PLANT SALE PLANNING MEETING – THURSDAY MAR 28

This meeting is for anyone who wishes to or has already volunteered for the plant sale. Come on out to learn more about your position and other possible positions

WHEN: Thursday MARCH 28, 2024 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

WHERE: 11 Anderson Court, Georgetown (near Mountainview Residence)

RSVP to Cheryl at healthyessentials@sympatico.ca by Mar 27, 2024



Haldimand Horticultural Society

**Invites you to Come Celebrate our
40th Ruby Anniversary**

District 6 AGM



Saturday April 20th 2024

Doors open at 8am

\$20 to register by April 12th 2024 e-transfer

Bob Heil d.6treasurer@outlook.com

Lion's Hall 100 Haddington St.Caledonia

Lorraine Johnson

Native Plants for Beauty & Diversity



**For details or questions about
flower show email Catherine McGill**

catm@rogers.com

Ontario Horticultural Association

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Three GHS members, Judy Payne, Jane Leonard and Susan Quirk attended the Guelph Wellington Master Gardeners- A Day in the Garden on February 25. They listened to three excellent speakers. The day started with Vegetable Growing by Mike Smith, Co-ordinator for the Guelph Centre for Organic Gardening at the University of Guelph. This was followed by an amazingly informative talk by Dr. Amy Bowen on Sustainability. So much coming down the pipeline for Canada. A great lunch was served and then the last speaker was Steven Biggs. His topic was Grow Your Own Fantastic Edible Landscape. There was a variety of great vendors as well as a Master Gardener Advice Table. A fantastic day.

-submitted by GHS member Susan Quirk



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.