



December
2023

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello December

We are having a rather snowy introduction to December today! Nice to be sitting indoors and watching the beauty unfold. During the winter months, the stems of some trees and shrubs planted in the past few years are providing a wonderful display of colour and texture. The dogwoods planted in a sometimes “marshy” section of the garden are very visual today against the snow.

In my house, we do not start “Decking the Halls” until December 2, and even then we gently ease into the holiday traditions, something like an Advent Calendar; one item or area per day. Always different and always exciting to see where the theme of the day will end up. We also take our time returning Christmas to the storage area; nice to enjoy some of the winter decorations into January. I hope that you will be joining us on Tuesday, December 5 for our last GHS member meeting of 2023. This workshop should be a lot of fun creating a festive holiday arrangement of holiday greens and fresh florals for your home, or maybe a gift for a friend (more details in this newsletter).

And to all or Georgetown Horticultural Society members, thank you for your continued support throughout 2023 and wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

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Next Meeting-Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 pm

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

“Make It and Take It” Workshop

-Cat McGill



Cat McGill returns to the December meeting to present the workshop that was so popular last year. Please bring gloves, scissors and secateurs.

Cat is an accomplished Horticultural and Design Judge, Master Gardener and has had her own business doing home garden maintenance for 20+ years.

Bring a Mug

Food Donation

Instead of the regular Share the Wealth draw at our December meeting, we are asking members to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food for Life program that runs at St. John's United Church, Tuesdays at 8:30 am.



January Photo Contest

These are the categories for the Photo Contest at the January meeting-
Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Class A- Early Arrivals in My Garden

Class B- My Native Plants

Class C- Favourite Visitor to My Garden

Class D- Bright Coloured Flowers and Foliage

Class E- Sudden Weather Changes- i.e. snow, frost, rain

Class F- Special House

Complete details in yearbook



National Poinsettia Day

December 12

This date marks the death of Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist, who in 1828 sent cuttings of the plant he had discovered in South Mexico to his home in South Carolina.

How you can celebrate National Poinsettia Day-

1. Visit your favourite greenhouse and buy poinsettias to fill your house.
2. Buy a friend or co-worker a poinsettia.
3. Make Poinsettia Punch- Blend together 400 ml of cranberry juice with 600 ml of ginger ale. Throw in a dash of lemon juice.
4. Visit the Annual Poinsettia Show at the Niagara Parks Floral Showhouse open until January 7, 2024.



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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

Time for Renewal

Our membership year is from January to December.

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

Single-\$15

Family-\$20

Senior-\$10

Senior Family-\$15



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