



March
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GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello March,

Change is in the air. That is what March is all about to me.

Here are my thoughts on this month of changes;

1. On Sunday March 12 at 2 AM, we change to Daylight Savings Time.
2. On Monday March 20, we celebrate the calendar spring with the spring equinox.
3. My March "to do list" that was started recently, is on hold again due to another snowfall.

I am sure that you are all ready to see sunshine, to hear birds sing and to just get your hands in good soil. I hope you can join us at Red's Garden Centre on March 29th at 10 AM for our annual Spring Container Workshop. There will be a representative from Alltreat there for a little product information, so please let Lil know if you would like to attend.

I saw recently on the GHS Facebook page a posting from Ingrid. She showed a wonderful collection of vibrant, early spring flowers that she had picked up at a local garden centre and grocery store. The staging of this spring display was encouraging. I was looking for a bit of a weekend project. Maybe this will be it!

How about you? What will you be doing to shake off this winter and make the change to spring? Let's keep in touch.

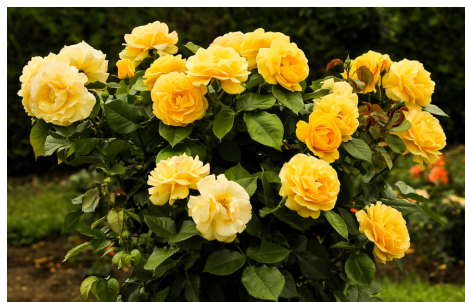
-Carol Mathison

Meeting- March 15 7:30 PM
Norval United Church - 14015 Danby Rd.

Marie Decker

"How to Grow and Care for Roses"

Marie a member of the Royal Botanical Gardens, GCO/RBG judge, and District 6 Assistant Director, will speak on choosing the right rose, planting prep, pruning and winter care.



PLANT SALE 2023 Update

BE PART OF THE FUN!!! You can socialize and learn at the same time.

Come out and help us and your community with our Annual Plant Sale being held on **Friday May 12th, 2023, 6pm to 8pm** at the Gellert Community Centre.

Thank you to those who have volunteered already. We appreciate for your commitment.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR:

- DONATIONS for Silent Auction - please consider your business and family connections or any new unused items.
- CHAIRPERSON to oversee Silent Auction and canvassing.
- PLASTIC WINDOW BLINDS for labels and 5" (1 gal.) POTS.

*****Anyone who volunteers is eligible for our monthly draws*****

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

or Cheryl Strachan - healthyessentials@sympatico.ca

PLANTS & DIG SITES

If anyone in our group or anyone else you know, has plants to donate and/or needs help digging up these plants please send this information to:

Karri Robichaud at fyi_411@hotmail.com (underscore between lower case i and 4)

PLANT SALE PLANNING MEETING – MARCH 29

This meeting is for anyone who is interested in helping at the plant sale. If you have not yet volunteered, you are gladly welcomed to participate to see what it's all about.

WHEN: Wednesday MARCH 29, 2023, at 7:30pm to 9:00pm

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

RSVP to Cheryl at healthyessentials@sympatico.ca by Mar 28, 2023



Five Gardens to Visit in Ireland

There is more to Ireland than just leprechauns and shamrocks. Ireland has its fair share of beautiful gardens. A trip to Ireland would be ideal but for those of us who have Ireland on our wish list, here are some gardens we can have a look at in the meantime.

1. Powerscourt Estate

Voted 3rd best garden in the world, these magnificent 47 acres near Dublin are a must visit. There is a blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues, secret hollows, ornamental lakes and rambling walks. The gardens were first started in 1731 and now include The Italian Garden, The Walled Gardens, The Dolphin Pond, The Japanese Gardens, Pets Cemetery and Pepperpot Tower.



2. Ewe Sculpture Garden

Located in Glengarriff, West Cork, this garden is Ireland's only interactive and interpretative sculpture garden in a spectacular waterfall oasis. With over 200 sculptures and artwork created by owners Sheena and Kurt Wood, the sound of trickling water accompanies you, as you cross the first bridge into the garden.



3. Sky Garden at Liss Ard County House Estate

The Sky Garden is one of only two in the world designed by James Turrell. Inspiration was drawn from various sources and traditions including Celtic, Egyptian and Mayan archaeological concepts. You enter through a stone arch, walk through woods with a pond and up steps into the silent oval bowl where you cannot hear outside sounds. Visitors are encouraged to explore in silence. In the middle, there is a stone plinth where you can lie back and get a full view of the shape and sky. Located in the County of Cork.



4. Blarney Castle and Gardens

Not only can you kiss the Blarney Stone at this castle in Blarney, Cork but you can also wander the 60 acres of gardens. Explore the Fern Garden and Ice House, Poison Garden, The Seven Sisters, Tropical Border, Herbaceous Border and Carnivorous Courtyard among others.



5. Garinish Island Gardens

"Located in the sheltered harbour of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, County of Cork, Garinish Island is a small island known to horticulturalists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of rare beauty."

Reached by ferry, the island is renowned for its richness of plant form and colour.

Pathways wind around the landscape, leading to fascinating garden buildings such as the Grecian Temple, the clock tower, Martello Tower and the casita.



New!

The Georgetown Horticultural Society newsletters for 2023 can now be found on our website. You will find them under the Information tab.



Oakville Horticultural Society

OHA District 6 AGM and Flower Show

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Doors open at 8 am for flower show entries

Business meeting: 9:15 am

Presents

"We Lived the Garden Life!"



Sir John Colborne Centre
Southeast Corner of Lakeshore Blvd. and Third Line
1565 Old Lakeshore Rd., Oakville L6K 1S8

Speaker - Catherine Kavassalis

"The serious impact of invasive plants in gardens and flower shows"

Tickets - \$20 and prepaid - space is limited so purchase early

Cheques made to "Ontario Horticultural Association District 6" and mailed to:

Bob Heil at 56 Glen Cannon Dr., Stoney Creek L8G 4E1

Etransfer to ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com stating name, society and email address .

Spring Container Workshop

Double the Fun! A two part morning on Wednesday March 29th, 2023
Join us at Red's for one or both parts...register now

At 10:00 am Walkers/AllTreat are presenting a talk about compost, environment, soil health etc. followed by a Q& A. They have an initiative to create awareness about these issues. I've been assured its an educational program, not a sales pitch.

At 11:00 am, you can create your spring and summer container(s). There is **no fee for members**, just the cost of your plant material. Non members fee is \$10.00 (this is an insurance requirement). Red's will keep your container(s) healthy and happy until they're ready for pick up in May.

Location:

Red's Garden Centre
12771 Highway 25,
Acton, ON

Material:

Bring your container(s) - or even buy one there
Soil will be provided
A trowel

A large selection of plants will be available for you to choose from



To Register contact

Lil Taggart, 416-809-9036 or liltovey@hotmail.com

Upper Credit Humane Society Fundraiser



I am busy crafting again!

I am creating Spring / Summer wreaths &
other door decorations.

I am looking for wreaths, ribbons, artificial flowers,
bird houses, birds, etc ...

All money raised goes toward the relocation of the Shelter
and to the animals.

Please be in touch

Diane - 905-877-1183 or dianecknitting@gmail.com
- so a pick up can be arranged.

