



October
2023

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello October,

With the Thanksgiving weekend just behind us, and the weather transitioning to more autumn like temperatures (rather wet, cool and windy today), I am very happy to see the blooms of my zinnias and calendula and their bright colours! They did manage to survive the late summer drought and heat to provide a very welcome fall display today. I am hoping for another spurt of moderate or just slightly warmer temperatures to help with a few of the fall tasks not yet finished, or in some cases, started. In the past few years, we have been planting a more naturalized garden to include a few native plants. My fall to-do-list now includes weeding, with most of the cleanup left for the spring. Recent theories seem to celebrate the winter garden for providing food and shelter to overwintering birds and insects. And, maybe a photo or two!

I have not tried this for a few years but thought it might be an interesting activity as the cooler weather sets in. I am going to try forcing spring bulbs indoors to try to add a little colour to the indoor holiday landscape. I was at Red's last week and there are certainly lots of bulbs to choose from! What are your indoor gardening plans as the cooler temps set in? Let us know. Words and pictures are always welcome to share either in the GHS newsletter or Facebook.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

Next Meeting-Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 pm

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

Paul Gellatly- "Lions, Tigers and Plants"



Most people think of zoos in terms of the rare, and interesting animals they encounter, and they are that; but they are so much more! Zoos are centres for conservation excellence, to connect people to the natural world around them. Paul will walk through his role as Curatorial Gardener for one of Canada's largest tropical plant collections. You will get a glimpse into the world of zoological horticulture. With over 30 years in the Horticulture Industry, The Tattooed Gardener is inspiring people from every generation. He is currently the Vice-President for the Etobicoke Horticultural Society, has experience as the Director of Horticulture at the Toronto Botanical Garden and Curatorial Gardener at the Toronto Zoo.

Pumpkin Dessert Contest - Tuesday October 17th

- Entries accepted from 7 PM to 7:20 PM.
- We will be following current COVID guidelines.

Dessert Contest:

Class A: Pies and Cakes

Class B: Cookies, brownies, etc.



Carving Contest:

Class A: A traditional face

Class B: Your own idea



Don't be afraid to try different:

- Types of pumpkins
- Colour
- Texture



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:

Cemetery Garden

Civic Garden

Hospital gardens

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

Plant sale Silent Auction

In Memoriam

Larry Aldebert

October 7, 2023

Larry was a long-time Life Member of our Society, a Master Gardener and a great friend and resource to all of us. He will be missed.



District 6 Fall Dinner

Hosted by: The Waterford & District Horticultural Society

**Saturday November 4th at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 123,
223 Nichol Street W. Waterford, Ontario N0E 1Y0**

Tickets \$40 preregister and purchase tickets by E transfer to

**District 6 Treasurer: d.6treasurer@outlook.com or issue a cheque
payable to: Ontario Horticultural Association District 6 and mail to:
Bob Heil, Treasurer,**

56 Glen Cannon Drive, Stoney Creek, ON, L8G 4E1

Seating is limited so get your tickets ASAP

Doors open @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm sharp

Cash Bar

Please include your EMAIL address. Specify if VEGAN is required.

**Guest speaker: Bee Keeper, Kelly Moodie
All About Bees!**

New Date!

District 6 Hypertufa Workshop

9:30 AM Saturday October 28, 2023

Cost \$45



Make one pot for yourself and
make a second one for the District 6 Fundraiser
Register with Lianne at d.6director@outlook.com

Guinness World Records for all Things Pumpkin

Heaviest Pumpkin- 1246.9 Kg-Travis Gienger-Oct 9, 2023-U.S.A

Largest Pumpkin Pie-1678 Kg-New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers- - Sept 2010- U.S.A

Fastest Time to Carve a Pumkin- 16.47 secs- Stephen Clarke-Oct 2013-U.S.A

Longest Journey by Pumpkin Boat- 60.92 Kms-Duane Hansen-Aug 2022- U.S.A.

Most Pumpkins Smashed in One Minute- 52- Ronald Sarchian- Oct 2020- U.S.A.



MEDIEVAL MUMS

Join us for Hamilton's Fall Garden & Mum Show, a delightful show celebrating the beauty of fall! From stunning floral displays to family friendly games and crafts, there's something for everyone.

Dates: **Friday October 20 to Sunday October 29, 2023**

Time: **9am to 7pm daily**

Location: **Gage Park Greenhouse**

Look forward to a wide selection of outstanding themed floral displays and chrysanthemum features.

Come ready to gain valuable insights from our horticulture experts about all things chrysanthemums.

Don't miss out on this exciting show! Grab your friends and family and join us for a memorable time filled with over 200 varieties of chrysanthemums, and more than 100,000 blooms.



www.hamilton.ca/mumshow