

April 2025

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

President's Message

Hello April,

Today is NOT the perfect **spring** day. It is snowing again! Mother Nature has been a bit unpredictable for sure. Winter as we know it was a bit unpredictable and the start of spring season has proven to be just as uncertain. I was looking forward to getting back to the gardens but I will be patient for the spring clean-up just a little longer!

As I pen this message, we are putting the final touches on the District 6 Annual Meeting we are hosting on Saturday, April 12. We are expecting one hundred guests and I hope you are one of them!

Celebrating 105!

This gardening community (GHS) has evolved over time and just like your gardens, your society has evolved as well to meet our interests and curiosities. We are looking ahead. This anniversary that we celebrate in April has given us the opportunity to recognize our members and to say **Thank You!** This is your society. Please let us know of any programmes or topics that might be of interest to the GHS going forward.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

Next Meeting-Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7:30 P.M.

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

"Planting for the Future- Plants, Research and the next generation of gardener" -Roger Tschanz

Roger Tschanz has worked as a technician at the University of Guelph since 1989. In 2002, he was asked to create and manage the universities Ornamental Trial Garden program. The trial garden locations have expanded to include Milton (Landscape Ontario office) and the Royal Botanical Gardens. At the Guelph site, he is a judge for the annual and perennial entries of the All-America Selections organization. He is also a technician for the ornamental plant breeding program and teaches ornamental plant uses and identification.



We would like to acknowledge the members of the Georgetown Horticultural Society that have reached these milestone years of membership.

5 Years

Annemarie McDonald Sean Mathison

15 Years

Bill Briggs
Chris Briggs
Ann Gilpin
Pat Kennedy
Carol Mathison
Cheryl Strachan

35 Years

Barbara Millar Julia Varrichio

10 Years

Pauline Cornick Jane Coutts Dianne Kayess Scott Murray

20 Years

Lorne Campbell
Susan Campbell
Dorinne Wagner
Sandra Williamson



At the Annual Meeting in March, Marie Decker installed the 2025 board.

Left to right: Lil Taggert, Secretary, Jane Leonard, Treasurer, Carol Mathison,

President, Jo Maclean, Past President, Directors Mary Megelink, Cheryl Strachan,

Dianne Kayess and Marie Decker, District 6 Assistant Director.

Missing: Directors Ingrid Nordmeyer, Sandra Williamson, Karri Robichaud and Carol

Zarb.

Moss Art Workshop

GHS members used their creative skills to create moss art at our March meeting.











Centennial Park Conservatory

If you are looking for an outing on a day where the weather is not very spring like, a visit to the Centennial Park Conservatory in Etobicoke is a must. Two weeks ago I visited the Conservatory and enjoyed the beautiful flowers in the warmth of the greenhouses. There are tropical and arid displays set alongside seasonal displays. There is the Main Greenhouse which contains 200 different varieties of tropical plants that bloom year round including palms, hibiscus, orchids and fruit trees. The South Wing contains unusual cacti and succulents. The North Wing features specialty displays that are always changing. Currently there are tulips and other spring flowers. Cardinals who have discovered how to get in and out the vents, fly among the tall palm trees, calling out. The Conservatory is located at 151 Elmcrest Rd and open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -submitted by Dianne Kayess



















