



February
2025

GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Hello February!

As I write this, there are now five more Mondays until spring...maybe forty or so days to the spring equinox, so now is the perfect time for me to curl up with a cozy quilt, a favourite beverage, a few interesting publications and start planning. February being the shortest month and lately a little more winter than I can appreciate, I have taken advantage of a few information and Zoom meetings (nice to catch up from the comfort of my desk).

With winter still upon us and there is really very little gardening action, what takes your interest? A few volunteers have been busy preparing for the D6 Annual General Meeting and our 105th Anniversary in April. I do not want to reveal too much here and now, but it is shaping up to be a great day. Mark your calendars now and please let us know if you can help in any way. There will be a call for donations and volunteers a little closer to the day.

The GHS is always looking for more information and article submissions from our members. Do you have any recommendations? Do you have any tried and true tips for gardeners? Please share as spring is right around the corner. I have often been told that "Gardening is an art". We will all get to express this sentiment at the February meeting-Moss Art Workshop. This should be fun.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

Next Meeting-Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 7:30 P.M.

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

Annual General Meeting and Moss Art Workshop

Here is a fun way to challenge the winter blahs! Please join us to create a "one of a kind" framed moss art showpiece. You will be guided for a fun-filled hour or so after the business part of the meeting. You must pre-register to ensure we have enough supplies. No cost except for guests; \$20 which includes a GHS membership. To register, if you have not done so, please respond to geohortnews@gmail.com.

What to bring: a picture frame about 10"x 12", glue gun and glue sticks, small scissors or secateurs, extension cord, embellishments such as dried flowers, seed pods, twigs, plastic succulents, shells etc.



January Meeting-Photo Contest

Results

Class A: **My Garden***My Happy Place**

1st- Anne Johnston

2nd- Sandra Williamson

3rd- Anita DeBruyn

Honourable Mention- Ingrid Nordmeyer



Class B: **Front Entrance**

1st-Jo Maclean

2nd- Anne Johnston

3rd- Debbie Todd

Honourable Mention- Sandra Williamson Anne Johnston

Class C: **Favourite Hosta**

1st- Anne Johnston

2nd- Karen Mattan

3rd- Karen Mattan

Honourable Mention- Ingrid Nordmeyer

Class D: **Garden Pollinators**

1st- Karen Mattan

2nd- Karen Mattan

3rd- Karen Mattan

Honourable Mention- Sandra Williamson Ingrid Nordmeyer

Class E: **My Biggest Surprise**

1st- Karen Mattan

2nd- Sandra Williamson

3rd- Karen Mattan

Honourable Mention- Anita DeBruyn. Karen Mattan

Best In Show

Karen Mattan



Karen Mattan receiving the Best in Show Award presented to her by GHS member Ingrid Nordmeyer

Donations Needed

GHS member Jules Maule-finch is looking for donations to be sold at this years's plant sale. She has been given a number of discarded containers from candles. Last year we had house plants at the sale and wonders if any members have any cactus/succulent style seedlings or cuttings they would be willing to donate. Jules has volunteered to pot the plants in these containers as soon as possible so they look good by May.

Any donations of pots or plants would be accepted, just bring to the monthly meetings. Below is a sample, although the containers are mainly ceramic not glass.



Minestrone Soup

Olive oil

1 onion, chopped

4 carrots, chopped

4 celery stalks, chopped

1 can cherry tomatoes

1/2 cabbage, shredded

1/2 cauliflower, shredded

1/2 bag frozen peas

1 bag string beans

4 zucchini, chopped

4 good size potatoes, chopped

1 can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1 can white kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1 cup of pesto with garlic

Water



Prepare all vegetables. In a large stock pot, sautee onions in olive oil until transient. Add the vegetables (except the peas) and beans and enough water to allow the vegetables to cook. Add the pesto and bring everything to a boil. Simmer until potatoes and carrots are cooked through. Add more water as needed. Add the frozen peas and cook for an additional few minutes. Serve with crusty bread for a cozy meal.

-submitted by Jules Maule-finch

District 6 AGM Hosted by the Georgetown Horticultural Society

Saturday April 12th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

318 Guelph Street - Unit #9 (entrance at back), Georgetown

Brian Folmer of Folmer Gardens - What's Hot for 2025
(and he's even going to bring plants to sell!!!)

Guest Speaker Cathy Kavassalis
"Roots of Resilience: Transforming Gardens to Protect Our Planet"

Transparency Design Demo by Rose Odell

Flower Show ~ Vendors ~ Penny Auction ~ Workshop




Refreshments provided by The Georgetown Horticultural Society



- ⌘ \$25.00/ person. Pre-registration is required
- ⌘ Please register by April 5th, 2025 with Bob Heil, with your name, email address and Society name
- ⌘ Payment is e-transfer to d.6treasurer@outlook.com
- ⌘ Please contact Carol at georgetown@gardenontario.org for any inquiries




Hypertufa Planter Workshop

This fabulous workshop will be held off site and after the AGM at the home of our wonderful District 6 Director Lianne Krane!

-  Open to all members of OHA District 6
-  9520 No. 5 Side Road, Milton
-  Pre-registration is required

Small planters \$25.00

Medium/large \$40.00

-  Lianne will supply the ingredients
-  Participants will be asked to bring rubber gloves and a bowl.
-  This is a fundraiser for the district

Please register with Bob and e-transfer to:

d.6treasurer@outlook.com with Hypertufa in the subject line



Saturday April 12, 2025



Hillview Active Living Centre, 318 Guelph St., Unit 9, Georgetown ON. Please use back entrance



Entries will be received between 8:45am and 9:45am. Judging will begin at 10:00am



Entries must remain in place until 15 minutes after close of meeting



Questions? Contact show chair Lil Taggart, 416-809-9036 or liltovey@hotmail.com

Division I: Horticulture



Multiple entries permitted per exhibitor per class if different



Containers are supplied for the Horticultural sections

Section A – Narcissus (Daffodil)

Class 1	Narcissus (daffodil) – trumpet or large cup	1 scape
Class 2	Narcissus (daffodil) – split corona	1 scape
Class 3	Narcissus (daffodil) – any other cultivar	1 scape

Section B – Other hardy spring flowering bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes

Class 4	Hyacinthus (hyacinth)	1 stem
Class 5	Muscari (grape hyacinth)	3 stems, same species/cultivar
Class 6	Tulipa (tulip)	1 stem
Class 7	Any other minor bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome (i.e. <i>Anemone blanda</i> , <i>Crocus</i> , <i>Chionodoxa</i> , <i>Scilla</i> , etc.)	3 stems, same species/cultivar






Section C – Hardy spring flowering biennials and perennials

Class 8	Helleborus (hellebore)	1 stem
Class 9	Mertensia virginiana (Virginia bluebells)	1 stem
Class 10	Pulsatilla vulgaris (pasque flower)	1 stem
Class 11	Any other biennial or perennial	1 stem

Section D – Container Grown Plants (houseplants)





Class 12	Saintpaulia (African violet)	1 pot, single crown
Class 13	Houseplant (any other grown primarily for flowers, colourful bracts or fruit)	1 pot
Class 14	Houseplant – grown primarily for foliage (includes cactus and other succulents)	1 pot

Division II: Design "Celebrate!"

-  Open to all members of OHA District 6
-  1 entry per exhibitor per class
-  Entries will be staged on tables covered with a black cloth
-  Backgrounds may vary but most will be grey
-  Area allotted – 76.2cm (30") wide by 76.2 (30") deep, height unlimited unless otherwise noted

- Class 16 Celebrate Spring – a design
Class 17 Celebrate Colour – a design
Class 18 Celebrate the Little Things in Life - a miniature design
(A design with maximum dimensions no more than 12.7cm (5") in height, width and depth including any container, base and/or accessories. OJES page 145)
Class 19 Celebrate Birthdays – a design including candles
Class 20 Celebrate Gentle Breezes – a design

Division III Special Exhibits

-  Open to all members of OHA District 6
-  1 entry per exhibitor per class
-  Entries will be staged on tables covered with a black cloth. Backgrounds may vary but most will be grey
-  Area allotted – 61.0cm (24") wide by 76.2 (30") deep, height unlimited unless otherwise noted

- Class 21 Celebrate Diversity - a Pot-et-Fleur
(A combination of growing plants (foliage and/or flowering), in or out of pots, packed lightly with soil and/or other moisture-retaining material, plus cut flowers in tubes of water, floral foam or other material, assembled in one container. Moss, decorative wood and rock may be included. NO CUT FOLLAGE is permitted; cut flowering and/or fruited branches may be used. OJES page 149)
- Class 22 Celebrate Togetherness – a Dish Garden
(A number of horticulturally compatible plants growing in a shallow, open, portable container. OJES page 137)



Georgetown Horticultural Society

Financial Summary for 2024

Reviewed: 20 Jan 2025

Income Statement 2024			Balance Sheet 2024	
	Expense	Income		
Events			Bank Balance	8,205
Plant Sale	654	8,425	Petty Cash	75
Yearbook	1,752	441	Cash Assets	8,280
Workshop	1,720	95		
Raffle		468	Fixed Assets	1,060
Other Income			Pre Paid Assets	211
Provincial Grants		1,000		
Membership Dues		830	GIC	4,941
Donations			Jubilee GIC	2,337
Fall Fair Awards	46		Total GICs	7,278
Library books	299			
Other Events			Total Assets	16,829
Speakers	2,218			
Contests	50		Liabilities - Yearbook	562
Christmas Pot Luck	266		Liabilities - Membership	421
Flower Shows	564			
Gardens	150		Equity	
Operations			GIC Interest	1,333
Hall Rental	1,883		Retained Earnings	15,771
OHA Dues and Fees	792		Net Income	- 1,257
Convention and D6 Events	391		Total Equity	15,846
Special Purchase Tshirts	1,124			
Operations & PO Box	608		Total Liabilities & Equities	16,829
Totals	12,516	11,259		

Membership Renewal

Membership fees are due. Please note that there are now only two categories- \$20 Single and \$25 Family.

If you have not completed the form, please do so. We are asking all members to complete the form including Life Members. Form is on the next page or available at a meeting.

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Send any newsletter submissions by the first Friday of the month.



Georgetown Horticultural Society (GHS) 2025 Membership Form

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

Annual Membership Dues Fees are payable by cash, cheque, or e-transfer geohort2020@gmail.com

☐ Single Membership- \$20

☐ Family Membership-\$25

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Second Family Member Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ **Postal Code** _____

Photo Release and Communication Consent

I give Georgetown Horticultural Society permission to use photographs of the above-named members in GHS publications including yearbook, website, newsletters and Facebook.

☐ Yes

☐ No

I give Georgetown Horticultural Society permission to include the contact information of the above-named members in the GHS annual yearbook.

☐ Yes

☐ No

I give Georgetown Horticultural Society permission to send emails to the above-named members to communicate information regarding newsletters, events and other relevant information.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Volunteering is a great way to meet other members! We rely on members to help with various tasks. Please let us know if you are interested in helping.

☐ Refreshments

☐ Community Gardens

☐ Plant Sale

☐ Flower Shows

☐ Garden Tour

☐ Executive Member

Please complete form and return either by email to geohortmembership@gmail.com, mail to 36 Preston St. Georgetown, ON, L7G 5V5 or at meetings.

☐ Cash

☐ Cheque (made payable to Georgetown Horticultural Society)

☐ E-Transfer to geohort2020@gmail.com