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2025

# GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

Hello January. Happy New Year!

My good wishes are that you had a good holiday season with family and friends, and now that the holiday season is over...I am ready for spring. On the spring countdown page this morning, it was 62 days to go. This is encouraging. Your GHS executive has been working to bring a full calendar of events to the members, but there is already room for one more. 2025 marks the 105th anniversary of the Georgetown Horticultural Society. We have been asked to host the District 6 Annual General meeting. There will be more details to follow on how you as a GHS member can assist but for now, there will be a flower show, two speakers, workshops and refreshments (of course!). District meetings are such fun. I always come away encouraged and motivated as we celebrate our successes and learn from each other.

January is the month of new starts, new plans, or maybe just a few old resolutions. I like to think of them as goals. What are your gardening goals for 2025? A few of mine include replacing some plants that did not do well with a few natives, and of course the old saying of "right plant, right place". I have found the seed catalogues to be very helpful.

Looking forward to the January meeting.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

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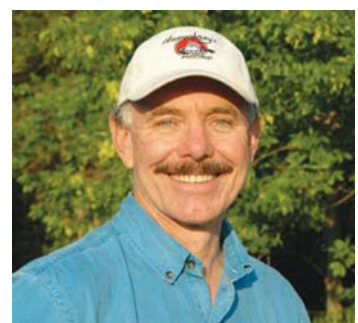
**Next Meeting-Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:30 P.M.**

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

**"Wildflowers of the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula"**

**-Don Scallen**

Meadows, woodlands, and wetlands offer Don interesting nature stories to share via the printed word and through presentations. He has written for various publications and published a book called *Nature Where We Live* to inspire people to engage with nature in their own backyards and their local ecosystems.



# Georgetown Horticultural Society - Photo Contest



**Tuesday January 21st, 2025**

St. John's United Church

11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 3Z1

Convenor: Ingrid Nordmeyer

Do you realize that there's a great way to enjoy gardening WITHOUT getting your hands dirty!! Take pictures in your garden, gardens you pass driving around, during vacations, anytime at all. You'll have the pictures to enjoy year round and you can even enter them in the Photo Contest.

Class A My Garden, My Happy Place

Class B Front Entrance

Class C Favourite Hosta

Class D Garden Pollinator

Class E My Biggest Surprise

- Photographs are to be garden related.
- You may enter up to three photos per category.
- Photos may have been taken at any time.
- Colour, black and white prints; using any type of camera or software.
- 4 x 6 inch photos only and photo must fill the entire area, no borders.

## Before you arrive:

- Each photo must have your name and class you are entering on the back.
- Press gently when writing on your photograph, so as not to indent the picture.

## When you arrive:

- Photo entries are from 6:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. only.
- Please enter your name in the photo contest register.
- Your photos will be placed inside free standing frames by photo contest volunteers.

## General Rules:

- The GHS does not accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged prints.
  - All exhibitors in the photo contest agree to let the Georgetown Horticultural Society keep all winning prints and to publish some, or all of them in the Yearbook, on our website, and other club projects free of compensation and liability.
  - No previously entered photographs.
  - Winning prints must be left with the photo contest directors.
  - All non-winning prints (no ribbon awarded), must be picked up by the exhibitor 30 minutes after the show chair has declared the show open for viewing.
  - Unclaimed prints will be disposed of.
  - No members are allowed in the show area during judging.
  - Exhibits not meeting entry rules will be disqualified.
  - All judging decisions are final.
  - No professional photographers
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## GHS Volunteer of the Year Award

GHS member Lorne Campbell was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award by member Jo MacLean at the December potluck meeting.

Lorne has been a member for 20 years participating in flower shows, pumpkin baking contest, plant sale and other activities. Lorne is always willing to help including putting chairs away after our meetings.

Congratulations and thank you Lorne!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**District 6 AGM**  
**April 12, 2025**  
Georgetown Horticultures 105 Anniversary  
Hillsview Active Living Centre  
318 Guelph Street, Unit 9 (back entrance)  
Standard Flower show  
Workshops in afternoon





## Upcoming Garden Events

Here are some upcoming events that will help you get through the long, cold winter.

### **Alice in Bloomland-** Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington

Inspired by the pages of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, this floral showcase weaves together the magic of horticulture, the whimsy of floral design, and the marvel of visual arts to create an experience straight out of a dream. From February 1 to March 30, 25,000 blooms will unfold during this awe-inspiring exhibit.

### **My First Vegetable Garden Series,** Virtual- Guelph Arboretum

This course is designed for the new gardener or the gardener that has only been growing vegetables for a couple of years. You will start at the very beginning with ordering seeds and end with a detailed discussion of the 10 best vegetables for new gardeners.

January 29, February 5, 12 & 19. 7-8 pm.

### **Propagating Plants from Cuttings,** Virtual- Guelph Arboretum

Cuttings are a great way to propagate all kinds of plants including perennials, trees, shrubs and houseplants. This workshop will look at different ways to propagate cuttings and compare them to using seeds. Methods other than using water will be explored.

February 26, 7-8 pm.

### **Cyclamen Display-** Floral Showhouse- Niagara Falls

Escape the winter blues by stepping into the botanical wonderland that is the Cyclamen Display. The show will infuse joy and warmth into your cold weather routine. The delicate beauty of cyclamen flowers take centre stage, painting a picturesque scene that defies the frosty season outside!

Now until March 2.



### **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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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:geohort2020@gmail.com)