



President's Message

Welcome April!

I have been looking for a little inspiration. This spring season is a little shy in its anticipated arrival, so at a recent GHS Executive meeting we were discussing places to go to get our "gardening" fix. Carol Z. told us about an abundance of spring florals at the Centennial Park Conservatory and Greenhouse in Etobicoke (just off the 401). I was recently at the Gage Park Tropical Greenhouse in Hamilton. The OHA and District 6 had a booth at the Spring Tulip and Garden event during March break. Happy to help talk about horticultural societies! Another greenhouse, maybe a little closer, is in Brampton at Chinguacousy Park. All of these greenhouses are no charge destinations and open daily. Check out their websites for hours of operation. Dianne and Carol both mentioned the Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens on Lakeshore Road but that designation is for another time when the weather is balmy!

We are making plans for Earth Day 2026. We will be holding a 22 Minute Makeover cleanup at the Mary Street Parkette at 1 p.m. on April 22. Please join us if you can.

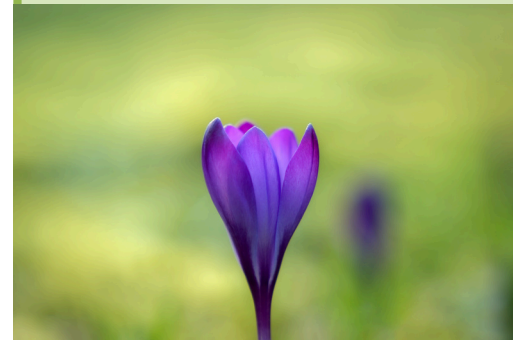
And finally, this idea is still in the planning stages; a "Summer Social". One GHS member garden per week, visited by GHS members only for two hours max (lemonade and cookies?). Are you interested? Let me know.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

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Next Meeting-April 15, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
St. John's Church, 11 Guelph St. Georgetown



AGM followed by
"What to Look For in the Nurseries This Spring"
-Susan Quirk

Susan is a member of the Georgetown Horticultural Society and is a Master Gardener with the Mississauga Master Gardeners. She is often answering questions and providing advice in Facebook groups including Master Gardeners of Ontario and Halton Gardeners.

APRIL 2026 PLANT SALE NEWS

PLANT SALE on Friday MAY 8th from 6pm to 8pm at Gellert Centre

SOIL will be available for Pick-up approximately April 17 2026

PLANT SALE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Please join our new PLANT SALE COMMITTEE. We are looking for a few enthusiasts to join us to continue our Plant Sale success. We hope to infuse new and creative ideas to keep our only fundraiser productive. No prior experience is necessary. We plan on holding a short meeting before each general meeting in the Lounge on the other side of the foyer through the double doors.

NEXT MEETING: April 15 at 6:45 pm

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

A variety of jobs are still available both before and during our plant sale. You will find the lists at the entry desk during sign-in.

DIGGERS NEEDED-See Volunteer List

Its time to get dirty! What gardener could live without Mother Earth touching their soul. Spend whatever time you can spare to digging plants out of gardens. The bonus is that the potting is done by someone else.

INDOOR PLANTINGS

Keep working on propagating and raising your Indoor plants, especially succulents. Enjoy the process of watching things grow.

SUPPLIES

If anyone has **one gallon pots** or **plastic blinds** for making tags please bring them with you to the next meeting.



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

5 Years

Lorraine Wilson
Kevin McPherson
Jules Maule-ffin
Lianne Krane
Lori Hornridge
Minnie Hornridge

10 Years

Gail Pritchard
Peter Pritchard

15 Years

Debbie Lang
Betty Andrews
Peter Andrews

20 Years

Karri Robichaud

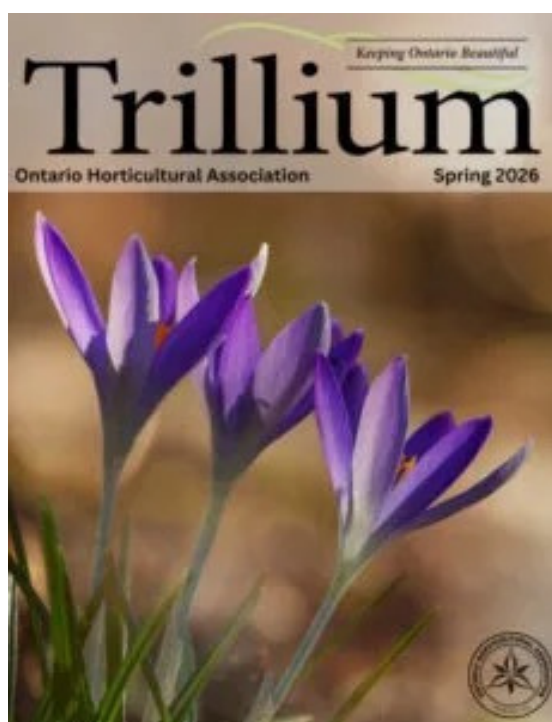
25 Years

Heather Bosman

30 Years

Bill Pooke
Diana Pooke

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22 MINUTE MAKEOVER

Wednesday April 22, 2026



April 22 is Earth Day. The GHS is participating in Halton Hills 22 Minute Makeover. We will be doing a clean-up at the Mary Street Parkette at 1 p.m. Please join us and wear your yellow t-shirt if you have one. Seen you there!



District 6 AGM Spring Meeting and Flower Show



Saturday, April 25th, 2026

Doors open at 8:30am - Meeting 10:00am to 3:00pm

Hosted by Paris Horticultural Society
Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary

Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St. Paris, On.

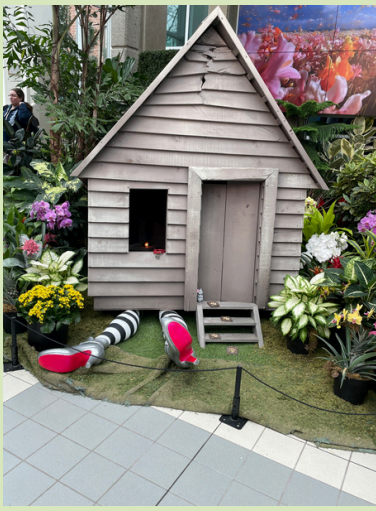
Speaker: Mel Sawaya Topic: Garden Trials

Door prizes, Penny Sale, Silent Auction and Share the Wealth. Cash please.

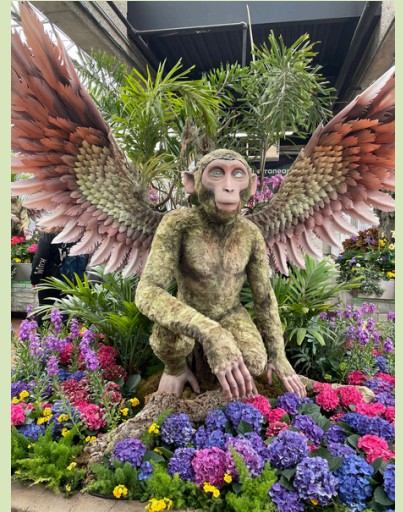
\$30 Pre-register by April 10th. EMT to Bob Heil at d.6treasurer@outlook.com
or send cheque payable to

Ontario Horticultural Association District 6,
56 Glen Cannon Drive, Stoney Creek, Ont. L8G4E1.

As this is a catered event, pre-registration is required.



Bloomland in Oz
Royal Botanical Gardens



Did You Know?

In the movie Dorothy wears red shoes but in the book she wears silver shoes. The floral display was based on the book, hence the silver shoes.



Refreshments

Thank you to Christine Williams and Chris Wiensczyk for providing treats for the March Meeting.

A reminder to Diane Crawford and Sandra Williamson who signed up to bring treats for the April meeting.



Name Tags

Everyone should now have a name tag. If you find that yours is missing or you took yours home and can no longer find it, please let me know.

-Dianne Kayess



Upcoming Events



Willow Park Ecology Centre

Celebrate Earthday

Join our Community-of-Action T.E.A.M. 'Together Everyone Achieves More'

Our Power. Our Planet.

Sunday, April 19
1 - 3 PM

Willow Park Ecology Centre
Guelph St, Norval, ON (off Mary St)

We'll care for: butterfly habitat and the Silver Creek Trail.
Visit: Community Solar Station, Little Library & share refreshments.

Free, sign up by April 18.
Enjoy fresh air, nature sounds, sharing ideas, caring-for & connecting-with nature & each other.

Scan the QR Code to Register

For more information
www.willowparkecology.org

@willowparkecology



CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Presented by **Garden Ontario**

Featuring Special Guest Speaker **Mark Cullen**

and a Special Talk by **Climate Legacy**

Let's Talk Climate: What are the risks, and what can you do?
by Betty Plewes

Celebrate Earth Day with us as renowned horticulturist and author Mark Cullen shares his passion for the natural world.

Through reflections on two inspiring books —The Light Eaters and Our Green Heart— Mark will explore the beauty, resilience, and wonder of the landscapes that sustain us.

An engaging presentation for gardeners, nature lovers, and anyone who cares about our green future.

SAVE THE DATE!
April 24, 2026
7:00 - 8:30 pm via WebEx
No Registration Required



Native Plant Sale

Wildflowers • Shrubs • Trees • Ferns • Vines • Grasses • Sedges

Toronto Botanical Garden
Sat. May 9, 2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Visit nanps.org for more information

2026 Membership Renewal

Membership renewal for 2026 is past due. Our fees remain the same as 2025, \$20 for single and \$25 for family. There is a registration form on the next page. Please note that all members must complete a form. All Life members (member for 20 years or more) must also complete a form in order to continue as a member. Please print form and either mail/drop off to address on form or bring to a meeting. Forms are also available to fill out at a meeting.





Georgetown Horticultural Society (GHS) 2026 Membership Form

New Member

Renewal

Annual Membership Dues Fees are payable by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Single Member -\$20

Family Member-\$25

Life Member

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street Address: _____

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

Second Family Member Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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 the form and return to: georhortmembership@gmail.com or mail to 36 Preston St. Georgetown, L7G 5V5 or at a meeting.

Cash

Cheque

E-transfer (gehort2020@gmail.com)