



President's Message

Hello February!

As I write this, there are five more Sundays to spring...about forty days or so to the spring equinox on March 20th and honestly, I just cannot wait!

I think we are in the "doldrums of winter" as my Granny would call it! To pass the time of -20C on the thermometer, I joined a Zoom meeting yesterday hosted by the Ontario Hosta Society. What a treat to the eyes and to the soul. The presenter was Dan Rawson, a Hosta enthusiast and spouse Pam who shared the most beautiful images from their four acre garden. Dan did supply a plant list from his presentation so on my "something new to me" for 2026 is a Hosta called Midnight Oil and a Dwarf Solomon Seal, about 6-9" at maturity. This is something to look for at our annual plant sale in May, never too early to start planning!

Speaking of beautiful images, thank you to all who participated in the January Photo Contest. We do have some very talented photographers in our group and thank you to Ingrid for organizing this definite bright spot.

Our new yearbook is available. Thank you to Dianne for putting this together. Please see Dianne to renew your GHS membership for 2026 and receive your copy "hot off the press"!

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

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Next Meeting-Wednesday February 18, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

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

AGM followed by

"What is Hydroponics and Can I Easily Grow Veggies Year Round in my Home?" - Dan Atkinson

With over 30 years of hydroponics expertise, Dan Atkinson, the founder of Eden Aeroponics in Puslinch, is dedicated to revolutionizing home gardening and in promoting sustainability.



2026 PLANT SALE NEWS

Let's add a little Spring to our lives. We are starting the planning for this year's plant sale being held on Friday May 8th.

NEW

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.

FIRST MEETING: February 18 at 6:45. pm

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

Available at the front desk during sign-in

INDOOR PLANTINGS

Indoor plants, especially succulents are a top seller at the plant sale. This is a perfect time to start those clippings from your own plants.

SUPPLIES

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



Photo Contest Results

There were many entries in the Photo Contest at our January meeting. Here are some of the winning photos.

James Tovey received the Best in Show Award presented by Photo Contest Chair Ingrid Nordmeyer



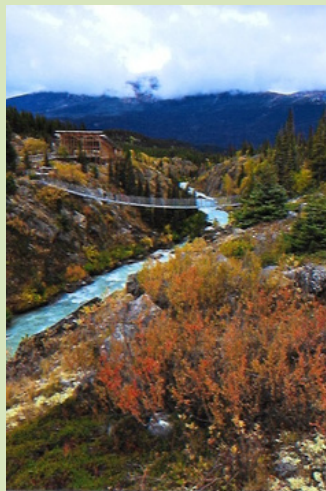
Class A-Garden Beds or Landscapes
1st- Jo MacLean



Class B- Flowers or Foliage
1st- James Tovey
Best in Show



Class C- Creatures or Critters
in the Garden
1st- Karen Mattan



Class D- Autumn
1st- Jo MacLean



Class E- Garden Images
1st- Karen Mattan



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.

Did You Know?

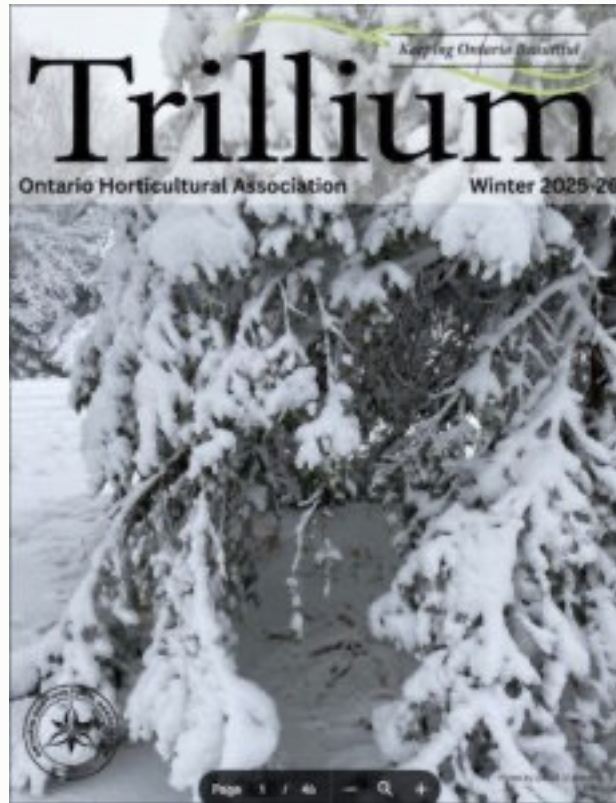
The Rose of Hildesheim, otherwise known as the Thousand-Year Rose, is thought to be the oldest living rose on the planet. Growing up the side of a columnar portion of Germany's Hildesheim Cathedral, the now-bushy flower is thought to have been planted in the early 800's, when the church itself was founded. It still continues to bud and bloom each year, producing pale pink flowers once a year (usually around May).

While the bush itself looks as though it's big enough to have been growing for a thousand years, the plant has been nearly destroyed a number of times throughout its history. Most notably the bush was nearly completely razed during the Second World War when Allied bombs annihilated the cathedral. Every bit of the plant above ground was destroyed but new branches grew from the root that survived. Today it is protected by a squat iron fence.

-Atlas Obscura



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Upcoming Events



Where the Plant People Meet

Shake off the winter blues and start the countdown to spring at Toronto Botanical Garden's much-loved Get the Jump on Spring one-day garden extravaganza. Whether you're a seasoned gardener, a curious beginner, or simply dreaming of warmer days, this annual event brings together plant lovers, expert growers, and local makers for a joyful, inspiration-packed kickoff to spring.

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FREE Admission. \$2 suggested minimum donation



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)