



President's Message

Hello June!

I hope that everyone is able to get out and enjoy this wonderful "Spring into Summer" weather. June has always been a bit of a favourite month for me, so much anticipation with the emerging summer flowers and bold colours. Don't get me wrong, spring is good, but I am a true lover of the warm temperatures and sunshine.

June in many areas is still considered National Rose Month. The rose has long been considered a favourite amongst a few of the gardeners in our society. Our speaker last month, Elizabeth Schleicher, provided so much useful information on growing beautiful roses, that it has given me a little optimism for entering the June Flower Show at the mall. The Show Schedule is in your yearbook (pages 12-18). Also the return of the Great Garage Design Event on June 11, themed Hearts and Flowers, has a class in the June show as well. I look forward to seeing the entries! Hope you will be able to join us.

We usually take a break during July and August, but this year we are planning a few Summer Socials. So far we have three GHS members who have offered to open their gardens and a picnic at Mary St. Parkette is planned for mid-July. We will share the information to all GHS members by email. If you would like your fellow members to visit your garden, please let me know. Hope you can join us for a few or all. Summers do get busy!

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

In This Issue:

- President's Message
- Next Meeting
- May Flower Show Results
- Growing Beautiful Roses
- Great Garage Event
- Hypertufa Workshop
- Refreshments
- OHA Convention Info
- Georgetown Fall Fair
- Upcoming Events



Next Meeting-June 17, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

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



"Edible Native Plant Landscapes"

-Shaun Booth

Shaun is the owner of In Our Nature and co-author of *The Gardeners Guide To Native Plants Of The Southern Great Lakes Region*. Shaun will explore how native plants can be used to beautify our gardens while feeding humans and wildlife alike.

May Flower Show Results

A few of the entries from the May Flower Show held at the May meeting.



Friends of the Old Seedhouse Award
Best in Show
Lorne Campbell



Past President's Award
Best Houseplant
Lorne Campbell



GHS Memorial Award
Judge's Choice-Design Entries
Sandra Williamson



Mrs. S. G. Bennett Award
Best Floral Design
Sandra Williamson

Wynfield Award-Most Points in Show - Jo MacLean

Duffield Award-Judges Choice-All Entries-Dorota Azzopardi

GROWING BEAUTIFUL ROSES

by Elizabeth Schleicher

Things to consider

- time you have to spend in the garden
- do you want pollinators to enjoy the garden
- know your climatic zone
- what size of rose plant can your garden accommodate

Do you have

- 6 hours of direct sunlight
- good drainage and friable soil with a ph of 6 to ph 7
- water source for roses, preferable drip hose so no overhead watering
- fertilizer with a higher middle number if possible , or just 15-15-15 to use in April/May, June and July, stop use after the beginning of August

Maintenance

- hard pruning (not climbers or OGRs) when the forsythia is in bloom
- insects will need to be monitored, hand picking, sharp blast of water with a hose, encourage birds to the garden to eat the bugs
- Fungal Diseases , use lime sulphur mix in late winter before bud break
- choose your roses wisely, look for more disease resistant cultivars
- dead head to encourage more blooms on repeat flowering roses

Some of the Roses in Presentation

Canadian Shield (red) first of the hardy, disease resistant Parallel Series of Roses from *Vineland Research and Innovation Centre*

Henry Hudson (white), from the Explorer Series of Hardy Roses

Emily Carr, medium pink; **Campfire**, yellow blend; **Bill Reid**, apricot blend; **Oscar Peterson** (white) from the Artist Series of Hardy Roses

John Davis (pink) climber; **Quadra** (dark red), climber; **William Baffin** (deep pink) climber; **Hella** (white) low climber: these are hardy climbers,

Prairie Princess (orange pink), hardy shrub,; **Rosarium Uetersen**, (deep pink) can be trained as a low climber; **Thérèse Bugnet** (pink, fragrant) hardy, doesn't form rose hips in the fall; **Earth Angel**, Floribunda, (light pink), disease resistant, hardy; **Country Dancer**, Shrub (deep pink) hardy; **Belinda**, Hybrid Musk, can grow to large shrub, tolerates some shade, fragrant clusters of medium pink flowers; **Lemon Fizz**, Shrub, (medium yellow, doesn't fade in the sun), hardy;

Dolly Parton, HT (orange red, fragrant); **Double Delight** HT, (red blend, very fragrant); **The McCartney Rose**, HT (medium pink, very fragrant) disease resistant. HTs need winter protection in our climate.

The Fairy, Polyantha, (light pink) always in bloom, hardy, smaller flowers in clusters

Jeanne Lajoie, Miniature Climber, (light pink); **Work of Art**, Miniature Climber, (apricot), HT form

Gigi, Miniature, (red blend striped) one of many sold in grocery stores

“The Fairy”, a small rose which is disease free and blooms from early June until frost. Only about 3 feet high by 3 feet wide.



Photo by Elizabeth Schleicher

Great Garage Event

Thursday, June 11, 2026

7 P.M.

Sandra Williamson's Home (address will be provided to registrants)

Instructor: Lil Taggart

Cost: GHS Members \$15, Guests \$25

Register: Lil Taggart liltovey@hotmail.com

Theme: Hearts and Flowers

This is a chance for you to learn an easy way to make a design that can be used in so many ways. We will also explore the world of Functional Trays as an added bonus!

Information on what to bring will be mailed to participants.



Hypertufa Planter Workshop

June 24, 2026

6-8 PM

Presented by Liane Krane

9520 5th Side Road, Milton

You will have the opportunity to create a Hypertufa planter which is a lightweight, porous and rustic garden container made by mixing cement with other materials.

Cost: \$25

Let Carol know if you wish to attend or you can sign-up at the next meeting on June 17.

More info will be sent to registrants.

Refreshments

Thank you to Carrie Perkins and Elza Estevan for providing treats for the May Meeting.

A reminder to Anne Johnston and Chris Wiensczyk who signed up to bring treats for the June meeting.



Please
Join
Us!



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
2026 ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION
Hosts: Districts 4 & 17



Garden Ontario



WHERE?

Durham College, Oshawa Campus

- 50 km east of Toronto
- Easy access from 401 or 407
- Via Rail and GO Train share Durham College Station stop with access to Oshawa Campus via Durham Transit
- Spacious campus shared with the Ontario Tech University
- Facilities designed with the environment and green initiatives in mind

Thursday, July 23

2:00 pm – 9:00 pm Registration
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Competition Entries



Garden Ontario

Friday, July 24

7:00 am – 3:00 pm Registration
7:00 am – 9:00 am Competition Entries
7:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Garden/Botanical Market Place
9:00 am – 10:45 am Annual Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Plenary Speaker
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Competition Viewing
12:00 pm – 9:00 pm Silent Auction
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bus Tours
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Seminars
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm Welcome BBQ, Trivia and Tunes

Saturday, July 25

7:00 am – 2:00 pm Registration
7:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Competition Viewing
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Garden/Botanical Market Place
9:00 am – 10:45 am Annual Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Plenary Speaker
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bus Tours
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Seminars
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Competitions Pick-Up
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm Dinner, Speaker and Awards



Garden Ontario

Sunday, July 26

7:30 am – 9:00 am Competitions Pick-up
7:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:45 am Annual Meeting
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Plenary Speaker
12:00 pm – 12:15 pm Closing Ceremony

Thank You!

To EVERYONE Who Joined Us
and
To ALL the Volunteers, Sponsors and Donations
That made it possible!

For information on accommodations, other details and to register visit www.gardenontario.org

179th Georgetown Fall Fair
September 11, 12 & 13, 2026
Theme: Bushels of Fun

PLANTS AND FLOWERS - CLASS 24

Convenor: Lucille Forth and Louise Milton – (519) 766-9674

**ENTRIES TO BE PLACED WEDNESDAY – from 4:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. OR
THURSDAY – from 9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.**

PRIZE MONEY: 1st - \$4.00; 2nd - \$3.00; 3rd - \$2.00; unless otherwise stated.

General Rules:

- a. One entry per class is permitted
- b. All entries must be assembled before arrival at the Exhibit Hall
- c. The decision of the judge is final
- d. The show committee is not responsible for lost or broken containers
- e. All exhibits must be picked up on Sunday between 5:00-6:00 pm

“PLANTS IN POTS”

- All plants must be cared for by exhibitor for at least 3 months prior to the fair
- Plants must be potted at least 3 weeks prior to the fair
- No container to be larger than 30cm (12")
- No more than one plant per pot

Sections 1-5

1. Annual Geranium (Pelargonium), showing bloom
2. Succulent including Cacti, any species
3. Coleus, not over 45cm (18")
4. Any other species of potted plant not listed, grown for foliage
5. Any other species of potted plant not listed, grown for bloom

“CUT FLOWERS”

- No more, no less than the number of stems or blooms specified
- A bud showing colour is classed as a bloom
- Blooms should be of consistent size and the same colour, unless otherwise stated
- All blooms must be of the same variety or cultivar
- All stems, blooms or sprays should include attached leaves, unless otherwise stated
- Wedging is permitted
- Containers must be stable and not easily tipped

Sections 6-29

6. Coneflower (Echinacea), 3 blooms
7. Cosmos, 3 stems
8. Dahlia, under 10cm (4"), 1 stem
9. Dahlia, 10cm (4") and over, 1 stem
10. Gladiolus, 1 spike
11. Hardy mums (Chrysanthemum), 1 spray
12. Collection of Culinary Herbs, 5-7 different cultivars, named, 1 stem of each, shown in one container
13. Heuchera/Heucherella/Tiarella, 1 cultivar, in bloom, leaves not required, 3 stems
14. Marigold (Tagetes), double, over 7.5cm (3"), 3 stems
15. Marigold (Tagetes), single or double, under 5cm (2"), 3 stems
16. Nasturtiums (Tropaeolum majus), 3 blooms
17. Petunias, any variety - 3 sprays
18. Rose (Rosa), with own foliage, 1 specimen bloom
19. Rose (Rosa), with own foliage, 1 spray
20. Rudbeckia, 3 stems
21. Largest leaf, any variety, 1 stem

22. Snapdragons (Antirrhinum), one cultivar, 3 spikes
23. Sunflower (Helianthus), annual, leaves not required, 1 bloom
24. Tuberous Begonia, floating in a suitable bowl, 1 bloom, leaves not required
25. Zinnias, small flower not over 5cm (2"), 3 stems
26. Zinnias, large flower over 5cm (2"), 1 stem
27. Most unusual looking Flower or seed pod, 1 stem
28. Any other cultivar/variety/species not listed, growing Over 38cm (15"), 3 stems
29. Any other cultivar/variety/species not listed, growing Under 38cm (15"), 3 stems

“DESIGN ARRANGEMENTS”

- No artificial accessories, unless otherwise stated
 - All arrangements must be under 38cm (15") in diameter
 - Fresh material should be used unless otherwise stated
- Sections 30-40**
30. "Afternoon Tea", arrangement in a tea cup and saucer
 31. "Coffee with Friends" arrangement in a coffee mug
 32. Miniature arrangement no larger than 12.7cm (5")
 33. "Green with Envy" your interpretation
 34. "Lavender and Lace", shades of purple, mauve and white flowers, ribbon or lace may be used.
 35. Fun arrangement under 50cm (20") using all or part of fair theme. Up to 3 artificial accessories accepted - BASED ON FAIR ANNUAL THEME
 36. "Sweeter than Wine", any species of flowers in a wine bottle, under 64cm (25")
 37. "Tea for Two", a small arrangement, under 25cm (10"), in a small tea pot
 38. "Treasures from the Wild", use any or all of the following: foliage, berries, small branches, grasses, grains or leaves. No flowers.
 39. Arrangement made in a hollowed-out vegetable
 40. "Memories", an arrangement using a recycled container, with a one-line caption or small picture
- JUDGE'S SPECIAL #1:** \$25.00 donated by the Georgetown Horticultural Society for the Best Specimen in "Plant in a Pot" or "Cut Flowers" classes, plus a rosette
- JUDGE'S SPECIAL #2:** \$25.00 donated in memory of Jessie Milton for the Best Amateur Design as chosen by the judge, plus a rosette
- DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL:** Best entry chosen by the director to receive a rosette.

Upcoming Events

Garden Showcase 2026



Guelph Horticultural Society
Sunday, June 14, 2026 1:00 pm-5:30 pm
 (The Milton Country Garden opens at 12:30 pm)
\$15.00 per person—Cash only
 (Children under 12 free. No pets please. Rain or Shine)



Tickets available at:

- Brock Road Nursery
- Royal City Nursery
- Sunday Blooms

Or Day of Tour at any of the following garden locations:

- 9520 - 5 Side Rd, Milton
- 100 Queen St, Guelph
- 34 Norwich St E, Guelph
- 28 Lyon Ave, Guelph
- 195 Paisley St, Guelph
- 205 Paisley St, Guelph
- 17 Aberdeen St, Guelph

Includes:

- Master Gardeners
- Local artists and musicians
- Door prizes

Scan to access the
GHS Website



For more information call (519) 837-8274

or visit: www.guelphhort.org



HAMILTON AND BURLINGTON ROSE SOCIETY
69th ANNUAL ROSE SHOW

A Juried Exhibition of Cut Garden Roses and Floral Design
 Staged in Rooms 3, 4, and 5
in the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre
680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario
 Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st from 10:00am to 5:00pm
 Short talks on rose care and culture on Saturday 1:00pm and 3:00pm
 Create a 'Make and Take' small design Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm
 Potted Miniature Roses will be for sale during show hours
 while supplies last
 Sale of Cut Show Blooms begins Sunday at 4:00pm
Show is free with paid admission to the Royal Botanical Gardens
4:00pm is last admission time to the RBG which closes at 5:00pm
 Come early and spend the day in all the gardens
 After a visit to the show be sure to visit the
 World Federation of Rose Societies Award Winning Rose Garden
 in Hendrie Park across the street from the RBG Centre