



President's Message

Hello October!

Happy Autumn or maybe I should say, "Happy Fantastic Fall".

While driving into town this week, I took my usual route of Hwy 25 to Town Line and down 6th Line, when I was treated to and inspired by the autumn colours. They are just beautiful this year. The colours seem to be more of a traditional palette of reds, ambers and yellows. Even the greens are a little more complementary.

The past few nights have been a bit frosty and with Thanksgiving in just a few days, I am trying to get outside and work on my to-do list. The list really has not changed much over the years as I have just refined it a bit more! I am slightly ahead of schedule on the marking and dividing of perennials for the the 2026 Plant Sale. The cleaning of tools can wait until winter.

Your GHS Executive have been working on the planning of the next few meeting and of course going forward ...2026! If you have any interests, ideas or topics you would like us to explore, please let me know! See you at the October meeting. It is always such fun to see the pumpkin creations, both culinary and horticultural.

Let's keep in touch.

-Carol Mathison

"Bring a Friend " to our October meeting for free to discover what the GHS has to offer and they can enjoy our guest speaker, Pumpkin Contest and refreshments.

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Next Meeting-Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

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

"The Contribution of Plants to Life Support in Space"

- Dr. Mike Dixon



Mike Dixon is a university professor emeritus in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph. His research is focused on plant growth in controlled environment and he is specifically interested in developing biological life support systems for applications in space exploration.

Pumpkin Dessert and Carving Contest October 21st

Dessert Contest

Class A- Pies and Cakes

Class B- Cookies, brownies etc.



Carving Contest

Class A- A traditional face

Class B- Your own idea

- Don't be afraid to try different types of shapes, colours and textured pumpkins. There are some truly interesting ideas.

Entries accepted from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Succession

As many of you know, the Georgetown Horticultural Society is a community group; a member driven group of passionate gardeners. Over the years we have offered workshops, speakers, presentations and other activities to encourage interest, knowledge and awareness of the environment and horticulture in our community. Guests are always welcome!

We are seeking new volunteers to work with our Board of Directors. Volunteers are needed to help with our member and public events and in the public gardens we maintain. All of the programmes and events need volunteers to make them fun, a success and so that they may continue to be offered.

We need volunteers to assist in any of the following areas:

- Mary Street Parkette- Fall clean up on October 20, 1 p.m.
- Devereaux House- Weed Control on November 1, 1 p.m.
- Greenwood Cemetery- Fall Clean up TBD
- Plant Sale Committee- Planning the event.
- Refreshments- Each month. Sign up at registration table.
- Yearbook Editor- We were recently asked if a Yearbook is still relevant and useful. Should it continue or direct the funds to more hands on workshops? Let me know your thoughts please.

If you would like to volunteer with any events and help our GHS continue to be a success, please contact me.

- Carol Mathison

Christmas Workshop December 2

The December meeting will be on December 2. There will be a workshop and seasonal sweets and treats. We will be creating a paperwhite daffodil vase planter adding twigs, pine cones and baubles. You need only bring some baubles if you have a colour scheme you would like to keep to.

Pre-registration is required.

You can register at our October/November meeting or at lately@hotmail.com.

Cost: Free. Members may bring a guest for the cost of \$20 but the member must pre-register the guest.



Did You Know?

Paperwhite narcissus, native to the Mediterranean, produce clusters of small white, yellow or orange flowers (despite their name) and are extremely fragrant.

Fleur De Ville- Downton Abbey

Fans of Downton Abbey were recently treated with a beautiful floral display at the RBG. A timely event with the last movie now in the theatres, *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale*. Those of you who are familiar with the series will recognize some of the floral characters that were on display when I attended last month.



Lord Grantham



The Dowager Countess of Grantham



Lady Edith Crawley



Lady Mary Talbot



Mr. Carson



Lady Rose MacClare

Submitted by Dianne Kayess

Trees for Fall Colour

Sugar Maple, <i>Acer saccharum</i>	orange and red
Red Maple, <i>Acer rubrum</i>	red
Other Maples	yellow, orange and red
Red Oak, <i>Quercus rubra</i>	red
Pin Oak, <i>Q. palustris</i>	red
Katsura, <i>Cercidiphyllum</i>	orange-red
Ash, <i>Fraxinus</i>	mainly yellow
Mountain Ash, <i>Sorbus</i>	orange, red, yellow
Ginkgo, <i>Ginkgo bilobam</i>	yellow
Larch, <i>Larix</i>	yellow
Dawn Redwood, <i>Metasequoia</i>	golden

Shrubs for Fall Colour

Wayfaring Tree, <i>Viburnum lantana</i>	purple/bronze
Arrowwood, <i>V. dentatum</i>	orange/red
Serviceberry, <i>Amelanchier</i>	yellow/orange
Smoketree, <i>Cotinus</i>	purple/red
Sumac, <i>Rhus</i>	orange/red
Blueberry, <i>Vaccinium</i>	orange
Dogwood, <i>Cornus</i>	reds and orange
Spindle tree, <i>E. europaea</i>	red
Amur Maple, <i>Acer ginnala</i>	red
Hedge Maple, <i>A. campestris</i>	yellow

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