



## Galt Horticultural Society

Established 1891

### May Newsletter 2014

#### Previous General Meeting

**Monday, April 28, 2014**

Our own member, **Renate Wells**, presented her trip to the Mosaicultures Internationales Montreal 2013 from the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Her husband Chris assisted. Renate shared fabulous photos of the gardens displaying meticulously trimmed plants. These structures took the form of birds, fish, people, buildings, etc. and were produced from plants, apples, and organic materials, to name a few. Renate had a well prepared script to ensure she included the important details. We all thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. All 35 participants at the meeting greatly appreciated the time she and her husband spent to prepare the presentation.

#### Congratulations Winners!

50-50 draws – **Josephine Fraser** for March and **Susan Chapman** for April

Free passes to RBG – **Haydee Hutchinson** and **Kathy Buckwell**



#### Thank You Volunteers!

Greeter: **Helen Vousolkema**

Refreshments: **Audrey Anderton**

Chair Set-up: **Teresa Zurawski**

Garden and Cottage Clean-up – **Stuart and Heather**

**All volunteers please remember to put your name in the container every time you help to win a free Dream Garden 2015 pass!**

#### For Your Information

**Program plans for 2015** are well underway. The final details for presenters are now being completed. Again, we will be preparing a handout with all of the activities listed for the new year.

The program for the **Dream Garden Conference 2015** is prepared! The three speakers include: **Carson Arthur**, from Critical Listing HGTV; **Frank Kershaw**, an award winning horticulturalist with more than 40 years experience and is an instructor with George Brown College; and **Tom Brown and Susan Meisner** from Spindle Tree Gardens on the far east side of Toronto. Make sure to book Sunday, **January 18, 2015** for this special event. This is our 24<sup>th</sup> conference!

## Living Wreath Workshop

This workshop took place at Ferguson Cottage on May 14 at 5PM. Our own president, Liz Stacey, had a number of participants who created wonderful wreaths made with various materials. Plan to attend this workshop next year! **Come and see Nancy's wreath at the general meeting on May 26.**



## Up-Coming Events

### Open Garden Tours

These tours start on Monday, June 2 at Hedi Philippe and Mark Johnson's home. Remember to bring your membership card or booklet for insurance purposes. **New memberships, open garden packages, and bus trip tickets will be available.**

### Open Garden Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for some of the open garden locations. You can sign up at the general meeting on May 26 or at the first open garden tour on June 2. Information will be available to assist you with this task. Thanks for volunteering!

**August 25 Lavender Workshop at 7:00 pm** Ian Baird, from Terre Bleu Farm, on the west side of Milton, will be creating items using lavender. He owns one of the largest lavender farms in Ontario. He is currently a Board member of the Ontario Association of Lavender Farms. **He will be showing participants how to make lavender wands for \$15 each. Pre-register with Nancy at [nancy.smith@silomail.com](mailto:nancy.smith@silomail.com).**

**Plant Sale June 7 and 8 (9am to noon) and June 9 (Open Gardens).** Sue will have various plants for sale, especially hostas, at her home 145 Grand Avenue South Cambridge. Contact [hostahoehaven@gmail.com](mailto:hostahoehaven@gmail.com)

## Ferguson Cottage

**Volunteer Gardeners** This volunteer group started May 13. This group will meet every Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 11:00AM to keep the gardens in "tip top shape". The rain date is Thursday's at the same time. Contact Liz at [lmsliz@rogers.com](mailto:lmsliz@rogers.com). Come on out and lend a helping hand!

### Saturday, June 21 Bus Trip

Nancy has been busy organizing a trip to Whistling Gardens and two other gardens. The bus holds 56 individuals. Contact Nancy at [nancy.smith@silomail.com](mailto:nancy.smith@silomail.com) Fun time!

Executive members Liz, Audrey, Doreen, Nancy, Verity, and Jeanette wish you a great gardening season. Enjoy the garden tours, bus trip, and the lavender workshop in August. **See you back at Chartwells on Monday September 29 with Diane Hutchinson from Walter's Greenhouses talking about "Planting Bulbs".**