



Galt Horticultural Society

Circa 1891

September Newsletter 2015

Previous General Meeting

Monday, May 25, 2015

Stan Jones shared with us valuable information and photos about water gardening. His talk included different types of water gardens and materials needed. We also enjoyed viewing Stan and Carol's garden as part of the Open Garden Tours in 2015.

Open Garden Tours 2015

Many thanks to all of the homeowners who shared their gardens with us. Without their generosity our tours would not be possible. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out with these gardens including the Galt Horticultural executive.

Open Gardens for 2016

Open Garden Tours for 2016 have been arranged and are now in the writing stage. We have again over 30 fabulous spaces for you to enjoy next year! Booklets will be available at our Dream Garden Conference and at general meetings in 2016.



Up-Coming Events

1. Monday, September 28th, 2015

Moritz Sanio from the Grand River Conservation Authority will be our presenter. Moritz writes: "The topic will inspire gardeners to increase their gardens with valuable native species that are starting to make their presence known as the public begins to look at their gardens as a refuge and habitat for our pollinators and are looking for ways to reduce pesticide use, chemical fertilizers, supplemental irrigation, and hard work. I will have many examples of easy to grow plants and flowers and this may surprise a few with thoughts that are counterintuitive to conventional gardening. **My favourite is growing a beautiful garden is not hard work.** If you are working too hard than perhaps the methods you use should be modified a little and perhaps you should be growing more native species. After all they are easier to grow and manage and they attract all those creatures that we love to see in the garden and around the house. You know the ones I'm talking about birds, bees, and of course butterflies" . We look forward to seeing you at Chartwell Select Queen's Square Terrace located at 10 Melville Street South in Cambridge. Come and join us at 7 PM for refreshments prior to the meeting.

Ferguson Cottage Clean Up Friday

October 2 (6-7 PM) and Saturday October 3 (9-11 AM), Contact Liz lmsliz@rogers.com.

2. Monday, October 26th, 2015

We welcome Diana Pooke. Her topic will be "Fall Down and Spring Up - gardening in the Fall in Anticipation of Spring".

3. Orchid Society Conference

November 14 & 15, 2015 Contact info at www.essexcountyorchidsociety.webs.com

4. 25th Dream Garden Conference

Sunday, January 17th. Mark your calendars! Featuring "Frankie Flowers", Perry Grobe, and Chuck Chapman.

5. Ontario Horticultural Association

2016 Convention July 8, 9 and 10

The Ontario Horticultural Association is composed of 19 different societies. Galt Horticultural Society belongs to District 19 of this larger association. Our District 19 also includes the Societies of Waterloo, Kitchener, Hespeler, Elmira, Ayr, Preston, Wellesley and Wilmot.

On July 8, 9 and 10, District 19 will be hosting the Ontario Horticultural Association's 110th Convention for 2016 at the Waterloo Inn located in Waterloo and YOU can attend! There will be numerous speakers, workshops, vendors, silent auction and raffle. You will have an opportunity to meet many other people

from all over Ontario who share your love of gardening.

Galt Horticultural Society will be looking after the Silent Auction and Raffle during the day and evening on Friday, July 8th. We will be needing volunteers to help. Jobs will include: **supervising items, closing bid sheets, removing items to a nearby storage area, recording winning names, and distributing items.** Individuals will be part of a team and there will be an information session hosted by Jeanette Berenz prior to the auction date to go over details. Jobs will be easy to accomplish and repetitive in nature with breaks between. Please contact Jeanette at hun@megawire.ca or call 519-624-8998.

As well, if you have an item(s) for the auction or if you know of a business that would like to donate a prize, please contact Jeanette.

If you are interested in helping with other convention tasks, please contact Brenda Stericker at stericker1@execulin.com for more information. Brenda is in charge of the volunteers.

Please realize that if you contribute 15 hours prior to the convention and 15 hours during the convention, your registration fee is greatly reduced!

More details about the event will be coming in the future.

See you at our next meeting! Jeanette Berenz hun@megawire.ca or 519-624-8998