



# Galt Horticultural Society

Circa 1891

## February Newsletter 2016

### Previous General Meeting Monday, January 25, 2016

Our meeting was held at Chartwell Queen's Square Retirement Residence. Social time began around 7PM with refreshments, followed by a brief Annual General Meeting ceremony with our District 19 President Gary Brenner and Past President of the Ontario Horticultural Association James Graham.

Our presenter, Robert Pavlis, shared hints and tricks to make growing orchids easy.

Key Learnings included:

- Don't be Too nice, they're tougher than you think!
- Don't over water- use the finger test, if dry.... Wait 2 more days!
- No Special Fertilizer required
- Re-pot every 2 years, removing all old "soil", moss and dead roots. Use coconut husk if possible.
- Once flowering, don't reposition

His ideas made it very encouraging to try growing such gorgeous plants!

**Your new 2016 Executive includes:**

**Past President:** Liz Stacey

**President:** Jeanette Berenz

**Secretary:** Renate Wells

**Treasurer:** Verity Stott-Camm

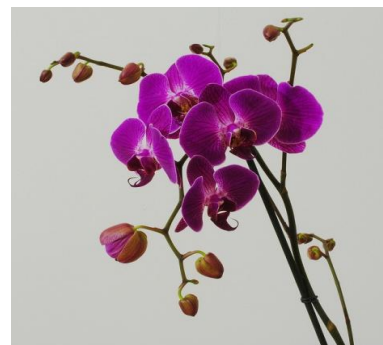
**Membership:** Nancy Smith

**Social Convenor:** Doreen McMillan

**Newsletter:** Lori Bennett-Davies

**Director:** Audrey Bailey

**Website Coordinator:** Neil Smith



Thanks to **Lori Bennett-Davies** who greeted people at the door. We thank **Doreen McMillan** and **Audrey Anderton** for serving tea and sweet treats in the kitchen. We do appreciate District 19 President **Gary Brenner** and **James Graham**, past president Ontario Horticultural Association, for helping with our January meeting!



## Up-Coming Events

There are many things to do in the next month to get you out and about in our communities!



### **1. Galt Horticultural Society Meeting**

**Monday, February 29, 2016**

Plan to attend our next meeting at Chartwell Queen's Square Retirement Residence. Social time begins around 7PM with refreshments.

**We will have TWO guest Presenters this evening. Delia will be sharing information on Community Giving Day from our Cambridge Bay store.**

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> presenter will be Peter Rasberry from Blair Outdoor and Education Centre. His topic will be The Story of Gaia's Gifts. Doreen, Helen and Teresa will be on hand to serve the sweets and refreshments. Chris Gandier will be your greeter this evening.**

### **2. rare Charitable Research Reserve**

**Conservation Research Education**

Upcoming activities around this 900+ acre land on Blair Road along the river banks include a March Break Family Fun Day, or perhaps an Owl Prowl anyone?

(these book up quickly). Say Hello to Kriss. For more details, please check the following website-

<http://www.raresites.org/>

### **3. Stratford Garden Festival**

**Thursday, March 3- Sunday, March 6 at the Stratford Rotary Complex**

Experience everything from:

- Flower arranging
- "Hostabilities"
- Food to Grow, growing vegetables
- Heavenly Hellebores and much more

Many TV and Local personalities: Carson Arthur, Frank Ferragine, Paul Zammit, David Hobson and more!

For more information, check the following website-

<http://www.on.lung.ca/stratfordgardenfestival>

### **4. New Dundee Garden Explosion**

**Saturday, March 19 at the New Dundee Community Center**

Key Speakers include Sean James and Peter Rasberry.

Meadow Acres will be demonstrating planter designs, Landscape ideas, as well as a Spring and Summer Fashion Show!

For more information, check the following website-

<http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/wil/mot/about/meetings/>

## **5. Ontario Horticultural Association 2016 Convention**

**Please note Location and Date change!!!**  
Our new location is at the newly refreshed  
***Crowne Plaza located at 105 King Street  
East in Kitchener.*** (As you know the  
Waterloo Inn, our previous location, was  
sold recently!) **Due to this location change  
the date is now July 29, 30, and 31.**

More information to follow.

Please continue to collect items for the  
Silent Auction. Please contact Jeanette  
[hun@megawire.ca](mailto:hun@megawire.ca) or 519-624-8998  
regarding your items. **Thanks!**

## **Memberships 2016**

Memberships are now available!  
Your GHS Membership card can provide a  
discount at some garden businesses and  
Save you \$\$\$. Don't miss out! Carry your  
2016 card with you and please inquire  
before paying for your purchase.  
Along with your membership, you will  
receive our Open Garden Booklet featuring  
33 fabulous private gardens over 10 weeks  
during June, July and August. You will also  
receive our 2016 Program Overview listing  
all of the activities available as a member of  
Galt Horticultural Society.



## **Help!!!! Volunteers Needed**

If you would like to lend a helping hand, we  
are looking for volunteers. We need  
greeters at monthly meetings and garden  
tours, and help with the Silent Auction at  
our Convention in July.



See you at our meeting on Monday,  
February 29th!

**Lori Bennett-Davies**