



Galt Horticultural Society

Circa 1891

March Newsletter 2016

Previous General Meeting Monday, February 29, 2016

Our meeting was held at Chartwell Queen's Square Retirement Residence. Social time began around 7PM with refreshments.

Delia Azvedo from the Hudson's Bay Company joined us to give our GHS members an opportunity to participate in Community Giving Day on March 24/16. By purchasing a \$5.00 ticket, proceeds will be donated to CHARITY (your GHS)- and SAVE up to 20% off throughout the store.

Peter Rasberry joined us for a very informative evening. He is an Outdoor Education Specialist with the Waterloo Region District School Board in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Peter teaches at the [Blair Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre](#), working with students from Grades 1 to 12. We were so grateful he was able to share his stunning photography with us.



It was great to see so many new faces!

Thanks to **Kriss Gandier** who greeted everyone at the door. We always appreciate our tea and sweets, served by **Doreen, Helen and Teresa**.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank **Peter** for the extra effort in joining us. He was toiling away tapping trees for syrup, but was still able to enlighten us with his work. **Liz Stacey** held the floor with an impromptu Q/A. Thank you **Liz**.

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, March 28, 2016

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

We will be having **Derek Lippert from Quiet Nature** talk to us about **Rain Garden Design and Installation**. **Derek Lippert is the owner of Quiet Nature Ltd.** (www.quietnature.ca), an award winning Waterloo Region based firm that has been focused on sustainable watershed friendly landscapes since 1999. In the past Derek has sat on

the City of Kitchener's Environmental Committee and the Region of Waterloo's Pesticide Reduction Task Force, and is a current member of the Township of North Dumfries Economic Development Advisory Committee. He lives on a small farm in Ayr, ON where he experiments with sustainable landscaping techniques and organic gardening.

Dereks's property, including his amazing natural swimming pool and pond, will be on our Open Garden tour this year on August 15!!

He is an outdoor enthusiast and naturalist, and in 2012 started a canoe trip fundraising event called The Grand River Adventure (<https://www.facebook.com/grandriveradventure>). He has developed a wealth of knowledge in the field of sustainable landscapes and ecological restoration, and loves the opportunity to come share his experiences.

Audrey Anderton and **Doreen** will be on hand to serve the sweets and refreshments.

Josephine and Fred Fraser will be your greeters 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:

- Knitting in Nature night, April 20. Free admission and kids are welcome.
- Earth Day road toll, April 22. Lamb's Inn parking lot, 1679 Blair Rd.
- Earth Day clean-up, April 22. 768 Blair Rd. Come out to rare and celebrate by helping with clean-up. Gloves and garbage bags are provided.
- Birdhouse building workshop, April 30. rare ECO Centre, 768 Blair Rd. Hands on for all ages and you will get to take your very own birdhouse home! \$15 per birdhouse.
- BOOTS AND BOLO BARN DANCE, Fri. May 27/16. To help fulfill the *Every Child Outdoors* environmental education programming at the **ECO Centre**. Along with delicious food, line dancing, and a live, experiential auction, this night will raise money so that *rare* can continue its *Every Child Outdoors* initiative of reconnecting young people with nature and providing them with a place to explore the natural world. All the food will be donated by some of the top restaurants in the Region including Langdon Hall, The Cambridge Mill, Borealis, Black Shop, and Easy Pour. contact Cheyanne Richardson at 519-650-9336 x 126 or via email at cheyanne.richardson@raresites.org.

Pre-registration is required for most events. For more details, please check the following website- <http://www.raresites.org/> or call 519-650-9336.



3. Hypertufa trough workshop (Large bowl)

Monday, April 25 at Ferguson Cottage, 37 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge from 6-7pm.

\$15.00 per registrant

Enjoy this Historic Early Scottish limestone cottage from 1838, on our lovely Grand River.

Bring a container (your mold, eg. a small bowl, box etc) along with gloves, and something larger to take it home with you. Your project needs time to set.

Wear some “older” clothing, just in case.

Make our own” bowl” and enjoy it in your own gardens!



4. Ferguson Cottage Gardens Clean up

Saturday, April 30 at Ferguson Cottage, 37 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge
1-4pm

We need your help! Please bring your gloves and pruning shears. _
Come out and enjoy this beautiful spot overlooking the Grand River.



5. GHS Plant Sale at Ferguson Cottage

Friday May 6 5pm-6:30pm Plant drop off

Saturday May 7 9am-11:30am Plant sale and Exchange

ADVANCED NOTICE- We know everyone will be out there tidying and surveying their own gardens.

Divide your favourite perennials and bring them to the cottage on Friday, May 6.

Saturday, May 7 buy some *new plants for your gardens* to take home.

6. Ontario Horticultural Association 2016 Convention July 29-31



This year’s theme is “Experience the Grand”. Enjoy numerous speakers, workshops, bus tours and more.

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 Friday, July 29, Saturday July 30, and Sunday, July 31.

More information to follow.

*** Please continue to collect items for the Silent Auction.***

Please contact Jeanette hun@megawire.ca or 519-624-8998 regarding your items. **Thanks.**

7. GHS Bus Trip “Through the Garden Gate”

Saturday June 11

Bus departure times will be confirmed soon.

View over 20 prestigious gardens at your own pace. A complimentary shuttle bus allows you to hop off and on to the various locations. Lunch options are available. More details to follow.

The full brochure page is included on the last page of this newsletter (page 5). You have the option of printing this for your information, or only print pages 1-4 for the newsletter.

Memberships 2016

Memberships are now available!

Haven't been to a meeting yet this year? Come out and join us and pick up your 2016 Membership card.

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 GHS 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 the June through August Open Garden tours, and help with the Silent Auction at our OHA Convention in July.



See you at our meeting on Monday, March 28.

Lori Bennett-Davies

Galt Horticultural Society Bus Tour 2016

TBG - Through the Garden Gate: The Kingsway



Photo by Paul Zammit

Join us on Saturday June 11, 2016 for:

The Toronto Botanical Garden's 29th annual "Through the Garden Gate" tour

This is a self-guided tour of over 20 residential gardens in The Kingsway, one of Toronto's most affluent neighborhoods, that allows you to discover the gardens at your own pace following a map and garden guide containing descriptions of the featured gardens.

A complimentary shuttle bus service is available to "hop on and hop off" along the route. Knowledgeable Master Gardeners will be at each garden to answer any questions about the plant materials and design features.

Lunch

Enjoy a delicious Picnic Lunch provided by a gourmet catering service.
After lunch enjoy the afternoon visiting more gardens on the tour.

Shopping

Complete the day with a stop at Humber Nurseries - a Gardening leader in annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, herbs and aquatic plants with varieties not commonly available at other nurseries. They offer over 225 different varieties of ornamental grasses, more than 3,200 different perennials, over 300 herbs and over 150 aquatic plants - plenty of variety to choose from!

Tickets are \$95.00 -- To purchase tickets:

Make cheques payable to G. H. S. Mail to: 1777 Seaton Road, Cambridge, ON N1R 5S2

Please include an email address on the back of your cheque to receive a confirmation number for your ticket.

Or online at www.eventbrite.ca

For more details, please email nancy@nsmith.ca or call Nancy Smith 519-623-7085.