



MARCH Newsletter 2017

February EVENTS

February General Meeting

At our February meeting Thelma Kessel from Colour Paradise spoke about new plants that can be used as Fillers, Spillers and Thrillers in our containers and gardens this summer. Thelma also gave us a virtual tour of the growing facility at Colour Paradise. Her presentation gave everyone a taste of what is to come this year and had us all looking forward to spring and a day buying plants in the greenhouse.

Many thanks go out to **Doreen McMillan** and **Audrey Anderton** for providing tea at the meeting and **Connie Boychuk** for greeting people at the door.

I would like to express our gratitude to **Lynne Goulet-Smith** and **Lowes** for the donation of some fabulous garden watering tools and **Thelma Kessel** for the donation of a beautiful succulent plant collection, all of which were included in the raffle.

The winners in the Raffle were:

Joyce Johnson, **Audrey Anderton** and **Janet Perkins** won Garden Watering tools, **Donna Campbell** won the succulent plants and **Jean Czuczman-Syvret** won the 50/50. Congratulations to all of you!

We are re-branding! In an effort to modernize and attract more members to our society, we are re-branding to gardenCambridge. We recognize the historical significance of the Galt Horticultural Society and will be retaining it in our name. We also want to include Ferguson Cottage as it is our feature garden. This is in line with the OHA re-branding to gardenOntario. Other societies are also moving to this re-branding and have experienced great success.



Galt Horticultural Society Meeting Monday, March 27, 2017

March's meeting will be held at Chartwell Queen's Square Retirement Residence - 10 Melville St. Social time begins around 7pm with refreshments followed by a presentation from **Terry Burr** on "The Burrs and Bees". Terry is the owner/operator of the family run The Burrs and the Bees business which produces award winning wild flower honey and beeswax candles. He will be high-lighting current issues with honey bee populations and how to attract bees to your garden.



McDougall Cottage Seedy Saturday

Join us on **Saturday April 8, 1 to 4 p.m.** at McDougall Cottage, 89 Grand Ave. South for Seedy Saturday and bring your seeds. They will have a

seed swap, gardening booths, a kid's craft and planting area and more as they welcome the gardening season. At 1:30 Angie Koch, Seed Library coordinator at Seeds of Diversity Canada will lecture on how to sow a succession of vegetables for continuous harvest throughout the growing season.

Admission is \$5 plus HST for adults and \$3 per child. Your admission enters you into a draw for gardening tools and a membership to the Galt Horticultural Society, courtesy of the Galt Horticultural Society.

For more information go to <http://mcdougallcottage.com> or contact Joleen Taylor at JTaylor@regionofwaterloo.ca

Hypertufa Trough Workshop

With spring just around the corner, we invite you to attend our **Hypertufa Trough Workshop** being held on **Monday May 8, 6:30 at Ferguson Cottage**.

This year we will be creating a round or square trough as per the pictures below. Further details about the workshop and a registration sheet will be available at the March meeting or use the following link to sign up online:

<http://galthort.com/hypertufa-trough>

Space is limited, so sign up early!

GHS members only please! Memberships will be available at the March Meeting or by following the following link to our website:

<http://galthort.com/membership-signup>



Round Trough made with bowl - \$15.00



Square Trough made with boxes - \$20.00

Plant Sale and Exchange

On **Saturday May 13** we will be holding our annual Plant Sale and Exchange. Once the ground thaws and your perennials start to peek through the soil, please consider taking some divisions and bringing them to exchange with plants from other gardeners. We will also have a wide variety of plants from garden centres available for purchase. Everyone is welcome, bring your Mom or buy her some plants since it is the Mother's Day weekend.

Open Garden Tour

We are still looking for gardens for our Open Garden Tour this summer. If you know of a gardener we could contact to include on our tour, please contact Audrey Bailey at opengardens@galthort.com or (519) 623-1988.



We are still looking for Volunteers to help out as greeters at meetings and Open Gardens during the summer. Please contact nancy@galthort.com or call me at 519-623-7085 if you would like to help. We also need help maintaining with gardens at Ferguson Cottage. You can contact Liz Stacey at liz@galthort.com to get details. Thanks to all those who have already offered to help!

Nancy Smith