

April Newsletter 2017



March General Meeting

At our March meeting Terry Burr from The Burrs and the Bees spoke about the condition of bee populations and how we can help bees survive. Terry brought a bee hive to show how he raises bees. He talked about different pests and diseases affecting bees such as varroa mites and neonicotinoids. Terry was very informative and answered many questions.

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

Also thanks to **Jean Czuczman-Syvret** who donated her 50/50 winnings from February's meeting and matched that amount as a donation to GHS.

Again we had some fabulous watering tools donated by **Lynne Goulet-Smith** and **Lowes** which were included in the raffle.

Welcome and thanks to **Dave Neale** for entertaining us with his surprise raffle at the end of the meeting. Expect to be entertained again this month!

Congratulations to **Liz Stacey** who won the 50/50 and congratulations to all the others that won raffle prizes!

Galt Horticultural Society Meeting Monday, April 24, 2017

April'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 **Robert Pavlis on "Tackling Shade"**. Robert has been gardening for more than 30 years. He is a Master Gardener who speaks about gardening at many local gardening events and horticulture meetings. He contributes 'Plant of the Month' articles for the Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society, writes articles for some local newspapers and teaches a 6 week Gardening Fundamentals course at the local university.



Ferguson Cottage Spring Cleanup

On Saturday, April 29, come out and help clean up the gardens at Ferguson Cottage. We will be there between 1:00 & 3:00. Join us for an hour or the afternoon while we spend some time pruning back the perennials and preparing the gardens for summer. Contact Liz Stacey at liz@galthort.com for more information.

Hypertufa Trough Workshop

With spring finally here, 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 April 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 April Meeting or by following this 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** between 9:00 and 11:30 am, we will be holding our annual Plant Sale and Exchange. Now that spring has arrived and your perennials are starting 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.

At the same time on May 13th, we are also holding our **2nd annual Garden Yard Sale**. Please bring in any garden related items you wish to donate.

Drop off for the Plant Exchange and Yard Sale is between **5:00 & 7:00 pm on Friday May 12**.

Open Garden Tour

The schedule for the 2017 Open Garden tour is almost complete. This year we will be publishing the schedule, descriptions, maps and dates on our website – www.galthort.com. This way you can print or download to your mobile device the details for a single night or all the nights on the tour. If you would still like to have the full Open Garden Booklet, we will be charging \$5.00 to cover printing costs.



GHS Bus Tour – Saturday Aug. 12

We are in the planning stages for the 2017 bus tour scheduled for Saturday Aug. 12. More details to come in the next newsletter.

Kitchener Waterloo Garden Club *“Garden Party”*

Friday, June 2nd 3-8 pm & Saturday, June 3rd 10 am – 5 pm. Tickets are \$5.00.

Location: Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Ave., Kitchener.

The K-W Garden Club is having their 60th anniversary celebration this year with a Flower Show in June. Please join them as they present a “Garden Party” with floral designs and horticultural exhibits, tea room & sales boutique (cash or cheque only).

High Tea is available at a cost of \$20.00 – reservations required at myra.takasaki@gmail.com
Contact: **Gay Anderson 519 893-6827** for more details.

Stratford & District Horticulture Society - Spring Plant Sale

Saturday May 27 2017 8 am to 2 pm

Location: 612 Erie St. Stratford

Member-grown plants for sale at AMAZING prices. Annuals, vegetable seedlings, specialty herbs, familiar varieties and rarities will be available. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer FREE planting advice. Snacks prepared by the Local Community Food Centre. For more information see

www.gardenontario.org/site.php/stratford

Elmira Horticulture's Baby Blue Spruce Fundraiser

Elmira has baby blue spruces for sale. They come in a 4" pot with a good root system and ready to plant. They range in height from 8" - 10" with varying degrees of bushiness. They would be excellent for hedging or screening. Instructions will be offered with each initial purchase. They can be picked up starting in May and ending in Sept/October.

The Baby Blue Spruces sell for \$4 each. You can place your order with Louise Bexton (519)210-2110 or albexton@gmail.com or Christine Webb (519)404-2042 or christinefrances54@gmail.com



Cambridge Garden Centre is now selling their plant material at wholesale prices to the public. They will no longer be able to offer a 10% discount to Galt Horticultural Society members. The great news is that wholesale pricing is better pricing than we

previously received. Please note: at wholesale pricing, they will no longer be able to warranty their plant material.



We are still looking for Volunteers to help out as greeters on Monday evenings for the Open Garden tour during the summer. Please contact nancy@galthort.com or call me at 519-623-7085 if you would like to help.

For all the members that helped last year, we again are maintaining our gardens at Ferguson Cottage. So if you and a friend are free to assist, we could use help with cleaning up the gardens and pulling weeds. For a member of the garden committee to be at the cottage, plan for a Tuesday morning starting May 16 from 9:00 to 11:00. For more information contact Liz Stacey at liz@galthort.com.

Thanks to all those who have already offered to help!

A sign-up sheet will be available at April's meeting for those that wish to help at the Open Gardens and Ferguson Cottage.

Nancy Smith