



September Newsletter 2017



May General Meeting

At our May meeting before our summer break, the ladies from Colour Paradise came to talk about summer plants and brought many items that were raffled off. They were filling in for the Kayanase Nursery who was unable to attend. We had a very entertaining meeting and almost everyone went home with a prize.

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.

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

Thanks to **Dave Neale** for entertaining us with his "last chance" Raffle at the end of the meeting.

Canada 150 Birthday Celebration

On June 25th we celebrated Canada's birthday with the grand opening of our new centre garden at Ferguson Cottage. Everyone that attended the celebration was treated to Strawberry Shortcakes while they enjoyed the Ferguson Cottage gardens. Gary Brenner – aka Mr. Bee, Director of OHA

District 19 was on hand to bring congratulations from the OHA.



Thanks to all the volunteers that came out to help create the new garden at Ferguson Cottage. Special thanks go out to **Norman & Shirley Warren** for creating and implementing the design and **Neil Smith, Nancy Smith and Liz Stacey** for building the living wall and giving direction to the volunteers that also helped.

Open Gardens 2017

From June to August our members were invited to attend some outstanding gardens on the summer garden tour. Thanks to all the wonderful hosts on the tour. I know each and every one of you put a lot of extra effort into preparing your gardens for the tour and it showed! Also thanks to the greeters who volunteered to help out on each Monday night, you really make the tour run smoothly.

On Aug. 21st the GHS Board hosted the final garden tour at Ferguson Cottage where everyone was treated to a corn roast. The corn, watermelon and lemonade were delicious and everyone had a wonderful time viewing the gardens and chatting with other members.





A special thanks to John Wellwood for preparing and serving the corn.

Bus trip 2017

This year's bus trip took us to three gardens on the "Rural Gardens of Grey Bruce Counties" tour. The three gardens we visited were Yesterday's Gardens, Folmer's Botanical Gardens and Wild Things Plant Farm. Each one had its own charm and areas of interest. A delicious lunch was served at Folmers and everyone went home with plants selected from the amazing assortment available at each location.



Wild Things Plant Farm

Although it threatened to rain, we were lucky to have the major storm pass by while on the bus. A great time was had by all.



Galt Horticultural Society Meeting **Monday, Sept. 25, 2017**

September'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 **Meadow Acres** showing us **Thanksgiving Table Arrangements**.

Meadow Acres was established in 1985 and continues to grow and carry an unrivalled stock of outdoor plants, garden furniture and garden sundries! You can visit the garden centre at 2315 Queen Street, Petersburg (Wilmot)



2nd Annual Children's Pumpkin **Decorating Workshop** **Sat. Oct 21, 2017 9:30 – 11:30**

Once again we will be holding a Children's Pumpkin Workshop at Ferguson Cottage. We will be providing the pumpkins and decorating materials. Space is limited and all spaces were taken last year so sign up early so you don't miss the fun! This is a free workshop for children and grandchildren of members with a \$5.00 fee for non-members.

Fall Workshop
Monday, Oct. 23, 2017
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Save the date! We are planning a fall workshop at Ferguson Cottage to create a "Margarita Succulent" garden. Cost will be \$5.00 per garden and you can make more than one! Bring your own succulents, planting material if you want a particular colour and bling, we will have some of the materials available along with the "Margarita Glasses". Sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting or email liz@galthort.com.



Ferguson Cottage Garden Fall
Clean-up Dates

Please join us at Ferguson Cottage to help with the **fall clean-up** of the gardens and changes to the Canada 150 garden. Dates are:

Monday Oct 16 **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Wednesday Oct 18 **4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Thursday Oct 19 **4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Rain dates will be the same days in the next week.



Once again I can't say enough about the generosity of all our members that have donated their time and energy to make all our events and the gardens at Ferguson Cottage fabulous!

BUT We still need volunteers to help on our committees and up-coming events such as the Dream Garden Conference so please contact one of the board members if you are interested. A list of committees, events and board members is available on our website [GHS Committees](#)

In particular, the board is seeking a candidate volunteer to lead the **Open Gardens Committee**. **This position is essential in the success of the 2018 Open Garden program.** Please contact Nancy Smith at nancy@galthort.com if you would like more information or are interested in the position.

Nancy Smith