WELCOME to the Galt Horticultural Society’s Open Garden Tours for 2018! This year you will travel to various locations in Cambridge, Kitchener, Ayr, Guelph and Puslinch. All of the tours take place from 7 to 9 PM, rain or shine except the Day Lily Garden tour taking place in Puslinch on Saturday July 14 between 10am and 1pm.

Every attempt has been made to ensure details are correct. We apologize in advance if there are any errors. As well, at times a garden needs to be cancelled and we will let you know if that happens.

As in previous years, please note the garden tour etiquette rules. Thank you for taking care of all the properties that you visit. We are also publishing maps to help you navigate your way as well as a brief write-up about each property. Please bring your membership card to each tour location to help the Garden Tour greeters.

Greeters will again be wearing the neon yellow vests. Please see them if you need assistance. To help you locate the properties the Galt Horticultural Society Open Garden signs will be on each front yard. Evening passes will be available for $3 per person per evening for non-members.

We greatly appreciate each and every gardener who has agreed to place their property on the tour for 2018. A Big thanks to all our Open Garden Hosts from the members of the Galt Horticultural Society and the Open Garden Committee.

Enjoy the tours and please do not hesitate to contact the committee with any comments or questions.

**Galt Horticultural Open Garden Committee**

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Open Garden Tour Etiquette

1. Adhere to the schedule. If the garden is open from 7:00 to 9:00, do not arrive at 6:30 to beat the crowd while the hosts are hurrying to get ready, or show up at 8:50 and expect to view the garden for an hour.

2. Leave pets and small children at home.

3. Paths are to be walked on.

4. Ask permission before taking photographs.

5. Do not remove plant markers in order to read them.

6. If you have questions, do ask the hosts. They will be happy to talk to you.

7. Don’t brag about your own garden, but, if you need help, ask the hosts to share their secrets for success.

8. If you see something you don’t care for, keep it to yourself.

9. Never weed, prune, pick or rearrange plants.

10. Do not ask for cuttings.

11. Taking seed heads or cuttings when you think nobody is watching is stealing.

12. If you are allergic to insect bites, discreetly use your own bug spray.

13. Unless it is an absolute emergency, do not ask to use the bathroom.

14. Make sure that you find the hosts and thank them for opening their garden.
# Galt Horticultural Society

**Open Gardens 2018 Schedule**

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44 Cottonwood Cres. Cambridge  
Karen and Mark Kerry

4 Spooner Cres. Cambridge  
Roger & Cynthia Bruns

**Monday July 30 (Map 8)**

450 Blair Rd. Cambridge  
Craig & Kari Beitz  
* Registration Location

44 Newman Dr. Cambridge  
Kati & Ron Bujna

11 Hawthorne Dr., Cambridge  
Nancy & Dave Hammond

**Monday Aug 13 (Map 9A & 9B)**

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Robert Pavlis - Aspen Grove

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**Monday Aug 27 – 6:30 – 9:00 (Map 11)**

Ferguson Cottage  
Tour of Downtown Galt  
& 2nd Annual Corn Roast  
* Registration Location

Sharp My Knife  
Architectural College Parking Lot

Sculpture Garden  
CANCELLED

McDougall Cottage  

Pedestrian Bridge  

Flower Market
Monday, June 11, 2018

Ian & Sue Goodhand 1045 Studiman Rd. Cambridge

Stephen & Sandra Taylor 1458 McLean Rd. Cambridge

*NOTE: Please visit 1045 Studiman Rd. first if you wish to purchase/renew your membership or purchase a Nightly Pass. Open Garden Booklets will also be available.

Ian & Sue live in a historic stone cottage with an addition painted in a blue-green colour. The same colour has been used on the garage and workshop. Stone columns and the “Goodhand Dr” sign at the road let you know you are at the right place. A long drive lined with black walnuts leads you to a cobbled stone paved area at the house and garage. The cobbles continue as a path in the backyard. To one side at the front, a pond with a fountain and bridge can be found. A perennial garden anchors one end and clumps of irises surround it. Behind the pond there is a stand of cedars that provide privacy and shelter for the house.

Many perennial gardens surround the house filled with hosta and other shade loving plants. Beside the side porch a sunnier gardens contains French lavender, ligularia, lupins, lilies and other perennials. The back of the side fence is lined with peonies. Large maple, tamarac and black walnuts give shade to the yard. A bench at the back of the yard is flanked by fragrant lilacs. On the back patio, an old water pump has been installed as a fountain.

There is another small pond at the back of the yard leading to an enclosure containing a big bird... perhaps an Emu!

Stephen and Sandra have lived in this home for 39 years. In the years that they have been there, they have been renovating the house and gardens. The ice storm we experienced earlier this spring was quite devastating to their garden, killing several shrubs that were just coming into bud. They are now looking at what to replace them with. The gardens are still full of amazing species of shrubs, trees and perennials.

In the front a huge silver maple, chestnut and red maple trees toward the street provide some privacy and shade. To one side there is a garden with a variety of shrubs and trees including tri-colour and bright lime green beech trees. There are many unusual evergreen shrubs and beautiful Japanese maples. A boxwood hedge lines the path to the front entry where a garden containing euonymus, daphne, azalias, ferns and a pine shrub welcome guests. A huge hydrangea vine climbs the fence along the interlocking brick path that leads to the backyard. A beautiful shed fills the corner of the yard and a matching one stands in the pool area. More interesting shrubs fill the gardens in the back including pines, Japanese maples, orange flowering azaleas, and a pea shrub that centres one garden. A wrought iron gazebo flanked with lilacs is a lovely place to sit and enjoy the garden views.

Closer to the house perennial beds are filled with bee balm, irises, daises, brunnera and phlox to name some of the plants and another large hydrangea vine covers a railing. A metal trellis covered in clematis and pots filled with colourful geraniums lead to the back door. As you continue through the backyard you come to a set of steps leading to the pool area off to one side. A garden surrounds the area and a mature deep red beech tree fills one corner and a red bud sits in another. Pots of colourful annuals dot the area.
The screened-in porch is a favourite spot for Stephen and Sandra in the summer months. With traditional screen doors on either side, it has a cottage feel and gives a path between the pool and back door porch areas.

Monday Jun 11 - Map 1
Monday, June 18, 2018

Derek Lippert - Quiet Nature
Bill & Lynn Labron

1124 Nith Rd, Ayr *
807757 Oxford Road 29
(Drumbo Road ) RR1 Drumbo

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Derek and his family live in the country just outside Ayr. Not only is this a place for his family to enjoy, but it is also his place of business called “Quiet Nature”. There are meadows full of wild flowers, birds and butterflies, more formal gardens around the house and a beautiful swim pond with a meandering river under a mature tree to be seen. Chickens are kept at the side of the house along with plants for his landscape business. A deck outside the back of the house leads to a bridge that crosses the pond. Derek says that his favourite place is a rock where the river joins the pond that he can sit on with his boys to enjoy the nature all around them.

Bill and Lynn have lived on their country property for 22 years. This spot is a high point in the neighbourhood and this spring the wind and ice storms did quite a bit of damage. Many cedars in their hedge were broken and had to be cut down and a shed at the back of the property was uprooted and turned on its side. Being on a high point may have its draw backs in extreme weather, but it also provides beautiful views.

At the front there are several mature maples – one that is 100 – 200 years old. The gardens in the front include a variety of liliums, tulips, daffodils, hostas and peonies.

Around the back a natural swim pond has been installed. On one side of the yard, a berm has been created to block the view of the road. The berm has been planted with cedars and service berry shrubs.

The pond is surrounded with gardens that contain a wide variety of perennials including coneflowers, Russian sage, asters, bee balm, penstemons, black-eyed Susan, day lilies, coreopsis, speedwell, lavender and butterfly weed. Many oriental grasses and shrubs surround the pond as well. The plants in the pond help to clean the water by using the nitrogen and phosphates that would otherwise allow algae to form. The pond attracts many different types of birds including a red tail hawk that nests on a farm silo next door. It also supports an impressive choir of frogs with seven different types identified last season.
Monday, June 25, 2018

Audrey Bailey 1373 Edworthy Side Rd.  CANCELLED
Brian & Diane Houston 1697 Cedar Creek Rd. *
Janet Perkins 482 Grand Ridge Dr.

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Audrey writes: This is definitely a country garden. Around the curved lane stand ancient spruce trees that provide privacy and shelter. Beneath the trees a great variety of hostas and sedum keep the weeds at bay. There are gardens surrounding the house on all sides, mostly perennials accompanied by annuals for constant colour.

An ugly shed is covered with Dutchman's pipe. Beside the shed you will find phlox, zinnias, gooseneck loosestrife, irises and false sunflowers. Closer to the house, the garage is covered with clematis, climbing rose, honeysuckle and an uninvited trumpet vine. A large clump of north sea oats provides welcome dry arrangements in the fall.

Nestled among a variety of plants stand forty year old peonies that become more magical every year. At the gardens edge, an arbour invites you to look to the lovely fields of waving corn and a hedge of Indian Cup plants attaining the height of eight to ten feet.

Brian & Diane purchased this vast country property in 2007 and they immediately began restoring both the house and gardens. This 1850 stone house is complimented by stately spruces that provide shade and shelter from the prevailing winds. The front entrance is invitingly planted with shrubs making it welcoming to come in.

The shady side of the house is flanked by hostas and a variety of woodland plants. The sunnier side is filled with bright colourful perennials, including a 3 year old wisteria vine that flowers profusely.

By the back door, a convenient herb garden has been planted with a fountain at the centre. The birds love the fountain as do numerous kittens. Further from the house, a crumbling swimming pool has been filled in and replaced by four meticulously manicured gardens. A bench invites you to sit and enjoy the view.

Janet has been in her home for 32 years and all the gardens were started from the original builders grass. In the front there is a large Sun-Burst Locust that gives dappled shade to the “yellow” garden underneath. This garden contains a variety of plants with yellow blooms or foliage. A large yellow variegated Euonymus vine and bush flank the front entry and continue the yellow theme. Moving around to the side of the house the garden contains a weeping Red Bud and copper Beech under-planted with ground cover.

Both sides of the house have shady areas. One side has ferns, bleeding hearts, coral bells and other woodland flowers. The other is filled with pachysandra ground cover. The side garden paths open to a sunny backyard with winding trails up an embankment between perennial gardens filled with poppies, phlox, a carpet rose that has been trained to grow on a trellis, irises, peonies, hydrangea, ornamental grasses, a mat of purple
thyme under a light house and many other perennials. To one side, vegetable and herb gardens contain raspberries, alpine strawberries, rhubarb, parsley and other herbs. To the back, stone paths wind between mats of blue flowering periwinkle, ivy and fragrant lily of the valley. Trees & shrubs that stand in the garden include pears, purple sand cherry, honey suckle, spirea and variegated red dogwood. Around the back porch is the “white” garden filled with white flowering perennials such as Solomon Seal, phlox, hellebores, roses, tulips, daffodils, bleeding heart, coreopsis, and a white Rose of Sharon tree. A mature pea shrub in the corner has been home to many birds over the years.

Take some time to wander the gardens and enjoy the design combinations of shrubs, trees, plants and ground covers that make the gardens beautiful in all seasons.

Monday Jun 25 - Map 3
Monday, July 9, 2018

Liz & Ed Hutchinson 35 Beasley Rd.

Vivian & Don Christie 20 Hilborn Ave. *

Michelle & Tony Domingos 52 Timber Creek Cres.

* NOTE: Please visit 20 Hilborn Ave. first if you wish to purchase/renew your membership or purchase a Nightly Pass. Open Garden Booklets will also be available.

Liz & Ed live busy active lives with their 3 children. In the front of their home they share gardens with both of their neighbours with river rock acting as a ground cover on the edges. The river rock also flows through the centre garden joining in with the side garden containing columnar oaks. Low growing junipers form a mat along the sidewalk and large clumps of ornamental grasses line the side of the driveway. A large red lace leaf Japanese maple and service berry shrubs are planted by the house.

A patterned concrete walkway leads to the backyard where you find an artificial turf putting green that was installed by the previous owners. Liz and Ed have considered replacing it but for the time it makes a wonderful play area for the children. Large Trumpet vines cover the fence as you walk to a cabana in the corner of the yard next to the swimming pool. Large architectural stones form a wall in front of a large wood deck with a blue spruce sheltering one side. The garden on top of the stone wall is filled with hostas and day lilies with periwinkle ground cover. The fence on the far side of the pool supports hydrangea and clematis vines.

At the top of the steps up to the deck, there is a small pond with gold fish and turtles that has been surrounded in fencing to keep the racoons out.

Over a chain link fence at the back of the yard there is an amazing view of the lake in Shade’s Mills Conservation Area.

Don & Vivian write: We have a mature garden which requires little upkeep. Some of our favourite plants/trees in our back yard are the Japanese Angelica, Japanese Red Maples and Sumacs. In our front yard our favourite trees are a Lilac, an Umbrella tree situated between various shrubs and another Japanese Red Maple and Red Maple.

Our water features in our back yard are a small and large pond with a waterfall. The large pond has various gold fish and resident frogs. Vivian enjoys the various statues of animals and Buda heads located in both the front and back yards. There are some benches placed in the rear garden to view the waterfalls and back yard.

The front yard style is more traditional with perennials sprinkled amongst the shrubs.

Michelle and Tony write: WELCOME to “My Happy Place.” This is a message we have on a street sign on our deck; a message that rings true for our family and friends who gather in our backyard throughout the summer.

In the summer of 2016, we blew up our existing gardens and installed an in-ground swimming pool. During pool construction, we were torn between loving the idea of a pool and feeling sad that the gardens were
gone. To our surprise and elation, once the construction was complete, we still had a wonderful piece of property to garden.

Our love of hydrangeas, hostas, peonies and clematis is evident – they virtually make up the entire garden with a sprinkling of annuals and other plants for good measure.

Our daughter’s friend once commented “you must really love your garden, I always see you water your plants before you feed your kids.” Hahaha...we do feed the kids, but yes, we water the garden first!

We welcome you to come to our home last, have a seat anywhere you wish! Enjoy yourself and stay awhile! (If you’re so inclined, bring a bathing suit too)

Gardens are meant to be shared and enjoyed.

**Monday July 9 - Map 4**
Saturday, July 14, 2018
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Michael Georges
(Quintessential Daylilies)
76 Gilmour Road, Puslinch *

Dave Mussar
(Hillside Daylilies)
4083 Watson Road South, Puslinch

* NOTE: Please visit 76 Gilmour Road first if you wish to purchase/renew your membership or purchase a Nightly Pass. Open Garden Booklets will also be available.

Michael was a guest speaker at one of our meetings last fall and at that time we asked if we could visit his gardens in the following summer. So here we are visiting his lily gardens.

Michael is a retired professor from the University of Toronto where he taught organic chemistry. He lives on a 10-acre property and plants about 1200 seedlings a year with a focus on brightly-coloured flowers, especially reds, purples and yellows. Of late, his focus has been on toothy flowers. He makes his own compost out of leaves and grass, occasionally supplemented with horse and llama manure. Michael has many unusual and beautiful day lilies to view and for sale. You may not be able to resist purchasing some of his introductions!

Dave writes: Welcome to Hillside Daylilies! We are located on a 2.5 acre property in Puslinch. While I have always had daylilies in the garden, it was the summer of 2000 when I was first introduced to the world of modern hybrid daylilies and immediately made my first crosses. The following spring I joined the Ontario Daylily Society and the American Hemerocallis Society and have not looked back. I have focused on Extra-Early blooming tets in an attempt to improve the look of cultivars that bloom at about the same time as Stella D’Oro. I have also worked on speckled, spotted and striped daylilies, patterns and toothy edges as well. I will have many varieties of day lilies to see and some for purchase as well.
Saturday July 14 – Map 5A

Directions from Ferguson Cottage (Cambridge) to Michael George’s location (Puslinch)
Saturday July 14 – Map 5B

Directions from Michael George’s location to Dave Mussar’s location
Monday, July 16, 2018

Peter Beggs
44 Freure Dr. *

Diana Esmits
33 Brant Rd. South.

Marion Parkinson
24 Aberdeen Rd. S.

Britta & Peter Wright
28 Aberdeen Rd. S

Manuel Da Silva
26 Leslie Ave

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The boulevard in front of Peter’s home is composed of mats of thyme and low growing junipers. The front yard is filled with evergreen and deciduous shrubs in contrasting colours that attract your attention. A cooper beech stands at the corner of the lot.

As you come around to the side of the property you will see a wrought iron fence and a gate that has been surrounded with a whimsical wrought iron structure and flanked by a pair of stone dog statues, giving the yard a grand welcoming entrance. A new stand of Columnar Oaks has been planted to one side of the gate.

Inside the yard, there is so much to see. A large oval pergola with chandeliers hanging over the dining area centres the design. This area is surrounded with large evergreens and perennials making it very private and cozy. Wander along the paths through the gardens and discover more beautiful garden décor amongst the plantings such as flying birds and a maple leaf screen. Peter supports our local artisans by purchasing his sculptures at the One of a Kind Craft Show.

Diana’s home is located on a corner lot with gardens occupying most of the property. A stone path leading to the front door is surrounded by gardens filled with periwinkle and sweet woodruff ground covers and dotted with perennials. A flowering almond and a white Rose of Sharon tree also occupy the area. The gardens beside the driveway contain Norfolk Pine, deutzia, mock orange, Miss Kim lilacs, pink Rose of Sharon and pyramid dogwood shrubs, all under-planted with ground covers that fill the gardens.

Under the large Norway maple, at the front, you will find columbine, variegated sedum, campanula, and Hellebore, or Lenten Roses, in deep purple, white and pink. Rock iris and spring bulbs fill all the beds. Further south in this garden where it receives more sun you will find moss phlox, poppies, double and single flowering peonies, alliums, cranesbills and primula just to name a few of the perennials. Behind one of the single peonies you will find a very fragrant Gas Plant. Ground covers of sweet woodruff and grape hyacinths make a mat of white and purple flowers in the spring. A mulberry tree stands at the front of the house along with a garden on a slope filled with pachysandra and day lilies.
On the sunny south side of the lot you can see a weeping purple flowering crab apple tree, variegated iris and hosta, orange flowering quince shrubs and a very fragrant white lilac. The south slope is covered with lavender, low growing junipers and moss phlox.

A trellis under a black locust tree at the top of the slope is covered in hydrangea, wisteria and euonymus vines and leads to a secluded side garden and porch. Here you will find a water feature in the stone patio and overwintered plants brought out to the porch. Many shrubs and trees including a mature Japanese Red Maple as you enter, a dwarf cut leaf spider maple at the pond and a mulberry tree in the back corner fill the area. The gardens overflow with shade friendly plants such as azalías, astilbe, and bleeding hearts. Honeysuckle vines trail over the arbour and around the old and dying double flowering cherry tree. Purple clematis climbs the back fence and a pink and white summer flowering, and a late flowering white clematis, climb the front arbour. At the back of the house, a fence supports a mature trumpet vine and various clematis such as weigela and Miss Kim lilacs fill the spaces along the path. Take your time to stroll through all the gardens – there is so much to see and enjoy.

Marion’s home has been in her husband’s family since it was built in the 1930’s. Marion moved here when they were married 24 years ago. In front there is a garden between the front steps and the house which contains an assortment of miniature Hostas. In front of the steps the garden holds a variety of perennials such as hellebores, cranesbills, sedums, hens & chicks and fall flowering crocuses. A bank of Spireas lines the front of the porch and a large magnolia bush occupies the other side.

A gate from the driveway leads to the back garden which is centred by a large spruce that gives afternoon shade. Also around the perimeter are Lilacs, a Japanese maple, Hydrangea bushes and vines and a Weeping Nootka Cyprus which Marion calls her sad tree since it was planted when her nephew died. Gardens around the back porch contain salmon colour iris, short alliums, peonies, lavender and a salmon coloured poppy among other perennials and annuals. Marion loves to sit on her back porch and enjoy her haven.

Britta & Peter have lived at this location for 19 years. The front yard is shady with a huge mature Maple on one side of the house and a mature Ginkgo at the street.

There is a plaque on a stone in the front garden, celebrating Peter’s parent’s 50th wedding anniversary that was moved here from his parent's home on Lansdowne when they moved out of that house.

In the back there is a row of Columnar Maples, 2 white flowering Magnolia trees and a Japanese maple across the back and side of the property. Cedars have been planted at the back and a new fence is being installed to provide more privacy. The trees provide a canopy of shade for the hostas and ferns growing in the gardens. A weeping pine provides a focal point to one side in front of the gardens. Since the plants are well suited for their locations, they allow the gardens to be low-maintenance. The screened-in porch at the back of the house is the favourite place to spend lots of time during the summer months.

The front of Manuel’s home features stone gates at the entry to the driveway. The driveway is lined on both sides with gardens filled with roses and lilies and annuals. A 2-tier weeping Mulberry stands to one side, a
mature lace leaf Japanese maple anchors the centre garden and a large crab apple occupies the other side of the driveway. Summer bulb including Freesia, ranunculus and anemones are planted at the front of the porch.

In the back, you will find many plants that have been over-wintered inside including an Angel Trumpet, Amazon Lilies and lantana, lime, lemon and fig trees. Two large wisteria vines cover the back wall of the house while grapes, blueberries and strawberries occupy a side garden and a vegetable garden runs across the back. Three fruit trees – one with 3 types of pears, another with 4 types of plums and the third with 9 types of apples stand in the middle and back of the yard.

Monday, July 23, 2018

Connie & Edward Boychuk
Karen and Mark Kerry
Roger & Cynthia Bruns

127 Attwood Drive *
44 Cottonwood Crescent
4 Spooner Crescent
*NOTE: Please visit 127 Attwood Drive first if you wish to purchase/renew your membership or purchase a Nightly Pass. Open Garden Booklets will also be available.*

**Connie and Edward write:** We moved to Ontario three and a half years ago and have totally changed the property. The front yard is full of drought tolerant perennials, annuals, shrubs, flagstone walkways and features a mounded colorful and textural focal point of foliage. The back yard is anchored with a wooden gazebo girdled by a large flagstone patio. Flowering shrubs and colorful plants fill in between the flagstone and the fenced yard. The dry creek bed complements the stone-scape theme. Last summer, they completed creating a matching dry-scape boulevard. Once again, new plants did come through the winter in great shape. Connie and Edward hope you enjoy the gardens as much as they appreciate the gardening community in Cambridge!

**Karen and Mark write:** We are original owners of the property. With the focal point of an in-ground pool and petite pergola, we began landscaping the backyard when we moved in 13 years ago. The multi-level backyard has established trees and various shrubs. Grasses border the steps leading down to a quaint flagstone fire pit area that overlooks the pond backing onto our property. Favourite features in the backyard are the rock walls built from rocks gathered on the Cottonwood (street) construction site and the lavender that is so fragrant when it blossoms in front of the pool retaining wall. The hill area is a challenge we continue to experiment with.

Seven years ago we designed, removed all sod and planted our front and side gardens. Our gardens continue to be a work in progress with some plants thriving, some plants being taken over in space and some plants not sure about the increasing shade from a beautiful Maple tree. This summer, I think it is time to remove some of the Euonymous plants that rabbits harshly prune every winter and never get a chance to fill in along the fence. Those rabbits keep parts of the garden looking young! Favourites of the front yard are the Thyme walkway as well as the Hosta area along the front entranceway. We hope you enjoy our gardens and the beautiful, natural surrounding area which adds to the serenity.

Thanks for your patience! Cheers to spring gardening!!

**Roger & Cynthia write:** As the present owners of 4 Spooner Crescent, we have enjoyed living in this home for 9 years. Since moving to the corner property we have made a number of changes to the landscaping to make it a welcoming outdoor living area.

The front yard landscaping has a number of mature Blue Spruce trees and is accented by the Boston Ivy growing on the building and Boxwood hedges surrounding the residence. The house has been built on a slightly higher elevation which positions the backyard on a natural lower level basin. An arbor stone wall surrounds the pool, complete with a waterfall, and privacy is created by a cross selection of trees and bushes. The mature Wisteria Vine is definitely a highlight of the backyard along with the raised vegetable garden and a cross section of perennials. Colour has been added to the space with a sprinkling of annuals.

Recently retired, we are excited to be involved with the Galt Horticultural Society and the opportunity to learn more about gardening. We look forward to you coming to the tour and enjoying our home.
Monday July 23 – Map 7
Craig & Kari Beitz
450 Blair Rd. *

Kati & Ron Bujna
44 Newman Dr.

Dave & Nancy Hammond
11 Hawthorn Dr.

* NOTE: Please visit 450 Blair Rd. first if you wish to purchase/renew your membership or purchase a Nightly Pass. Open Garden Booklets will also be available.

Craig & Kari write: We moved to this house in March of 2017. The gardens were already established and in fairly good condition. There are a variety of plants that flower throughout the year. Some of the varieties that you will see include Echinacea, sweet woodruff, many varieties of hostas, hydrangeas, trumpet vine, caragana arborescens standard, rudbeckia, yucca, cranes bill, water iris, viburnum, weigela, honey suckle vine, daisies, lily of the valley, bee balm, purple leaf sand cherry, and many more!

We have been working hard to get grass growing in some of the shady areas of the yard. The pond with its water feature creates one of our favourite places to relax.

Unfortunately, we lost all of our fish this winter and are continuing to learn about the pond and how to keep a thriving environment for its inhabitants. We have many animals and quite a large variety of birds that visit the pond for a quick drink or bath. We even have some resident ducks that use the yard for nesting along with the pond. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Kati & Ron write: We moved to our home in Galt 5 summers ago and from the day we moved in to today...we love every different nook and cranny of our landscaped lot...for different reasons and seasons.

From the front right we have our “jungle”...a mix of exotic coloured trees from Sumach to a tiny pink flowering one that I don’t know the name of...and amongst these grow fern, ground covering evergreens and elephant eared hostas...all with a river rock bed running through it.

To the front left we have our manicured gardens anchored by our mature Austrian pine trees sitting higher on a mogul that provides a little privacy from the road as well as a visual connection for me to Northern Ontario and my Dad - who owned his own evergreen tree farm out by Arthur, Ontario. The garden bed that flows around the evergreens and wraps itself around the left side of the house is also home to a variety of clematis, lavender, hydrangea tree, yuccas, lilies and more...sweet, colourful flowers that I’ve forgotten their names...

At the right side of the house, visitors are welcomed by an Asian inspired trellis-gateway made from bamboo that opens to a path leading to our backyard gardens surrounding our inground pool. We are very very grateful for the century old linden and maple trees that fill in above the good neighbour fencing and that host visiting squirrels, chipmunks, blue jays, cardinals, hummingbirds, orioles, chickadees and the occasional racoon family. The east-west sun provides sunlight from dawn to sunset...and makes for a very hot and
secluded nook on the other side of the pool - that is fenced by honeysuckle that blooms all season from May to November frost, a pergola draped with a mature wisteria vine, happy daisies, a lone rose bush AND a blooming pear cactus protected by tall decorative grasses....the backyard pool area gardens especially attract butterflies, bees and dragonflies.

We love our little paradise...every season brings its colour magic. In the winter we have beautiful garden views of snow covered evergreens and hydrangeas on which we leave the dried snowball flowers. (I like to hang Christmas lights amongst the bushes and the colours come through the transparent tissue-like flowers.)

**Dave and Nancy** have lived in this home for 17 years and have continued to update their gardens through this time. In the front there is a graceful garden design using negative and positive shapes between the grass and garden areas. A beautiful Corkscrew Hazel occupies a central location in the front bed with a large mature Japanese maple closer to the house. Clematis has been trained to climb up the front porch pillar and covers it to the top in the summer. There are many other interesting shrubs, trees and perennials to check out as you tour the property. Check out the rubber mulch used in the front beds – some of it is 5 years old!

In the back, a new stone patio has just been installed. Mature holly shrubs fill one side and an apple tree provides fruit and shade on the other. Ground covers, perennials and shrubs fill the gardens that surround the perimeter of the yard providing a wonderful view from the new patio.
Monday July 30 – Map 8
Because there is so much to see at "Aspen Grove Gardens", this is the only garden scheduled for this night.

For those of you who visited Robert Pavlis's gardens last year, we have scheduled his tour later in the summer to see different plants in bloom. For those of you who weren't able to attend last year, don't miss the opportunity this year to see this amazing property!

In 2005 Robert decided to start a large, private, botanical type of garden and called it Aspen Grove Gardens. It is located on 6 acres of rolling hills in the south-east end of Guelph.

The areas of elevation of this hilly property are both a challenge and an opportunity for unique garden design: a steep, long cascading waterfall, a dry stone waterfall feature, several ponds at different elevations and bog gardens in water retentive areas.

Robert is a plant-a-holic and has amassed several thousand varieties of plants growing in a wide range of conditions. Rare and unusual perennials, trees and shrubs thrive in both sunny and shady conditions.

A Japanese tea house, a dry garden, a forty foot arbour and a variety of statues heighten the experience of viewing this beautiful garden.

2 maps have been included – the first to show directions from Cambridge to Guelph and the second to show a closer view of the area in Guelph.
Monday, August 13 – Map 9A

Ferguson Cottage (Cambridge) to Megan Place (Guelph)
Monday, August 13 – Map 9B

Detail map of Guelph for 8 Megan Place
Monday, August 20, 2018

Kitchener Horticultural Society  Rockway Gardens

Visitors can’t get enough of the beautifully groomed and colourful flower gardens, tranquil fountains, lovely lily pond and the pedestrian bridge at Rockway Gardens. Come learn about the history and landscape of one of the jewels of Kitchener. Since it was established in 1928 it has continued to evolve into its present day glory.

Take a guided tour with speakers that will share their wealth of knowledge about the horticulture of Rockway Gardens or come and tour the gardens on your own.

Guided tours will be provided by Bruce MacNeil & Maryanne Weiler. Both are Master Gardeners. Maryanne was Supervisor of the Gardens for close to 20 years and Bruce is the co-president of the Kitchener Horticultural Society which is closely associated with Rockway Gardens. Both are a fount of knowledge about the place.

Both tours will start at 7:15 lasting 1½ hours. Meet at the potting shed at 7 Floral Crescent shown in Map 10B and street view picture for the tour.
Monday, August 20 – Map 10 A

Ferguson Cottage (Cambridge) to Rockway Gardens (Kitchener)
Monday, August 20 – Map 10 B

Detail map of Rockway Gardens – 7 Floral Cres. (Potting Shed) – Starting location for tour

**Potting Shed – Starting location for Rockway Gardens Tour**
Tour of Downtown Galt & 2nd Annual Corn Roast

This year for our final garden tour we have organized a tour of downtown Galt. I'm sure most of you have seen these areas but come and take some time to stroll around our beautiful downtown core.

The areas included on the tour are the Sculpture Garden, the Pedestrian Bridge, the Flower Market on the other side of the Grand River and for your convenience, Sharp My Knife mobile sharpening services will be available to sharpen all your knives and garden tool at discount prices! Jeff will be setting up his services in the Architectural Collage Parking Lot next to Ferguson Cottage.

Start the tour at Ferguson Cottage and either head down Grand Ave. through the Sculpture Garden and across the Pedestrian bridge and back up Water Street, stopping in at the Flower Market or go in the opposite direction – up Melville to the Main Street Bridge, down Water Street to the Flower Market across the Pedestrian Bridge, through the Sculpture Garden and back up Grand Ave.

We will be holding our 2nd Annual Corn Roast with sweet roasted corn and fresh fruit kabobs for you to enjoy at Ferguson Cottage when you return from your tour.

Sharp My Knife Mobile Sharpening Services

Before heading out on the tour, stop by and see Jeff at Sharp My Knife in the Architectural College Parking Lot with any knives or garden tools you would like to have sharpened. Discounted prices will be available! For more information about Sharp My Knife follow this link: http://www.sharpmyknife.com/

Sculpture Garden

In 2000, the Cambridge Sculpture Garden was established. It is nestled on the banks of the Grand River alongside the Trans Canada Trail system, acting as a landscaped gallery. Both temporary and permanent sculptures are on display. A 130 year old oak tree towers like a sentinel over the garden, anchoring its place by the river. In 2008 the City of Cambridge designated the GRAND OAK the first heritage tree in Cambridge. Half of the garden space is planted with native plants and grasses. Among the many species found, one can enjoy a myriad of native lilacs, witch-hazel, dogwoods and grasses.

McDougall Cottage CANCELLED

This cottage was built in 1858 and has been home for more than a century to two families of hardworking Scots, the McDougalls and the Bairds. The Cottage itself is a wonderful tribute to the Scottish stonemason’s art. However, the architectural jewels in the crown of McDougall are its hand-painted friezes and trompe
l’oeil ceilings. These beautifully painted scenes range from the familiar to the exotic. McDougall’s picturesque “wee” gardens reflect James Baird’s (1901–1958) passion for spring flowers, and nostalgia for his Scottish Highland homeland.

Pedestrian Bridge

The bridge provides non-vehicular access across the Grand River between Founder’s Point (east bank) and the Cambridge Sculpture Garden (west bank). This project was undertaken as part of the "Back to the Rivers" initiative to increase connectivity to the Grand River and to improve pedestrian and cycling connections within downtown Cambridge.

Flower Market

We appreciate the Flower Market partnering with us for this event. Enjoy strolling through this quaint shop filled with flowers and garden décor. Each guest will receive a small gift for visiting the Flower Market.

Monday, August 27 – Map 11

Tour locations – unfortunately Google Maps does not show the new Pedestrian Bridge but please use the new bridge instead of Cedar St. to cross the river