



Galt Horticultural Society

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Galt Horticultural Society AGM and January General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on January 30, 2017. Our new board of directors and executive were elected and some changes to the constitution were introduced and accepted by the membership. You can see the revised GHS Constitution on our website by following this link: [GHS Constitution](#)

For the general meeting, Roland Craig spoke on growing and overwintering Dahlias. Roland Craig is a rose & dahlia expert who presented ways to grow the best dahlias possible. Roland is the District 10 Director for the Ontario Horticultural Association and past president of the Wm. Saunders Rose Society. I'm sure everyone got lots of great tips and tricks to help get the absolute best out of their dahlias.

Many thanks go out to **Liz Stacey** for leading the AGM in my place, **Doreen McMillan** and **Connie Boychuk** for providing tea at the meeting and **Lynne Goulet-Smith** for greeting people at the door.

Galt Horticultural Society Membership

At the AGM, there was some confusion about the timeframe for active memberships. Our yearly memberships are valid between January and

December of each year. There are many ways you can renew your membership:

- Online using this link [membership form](#).
- At a monthly meeting
- At a GHS Event such as a workshop or the plant sale
- At the Open Gardens
- By attending the annual Dream Garden Conference in January which gives you a complimentary membership along with a fantastic day of speakers, shopping and food!

If you have any questions or need more information about the GHS membership, please contact Lynne Goulet-Smith at Lynne@galthort.com.



GHS Executive Meeting

Our first executive meeting with the new Board of Directors was held mid-February. At this meeting we selected the secretary, treasurer and chairs for our committees.

The following is the list of the Executive and Committee Chairs:

Nancy Smith	President
Edward Boychuk	1 st Vice President
Lynne Goulet-Smith	2 nd Vice President
Verity Stott-Camm	Treasurer
Renate Wells	Secretary

Committee Chairs

Liz Stacey	Ferguson Cottage Plant Sale & Special Events Open Gardens Workshops Raffle
Audrey Bailey	Dream Garden Conference General Meetings
Edward Boychuk	Constitution Special Projects
Neil Smith	Web Site
Verity Stott-Camm	Finance
Lynne Goulet-Smith	Membership
Pat Handorf	Business Management
Nancy Smith	Newsletter Bus Trip
Renate Wells	Children & Youth Program
Doreen McMillan	Social

If you have already offered to help out, the committee chairs will be contacting you shortly to let you know how. If you haven't already offered and would like to volunteer on a committee, please contact the chair. Emails can be found on our website by following this link: [committee chairs](#)



Galt Horticultural Society Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017

February'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 **Colour Paradise on "Fillers, Thrillers and Spillers"**.

Thelma from Colour Paradise will be showing us the latest in new plants for the coming season.

Upcoming Events:

Here's a list of some upcoming events happening in our area:

Kitchener Horticultural Society – Seedy Saturday
Saturday Feb. 25 - for more information:
<http://www.kitchenerhs.ca/cms/>

Stratford Garden Festival
March 2 – 5 - for more information:
www.stratfordgardenfestival.com

Canada Blooms – Enercare Centre - Toronto
March 10 – 19 - for more information:
<http://canadablooms.com>

Wilmot Horticultural Society – Garden Explosion
Saturday March 18 - for more information email:
wilmothortsociety@gmail.com



As we start a new year at the Galt Horticultural Society, we will be looking for members to get involved and help organize events and activities, including Greeters at the door for our meetings. Please let me know if you are interested. You can

contact me at nancy@galthort.com or call me at 519-623-7085.

Nancy Smith