



Save The Date...

Online Monthly Zoom Meeting...Mon Nov 30th @ 7:00 pm

Please join us for our GHS Monthly Meeting as **Spencer Hauck, of Sandhill Botanicals**, shows how to create beautiful holiday decorations for the home.

Spencer is a horticulturist and public speaker from Kitchener. He has 14 years of experience in the horticultural industry and holds a designation of landscape industry certified horticulturist offered through Landscape Ontario and the CNLA. He is a graduate of Humber/Guelph.

[Galt Horticultural Society's Zoom Meeting](#)

[Time: Nov 30, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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And The Winner Is...GHS October Photo Contest

Congratulations to **Gerri Korec** as the winner of our Oct Photo Contest!



Thank you to all of our members who participated in our October contest. Attached is the list of members and the wonderful photos they submitted.

GHS November Photo Contest

The winner will be announced at our **GHS Monthly Meeting on Mon Nov 30th @ 7 pm**. Join us to hear who has won this month! Thank you to all of our participants.

GHS December Photo Contest



Please send in a photo of your favourite “**Outdoor Holiday Decor**”. This can include planters, wreaths, swags, garlands etc.

Please send your pictures with the subject line ‘**Dec Photo Contest**’ to lynne@galthort.com by Dec 10th @ 6pm.

We will then send out the pictures to our members on Dec 11th and members can vote for their favourite photo.

Voting will take place between Dec 11th – 21st. Please send in your vote to lynne@galthort.com.

The winner will be announced at our Dec 28th monthly meeting via Zoom.

The prize will be delivered by porch drop off or by mail.

Please note any photo submitted may be posted on our Facebook page, GHS website and shared with membership in our monthly newsletter. Please indicate in your email if you do not wish to have your photos posted.

New Trees Planted At Ferguson Cottage!



Several new trees have been planted in the gardens at Ferguson Cottage. These include a **Sunburst Locust** in the large hosta bed (shown above) as well as a **Common Sassafras** and **Gold Rush Dawn Redwood** in other areas of the property.

Drop by and take a look! A huge amount of work has gone into the gardens this year, and while the flowers may be fading and the gardens settling down for winter, they will look terrific next spring!

The GHS wishes to thank all of the members who have come out, all season long, to help in the gardens.

For Your Interest...

Here are some links to some interesting articles and webinars;

Cathy Kavassalis – Plant Choices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxVqDYtmUl4>

How a single-celled organism almost wiped out life on Earth (A. Willis, 4 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dO2xx-aeZ4w&feature=youtu.be>

Can plants talk to each other? (Richard Karban, 5 min)

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/can-plants-talk-to-each-other-richard-karban>

Orchids: The Masters Of Lying, Cheating & Stealing (4 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D94Oe0Vuh9U&feature=youtu.be>

Plant Science Investigation (PSI) (CSI spoof) (7 min)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OnAS7d62_k&feature=youtu.be

Time to tuck in those woody plants for winter

Taken from GardenMaking Newsletter - By Judith Adams

It has been a glorious fall here in Southern Ontario, but who knows what winter will bring? Newly planted or borderline hardy conifers may benefit from a little extra protection — namely a protective covering — to get them through a harsh winter. [“Winterizing woody plants”](#) describes the best way to do this.

Designing a beautiful winter container

Taken from GardenMaking Newsletter - By Beckie Fox



It's time to bid farewell to our displays of mums and ornamental cabbages and think about designing winter containers. Whether you cut boughs and branches from your own garden or buy them at the local nursery, here are a few design ideas and practical considerations to keep in mind.

- [“Designing a beautiful winter container”](#) offers creative ideas for container choices, as well as practical tips for placing cut branches in soil or florist foam.
- [“Make your own winter arrangements”](#) and [“Cutting your own boughs for holiday decorations”](#) include more suggestions, especially if you're cutting branches from your own plants.

How to Care for Christmas Cactus

Christmas Cactuses are not actually cactuses at all; in fact, they require care that is very similar to a succulent. They do not require a lot of special care, but they do need to be properly maintained in order for blooms to appear. Let's take a look at some of the tips that will help your Christmas Cactus flourish.



Watering Christmas Cactus

Like most succulent plants, it requires moist soil to grow; however, these plants do not like to be sitting in a pool of water. The best way to know when your Christmas Cactus needs to be watered is to check the soil. Once the top of the soil feels dry to the touch, water it again. Too much water can cause brown spots or root rot, while too little can cause issues with the blooms.

Soil and Fertilizer for Christmas Cactus

Christmas Cactuses require soil that is well-draining, which means that a mixture of normal potting soil and fine bark works perfectly. You can also use sand or small stones in the base of the pot to help with drainage. And as far as fertilizer, this plant should be fed every two weeks with diluted [liquid fertilizer](#). Make sure to stop feeding it about a month before the winter bloom, which typically means the end of the month of October. Here are more tips on [feeding your Christmas Cactus](#).

Christmas Cactus Lighting Tips

This plant likes a lot of sunlight, but it prefers indirect light. Direct sunlight can easily burn the leaves of the plant, so windows that are facing east or north are

best. A Christmas Cactus is able to adapt to low light conditions, but it thrives in bright, indirect light.

Temperature and Humidity Requirements

This is a tropical plant, so it requires a relatively moderate temperature and high humidity in its environment. They grow best in temperatures that are between 65 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit, which is the average temperature of most homes. Christmas Cactuses require 50 to 60 percent humidity, so if your home has drier air, you will need to create this level of humidity artificially.

Repotting and Pruning Needs

Christmas Cactus plants prefer to be confined to a snug pot where the roots are nearly too large for the pot. This lack of space for the root system actually produces the best blooms. This means that the plant will not need to be repotted more than once every two to three years. When the transfer does need to occur, never repot a Christmas Cactus while it is in bloom. I have found that repotting the plant in spring or early summer works the best, and it allows the plant time to settle before blooming for the holiday season.

Propagation

Propagating a Christmas Cactus is easy, all you need to do is take the trimmed sections of the plant that you cut off during the pruning process and place them in a new pot of soil to grow. For the best results, propagation should be done in the spring of the year, and at least one segment of the plant should be buried underneath the soil.

<https://www.gardenloversclub.com/houseplants/christmas-cactus/care-for-christmas-cactus/>

Membership Has Its Benefits!!



Please note that due to COVID-19, all current 2020 memberships will be extended to 2021.

The Galt Horticultural Society's membership is continuing to grow!

Encourage fellow gardeners, family and friends to become a part of a historical society.

Membership gives everyone the opportunity to make new friends, learn about horticulture/gardening and remain engaged with other gardeners.

Once the pandemic is over, we will resume our workshops, venture off on exciting bus tours and visit open gardens in the community and so much more!

The cost is only \$15 (single) & \$25 (couple).

Please visit our website at www.galthort.com to join!

GHS 2021 DREAM GARDEN CONFERENCE

We are sad to announce that the 2021 Dream Garden Conference will be postponed due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic. If we are able to hold the conference later in 2021, we will send out an announcement to our membership.

GHS Member Recipes



Colder temperatures have us staying indoors more and thinking comfort foods...hot and flavorful soups and stews come to mind.

Please share your family favourite fall recipes with our members. Recipes can be emailed to recipes@galthort.com and will be shared on our website, FB page and monthly newsletter. This month's recipe is...

Slow Cooker Beef Stew



Directions

1. Combine vegetables in 4½ qt (4.3 L) slow cooker. Add bay leaves.
2. Place stewing beef, flour and pepper into a sealable plastic bag and toss to coat beef.
3. Brown beef well on all sides in heated oil over medium-high heat in large non-stick skillet. Place beef on top of vegetables in slow cooker.
4. Add broth, Worcestershire sauce, thyme and garlic to skillet and combine well with pan drippings. Pour mixture over beef and vegetables.
5. Cook, covered, on HIGH setting for 4 hours or on low for 7-8 hours until the beef reaches internal temperature of 165°F (74°C) and is fork-tender. Discard bay leaves before serving.

Recipe Tips

- Resist the temptation to take the slow cooker lid off to check the stew. Heat and steam will escape, interrupting the way that the meat and vegetables cook and lengthening the time until the stew is ready.
- While this great recipe can be made year round, it's a great cold weather recipe!

Hort Humour



What new crop did the gardener plant?

Beets me!

So my neighbour sees me bent over, busy in my garden and she asks what I'm doing.

"I'm alphabetizing all my plants"

"Really?! I don't know how you find the time!"

"It's right next to the sage"

Gardeners earn a meager celery, come home beet and just want to read the pepper, turn-ip the covers, en-dive into bed!

What did the George Michael say to the gardener?

Rake Me Up Before You Hoe.

Why did the tomato blush?

Because he saw the salad dressing!

[Wear Your Galt Horticultural Society Logo Wear With Pride!](#)



[GHS Logo Wear](#)

Get your own Galt Horticultural Society T-Shirt and/or Hoodie. This is a sample of the embroidered crest included on the item.

T-shirts: \$20.50 + tax.

Unisex Hoodies: \$36.00 + tax.

For more information or to place an order, follow this link:

[GHS Logo Wear](#)



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