

Happy New Year To All Our Members!



Save The Date!!!

Join us on Jan 24, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

to hear **Paul Zammit** speak at our

Virtual GHS Dream Garden Conference!



Rethinking Beauty - Inspiring Gardeners In A Changing World

“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” Whether it is the first snowdrop after a long winter, or the last rose of summer – if it makes you smile, it belongs in your garden!

Paul Zammit lives in the west end of Toronto, Ontario with his wife and partner, Uli, who is also employed in the garden industry.

A graduate of the University of Guelph's Plant Agriculture program, Paul is an active member of many Canadian and international gardening communities. He lectures on a wide array of subjects, including container gardening, perennials, ground covers and tropicals.

A popular and engaging speaker, Paul has given presentations at many garden clubs and large garden shows such as the Canadian National Exhibition, Success With Gardening and Canada Blooms, and other horticultural trade shows in both Canada and the United States.

Galt Horticultural Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Paul Zammit: Rethinking Beauty - Inspiring Gardeners In A Changing World

Time: Jan 24, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting FREE!

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And The Winner Is...GHS December Photo Contest

Congratulations to **Lorraine Wells as the winner of our Dec Photo Contest!**



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

GHS January Photo Contest

The winner will be announced at our **GHS Annual General Meeting on Mon Feb 22nd**.

Don't forget to cast your vote by Jan 21st. Join us to hear who won! Thank you to all of our participants.

GHS February Photo Contest



Please send in a photo of your 'Beloved Pet', perhaps frolicking in the snow or in your gardens (if the photo is from the summertime).

Please send your pictures with the subject line 'Feb Photo Contest' to lynne@galthort.com by Feb 10th @ 6pm.

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

Voting will take place between Feb 11th – 21st. Please send in your vote to lynne@galthort.com and the winner will be announced at our Feb 22nd AGM 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.

GHS January Online Auction

Congratulations to **Cheryl Tong** as the winner of our online auction!

The opening bid for this lovely planter was \$15.00. Cheryl won with her bid of \$25.00.



Our next item up for auction is this terrific Lighthouse Bird Feeder package valued at \$74. Bidding is now open on our GHS Facebook page. Starting bid is \$25. Auction ends Jan 18th at 6 p.m.



Thanks to the fine people at <https://www.facebook.com/valleyfeeds>.

Join our Facebook group to view the items and place your bids!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/galthort>

For Your Interest...

Here are some links to interesting articles, webinars and activities...

Canadian Wildlife Federation Rights-of-Way

Habitat Restoration Program's 2021

Pollinator Webinar Series

CWF Winter Webinar Pollinator Series 2021

January to March Dates

We are pleased to announce our second annual winter Pollinator Webinar series! Join Canadian Wildlife Federation and your rights-of-way (ROW) manager peers in learning about other ROW projects in both Canada and the United States and learning how to implement these restoration projects in the field. We are offering three FREE webinars (January, February, March) and you can register directly through the Zoom link below.

[Register:](#) Thursday, **January 21**, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST

[Register:](#) Thursday, **February 18**, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST

[Register:](#) Thursday, **March 11**, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST

Gardening with Mark and Ben, January 2021

GARDEN VIDEO

[A one-minute walk through Mark's summer garden.](#)

[A little reminder of what the garden season feels like.](#)

[Watch the video](#)

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For January, we are happy to report, you can take the month off. For the most part.

Consider the following:

- **Reduce watering** of most indoor plants. 9 out of 10 problems with indoor plants are the result of over watering. Take a vacation from watering, use the extra time to listen to our biweekly [podcast](#).

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- **Order seeds** for your veggie and flower garden. Fresh seeds are on the retail seed racks now and last year many seeds sold out early. We expect a similar experience this season! Order a copy of the [Veseys catalog](#) to start your shopping from home. www.veseys.com

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- **Join** online horticultural club meetings. Gardeners are social creatures and so are you (probably)... especially in winter! Bring your questions and an inquisitive mind: many answers are to be found here!

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- **Read, listen, organize** your garden photos from last summer and put up your gardening antennae: winter is when we learn and deepen our horticultural knowledge, not to mention create a plan for our 2021 garden!

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Relax, light the fire, enjoy a wonderful, quiet time to reflect.



Brantford Master Gardeners: Tips From The Watering Can

Join our Brantford Master Gardeners. We are experienced gardeners who started out as Master Gardeners in Training and had the opportunity to study horticulture through Guelph University courses and once we received our MG status continued to upgrade our skills through technical training. Our ongoing mandate is to provide horticultural advice to the general public through garden tours, community events, on-line and talks. We would love to have you join our group. Contact Nancy Lee - nleecolibaba@gmail.com.

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HOUSEPLANTS THAT ARE HARD TO KILL by Nancy Lee-Colibaba, BMG

January is a great time to accumulate house plants which can reduce stress and help purify the air. These houseplants are not only healthy but will brighten up your living space. There are many to choose from but the list here are a few plants that are tried and true. Even if you have other houseplants, consider giving a few from this list a try. There won't be a lot of work to keep them healthy and who knows, they might become your new favourite plants.

Pothos 'Epipremnum aureum'

The pothos is a very popular variegated leaf plant that trails and is often mistaken for a philodendron. It requires less light than most houseplants but the downside is the variegation will be less with lower light. Do not put it in a bright window, rather setting it back from direct light is best. It will withstand dry periods quite well. For best results, water it when the soil is dry. It grows fairly quickly with long leafy stems. Ideal for hanging plants but feel free to prune often to maintain its shape and the trimmed parts will root easily and increase your plants.

Snake Plant 'Sansevieria trifasciata laurentii'

This plant is often referred to as the Mother-In's law Tongue because of the sharp edge to the leaves. (no offense to mother in-laws out there). There are many varieties of Sansevieria but the snake plant is the most common. The sword-like leaves are often variegated and require very little care. Intermediate light and water when the soil is very dry. It thrives on neglect.

Cactus 'Cactaceae'

Regardless of your preferences for certain types of plants, you will find something you like in the cactus family. Many types, sizes, shapes to choose from. Because of their natural habitat, most cactuses require very infrequent watering. If you forget, it really isn't a problem. They can sit dry for some time. They do require good light. Often will get spindly in low light conditions.

Cast Iron Plant 'Aspidistra elatior'

This plant tolerates dust, heat, cold, wet soil, dry conditions, low light and neglect. The ideal plant that you can forget about and still have results. This is an old-fashion blackish-green, shiny leathery leaf plant that will withstand anything you can throw at it.

Aloe Plant 'Aloe Vera'

After an unexpected burn or minor cut, many will reach for the healing leaves of the aloe. Its pulp is known to heal skin ailments. It is an attractive bluish or gray green plant that needs very little water but good light. Another bonus of this plant is it will produce "pups" that can be planted up to increase your collection or give away to friends. A great plant to have around.

Membership Has Its
Benefits!!



Please note that due to COVID-19, all previous 2020 memberships have been 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 Member Recipes



The depth of winter is exactly when we need the warm and cozy comfort of a deep and delicious dessert that will get you through even the worst winter weather.



SOUR CREAM PECAN COFFEE CAKE

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INGREDIENTS

Streusel

½ cup packed dark brown sugar

¼ cup all-purpose flour

1 tsp ground cinnamon

3 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted

¾ cup chopped pecans

Cake

2 cup all-purpose flour

1 Tbsp baking powder

1 tsp salt

½ tsp baking soda

¼ tsp ground allspice

½ cup unsalted butter, melted

1 ¼ cup sugar

1 ½ cup sour cream

2 large eggs

2 tsp vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

Streusel

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F and grease a 9-inch square pan.
2. For the streusel, combine the brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon and stir in the melted butter until evenly combined. Stir in the pecans and set aside.

Cake

1. For the cake, sift the flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda and allspice. In a separate bowl, whisk the melted butter, sugar, sour cream, eggs and vanilla. Stir this into the flour mixture until evenly blended. Spread half of the batter into the prepared pan and sprinkle half of the streusel on top. Use a skewer or paring knife to swirl the streusel in a bit. Top with the remaining batter, spread and then top the cake with the remaining streusel, giving the cake another little swirl.
2. Bake the cake for 45 to 55 minutes, until a tester inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Cool the cake in the pan to room temperature before slicing.
3. The cake will keep, well wrapped and unrefrigerated for up to 3 days.

Hort Humour



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GOT FIR HER BIRTHDAY. YOU NEVER
PINE OVER ME LIKE THAT AND
IT'S NOT OAK-K. IN FACT, IT MAKES
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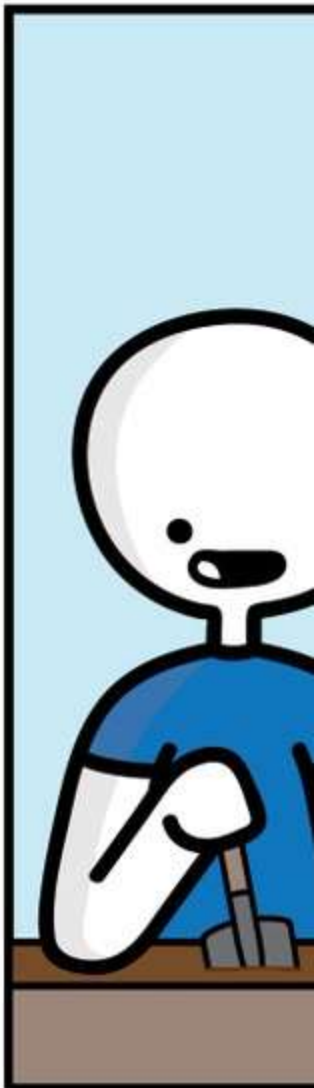
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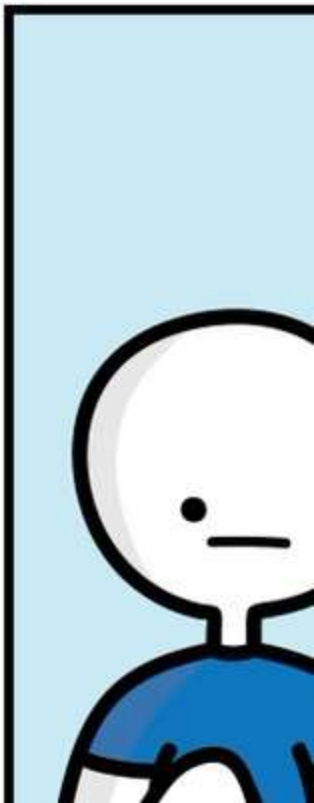
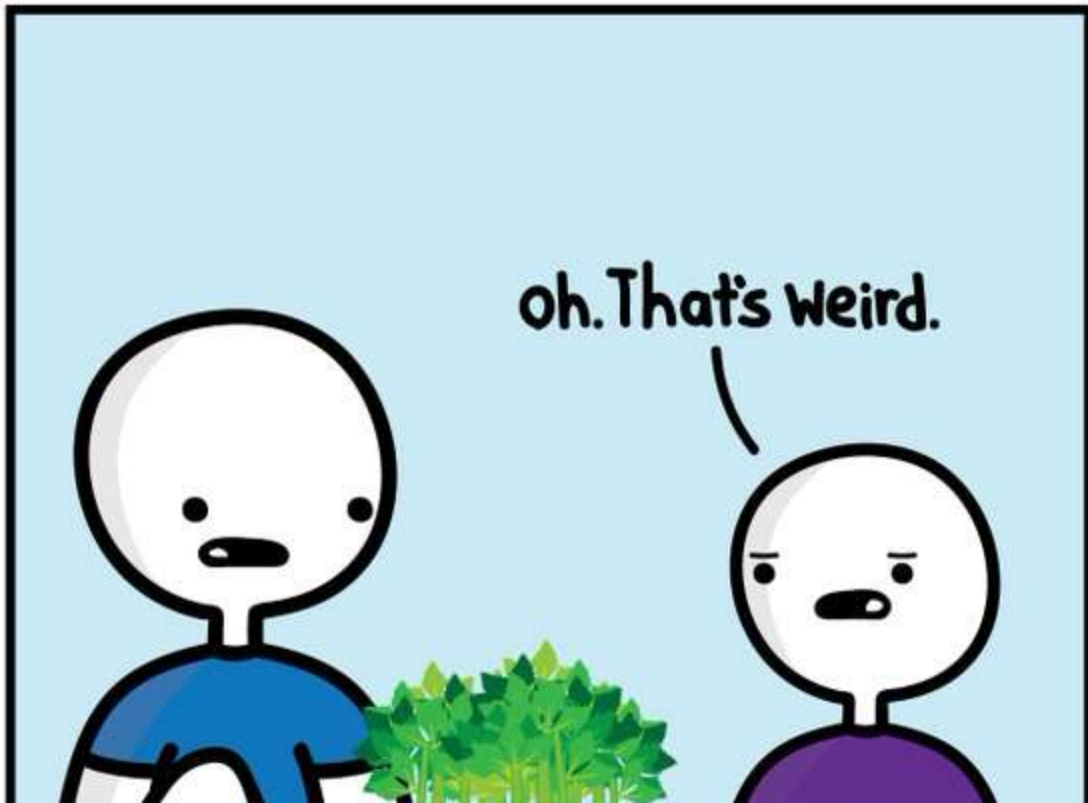


"Isn't Carl a scream? He's doing his garden hose imitation again!"

Hey Mr. Johnson, what do you put on your celery?



oh. That's weird.





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[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](#)

