



Save The Date!

Join us Mon March 29, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
for our Monthly Meeting

Marilyn Cornwell will be our speaker. She is a gardener and photographer living in the world-renowned Niagara region, exploring magic and wonder in the natural and urban world. Marilyn will be talking about '**What Is It To Be An Ethical Gardener?**' Let's find out how we can contribute back to our garden in ways that bring more beauty to the garden than ever. Marilyn will take you on a tour of some of the native plants that bring the most bees and butterflies to the garden to sustain our environment. We look at Doug Tallamy's list of plants to grow and learn why it is important.



Topic: Galt Horticultural Society's Zoom Meeting
Time: Mar 29, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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And The Winner Is...GHS February Photo Contest

Congratulations to **Susan Fulop**, the winner of our February Photo Contest! Her winning photo was #3 'Patch the puppy in the snow'.



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

Watch Your Email For The GHS March Photo Contest Entries

Our March photo contest category is 'Birds-Our Feathered Friends'. Photo can be sent in until March 10th.

Voting will take place between March 11th – 21st. Please send in your vote to lynne@galthort.com and the winner will be announced at our April 26th meeting via Zoom. The prize will be delivered by via mail.

GHS April Photo Contest

Spring is almost here!!!



Is there anything starting to bloom in your gardens?! Send in your photos of what is happening out in your flower beds!

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

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 March Online Auction

Congratulations to **Neil Smith** who's winning bid of \$25 won this beautiful one-of-a-kind glass flower suncatcher created by Sue Willemsen.



Congratulations to **Caleigh Farquhar**, who's winning bid of \$15 won the hand-painted coffee mug, gardening gloves, potting soil, hand cream and packages of perennial seeds along with a \$15 gift Certificate for Nancy's Creations online store.



Watch our FB page and website for the next fabulous item up for bid!

Place your bids on our FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/galthort> or visit our GHS website at <http://www.galthort.com> which will take you to our FB to place your bids.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Seedy Weekend! We had over 62 orders and most everyone picked up their seeds on Feb 20th & 21st at Ferguson Cottage.



As well we would like to thank the following members, **Kathy Scheer, Dorothy Redwood & Cheryl Tong** for their generous donations to the GHS, during our Seedy Weekend.

Our **AGM** held on Feb 22nd via Zoom was well attended and our speaker was none other than David Hobson. Our new slate of Board Members and Directors was sworn in for 2021/2022. We have approximately 25% of our membership submit their votes. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

For Your Interest & Information...



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

GardenMaking – February 2021

A Good Word For Ants

What do ants and soils do for each other?

Quite a lot, actually. According to Soils Matter...

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organization focused on soil science, ants help loosen soil, increase water infiltration and aerate soil when they build their nests. They also add organic matter to the soil while carrying dead and decayed materials around for food.

Another bit of ant trivia for your next garden party: Ants represent nearly half of the world's insect population.

Caring for bird feeders

Our birdfeeder, which is stocked with black oil sunflower seed, has been a busy place this winter. [Birds Canada](#) suggests how to keep your bird feeder clean and safe, so your local avian population remains healthy.

Caring For Grocery Store Primroses

During the dreary days of winter, having a few small pots of flowering plants in the house is a mood brightener. Cheerful primroses (*Primula vulgaris*), readily available at most grocery stores and florists at this time of year, are an inexpensive treat. They may not bloom as long as other flowering plants indoors, but they can be saved and planted out in the garden later in spring, where they may carry on for a few years. [“How to keep grocery store primulas happy”](#) tells you how to prolong their life.



Starting Tuberous Begonias

Tuberous begonias are one of the most luscious container plants for shade with their sherbet-coloured blooms in peach, apricot, raspberry and lemony yellow.

Even the plants' foliage is striking. As is the case with most annuals, there is more to choose from if you grow your own rather than rely on the standard offerings at garden centres.

Mid-March is the time to start tuberous begonias indoors and [“Growing tuberous begonias”](#) and [“Starting tuberous begonias”](#) will help guide your efforts.

Love Thy Bugs

The importance of bugs — or to be more accurate, invertebrates — to every ecosystem on earth can't be overstated. [“Learning to love bugs,”](#) an article by Danae Wolfe, in the *American Gardener* provides an overview of what these sometimes unloved creatures (think spiders) mean to the world's ecosystems.

As gardeners, we know the role insects play in pollination, which is vital to food production. But without insects, we would also be overrun with organic waste. Termites, cockroaches, blow flies and carrion beetles help in the decomposition of decaying organic materials, and it's this process that returns nutrients to the ecosystem for energy recycling.

“Scientists are sounding the alarm because recent studies indicate potentially catastrophic declines in invertebrate populations around the world,” Wolfe writes. While scientists focus on mammals and birds, which is certainly worthwhile, “it's important not to lose sight of the little things that run the world.”

Check out Belgium Nursery's website! They have very informative articles on various topics such as succulents, seed starting, etc.

<https://belgian-nursery.com/>

March 16, 2021

[Proud of My Pruning with Sean James](#)

March 17, 2021

[Time for the Veggie Garden: Jim Fitzgerald, Master Gardener](#)

March 18 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Spring Awakening – Zoom Presentation to East York Garden Club

<https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/event/spring-awakening-zoom-presentation-to-east-york-garden-club/>

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Haldimand Horticultural Society – 9 AM FREE

https://seedysaturdayhaldimand.com/?fbclid=IwAR1JRz8mererXQvlz6s9ZyqEauK3_RFn3cljc5l0ye9d64XrW4tDtzx2UnE

March 24 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Houseplants: Our Constant Companion – Zoom Presentation for Toronto Botanical Garden

<https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/event/houseplants-our-constant-companion-zoom-presentation-for-toronto-botanical-garden/>

March 24, 2021

[Letting Plants be Plants](#)

[Growing Vegetables, Module 4, Selecting the Right Soil and Fertilizer](#)

March 27, 2021

SEEDY SATURDAY EVENTS

MILTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SEEDY

<https://miltonseedysaturday.com/>

April 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m

Grey County Master Gardeners

The Eco-Responsible Gardener Seminar Series-Seminar 3: If Only Trees Could Talk

We are very pleased to present Zoom Seminar 3: If Only Trees Could Talk on April 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. This seminar will be presented by Jen Llewellyn, Nursery & Landscape Specialist, OMAFRA. Jen will provide insight into environmental, cultural and pest issues affecting trees and shrubs in Ontario gardens.

For more information on Seminar 3, please load our flyer [Seminar 3: If Only Trees Could Talk](#).

To register, please visit our website - www.greycountymastergardeners.com - and click on the registration link. This is a virtual seminar using Zoom and you will need the Zoom App loaded onto the device you will be using to join the seminar. You can download a free app from www.zoom.us.

This should be another great seminar so register early as we will close registration when we reach our participant limit. We look forward to seeing you on Seminar 3!

Mark & Ben Cullen March 2021 Newsletter

Have a great **spring equinox** (March 20th), **World Planting day** and **International Day of Forests** on March 21.

March 20 we experience the vernal or spring equinox. At about 5 a.m. the earth's equator is directly in line with the geometric centre of the sun. Each day that passes after the 20th is a bit longer, here in Canada. The sun a bit stronger (though, not necessarily warmer).

The equinox is not something that we can change. I like that about it. We tend to botch up a lot of the stuff we can control but this one is out of our hands.

The following day, March 21, is **World Planting Day**. On this day we celebrate the act of planting. Think about what that means to you and if you live in the deep freeze of,

say, Winnipeg, it might mean that you can plan on planting outdoors someday, just not for a while.

That same day is [International Day of Forests](#), by UN proclamation 2012. We acknowledge that over 13 million hectares (32 million acres) of forests are lost each year. That is about the size of England. And yes, the trees are lost “at the hand of man”. Nature has nothing much to do with it.

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN

- It's time to **prune apple trees**, thinning out old, thick branches and dead wood to open up the tree for spring.
- If there's still snow where you are, take the opportunity to **knock snow and ice off your shrubs**, evergreens and trees to prevent broken limbs.
- **Buy garden seeds** online or curbside from your local retailer. Seeds are selling quickly again this year. We encourage you to shop now to avoid disappointment.
- Before the end of the month, you can **begin starting your cooler season crops** such as onion, leeks, broccoli, cauliflower and kale which are okay to transplant up to a month before last frost. It helps to protect them with a row cover. Starting seeds in March is a good opportunity to lengthen your growing season.
- Start your **dahlia bulbs inside** using 1-gallon pots and a quality potting mix, which will give you a jump on their blooming season. Watch for [our column](#) in the Toronto Star next weekend, March 6, for more details on starting summer flowering bulbs.

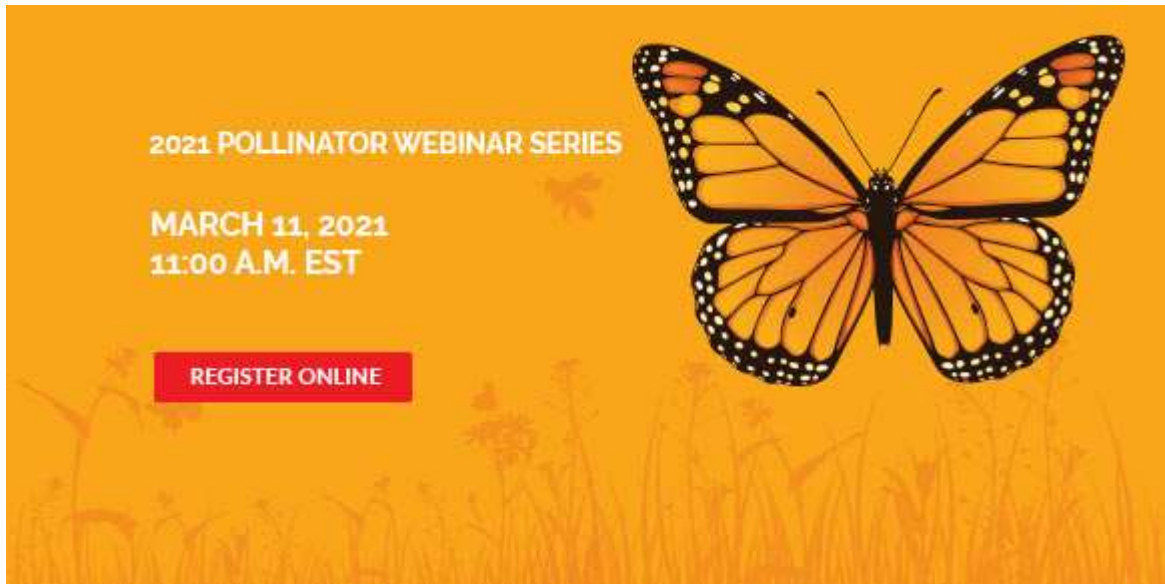
Here's How To Grow Your Front Yard Garden

By [Mark and Ben Cullen](#) Green Spaces
Tue., Feb. 23, 2021 timer 3 min. read

Click on this link for more information:

<https://www.thestar.com/life/homes/2021/02/23/heres-how-to-grow-your-front-yard-garden.html>

RIGHTS-OF-WAY HABITAT RESTORATION



CWF Winter Webinar Pollinator Series 2021 — March
Webinar Registration

You are invited to join us for the third pollinator webinar
for Canadian Rights-of-Way Managers in the 2021 series.

Please join us online on Thursday, March 11 at 11:00 am
EST (1 hour webinar) for [New Jersey Audubon's How Land
Managers can Create Pollinator Habitat webinar](#).

Learn all the ins and outs of site selection, preparation,
and maintenance of a bare ground restoration to create
pollinator habitat. Brittany Dobrzynski from New Jersey

Audubon will provide details on how to install (with seeds and/or plugs) and manage your site with native plants for all of the growing season. She will also provide some inspiring meadow habitat project examples.

If you have already registered for this event and received a confirmation email from Zoom please disregard this email reminder.

Learn more about the [Rights-of-Way as Habitat](#) program and join the ROW Network to be one of the first to know about new resources being developed in 2021.

HOST: Canadian Wildlife Federation

LEARN MORE:

Learn more about CWF's [Rights-of-Way Habitat Restoration](#) program and sign up to join the Canadian network.

[Register Now](#)

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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.

Pruning: (late winter 4-6 weeks before your last frost date)

This is the best time to do some pruning. You might be confused by information about old growth vs new growth, pruning to increase yields, etc but think about the blooms you are looking forward to this spring first. Soon you will see your Forsythia, Mock Orange and Lilacs in bloom, so DO NOT prune them now. Wait until AFTER they have bloomed to prune.

Winter is a great time to see the shape of your trees and shrubs before foliage obscures the view. Taking a picture of the shrub may also help you view the shape in relation to other garden elements. You can remove dead, damaged, diseased material, any branches crossing or rubbing and suckers.

Non-blooming shrubs such as Euonymus, Burning Bush can be shaped now, along with shrubs that bloom in the summer.

Here's a partial list of plants you could prune here in Zone 5-6) now in late Winter;

Hydrangea - PeeGee, paniculata, arborescens (but NOT climbing)

Fruit trees - apple, pear, cherry, peach, plum, nectarine

Trees - remove dead, damaged, diseased, rubbing material. Wait until spring to trim maples, elms, birch, walnut and dogwood. All will drip sap now- you might not like the look but it will not harm the tree if you do prune. Do not prune Oak trees now either - wait until next December - March to avoid the Oak Wilt fungus.

Roses (save climbers for a bit later)

Spirea (not Bridlewreath)

Berberis sp. (Barberry)

Calicarpa

Potentilla

If you want to cut back any perennials you left in the garden for winter interest, leave the clean-up of your trimmings a bit longer for birds and wildlife that may be interested.

Anne Faulkner, MG Mar 4, 2021

Membership Has Its Benefits!!



*The GHS Board would like to recognize two of our members and award them with a Lifetime Member Award and Pin. We are very grateful to **Audrey Bailey and Doreen McMillan** for their countless hours of service as GHS members and as Board members. Audrey joined the Galt Horticultural Society in 1985 and Doreen joined in 1986. These two ladies have helped out in numerous ways with such events as our Annual Dream Garden Conferences, Open Garden Tours, Monthly Meetings and so many other events. They continue to sit as Directors on the GHS Board and are fountains of knowledge and wisdom.*

Congratulations to Doreen and Audrey for all you have done and continue to do for our society!



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 and like us on our FB page!

GHS Member Recipes



GRANDMA'S CRUNCHY WALNUT BREAD

- Prep Time: 25 min
- Cook Time: 50
- Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes



DESCRIPTION

Crunchy walnut bread recipe that's a family favorite.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 T. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

INSTRUCTIONS

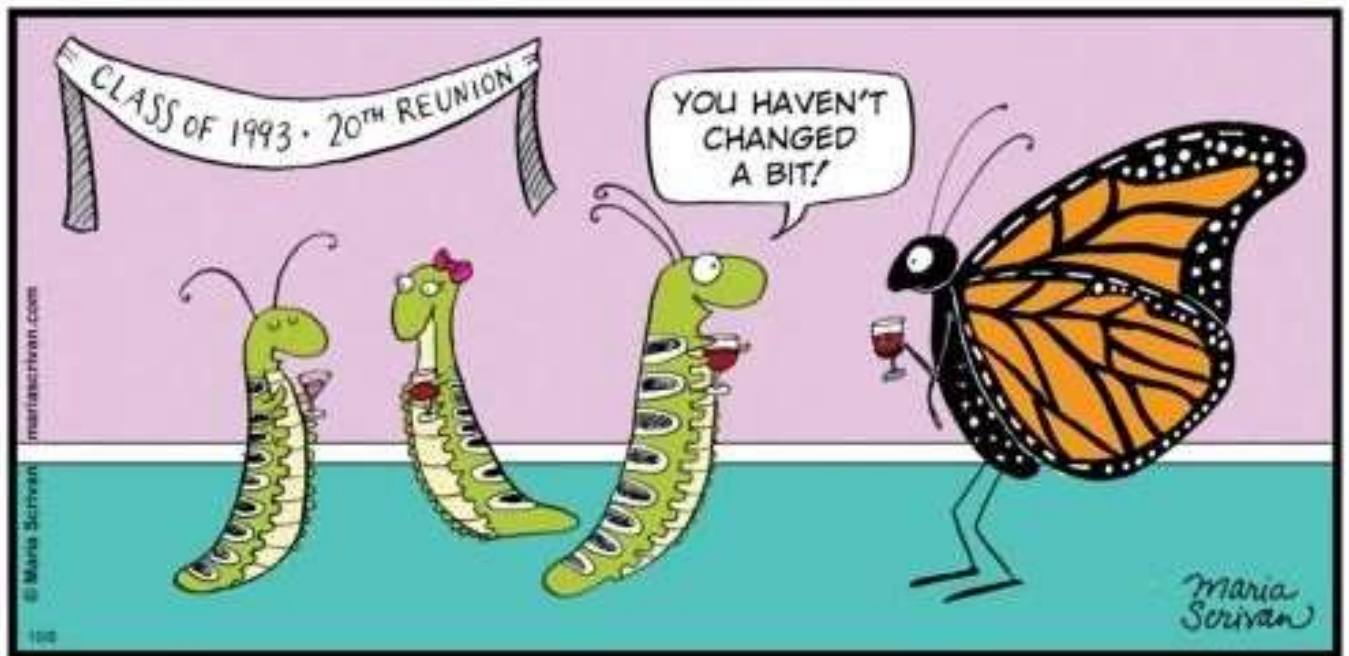
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees; grease and flour a standard size bread pan.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 Tablespoon baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt.
3. In a smaller bowl or cup, whisk together 1 cup milk (any kind) and 1 egg.
4. Stir your milk and egg mixture into your flour mixture until combined.
5. Coarsely chop shelled walnuts until you have 1 cup.
6. Stir the walnuts into the batter and spread it into your prepared pan.
7. Bake for 50 minutes – 1 hour or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.
8. Allow to cool for a few minutes and then remove from pan and cool completely.
9. When ready to serve, slice and toast. Spread with butter.

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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](#)



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