



# Save The Date!

Join us Mon May 31, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

for our Monthly Meeting

Join us to hear Spencer Hauck about

‘High Impact/Low Maintenance Gardens’.

Spencer Hauck is a landscape industry certified horticulturist and public speaker with 17 years of experience in the horticulture industry. He has his certification from the CNLA and is a graduate of the Humber/Guelph Horticultural Technician Apprenticeship program.



**Topic: Galt Horticultural Society's Zoom Meeting May 31, 2021**

**Time: May 31, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## And The Winners Are...GHS April Photo Contest!

Congratulations to **Gerri Korec - Photo #1 Primula in Snow** & **Veronica Heideich Photo #23 Witch Hazel** as the tie vote winners of our April Photo Contest!



Thanks to all of our members who participated in our April contest. A separate email will be sent with the list of all the fabulous photos submitted.

**Don't forget to send in your photos for our [GHS May Photo Contest](#).**

**Budding Branches!** Spring is here and our gardens are starting to wake from winter. What shrubs and trees do you have in your gardens that are budding out? Send in your photos with the name of the plant included with "**May Photo Contest – Budding Branches**" the subject line to [lynne@galthort.com](mailto:lynne@galthort.com) by **May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**.

The list of photos will be sent out and voting will take place between May 11th – May 21st. The winner will be announced at our May 31st monthly meeting.

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.

Stay tuned for our June newsletter to find out what the topic will be for our June Photo Contest and send in your photos for a chance to win!!!

## GHS April Online Auction

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions our Online Auctions are on hold until the restrictions are lifted. Watch our GHS FB page and website for updates.

## 2021 Open Garden Tours

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic we have turned our 2021 Open Garden Tours into virtual Zoom meetings on Monday evenings throughout the summer and we would like to invite you to host a tour of your gardens. Your virtual garden tour can be a series of pictures, a power point presentation or video, all of which we can help you put together.

Please contact [nancy@galthort.com](mailto:nancy@galthort.com) if you need more information or are interested in being on this year's garden tour.

## Here is what some of our GHS Member have been up to...



Marion Flowers started some of the seeds she received from our Seedy Weekend event back in February.

*"I have Basil, Dill, Parsley, Rosemary, Snapdragons, Lavender, Sweet Peas, Lupins, Poppies."*

Mary Vander Munnik started her seeds as well...

*"In Tim Hortons cups with milk bag greenhouses. It's crude, but it works. Marrow Squash, Mortgage Lifter Tomatoes, Habanero Peppers, Morning Glory & Basil."*



Audrey Bailey has the most beautiful spring blooms in her gardens...



If you haven't done so recently...take a walk down at **Ferguson Cottage** to take in the beauty of all the bulbs in bloom at the moment! Thank you to the GHS Garden Committee for last year's efforts that have made the gardens so beautiful this spring!





## [For Your Interest & Information...](#)

(links to interesting articles, webinars and activities)

### **[2021 Hummingbird Migration Map](#) (Find Out When to Expect Them)**

Spring is migration time for hummingbirds travelling from their winter homes to breeding habitats in the United States and Canada. Use this map to know when to expect them in your area. And, if you want to test your smarts, try our **[Hummingbird Quiz](#)** and see how much you know about these tiny birds.

### **Where Are the Hummingbirds Now?**

This map (below) is updated as hummingbirds are sighted during the spring migration in the United States and Canada.

Click on the link for the map (+) to zoom in on your area. Allow time for the map to load.

<https://empressofdirt.net/hummingbird-migration-map/>

Next, click on any bird near your area and a pop up will list the date it was sighted.

Are they in your area or coming soon? Did you know they fly solo (not in flocks)? Amazing birds!

The map is updated daily during migration season so bookmark this page to watch their progress.

When they appear to be a week or two away, put your feeders out. The **recommended feeder** and sugar water recipe are listed below.

If you wish to report a sighting, [the entry form is here](#). The map is managed by hummingbirdcentral.com.

## Making A Brand-New Garden

By Beckie Fox, GardenMaking Newsletter, April 2021

Renovating an established garden is one thing; starting a new garden from scratch is altogether different. Both scenarios require planning, research and careful decisions, but I'd argue that



starting a new garden from scratch is the more intimidating of these two scenarios. Of our three gardens, two began as (almost) clean slates. My first piece of advice to those of you in a similar situation: go slowly. Next, read "Create your dream garden from scratch" on how to prioritize your decision making.

[https://gardenmaking.com/dream-garden-from-scratch/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+2+2021](https://gardenmaking.com/dream-garden-from-scratch/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter+Apr+2+2021)



## Bee Friendly Lawns??

By Claudette Sims, Halton Master Gardener

Many gardeners are making a change away from resource intensive turf grasses and choosing more biodiverse plantings. Selfheal is a low growing groundcover native to Ontario with flowers a similar height to clover. They provide pollen and nectar to native bees and butterflies. Be aware that thyme and 4 clovers (White sweet clover (*Melilotus alba*), Yellow sweet clover (*Melilotus officinalis*), Red clover (*Trifolium pratense*) and White clover (*Trifolium repens*) are on the invasive plant list as Category 3- Moderately invasive: "Species that do not pose an immediate threat to natural areas but do compete with more desirable native species." They may still be a better alternative to turf grass as they would be

more bee friendly. But they are often better for non-native honey bees rather than native bees- not as surprise as they are non-native plants. To support native bees and pollinators consider some of these native groundcovers or sedges. Choose one that matches your growing conditions and zone:

Some groundcovers & sedges tolerate a bit of foot traffic, while others do not. Make sure you check if that is important to you.

### Native Groundcover Alternatives:

- Partridgeberry (*Mitchella repens*) 2"
- Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*) 3-11"
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) 4-8"
- Bunchberry Dogwood (*Cornus canadensis*) 4-9"
- Running Strawberry (*Euonymus obovatus*) 6-18"
- Silverweed (*Argentina anserina*) 6-12"
- Field Pussytoes (*Antennaria neglecta*) 7"
- Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*) 6-8"
- Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia fragarioides*) 7"
- Foamflower (*Tiarella cordifolia*) 10-12"
- Canada Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*) 1-2'
- Prunella vulgaris lanceolate (Lance selfheal)

### Native Sedges & Grasses:

- Pennsylvania Sedge - *Carex pensylvanica* 6-12"
- Sideoats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 2

Want to know more?

- Credit Valley Conservation Priority Invasive Plant List
- Native Groundcovers from In Our Nature
- Sedges from In Our Nature
- The Little Grass That Could –Laidback Gardener
- Eco-lawn-the low maintenance lawn – Wildflower Farms
- Groundcovers and lawn alternatives- City of Guelph

## Cue The Spring Ephemerals

By Beckie Fox, GardenMaking Newsletter, April 2021

Before the leaf canopy fully opens to shade the forest floor in woodland gardens, perennial spring ephemerals put on their show of delicate blooms. They're called "ephemeral" because their presence above ground is fleeting — they bloom quickly, produce seed and then disappear, leaving only their roots to carry on underground. These beauties may be fleeting, but they're worth incorporating into your own garden if you can provide conditions sympathetic to their growing needs.

"Purple pulpits and trilliums" discuss two popular spring-blooming natives: Jack-in-the-pulpits (not an ephemeral; plants produce red berries in late summer) and trilliums.

<https://gardenmaking.com/jack-in-the-pulpit-trilliums/>



## Brantford Master Gardeners

## Tips From The Watering Can

### Garlic Mustard: Friend or Foe

While working in my garden the other day, I noticed that both neighbours on either side of me had large patches of garlic mustard. I approached these neighbours and explained the invasiveness of this plant and the importance of ridding it from their gardens. As a gardener, we should be aware of this plant and pull it from our gardens but also alert other people. It is a pretty plant with lovely white flowers but the seeds are easily spread and left unattended can spread rapidly. So what is the problem with this "weed".

Once garlic mustard invades our forest, it can displace native wildflowers. It interferes with the growth of fungi that bring nutrients to other plants. As a result of this, many Ontario species are at risk. Walking along our hiking trails, garlic mustard carpets the forest floor.

### So how do I know I have garlic mustard in my garden?

If the leaves are crushed, there is a distinctive garlic smell. In the first year, the leaves are kidney-shaped with scalloped leaves forming a rosette fairly close to the ground. In the second year, the stem is around 1 m. tall with triangular, alternate sharply toothed leaves. White flowers with four small petals will bloom in May and then in mid- summer, seed pods form ( 3 to 5 cm) with tiny black seeds inside.

### So what do I do to manage this plant?

Become familiar with garlic mustard so you can ID it. Keep it out of your garden and inform your neighbours. Dispose of garlic mustard and other invasive plants in the garbage rather than the compost. When hiking on nature trails, where garlic mustard is, stay on trails and keep dogs on lead so as not to spread the seeds.

Visit this link for information on Garlic Mustard and how to reduce it' spread.

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants/garlic-mustard/>

Nancy Lee-Colibaba, Brantford Master Gardener

# Membership Survey

In an ongoing effort to stay connected and engaged with our members, the GHS is kindly asking our membership to complete this short survey, by clicking on the link below. Your responses will enable us to focus on what our members like best, areas we can improve upon and topics/subjects our members would like to see added.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAACoYu-pUMDkwT1I0NkVZMDZNNkdQWk5GN0Q4TE9aMy4u>

The GHS Board would like to say Thank You to our members for your continued support and completing our survey.

# Something New!!!

## GHS Membership Talent Showcase

So many of our members have many different talents. The GHS would like to showcase our membership talent to other members. These include anything from sewing, needlework, painting, woodworking, knitting, pottery, photographing, quilting, crocheting, flower pressing, crafting, baking, canning/preserves, art, sculpting...and so many more talents. Send in your photos to **Lynne** at [gardencambridgeghs@rogers.com](mailto:gardencambridgeghs@rogers.com) with a bit of a blurb about what you love to do! We will include your submissions into our monthly newsletters.

## 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](http://www.galthort.com) to join and like us on our FB page!**

**Click here to see the current list of retailers offering GHS members a discount on their purchases! <https://galthort.com/aboutmembership/>**

# GHS Member Recipes

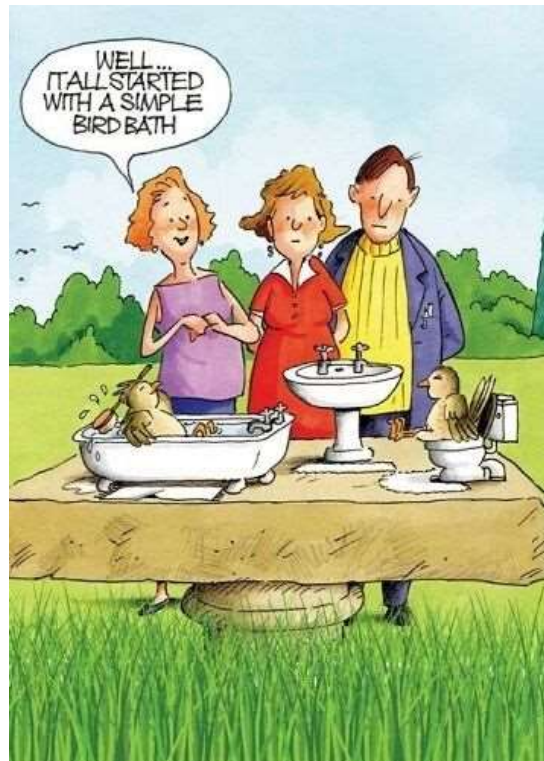
## LEEK MUSHROOM RISOTTO

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Pinch chilli flakes
- 1 leek white and light green parts only (washed well and sliced thinly)
- 2 cloves garlic
- 5 cups mixed mushrooms (shiitake, cremini, king oyster, chanterelle)
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar + 3 tbsp water (or 1/4 cup white wine)
- 2 cups Arborio rice
- 5 cups hot veggie broth
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup shaved (or homemade) vegan parmesan
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1 cup frozen peas
- Sea salt and cracked pepper to taste

## METHOD

In a large pan, heat olive oil and chilli flakes. Add in leeks and garlic. Saute on medium high for several minutes until leeks start to soften. Add in mushrooms. If you have a cover for the pan cover and cook mushrooms for several minutes shaking pan frequently. Season with salt and pepper. Once mushrooms are cooked remove everything from pan, place into a bowl and set aside. Place pan back on heat and deglaze with vinegar and water (or wine if using). Add rice to pan and give the pan a good shake. All the bits of leek, garlic and oil will coat the rice. Leave rice alone for a couple of minutes to “toast” the rice. Use a ladle to add broth. Add two ladles of hot broth to rice. Toss to coat, stirring frequently. Once broth has almost fully absorbed into the rice, add another ladle. Keep going until broth is finished and rice is cooked (al dente). Add mushrooms and leek mixture back to the pan. Add frozen peas and spinach. Cover risotto to allow the spinach to wilt and peas to heat through. Add lemon juice, season with olive oil, more cheese, salt and pepper!

# Hort Humour



## GHS LOGO WEAR

### Wear Your Galt Horticultural Society Logo Wear With Pride!

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](#)

GHS Website: <https://galthort.com/>



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Thank you.

Lynne Goulet-Smith

1st VP

Membership Committee Chair

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