



Save The Date!

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

Michelle Goff will be joining us to show how to create beautiful winter urns and swags.

Michelle Goff is a trained horticulturalist having graduated from the three-year program at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture and before that studied at Fleming College in Lindsay obtaining a Forest Recreation diploma. She has worked as an estate gardener in Oakville, as a Horticulturalist for the City of Guelph and for the past 15 years she has worked for herself as a private gardener and landscape designer. She is a member of the Fergus Horticultural Society, the Guelph Horticultural Society and the Garden Club of Kitchener Waterloo. Michelle is a newly minted OHA Judge and is currently studying to be a Horticulture Judge with the Garden Clubs of Ontario at the RBG. Michelle has over 15 years of experience doing outdoor Urn designs, wreaths, swags and topiary displays. She will share with us her design style and tips to create two different styles of winter urns and a seasonal swag.

Topic: Galt Horticultural Society's Monthly Meeting

Time: Nov 29, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84901140502?pwd=SDNVaUpKNGdXTEDiVVhzcXh4VVZxQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 0114 0502

Passcode: 386424

And The Winner Is...GHS Oct Photo Contest!

Congratulations to **Gerri Korec** as the winner of our October Photo Contest! Gerri submitted photo #2- bushel basket full of autumn blooms.



Thanks to all of our members who participated in our October contest.

Don't forget to send in your photos for our **GHS November Photo Contest.**



The deciduous trees are shedding their leaves and with this brings beautiful fall colours. Let's all take some photos of these leaves and share them with our membership. You can arrange them, take them laying on the ground...whatever you wish. Share your Autumn colours by sending in your photos with "**November Photo Contest – Autumn Leaves**" in the subject line to lynne@galthort.com by **November 20st @ 6pm.**

The list of photos will be sent out and voting will take place between Nov 21st – 27th. The winner will be announced at our Nov 29th 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.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on Friday Oct 15th at our Potting Party. We potted up bulbs for spring blooms to be sold at our Spring Plant Sale.

GHS Seed Collecting For 2022 Seedy Saturday



In early spring of 2022 the GHS will be holding our Seedy Saturday event...***so now is the time to collect and save seeds from your gardens.*** Click the link below for some helpful information on how to collect and save your seeds.

Watch you email for more information about our upcoming event in 2022.

[saving seeds and labeling in Ontario video - Video Search Results](#)

GHS Membership Talent Showcase!

Besides being avid gardeners, many of our members have hobbies and other interests as well. Here are a few members who have shared their talents with our group.

Lynne Goulet-Smith

"This is my first ever water colour painting. With the winter months coming, I figured if I can't plant flowers...I may as well paint them."



So many of our members have many different talents. **The GHS would like to showcase our membership talents!** 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 with a bit of a blurb about what you love to do! We will include your submissions into our monthly newsletters.

For Your Interest...



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

Overwintering Perennials In Containers

By Beckie Fox: [Garden Newsletter](#) November 2021

Most people consider spring the busiest time in the garden, but fall is the real crunch time for me. At least in spring, what doesn't get done one week can usually be delayed for a few days with few consequences. However in fall, what doesn't get finished one week may never get finished at all if there is a hard frost or a few days of freezing rain.

As well as cutting back peonies and hostas, overseeding and feeding the lawn, banishing the worst of the weeds, clearing out spent annuals and vegetables, digging up and storing tender tubers (dahlias, cannas, etc.), and planting bulbs, decisions need to be made on how to overwinter herbaceous perennials that have been growing outdoors in containers. In addition to perennials, I also have a few clematis in pots to store.

First, make sure the pots your plants are growing in can survive freezing temperatures. They also need to be large enough to hold enough soil to insulate the roots. Secondly, perennials overwintered above ground need to be at least two zones hardier than your growing zone. For example, I garden in Zone 6, which means any perennials I overwinter in containers need to be hardy to at least Zone 4, although I have gotten away with Zone 5 plants. No guarantees, though.

Thirdly, find a sheltered spot where temperatures remain relatively consistent, away from sun and wind. It's not cold days that cause failure, it's warm, sunny days that tempt plants to break dormancy that are then followed by freezing temperatures that wreak havoc.



This miniature rose happily overwintered in an attached garage for several years. Perennials, clematis and roses don't need sunlight over the winter, because they're dormant. I use the back walls of our garage and screened porch that are attached to the house for the pots of hostas and clematis I overwinter. These have been good spots for miniature roses in pots, too. Once or twice in winter, I'll check the pots for moisture. If the soil is bone dry, I'll add water.

In my experience, the trickiest plants to overwinter in pots are broadleaved evergreens, probably because their leaves desiccate (lose water) so readily in winter.

For more options on overwintering perennials, see ["How to overwinter perennials in pots."](#)



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 – Colibaba.

DO NOT rake your leaves!

Butterflies begin in leaves, as larvae. Those brown, dead leaves are the planet's butterfly nursery. They're home to butterfly larvae, microbes and worms. And leaf litter is where many species of butterflies and moths overwinter as pupae. Animals like toads, shrews and salamanders benefit from leaf litter to hide and hunt, too.

This fall, let your rake collect only dust. Here's more information on how you can provide winter cover for pollinators and other important creatures where you live. Can't leave all of your leaves where they fall? Here are a few other ideas:

Mulch leaves in your planter beds

Does your homeowner's association have something against leaves? Rake leaves off the lawn and into your planter beds.

Mulch leaves on your lawn

Use your mower to mulch leaves on the lawn and improve your lawn health by suppressing weeds and fertilizing the soil.

Collect browns to compost

Backyard Composting Dos and Don'ts tells us to balance "greens" with "browns." Store leaves in a bin and add them to your backyard composter throughout the winter months.

Craft with leaves

Have children collect their favourite leaves in your yard and throughout the neighbourhood and try your hand at nature weaving.

Remember

DO rake leaves out of sewers and drainage pathways.

<https://davidsuzuki.org/queen-of-green/how-to-leave-the-leaves/>

Membership Has Its Benefits!!



2022 Memberships are now available!

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.

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!

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

GHS Member Recipes



The colder weather has many of us thinking of comfort foods. Here is a chili recipe that is slightly sweet/spicy that is sure to warm you up on a cold winter day. Enjoy!!

Lynne Goulet-Smith's Chunky Chili

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 med onion chopped
- 2-3 celery stalks chopped
- 1-2 med peppers (red, orange or yellow) chopped
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 1 can tomatoe soup
- 2 cans baked beans (I prefer using Heinz beans in a pork & tomatoe sauce)
- 1 ½ tsp chili powder
- S & P to taste

Place beef, onion, celery and peppers in a large pot. Add water till level with ingredients and bring to boil. Simmer till meat is cooked and the veggies are tender. Pour out into a large sieve to drain water and return to pot. Add in tomatoes, soup, beans, chili powder and S&P. Simmer on low till thoroughly heated through. Serve with thick slices of bread and a green salad.

Hort Humour!!!



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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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