



**Join us Sun January 23, 2022 @ 1:00 PM
for our Virtual Dream Garden Conference with
speaker Paul Zammit!**



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.

Paul had been employed at Plant World, a large, west-end garden centre since graduating in 1992. One of his primary duties had been that of the perennial department manager. He also contributed heavily to the in house advertising campaigns by providing photographs and layout advice.

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.

Paul will be speaking to us about: [Annuals and Perennials...growing and maintaining of each.](#)

Topic: [GHS Dream Garden Conference](#)

Time: [Jan 22, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

Members will receive an email with the Zoom Link and login details soon.

[And The Winner Is...GHS Dec Photo Contest!](#)

Congratulations to **Maggie McGuire** as the winner of our December Photo Contest! Maggie submitted photo #5.



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

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



The snow has settled in and everywhere we see nature covered in a white blanket. Local wildlife (or pets) are leaving their tell-tale signs of having been in our backyards or wooded areas. Share your photos by sending them in with "[January Photo Contest – Animal Tracks](#)" in the subject line to lynne@galthort.com by **January 15th @ 6pm.**

The list of photos will be sent out and voting will take place between Jan 16th – 21th. **The winner will be announced at our January Virtual Dream Garden Conference January 23rd.**

GHS January Online Auction

Our online auctions will resume this month. **Join our Facebook group to view what items we have up for grabs and place your bids!**

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

GHS Membership Talent Showcase

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...



Our Mission

Bee City Canada's mission is to inspire cities, towns, First Nations, schools, businesses and other organizations to take action to protect pollinators.

How do we do this?

We offer programs which recognize communities and organizations that are taking steps or are committed to future initiatives to help pollinators.

A school or a First Nation that is engaged in such activities can apply to be designated as a Bee School or Bee City. These programs are free. Similarly, cities, campuses, businesses and other organizations can apply for a Bee City designation through the Bee City, Bee City Campus and Bee City Partner programs. An annual fee applies. All program participants must commit to:

*Creating, maintaining and/or improving pollinator habitat.

*Educating their community, employees and/or customers about the importance of pollinators.

*Celebrating pollinators during National Pollinator Week or at other times.

Visit our City, School, Campus or Partner program pages for more information.

BEE part of the movement

Make a difference. Volunteer with us! We are grateful for the help of our volunteers and welcome anyone to become a Bee City Ambassador. Please email info@beecitycanada.org for more information on how to get involved.

<https://beecitycanada.org/>

Designing With Native Plants

<https://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org/>

Jumping Worms Confirmed To Be In Ontario

<https://www.cleannorth.org/2021/10/06/pheretimid-jumping-worms-confirmed-to-be-in-ontario-can-destroy-topsoil/>



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.

Bunchberry Dogwood, Canadian Bunchberry - *Cornus canadensis* L.



Native plants are a great choice for your garden. Not only are they adapted to our environment of climate, soil and water, they are also not bothered by pests that often are a concern with many “introduced” plants. One native plant that is worth mentioning is the Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*).

As Master Gardeners, we are often asked for suggestions for ground covers for shade. The Bunchberry is a great solution as long as a few considerations are made. The Bunchberry can grow approximately 20 cm. Dark green leaves grow in whorls and turn red in fall. During the late spring and summer the flowers are composed of four, white bracts will reach 3 cm across, giving a showy display. Once flowering is finished scarlet berry clusters form.

Now that you have a description of their appearance, they do require specific conditions for proper growth. They love shade, so ideal for woodland gardens but they also need moist soil that is slightly acidic. The soil doesn’t have to be rich but well amended to prevent dry conditions. These plants are very hardy and grow well in zone 2 to 7. Bunchberry will spread via rhizomes. They are slow growing but are more impressive visually in a mass planting. Keep in mind that Bunchberry is not a “STEPABLES” groundcover, as they will not tolerate foot traffic.

They make a great addition to a shady garden or woodland garden since it does attract butterflies and deer and rabbits will leave it alone. When planning your garden for 2022, please consider native plants. You will be glad you did.

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



Cheesy Ham and Potato Casserole

PREP TIME 20 minutes, COOK TIME 1 hour 5 minutes, TOTAL TIME 1 hour 25 minutes



This Ham and Potato Casserole is a delicious and very simple dinner! Ham and potatoes smothered in a homemade cheesy sauce! It makes a big meal and it's not expensive to make!

Ingredients

Sauce

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 ½ tablespoons flour
- 1 small onion
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- salt to taste
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup sharp cheddar shredded

Other

- 3 pounds potatoes peeled and diced
- 2 cups ham diced
- 2 cups frozen peas defrosted
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese or to taste

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Over medium heat, melt butter in a saucepan. Add onion and stir until softened, about 4 minutes. Add flour and cook an additional 2 while stirring.
Pour in pour in chicken broth and milk all at once. Whisk over medium heat until thick and bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in cheese.
Place ½ of the potatoes in a 9×13 pan. Sprinkle with ham and peas. Top with remaining potatoes. Pour sauce over top.
Cover with foil and bake 45-50 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender. Remove foil (carefully, it will steam), top with remaining cheese and bake an additional 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are soft and cheese is lightly browned.

Hort Humour!!!



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



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