



# *Galt Horticultural Society*

*Ferguson Cottage*



*Garden Cambridge*

## **Join us Monday February 28, 2022 @ 7:00 PM for our Annual General Meeting!**

As part of the AGM there will be an address from the President, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report and our speaker **Marie Decker will be presenting 'Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly...How Can We Help'**.



Marie Decker is a member of the Oakville Horticultural Society, Hamilton and Burlington Rose Society, Canadian Rose Society and past member of Cloverleaf Garden Club. She is a member of Royal Botanical Gardens, GCO/RBG Certified Judge in both Design and Horticulture. She already included on the OHA Judges List and halfway through the course to complete OHA judging accreditation in both Design and Horticulture. Marie has spoken to many local garden clubs, horticulture societies, Probus Clubs, Canadian Women's Club, Canada Blooms, Successful Gardening and OHA Convention Youth talks.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84901140502?pwd=SDNVaUpKNGdXTediVVhzcXh4VVZxQT09>

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## And The Winner Is...GHS Jan 2022 Photo Contest!

Congratulations to **Dorothy Donkers** as the winner of our January Photo Contest! Dorothy submitted photo #6... 'mouse track'.



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

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



Share your photos by sending them in with “[February Photo Contest – Our Feathered Friends](#)” in the subject line to [lynne@galthort.com](mailto:lynne@galthort.com) by **February 18th @ 6pm**.

The list of photos will be sent out and voting will take place between Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – 226<sup>th</sup>. **The winner will be announced at our February AGM Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.**

## GHS February Online Auction

Our online auctions have resumed! **Join our Facebook group to view what items we have up for grabs and place your bids!**

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

## GHS Perennial Seed Challenge

Remember the Perennial Seed Challenge we did last year? How did you do? Will you have any of those plants to give to Ferguson Cottage gardens and the GHS Plant Sale? Or was it a total bust? In any case, we hope you had fun.

Good news! Once again, we've been gifted with the leftovers from the SEEDEX held by the **Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society**. <https://onrockgarden.com/>

Attached you'll find a list of seeds available but the rest is up to you! Only the Latin names are provided so your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to search the list, find out which perennials you'd like to try from seed and email your order. (a couple of these stinkers are annuals in this area but that adds to the fun) If you've never grown perennials from seed, you might want to just try one or two. If you're an old pro, you can choose up to **10 different varieties**. Seeds will again be first come, first served.

**Warning:** A lot of these seeds are the size of dust particles. Mixing them with a teaspoon of sand might help you sprinkle them on the top of the soil.

Just email your request to [pj@galthort.com](mailto:pj@galthort.com) and we'll see about getting the seeds to you.

**Order by using the reference number** beside each name and keep this email for your records. (Labelling is important. We tell ourselves that we'll remember but we all know how well that works. 😊) **(Last day to order these seeds is February 11th)** You might even want to give Winter Sowing a try. <https://www.gardenfundamentals.com/cure-winter-doldrums/>

**Again the catch:** We'd like you to grow at least 3 plants of each kind, one for you to keep, one to plant at the Ferguson Cottage and one for us to sell at our plant sale. If you have a complete crop failure, well, we won't hold that against you, as long as you have fun trying. 😊 Some of these seeds are so stubborn they won't even sprout until the second year so leave the pot outside for the winter.

Here's a video to help you get started: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QsSx35Z4-g>

Our generous donors (**Ontario Rock Garden & Hardy Plant Society** <https://www.onrockgarden.com/>) have provided a great resource for you to use to look up your seeds and find the best way to germinate them. <https://onrockgarden.com/index.php/germination-guide/germination-guide> ( You might be so fascinated that you become a member! It's a great club) These are not plants you're going to find in most nurseries, these are from collectors. We tried to choose easy ones but there are some more difficult ones in the bunch. Just give it a try.

## GHS Quebec Bus Trip Information

Please see the attached information about the fantastic Quebec bus trip we have planned in August! It is recommended to register early to reserve your ticket. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Nancy Smith at [nancy@galthort.com](mailto:nancy@galthort.com).

# 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 [lynne@galthort.com](mailto:lynne@galthort.com) with a bit of a blurb about what you love to do! We will include your submissions into our monthly newsletters.

## **PASSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY by Thelma Beaubien**

In my early 20's, I purchased my first film camera. My step-father, Andrew Stuart was an avid slide photographer and I was keen to produce the same quality of images. When doing slide photography, there was no room for error. The camera settings and framing of the object had to be correct or the processed slide was not worth keeping. This attention to detail was great training when I transitioned to the digital world. I purchased my first Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera in 2005. This also meant another learning curve including downloading images on a media card to a computer, backing up to another storage location in case of a computer crash and then using image processing software. Photographing different subjects for me was wide and varied. Photographing old cars in an 'auto graveyard' with a group of friends was always a fun way to socialize. Note that the image below was actually 2 slides...one an old auto and another dried cracked mud.

Titled: Stuck in Mud



Aerial photography from float planes to helicopters was an adventure.  
Virginia Falls NWT



Waterloo Region



Today, my photography is mainly flower gardens and Lepidoptera.  
Beau's Butterfly Garden



Delaware Skipper



## 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](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



## One-Pot Cilantro Lime Chicken & Rice



### Ingredients

- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast(455 g), cubed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 poblano peppers, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic cloves, minced
- 2 ½ cups low-sodium chicken broth(600 mL)
- 1 lime, juiced
- 14 ½ oz canned cooked black beans(410 g), rinsed and drained
- 2 diced tomatoes
- 1 ½ cups jasmine rice(300 g), uncooked, rinsed
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, chopped

### Preparation

1. In a skillet, heat a small amount of oil on medium–high heat. Add chicken and season with salt and pepper.
2. Cook the chicken thoroughly, about 6-8 minutes. Remove the chicken from the skillet and set aside.
3. Add remaining olive oil to the skillet. Add onion and peppers and sauté for 5-7 minutes.
4. Add garlic and cook for an additional minute.
5. Add the chicken broth, lime juice, black beans, tomatoes, rice, salt, and pepper and stir to combine.
6. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until rice is cooked through.
7. Add chicken back to the pot. Add cilantro and combine.
8. Serve immediately.

[For Your Interest...](#)



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

### **Garden Design Workshop, by Robert Pavlis**

Part of the [Guelph Garden Seminars](#) collection by [Healthy Landscapes & Guelph-Wellington MG](#)  
Free

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#### **Event Information**

**This complete garden design course combines weekly lectures with homework assignments. You will be asked to work through the design process.**

This complete garden design course combines weekly lectures with homework assignments. You will be asked to work through the design process using your own garden. At the end of the course you will have a complete, documented design plan that you can either implement yourself, or have a landscape contractor do it for you. The course will show you how to analyze your current property, prepare a site plan, and determine your requirements and design preferences. It will then help you understand design concepts which can be incorporated into your final garden plan. The course includes a workbook with assignments to make everything very hand on. During the 3 week course you will develop a garden design for your own property. The course is focused on the design process and not on implementation ie it does not teach you how to lay bricks. No previous design experience is required.

Includes FREE workbook

Duration: 3 weeks, 1 hour per week, Wednesday nights

Instructor: Robert Pavlis

Published books: [Building Natural Ponds](#), [Garden Myths](#) & [Soil Science for Gardeners](#)

Blogs: [Garden Myths](#) & [Garden Fundamentals](#)

Facebook Groups: [Garden Fundamentals](#) & [Building Natural Ponds](#)

Owner of Aspen Grove Gardens

Week 1 – Understanding the design process and defining goals

Week 2– Develop a garden layout

Week 3 – Complete the garden plan



### **Ancaster Horticultural Society**

All are welcome and free to join the Ancaster Horticultural Society's Tuesday February 15, 2022 monthly meeting online via Zoom.

Our guest speaker is Catherine McGill. Catherine is our District 6 Director and her presentation, 'Mother Nature's Humour' plans to be a wonderful evening talking about Mother Nature, the plants she made and the names we gave them. Some are just plain silly and others are amazing feats of brilliance.

Tune in to enjoy this fun time of neat blooms that can make you smile when you see them and say their names.

Please register by sending an email to the Ancaster Horticultural Society at [ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com](mailto:ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com).

An invitation link will be sent to you one week before the presentation. The Zoom meeting will open at 7:15pm. The speaker presentation is from 7:30pm-8:30pm including a question and answer period. There will be a short business meeting following the presentation.

# GARDENMAKING

Inspiring & informing home gardeners

For interesting articles and information about upcoming events for gardeners in Ontario please visit [www.gardenmaking.com](http://www.gardenmaking.com).

## THINGS TO DO IN YOUR FEBRUARY GARDEN Gardening with Mark and Ben, February 2022 Newsletter



**Buy dahlia bulbs.** They will arrive at your local garden retailer any day soon and you should get them while the selection is at its best. Plant in one-gallon sized containers in March.

**Start petunia seeds** in February. Most others wait until March or April. Stay tuned!

**Feed the birds.** Use a quality seed mix so that it does not get wasted and you attract quality birds.

**Buy seeds.** Whether you choose to shop the seed catalogues or peruse the seed racks at your local garden centre, be sure to do it soon. First, you are only going to get busier as the gardening season approaches. Secondly, the selection is at its best.

### BIRDS IN FOCUS:

Help Birds by counting the ones in your backyard or community

By: Jody Allair

### Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb 18-21

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a fantastic opportunity for you to enjoy the outdoors and contribute to Citizen Science. You can count birds at home, in a local park or greenspace, or even while travelling abroad. The Great Backyard Bird Count is a 4 day annual event that provides a snap shot of where birds are around the world. Last year more than 300,000 people observed a



total of 6,436 species and submitted an astonishing 379,726 checklists! This year the count is taking place **18-21 February, 2022**.



We've lost 1 in 4 birds in North America since the 1970s – but people can help by participating in bird counts like the Great Backyard Bird Count to help monitor birds. We ask people to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org). The information gathered by tens of thousands of volunteers helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale.

#### **Free Webinar**

Join our experts on February 16 as we brush up on bird ID, unlock the mystery of bird songs, and practice counting birds – no matter how large the flock or how busy the feeder. This webinar is designed for birders of all ages and experience. You'll leave feeling confident and ready to be part of the Great Backyard Bird Count! [Learn more and register here](#).

The [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) is an inter-organizational effort between the **Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society, and Birds Canada**. Visit [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) to learn more about how to participate and please share the information with anyone else who may enjoy participating.

Good birding!

Jody Allair  
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[Birds Canada](#)  
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## **When To Plant Seeds???**

When to plant depends on where you garden in Ontario. The most important thing is to look at your approximate last frost date for when you can transplant outside. If you start plants too early, they can get leggy and lax and will be setback. Start by checking these helpful links...

<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/growers-library/seed-planting-schedule-calculator.html?fbclid=IwAR2tRfCOP531tRfTym1d0fRIkZghJduflx4oVx6BP8hAc34HRB0p8ii0lw>

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/facts/climzoneveg.htm?fbclid=IwAR0LFeOR8Yi-TZEwCiKcZYAZZtQnaxSMMIOjLt7hNLA9gKuV9I5YDXEo0m8>

<https://squarefootgardening.org/.../planting-chart-cheat.../>

[https://www.veseys.com/media/contentmanager/content/Veseys\\_planting\\_guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR17vWFG1zPFqFcXWEDpXtUfKhEv\\_T9TQWVQ9YrbrNIXXUjb6w6lOwTMC8I](https://www.veseys.com/media/contentmanager/content/Veseys_planting_guide.pdf?fbclid=IwAR17vWFG1zPFqFcXWEDpXtUfKhEv_T9TQWVQ9YrbrNIXXUjb6w6lOwTMC8I)



## 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](mailto:nleecolibaba@gmail.com).

### *Cornus florida* L. Eastern Flowering Dogwood.



Eastern Flowering Dogwood is a small, native spring flowering tree that attains a height and spread of rarely more than 9-10 m (25-30 feet) making it a great choice for smaller yards and locations where large shade trees may be less desirable. It grows naturally as an understory tree in the forests of the southern Great Lakes region, especially those occurring on sandier and loamy soils. As a native tree the flowers and fruit are especially attractive to Ontario's birds, pollinators and other wildlife. Its flower is the floral emblem of Norfolk County and it has the honour of being the state tree for both Virginia and Missouri.

Eastern Flowering Dogwood produces an abundance of white or pink flowers in mid to late May. Floral displays typically become more consistent as the tree matures. The flower structure consists of four showy petal-like bracts that surround clusters of small yellow flowers at their centre. Pink flowered forms are mostly derived from populations native to the southeastern US and their flower buds tend to be somewhat less hardy in Ontario than more locally sourced, white-flowered forms. The foliage turns a burgundy red in early fall which can last for three or more weeks. Bright red fruits are relished by

southward migrating songbirds in autumn, especially Thrushes, Eastern Bluebirds and American Robins. The bark on mature specimens develops an interesting pattern of tiny square blocks.

Successful culture in the home landscape is best achieved by growing it in a sunny location with sandy, loamy or enriched gravelly soils with good drainage. It has a slight preference for more acidic soils, and like many woodland trees, benefits from soils enriched with organic matter content near the surface where feeder roots are located. Once established, it is quite drought tolerant but benefits from watering in dry spells. Its small stature means that it requires little pruning and since flower buds are produced in the fall in readiness for spring, any pruning is best done after spring flowering.

Eastern Flowering Dogwood is now listed as an endangered species in the wild due to the introduction of a serious fungal disease to North America that has significantly reduced native populations since the 1990's. The disease (anthracnose) requires a cool, damp environment in which to thrive. Where dogwood trees are planted in the open with good air circulation and direct sun, the incidence of disease is significantly reduced.

An Asian species of dogwood - *Cornus kousa* (Chinese or Japanese Dogwood) is often confused with our native Eastern Flowering Dogwood. *Kousa* dogwoods, as the many cultivars are often described, attain slightly larger sizes and flower about one month later than our native species in late June to early July. A number of the *Kousa* cultivars and hybrids are sterile with no pollen or fruit production resulting in few benefits to birds and pollinators.

Kevin Kavanagh – Brantford Master Gardeners

## 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



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