



Galt Horticultural Society
Ferguson Cottage Est
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Join us Monday Nov 28, 2022 @ 7:00 PM for our next General Meeting!

The one and only David Hobson will be our speaker for this month's meeting. David was born and raised in Yorkshire, England, but has made Canada his home. He has ink stains on his green thumb and lives in Waterloo, Ontario, where he loves to watch things grow — his children, his garden, his friends and his compost heap (which should eventually shrink). In addition to creating the Garden Humour website, he is the weekly garden columnist for The Waterloo Region Record (print and online), and a regular contributor to Grand Magazine.

He has written two books of humorous garden stories -- Soiled Reputations and Diary of a Mad Gardener -- also available from Amazon as eBooks. He has spoken to many horticultural societies and gardening groups, including multiple times at Canada Blooms, The Canadian National Exhibition, The Southwestern Flower Show in Atlanta Georgia, and the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention.

With the humour and passion of a lifelong gardener, exceptional photography and unique tips, he is an entertaining and informative speaker.



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 849 0114 0502

Passcode: 386424

Zoom Tips

Please use the “Mute” option and keep yourself in Mute unless you are speaking.

You can turn off your webcam by using the “Stop Video” option.

If you find the video or sound is breaking up, use the “Stop Video” option. Your computer will use less bandwidth since it’s not projecting your video and that can help the quality.

If you wish to see only the person speaking, select the “Speaker View”.

If you wish to see only the presenter when screen share is on, select the “Active Speaker Video” option (in the tool bar where the participant windows are).

If you don’t have a webcam, you can join and you’ll see everything on your screen. We won’t be able to see you, but we can hear you.

If you don’t have a speaker, or if you don’t wish to speak out loud, use the “Chat” option.

You can also connect by dialing in on telephone, so that you can listen to the meeting.

GHS Upcoming Workshops

Wed Nov 9th - 6:30 – 8:00 pm - Make Your Own Sauerkraut

WORKSHOP IS FULL!!



Sat Nov 20th - 1pm & 3 pm - Make Your Own Christmas Urn

REGISTER SOON BEFORE SPOTS FILL UP



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(2 workshops) cost \$30.00 for members \$40.00 for non-members

We will supply the evergreen boughs, ribbon, some decorative items, Red Dogwood and Curly Willow (if possible). Please bring your own container with soil, not frozen, hanging pots work best to fill your urn. You are welcome to bring your preferred bow/ribbon and any decorations of your liking.

Sat Dec 3rd – 1 – 3 pm - Children's Tree Decorating

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Children must be accompanied by an adult. Everything is provided. Children will decorate a small artificial tree with handmade decorations.

Please bring a donation for the Cambridge Foodbank.

Christmas Get Together at Ferguson Cottage



Join us for our **Christmas Get Together on Mon Dec 12th @ 6:30 pm**. There will be plenty of finger foods, coffee, tea & hot apple cider served. We will need a count on the number of members interested in attending and joining in the festivities.

We have had such a tremendous response thus far that we will need a larger venue...watch your emails for the updated location for our holiday celebration.

Please RSVP to lynne@galthort.com by Nov 12th.

This will give those working on our Christmas celebration plenty of time to get everything organized and ensure everyone has a wonderful holiday celebration.

If you are interested in helping out with this event...just let us know!

And The Winner Is...GHS October 2022 Photo Contest!

Congratulations to Gerri Korec as the winner of our October Photo Contest! Gerri submitted her photo called 'Autumn Kiss'.



All the photos submitted were wonderful! Congratulations again ladies!

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

Send in with '**GHS November Photo Contest**' in the subject line to lynne@galthort.com by **Nov 19th @ 6pm.**

The list of photos will be sent out and **voting will take place between Nov 20th - 27th . The winner(s) will be announced at our General Meeting on Mon Nov 28th.**

GHS & City of Cambridge Un-Silent Night

Fri Nov 25th

The Galt Horticultural Society will be on the walking route and participating in the Un-silent Night event held by the City of Cambridge with...

6:45 p.m. - Opening remarks at City Hall Civic Square

7 p.m. - Countdown to begin walk through downtown

All ages will enjoy walking through downtown Cambridge with thousands of participants as you interact and enjoy over 30 light installations that will be illuminated along the route. Come and check out Ferguson Cottage on Nov 25th!



If you are interested in helping out with our festive decorations please let us know!

Membership Has Its Benefits!!



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/>



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 Lynne Goulet-Smith, Coordinator – lgs.granderie.mg@rogers.com

Gardening In The Fall

by Len Cole

Starting in September, the garden usually starts to change. The plants seem to know that they have get ready for cooler temperatures and a change in the type of sun light they will be subjected to. October and November can also be busy as it gets closer to frozen ground and snow cover. There is lots to do to put the garden to bed for winters sleep but also to prepare to wake it for the spring.



September

If you have not already started to take cuttings of plants to be kept over then September may be your last chance. Check any of your previous cuttings that may have to be replaced. Any house plants that have been outside for the summer should be getting moved indoors in stages to reduce any shock. Check these house plants over for any insects or diseases, this would include the soil. Outside is a good place to give the plants a shower to remove summers dirt. Do the plants need to be repotted? Now is a good time to do the work outside to keep the mess out of the house.

No matter how much you prepare plants for the move indoors, they will probably drop most of their leaves. Keep up a regular watering schedule so that they will regrow leaves and get accustomed to new surroundings. Light, warmth and humidity levels are different indoors. Do not fertilize plants that have been brought inside until next spring.

As the month progresses, harvest the fruit, vegetables, and herbs from the garden. Some root vegetables can stay in the ground longer but may need some protection. Collect disease free leaves, dry grass or straw and mound this around these root vegetables. Harvest these before the ground freezes.



October

This is a good month to dig and store the summer flowering bulbs in your yard. These would include Gladiolas, Dahlias, Canna Lilies, Calla Lilies, Tuberous Begonias, and other tender bulbs. Some will survive killing frost but all of them must be dug before the ground freezes. After digging lay the bulbs out to dry, then remove any soil packed in and around the bulbs. Store the bulbs in a cool area (above the freezing point), dry, dark location.

Many perennials will have stopped flowering and now there is the choice of either cutting the tops down now or waiting until spring. This is a personal choice, and most plants will survive either method. Leaving the tops for the winter will add winter interest in the garden, help to collect blowing leaves and snow for protection, and the seed heads will

feed birds and animals through winter. Cutting back in the fall is easy as there is no new growth to worry about cutting then getting the gardens started in the spring could be less work when everything starts growing at the same time. The same applies to annuals planted in the garden but they will not survive the winter just provide mulch.

Do not compost any plant tops or annuals that have any insects or disease. Dispose of this infected material in the garbage to help reduce spreading the problem next year.

Plant the spring flowering bulbs, also known as Dutch bulbs. These would include Tulips, Crocus, Daffodils and more. These can be planted if the ground is not frozen but the earlier the better as they will start to grow their roots this fall and prepare for both the cold and the growth next spring.

November

Most of your winter preparation work should be done by now. Now take a walk around your yard looking for things that were missed. Cut back extra-long branches and stems that will get damaged with the snow and ice load or that will damage your house, shed or other structures. Have you stored the pots and ornaments that will get damaged during winter's freeze and thaw cycles? Porous clay items will soak up water and when that freezes the clay will crack.



When you are storing the garden tools, pots and patio furniture don't forget that indoor seed starting comes before you need any of these items. Sort out the seeding trays and cell packs and store in an area that is easily gotten to without having to empty your garden shed in a January blizzard.

December

Gardening this month and for a few more months, will be of the indoor variety. Bringing home house plants, cut flowers, holiday plants can be a challenge with frigid cold weather and plant material not protected well enough. Some tips would include having the car warm and placing the plant material near the heater, covering them with a blanket, make this purchase as the last stop before going home, and when you do get home leave the groceries in the car and take your plant material into house first.



Some of the garden plant cuttings you took back in September may need to be potted into soil. They will grow, which is fine, because you can take more cuttings and still have them all ready for next year's outdoor growing season.

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