



Galt Horticultural Society
Ferguson Cottage Est. 1891

**Join us Monday Dec 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
for our Christmas Celebration!**



Join us for our **Christmas Celebration Mon Dec 12th @ 7:00 pm**, at the **Central Presbyterian Church, 7 Queen s Square**. There will be plenty of finger foods, coffee, tea & hot apple cider served. Anyone wishing to bring anything sweet to share is welcome to.

We will be holding a Penny Sale so anyone wishing to donate gardening items (or anything else) please bring with you by 6:30 pm. Tickets will be 10 for \$3.00, so don't forget to bring some change with you. Don't forget to bring your own mug.

A great many members have emailed that they will be attending, so it will be wonderful to see familiar faces once again.

GHS Workshops

We had a terrific turnout for our sauerkraut and urn workshops held earlier this month. Everyone enjoyed getting together and spending time making something they could take home and enjoy.



Our next workshop is our Children's Tree Decorating workshop to be held

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

REGISTER SOON – THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT!



Image is a depiction only

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.

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

Congratulations to Marion Flowers as the winner of our November Photo Contest! Marion submitted her photo called 'Jungle Love.'

#2 – Marion Flowers – jungle love!



All the photos submitted were wonderful! Congratulations Marion!

Don't forget to send in your photos for our **GHS December Photo Contest...'Holiday Décor – Indoor or Outdoor'.**

Send your photos with **'GHS December Photo Contest'** in the subject line to lynne@galthort.com by Dec 19th @ 6pm.

The list of photos will be sent out and **voting will take place between Dec 20th – 31st. The winner(s) will be announced via email in January.**

GHS Participated in Un-Silent Night

The Galt Horticultural Society took part in the Un-Silent Walk held on Nov 25th. All ages enjoyed walking through downtown Cambridge with hundreds of participants. Ferguson Cottage was part of 30 light installations along the route.



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

Prairie Smoke, *Geum triflorum*



I acquired three Prairie Smoke, native plants, a year or so ago and I love it in my garden. I had heard about this native gem from fellow Master Gardeners and it immediately became a "must have". Because of its size, it isn't a show stopper in the garden but does add interest especially as a border plant and can complement other more showy plants such as Stonecrop (*Sedum*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), cornflower (*Echinacea*) and asters (*Aster*).

Its foliage forms a 10'-18" mound and spreads 6"-12" by underground rhizomes and eventually will produce a lovely groundcover. These fern-like semi evergreen leaves will turn a beautiful reddish, purplish colour at the end of the season.

It is not the leaves of this plant that it is known for but the flowers. Starting in the late spring, early summer Prairie Smoke sends out a 1' long flower stalk with clusters of reddish-pink to

maroon small flowers but there are several on each stem. Each floret resembles a closed bud which has 5 long pink sepals and 5 pink to white shorter petals. Once the flower has been pollinated, the style (female flower part) unfurls and elongate to form 3" silvery pink plumes that give the plant its name for these flower parts to remind the gardener of smoke in the wind. It certainly adds interest to the garden and lasts several weeks. Once these styles are dried, they can be used in dry flower arrangements.

It is a hardy plant surviving in zone 3-7 and tolerates almost any type of soil but doesn't perform well in wet conditions which can cause the rhizome to rot. Even though it will take a light shade, blooming is improved with better light. Once established in the garden, Prairie Smoke is mainly maintenance free. Keep them watered in the first year especially if it is a dry season. The leaves will extend into winter, leave them until spring clean-up.

After they are well established, the native plant can be divided to increase your numbers but be careful not to damage the rhizome which provides nutrients for the new divisions.

These beauties in nature are often found in undisturbed prairies that are dry open woods and rocky meadows. We find them in sparse grassy areas around the Great Lakes. Consider this gem for your garden. It is native so that alone makes it a good choice. You won't be disappointed.

MG-Nancy Lee-Colibaba, Dec 2022

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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/>

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To you...our membership...thank you for your continued support throughout 2022. We wish everyone a safe and merry holiday season!

