



Galt Horticultural Society

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Happy New Year!!!

We hope everyone enjoyed a happy holiday with family and friends. It is time to welcome in 2023 and the GHS has many exciting events planned for this coming year.

Create Your Own Suet Cake Workshop

We will not be holding a regular monthly meeting this month, but instead a 'Create Your Own Suet Cake' workshop to be held at the **Cambridge Centre for the Arts on Dickson Street (3rd floor) Mon Jan 30th @ 7 PM**. This will be a **free** workshop to all of our members. Spots will be limited so watch your emails for more information coming soon.



Feb 27, 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM will be held via Zoom on Feb 27th @ 7 PM. A link will be emailed out to join the meeting. The Minutes for last year's AGM, Financials and the new slate of Executives & Directors will be presented. Watch your email for more information regarding our AGM and how to cast your vote.

GHS 30th Annual Dream Garden Conference

Wow! It's hard to believe 30 years of presenting our Dream Garden conferences! Our conference is our big event to kick start the year, get together on a winter's day with fellow gardeners, listen to informative speakers, enjoy a wonderful breakfast & lunch and win some great prizes!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This year our conference will be held **Sun Mar 5th at the Polish Club on Franklin Blvd**. More details will be sent out soon.

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

Congratulations to Maggie McGuire & Connie/Ed Boychuk as the tie winner of our December Photo Contest!

Maggie submitted her photo called 'Mantel Decor' and Connie & Ed submitted '100' Front Yard Train'.

All the photos submitted were wonderful! Congratulations again Maggie, Connie & Ed.

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



Capture the beauty of your favourite perennial in a photo and send your photos with '[GHS January Photo Contest](#)' in the subject line to lynne@galthort.com by Jan 19th @ 6pm.

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

THINGS TO DO IN JANUARY – Mark & Ben Cullen Newsletter Jan 2023



- **Pot up** your Christmas amaryllis. Bury the bottom 1/3 of the bulb in moist soil. You will be amazed how quickly your amaryllis wakes from dormancy

and begin to grow.

- **Reduce watering** of most indoor plants. 9 out of 10 problems with indoor plants are the result of over watering. Take a break.
- **Order seeds** for your veggie and flower garden. If you don't 'order' seeds, check out the fresh stock local hardware stores.
- Go to local horticultural club meetings. Gardeners are social creatures... especially in winter! Bring your questions and an inquisitive mind: many answers are to be found here!
- **Read, listen, organize** your garden photos from last summer and put up your gardening antennae: winter is when we learn and deepen our horticultural knowledge, not to mention create a plan for our 2023 garden!
- **Order your seed catalogues** or go online to view all of the new offerings. Our favourites include [Veseys](#) in P.E.I., [Ontario Seed Company](#), [McKenzie Seeds](#), and [Stokes](#).
- **Check indoor tropical plants** for bugs. Squish them with your thumb or apply Green Earth insecticidal soap. If you have spider mites spray with room temperature water everyday and make sure that you reach the underside of the leaves.

BIRDS IN FOCUS: Sharing a Love of Birds By: Jody Allair

For the first time since the pandemic started I was able to get back to leading [birding tours](#) across Canada and spend time birding with others. In many ways it reinforced just how important it is that we share our love of birds with people. Many of us discovered the joy and value of birds during the pandemic. But let's not stop there, if you regularly benefit from time spent with birds in your yard, or during your travels, then take the next step to help others appreciate just how amazing and transformative birding can be.

I saw many great birds this year, including Whooping Cranes in Saskatchewan, Yellow-billed Loons in the Canadian Arctic, but in all honesty nothing can quite beat the stunning beauty of one of our local birds here in southern Alberta – the Mountain Bluebird. I managed to get this photo of an adult male back in May. If seeing one of these gems in person doesn't help connect you with the beauty and importance of nature, I'm not sure what will.



Mountain Bluebird of Happiness
Photo credit: Jody Allair

I also want to take a second to encourage you all to learn more about how you can make positive changes to help birds in 2023 by visiting: [Your Guide to Helping Canada's Birds | Birds Canada | Oiseaux Canada](#).

Thank you all for reading my monthly column. Good Birding!

Jody Allair, Director Community Engagement
[Birds Canada](#)

Check out this interesting website: [Canada's Local Gardener - Canada's Local Gardener magazine](#)

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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:

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