
Garden Hamilton March/April Newsletter

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We're just weeks away from the official start of spring, and you can almost feel the season shifting. Longer days, brighter light, and the first hints of green are already here.

Let me introduce myself. I'm Jenna, the new Media Chair. I'll be managing the newsletter and helping Nancy with the [Garden Hamilton website](#). If you'd like to get in touch, just reply to this email or reach me at gardenhamiltonmedia@gmail.com. You'll likely also notice a new newsletter format, designed to make it simpler to share announcements and updates.

In this newsletter, you'll find details on upcoming meetings and events, information about our latest raffle, and photos from the always-creative Brown Bag Contest. Whether you're already starting seeds or simply dreaming about your garden plans, there's plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

Brown Bag Contest

There was a record 12 entries in February's Brown Bag Contest. See photos of the winning entries below.



First place: Rose Rutherford (left). Second place: Christina Bilobrk (right)



Tied for third place: Joy Stephenson (left) and Janet Crouch (right)

Expressions of Creativity 2026



For the March Meeting, the Flower Committee is asking those who would like to show off their creative talents to bring them in to display for all our members to view. Any Craft or Hobby (that is portable) would be nice for us all to see and perhaps inspire us all.

A Committee member will log your craft/hobby item in and set them up on a table for display for all to look at! This very interesting and creative display has always proven just how talented many of our members are outside of horticultural activities.

There will be no judging points for this display. It will be just for all of our members to enjoy viewing....kind of like show & tell!

April Spring Flower Show: **"Spring Awakening."**

There will be 6 Horticultural Classes: Daffodil, Tulip, Helleborus, Any Flowering Branch and Any potted flowering house plant (6" pot or less).

The Open Design Class will be **"April Showers,"** a design incorporating visible use of water.

The Novice Design Class will be **"Spring Up,"** a small design using Spring Flowers.

The Photography Class will be **"First Up,"** your interpretation of the First Signs of Spring.

Further details and Rules will be sent out prior to the April General Meeting.

Thanks from Maryann & Martha (MHHS Flower Committee)
Let's get Creative!

SWAROWSKI Bracelet Draw



Approx. value \$400. Tickets \$2 or 3/\$5. Draw to be held at the June meeting.

Thanks to a generous donation to Garden Hamilton, we'll be raffling off a Swarovski charm bracelet. Funds raised will go toward operating the group. Tickets will be on sale during general meetings, and the draw will happen at the June Strawberry Social meeting. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

Upcoming Events

- March 20 - General Meeting: Speaker Claudette Sims, "Harmony in the Garden" (Immanuel Christian Reformed Church/Hamilton)
- March 28 - GardenOntario 50/50 Raffle Draw [Get your tickets online](#)
- April 11 - Haldimand Seedy Saturday Event (Riverside Exhibition Centre/Caledonia)
- April 17 - General Meeting: Speaker Roland Craig, "All About Dahlias." (Immanuel Christian Reformed Church/Hamilton)
- April 25 - District 6 Annual General Meeting (Paris, ON) [Register here.](#)
- May 16 - Plant Sale (Immanuel Christian Reformed Church/Hamilton)
- June 19 - General Meeting: Strawberry Social & SWAROVSKI Bracelet draw (Immanuel Christian Reformed Church/Hamilton)
- July 24-25 - OHA Convention, "Gardening for Life" (Durham College in Oshawa)

Member Information & Reminders

Allergy Alert: Immanuel Christian Reformed Church is a nut-free environment. Please do not bring baked goods containing tree nuts or peanuts.

Membership Renewal: If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2026, please contact Laura at mhhsd6@gmail.com or speak with us at an upcoming meeting. Annual dues are \$20 per individual or \$25 per family/couple.

Member Discounts: Show your membership card to receive a 10% discount on regular-priced horticultural materials at the following nurseries: Harper's and Satellite.

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) Passes: Please note that Royal Botanical Gardens passes are no longer available to Garden Hamilton members. We appreciate the many years this program was offered.

Illness / Bereavement Notification: Please let us know if one of our members has become ill or injured, or has suffered the loss of a family member and we will take the appropriate steps on behalf of the Society.

Bequests & Donations: We are a registered charitable organization and welcome donations or bequests to support our events, such as speakers or community work. This is an opportunity to make a living legacy in your honour. Charitable receipts will be issued for any donations, and your contribution helps sustain the Society for future members.



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