

The Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society

The mission of the Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society is to educate and promote an interest in all areas of horticulture and related environmental issues.

Est. 10 May 1927

January-February 2021



Note: Due to Covid-19, in-person meetings are suspended until further notice.

Temporary ZOOM General Meetings:

3rd Friday of each month,
except January (4th Friday. this year),
Feb. - Apr., Jun., Sep. & Oct.
7:30 pm

Our outdoor annual plant sale should be in May & our Holiday Banquet (fingers crossed) in November.

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Ontario Horticultural Society:
<https://gardenontario.org/society-listing/entry/517/>

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MHHS Blog
<https://themounthamiltonhorticulturalsociety.blogspot.com/>

President's Message

Kathy Spiwak

Dear world, I am excited to be alive in you, and I am thankful for another year" - Charlotte Eriksson

Good riddance 2020!

An unprecedented year, 2020 brought forward challenges for almost all of us. Looking forward, all we need now is some hope, positivity, and cheer to have a fresher outlook and make new beginnings in 2021.

I must thank each one of you for supporting the Mount Hamilton Horticultural Society ... We had 111 members sign up for 2021. Along with 5 Lifetime members, 3 Honorary Members and one In Memoriam, that makes our membership 120 members strong!

As a Society, 2021 has forced us to adapt as we have ever done before. We must move forward, committed to supporting our members and community, learning more about ourselves and what we are capable of.

Together we stay strong...and garden on!

Kathy



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Moving Forward ...

We are taking our Annual General Meeting to a 'ZOOM' platform!

Friday, January 15th, 2021 @ 7:30 pm: ZOOM Practice & Tutorial

We will be holding an online 'tutorial' ZOOM meeting in preparation for our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and general meetings to come. Even if you are a 'ZOOM-guru', please join us ... we may need your coaching! We might not have all the answers to problems that might occur, but we will try our best, working together, to figure it all out. This meeting will be a learning experience for the Executive Committee as well.

**** The link(s) for this ZOOM meeting will be sent out by email, the day before the actual meeting ****

Please use the following ZOOM 'Learning Links' to Download and get used to ZOOM, if you have not used or mastered it already.

Note: Most of this information can be found on support.zoom.us

Tablet and iPad users look under 'iOS'. There will also be separate info for Mac and phone users.

Click on the small box [] in the bottom right corner of your screen to enlarge the video to full screen.

Click on 'CC' (bottom right) to either add or take away the closed captioning.

ZOOM 101 Sign Up & Download Meeting Client

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsy2Ph6kSf8>

How to join a ZOOM meeting with an iPad

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=your+first+zoom+meeting+on+iPad#kpvalbx=4VqX8-8AaiF9PwPwOiWqAl14>

How to join a ZOOM meeting

(Note the Mac and iOS videos at the bottom)

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193>

Guide for new ZOOM users

This quick start guide walks you through getting started with your new Zoom account – also see Recorded Live Training below.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360034967471-Getting-started-guide-for-new-users>

Keyboard shortcuts (windows and iPads)

Look to the bottom for the Mac and iPad shortcut list.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205683899-hot-keys-and-keyboard-for-zoom>

Recorded Live Training – Getting started with ZOOM

This 45-minute tutorial is great if you intend to have your own Basic (free) Zoom account. You can learn how to set up meetings with friends and family.

https://livetraining.zoom.us/rec/play/W2qtZ_mI5ahBhzx1hx5B6QLxn20ixQei1zC92c1RGL2wRKxkqoAa-J5Co-TvG-9sSljmu6cQSuXYC7im_R4NIk-NXE98q0Yw?continueMode=true&xzm_rtaid=JOIkIPswRoCKU044n0tcPQ.1609109549695.0b565c051d61d7887556fea4f823a1c2&xzm_rhtaid=927

Friday, January 29th, 2021 @ 7:30 pm: Our 2021 AGM – Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our annual AGM on ZOOM, with Liz Chapple (our D6 ADD) running the Installation of Officers. There will be a brief update from the Treasurer, Programmes and Flower Show Committees. Following that, we have a speaker! (see program, page 4)

NOTE: We must have a quorum of at least 30% of our members participate in the vote for the AGM to proceed.

**** The link for this ZOOM meeting will be sent out by email, the day before the actual meeting ****

Program Committee

Diane Naiker

Upcoming general meetings, through ZOOM, will include the following speakers:

January 29th, 2021: AGM & Induction of Officers

- Speaker - Rob Howard
- Topic - Around the World (part of it) in 20 Gardens

February 19th, 2021:

- Speaker - Catherine McGill (D6 Director)
- Topic - The Ground is Getting Lower, Tips & Tricks for the Aging Gardener
- NO Brown Bag Contest this year!

March 19th, 2021:

- Speaker - Marie Decker (D6 Secretary)
- Topic - Herbs and Veggies

April 16th, 2021:

- Speaker - Robert Pavlis
- Topic - Pruning Trees & Shrubs

Looking forward to seeing you in 2021!

Diane

Social Committee

Debbie Toth

Although Covid has made it unsafe to gather or share in coffee and treats at our regular meetings, please keep your recipes at the ready for when we can all safely get together again.

We will still need volunteers to provide treats and help Terry and I in the kitchen. Looking forward to that time in the future!

Keep safe,

Debbie

Treasurer's Report

Maryann Botts

2020 was a vastly different year for our society, even financially!

Even though we only had two in-person meetings, we did take in our usual membership fees; and some plants & other items were sold outside of the meetings.

The OMAFRA grant income is double this year, as they gave us our 2021 grant early. We incurred a net loss this year of \$1,172.93, mostly as we continued with some of our regular charitable contributions, to support our "growing" community (N2N planting beds, Highway of Heroes Tree plantings). We also donated to the Church as a goodwill gesture.

Income: Membership (\$1,470) Draws & Social (\$288.80) OMAFRA grant (\$2,000) Plant Sales (\$145) Other fundraising & Misc. (\$570.84) Interest Income (\$153.63)

Expenses: Rent (\$380) Speakers (\$300) Newsletter (\$214.89) General (\$417.34) Charity (\$3,237.70) Misc. (\$523.75) OHA Membership & D6 Dues (\$727.52)

GIC investments: \$8,108.21

I believe, the lack of a major plant sale was the biggest contributing factor to our net loss. Hopefully, we will be back in the "black" in 2021 with our plan to hold some sort of plant sale in May.

Thanks,

Maryann



Publicity Coordinator ... A Change of Hands

Kathy Spiwak - President

Claire Kostyshyn, our long-time Publicity Coordinator, is stepping down, and Nancy Gordon has agreed to take on the role as of 2021.

We sincerely thank Claire (Former President - 3 years, Past President - 3 years, and Publicity Coordinator – 3 years), with the help of her husband Stephen Kostyshyn (Former Vice President, current Historian, and assistant Publicity), for their unwavering commitment to the Society. It was Claire's new, artistic form of newsletter design that won the Society a D6 award a few years back! Thank you for your many years of service, Claire!

In addition to her new role as Publicity Coordinator, Nancy Gordon is introducing the Society to the world of 'Blogging', with the creation of a NEW blog available at: themounthamiltonhorticulturalsociety.blogspot.com. We hope that this new destination on the 'information highway' will connect our members with more horticultural links, past and present. Thank-you Nancy for stepping forward into this challenging role.

Kathy

GROWING GREEN as published in the Hamilton Mountain News

We would like to invite you to catch up on these interesting & often instructive articles written by MHHS members and published in the Hamilton Mountain News during 2020.

2020-05-06 - Nancy Haigh Gordon
[Adjusting to a New Eco-friendly Normal](#)

2020-09-25 - Rob Howard
[Tips for Readyng your Garden for Winter](#)

2020-06-08 - Rob Howard
[Now's the Time to Plant Summer Flowering Bulbs](#)

2020-10-08 - Judy Hernandez
[Maintain your Gardening Tools in the Fall to Make Them Last Longer](#)

2020-07-09 - Judy Hernandez
[A Cup of Nectar, Please](#)

2020-10-28 - Marjorie Cooke
[Propagating Roses from Cuttings](#)

2020-08-21 - Marjorie Cooke
[Use Epsom Salts in your Garden](#)

2020-11-12 - Helen MacPherson
[Cyclamen – The Poor Man's Orchid](#)

2020-09-21 - Helen MacPherson
[Grow a Backyard Orchard](#)

2020-11-28 - Rita Bailey
[Berries are for the Birds](#)

2020-08-31 - Rita Bailey
[Extend the Season in the Veggie Garden](#)

2020-12-22 - Nancy Haigh Gordon
[Use Variegated False Holly as Indoor Seasonal Greenery](#)

2020-09-15 - Nancy Haigh Gordon
[Trading Outdoor Gardening for an Indoor Alternative](#)

Please email Growing Green Coordinator, Nancy, at mhhsnewsletter@gmail.com if you are interested in writing for Growing Green in 2021. She will be setting up a tentative writing schedule in late February.

RBG Day Pass MHHS has two one-day passes to the RBG. Each pass is for four people to visit. If you would like to borrow a pass, please contact Ruth at 905-389-1875.

Member's privileges: The following nurseries will give a 10% discount on all regular priced horticultural material when you present your membership card: Harper's, Holland Park, Satellite and Sharples.

Bequests & Donations Did you know that you can make a bequest in your will to our Society? 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.

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.

Allergy Alert Immanuel Christian Reformed Church is a nut free environment. Please do not bring baked goods that contain nuts.

Newsletter & Blog formatted and edited by Nancy Gordon

Deadline for submissions to our next newsletter is *February 20, 2021*

Email Nancy at mhhsnewsletter@gmail.com