

Town Gardener

Time to collect garden valuables

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Now that frost has taken its toll, it is time to go out into the garden and collect your perennial and annual valuables. Mother Nature has delivered her Fall message to all plants to prepare for winter. Some of your perennial root systems are tender to our climate and must be brought inside for the winter, gladioli, freesia, tuberous, begonias, dahlias, canna lilies, calla lilies, acanthus, montbrietta, etc., etc.

The proper tools would be a clean digging fork and spade. Taking into consideration how large and vigorous your plants were, place your spade 4"-6" away from the crown (all visible stems coming from the ground) and cut down as vertical as possible giving only a slight tug sideways once the spade is buried. Now take your digging fork, loosen and remove the root ball with soil intact. If your clumps are large enough you can divide these food stores as you loosen the earth off. Any soil that

does not come off easily should remain on the roots and can be brushed off later. Place your collectibles on newspaper in your garden and air dry for 3 or 4 days.

Once the soil is dry gently brush off all soil and clean any loose dry, deteriorated parts leaving only firm fleshy roots, bulbs, corms, modified stems, get the picture. Allow to air dry for another 2 days to be sure no excess moisture is trapped in some of those unusual looking root systems.

Now storing for the winter is

the key to next year's success. Place in dry peat moss or wood shavings and hang them in perforated bags, i.e. onion sacs, potato burlap bags or an even more resourceful used nylon. Tag your plants with as much information as you can muster, name, colour and date.

Approximately mid Jan. to Feb. you should check them to be sure of no potential problems. If any roots appear to shrivel or dry, soak for 10-15 minutes in water with a couple drops of javex to every gallon of solution.

Remove from the water and air dry for a couple of days. This will prevent desiccation and keep molds and mildew in check. Once dry place back in clean dry peat moss or wood shavings.



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Community Service Bulletins

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If you are a non-profit organization, service club or charity or church group and would like us to publish your community service announcement of community interest, call us at 877-2201 during regular office hours. There is no charge for this service to Halton Hills community groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday at Noon for publication for the following Wednesday. Deadlines will not be extended under any circumstances. Although we will do our best to print all announcements, space is limited and there are no guarantees of insertion.

Happenings

Halton Centennial Manor is offering an educational series on Aging at the Manor, Ontario St., Milton. Session 6 - Mon, Oct. 21, 7-9 p.m. - Community Resources - Working the System. Tamara Horton, Halton Placement Co-ordinator Services, Margo Veit, Hospital Discharge Planner. Call Lauraine Andrews at 878-4141, ext. 167 for more information.

The 5th Annual Multiple Sclerosis Bachelor Classic will be held on Fri. Nov. 15 at the Weston Harbour Castle Conference Centre. Cost \$135 per person. Ticket on sale at (416) 922-6665 or 1-800-269-7582.

Centennial C.V.I. Reunion, Guelph May 1-3, 1992 "Spartans Come Home" for a fun-filled and nostalgic weekend. All former students, teachers and staff interested forward name address and phone number to 289 College Avenue, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 1S9. All Reunion '92 or call (519) 824-1331.

Dinner Theatre presenting Joe Abbey Colburne in "The Treasure Chest" at Georgetown District Christian School, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. \$75 couple, \$38 single. For tickets call 878-2142 or 851-1201. Limited seating.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch, will hold a Foot Care Clinic at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Emergency Dept., Oct. 15, 1-4 p.m. Cost \$15. For further info and appointment call 1-800-387-7127 and 7128.

Halton Regional Health Dept. offers a 6-part series "Pausitive Women", beginning Wed., Oct. 9 at the Halton Regional Health Department.

Meetings

Office in Georgetown, 93 Main St. S. To register and for info call 877-2238.

St. George's Anglican Church Xmas Bazaar, Sat., Nov. 2, 1991, 10 a.m. Watch for further announcements.

Yoga Classes for persons with Multiple Sclerosis, held every Friday at 1:00 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall, Victoria Park Square, Milton. \$5.00 per class. For more info call Kathy Williams, 875-1432.

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital has created an advisory committee to review health, related social, transportation and housing needs for seniors in Halton Hills. We would like to hear from residents of Halton Hills who wish to make comment with respect to the services provided in the municipality. Send your comments to Senior's Advisory Committee, c/o Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, 1 Princess Anne Dr., Georgetown, Ont. L7G 2B8.

You are invited to Milton Christian Ladies Coffee Hour, Wed. Oct. 16, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the main auditorium Halton Centennial Manor, 125 Ontario St., Milton. Free babysitting and admission.

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meetings held 3rd Thurs. of the month at 10 a.m. at the Social Services Building, Willow Street, Acton.

Friendships Alive - a social club for single, divorced, separated and widowed adults, meets regularly for social events such as dinners, bowling, theatre, cards and games. Call 454-5764 or 877-4574.

Amnesty International - Halton Hills Group will meet on Wed., Oct. 9 at St. Francis School. Newcomer orientation at 7 p.m. General meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Esqueving Historical Society is having a meeting Wed., Oct. 9, Knox Church, Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. Topic: In Repose - Victorian Funeral Customs. For more info call Karen Hunter, 838-2109.

Family History Research - The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ont. Genealogical Soc. meeting Oct. 24 at Brampton's Chinguacousy Library, 150 Central Park Dr., 2nd floor meeting room, 2:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Topic: "Superstition and Pagan Rites" - Victorian and harvest superstitions.

Volunteers

Red Cross Georgetown and District requires volunteers to assist in Finance and Publicity, driving and First Aid instructions. For more information call Bernice at 877-5233.

Alcoholic Anonymous can help. Call 877-1211 for more information.

Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch, needs volunteers for recreation programs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Burlington, Oakville and Acton. For more information call Laura McCallum at 845-5044.

The Salvation Army will pick up appliances in working order. For more information call 853-3321.

Volunteer drivers for the Canadian Cancer Society, Georgetown Unit, needed to transport patients to and from the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Reimbursement for mileage will be paid. Please contact the Georgetown Unit's office at 164 Guelph St., Georgetown, between 1-4 p.m. daily, or call the cancer office at 877-1124.

Halton Support Services is looking for mature individuals who are interested in contract positions working 4-15 hours per week teaching life skills to children with developmental handicaps. Instruction takes place in the child's home. If you are 18 or older call (416) 849-8000 for more information.

Big Brothers is looking for men 18 years or older to volunteer 4 hours a week to a young boy from a father-absent home. For more information please call 847-7267 or 876-4756.

North Halton Literacy Guild needs volunteer tutors. No qualifications needed - we train. Next training sessions Thurs., Oct. 10, Tues., Oct. 15, Wed., Oct. 23. Call 873-2200 for more details.

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion monthly meeting at 8 p.m., 4th Thursday of each month at the Georgetown Lion Branch 127, Mill St., Georgetown. For more information call 877-4413.

every Wednesday at Acton Baptist Church, side entrance at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Eleanore at 853-0331.

Volunteers

Living With Cancer groups meets every second Thursday at the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch, 751 Main St. E. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 877-5228 or 878-1876.

Meetings of the Region of Peel VBAC Support Group held the 1st Tuesday of each month and offer post-caesarean support and discuss birth options. Call 826-9467 or 873-2779.

Special Needs Drop-In Centre of North Halton meets every Wednesday at the Acton Legion, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call Susan at 873-1534 or Jane at 853-1756.

Pregnant teens: Prenatal classes designed specifically for teens, free of charge. Transportation provided, pregnancy counselling available. Call Susan Stuart at 844-5502 or Public Health Department for more information.

Halton Hills British Canadian Club meetings are held informally on the 1st Thursday of each month in the lounge of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, Georgetown, at 8 p.m. Call Dave at 873-2934 for more info.

Leche League of Georgetown and Acton meet at 7:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to talk about breast feeding and parenting. Pregnant moms and nursing babies welcome. For more information call Sandra at 878-4732.

Beta Sigma Phi Chapters in Georgetown and Acton. For meeting times please contact City Council President Betti Jamieson at 873-2896.

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Halloween Library Parties

Join in the Hallowe'en fun at your Branch Library. The Georgetown Branch Library is having a Hallowe'en Party on Friday, October 25 for those enjoying a P.A. Day and again on Saturday, October 26 so that all interested children can attend.

In Acton, the party is planned for the Friday only. All programs are for school-aged children (Sr. K and Up) and will start at 2:00 p.m.

Wear your costume and get set to hear spooky stories, play games and make Hallowe'en crafts.

Registration begins on October 11, 1991 in person at either Branch Library or by phone, Georgetown Branch - 873-2681, Acton Branch - 853-0301.

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