

Allotment gardening interest grows

The newly formed Georgetown Allotment Gardens—Friends of the Earth group will meet on Tuesday (March 18) at St. George's Anglican Church.

Prospective and current members are invited to meet in the Lounge at 7:30 p.m. to learn about the next stage of the allotment garden plan and to select their plot.

An allotment is a rented plot of land where individuals and families can grow their own fruits, vegetables and flowers.

"Allotment gardening gives you the chance to come out and get your hands dirty, get back in touch with the earth, meet people in your community and grow your own chemical-free food," says Kim Falls, chair of the group's steering committee. "What's more, it's relaxing, good exercise and great fun!"

The Town of Halton Hills recently approved funding for the allotment garden project, to be located adjacent to the Old Seed House Garden. Preparation of the area is expected to take place in April and members should be gardening by Victoria Day (May 19) or sooner.

"The Georgetown Horticultural Society is truly appreciative of the support Town staff gave to our proposal to bring allotment gardening to Georgetown," says president Lil Taggart. "This project came to life with the help of interested gardeners and we look forward to the further greening of our community."

Plots will measure 10 feet by 20 feet and will be leased for \$50 each growing season, plus the cost of a membership with the Georgetown Horticultural Society. There are only six plots remaining for the 2008 growing season and prospective members are encouraged to attend the next meeting to reserve their spot.

Also at the meeting guest speaker Janet Kuzniar, owner of Urban Wilderness Landscaping in Norval, will speak to the group about organic gardening and maintenance.

For more information or if you are interested in a plot but you can not attend the meeting, please contact Lil Taggart, 416-809-9036 or georgetown@gardenontario.org.

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