



STREETSVILLE BLOOMS

Streetsville Horticultural Society

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NEXT MEETING: TUES., NOV. 13

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH - 2630 Inlake Court

Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

➤ **AWARDS NIGHT**

SPEAKER: JOHN POWERS

TOPIC: "BUTTERFLY JOURNEY & HOW TO ATTRACT THEM TO YOUR GARDEN"

SPEAKER BIO: 'The Butterfly Man' John Powers, native of Cambridge, Ontario has spent 45 years studying and researching butterflies of the world. During this time he has worked closely with collectors, entomologists, research scientists, artists and museum personnel from around the world.

His private collection which consists of over twenty thousand breathtaking specimens is shared regularly with the public through his traveling exhibits. As well, John has had the honor of presenting his creations to over 125 world famous personalities; including Her Majesty The Queen, President Ronald Reagan, President George Bush, His Holiness The Pope - John Paul II, to name a few. He is the author of children's books and two-world class traveling exhibitions, "Flying Jewels" and "The Incredible World of Bugs".

You won't want to miss this presentation, as John will be bringing lots of exhibits and prizes!

Sue Harshman, Program Chair

REFRESHMENTS: Thanks to all the members for contributing tasty treats to the October AGM. Heartfelt thanks to **Lil Duke** and **Marg Rowan** for helping set up and take down the refreshment table. Donations for the November meeting are welcomed. Please note: All food donations must be nut and shellfish free and remember to lug your mug.

President's Message

At the Annual General Meeting in October, District 15 Director, Carol Spraggett made reference to the value of volunteerism within organizations – Horticultural Societies specifically. On a basic very real level, we look at volunteerism as a means to achieving a mandate or chosen goal of the society. We just look at it as a way of getting things done; keeps things going. Absolutely nothing wrong with that. Measuring the economic value of volunteer activity is one approach organizations use to assess 'volunteer value'. This approach involves assigning a dollar value to the hours that volunteers contribute to an organization. By measuring the economic value of volunteer activity, societies can demonstrate how volunteer contributions extend the organization's budget, activities and services. To estimate the value of volunteer activity, take the total number of volunteer hours multiplied by an hourly wage rate. It adds impact to program accountability reports by describing the important contributions of volunteers.

I am pleased to welcome Eleonora Roberts, Cathi Sanderson and Amgad Boles to the Board - volunteering time, effort and input. I'm really enthusiastic about the upcoming year and know that events throughout are designed to provide returns to the membership and the community. Thank you for your support.

Sue Hutton, President

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TIP: Even though you clean your Dryer lint filter after every load – here is a perhaps life-saving tip. Dryer sheets cause a film over the filter mesh – this is what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. It's what is in the dryer sheets to make your clothes soft and static free. Sheets feel waxy when you take them out of the box ... well this stuff builds up on your clothes and on your lint screen. This is also what causes dryer units to potentially burn your house down with it! The best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush at least every six months. It increases the life of the dryer at least twice as long!

PHOTO CONTEST 2012 – 2013

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| Class 1 | “Fall Harvest” |
| Class 2 | “Winter Photo” (black & white) |
| Class 3 | “Explosion of Color” |
| Class 4 | “Flower” (close up) |
| Class 5 | “Blossoms & Butterflies” |
| Class 6 | “Shades of Blue” |
| Class 7 | “My Oasis” |
| Class 8 | “Waterfall” |

These are the categories – No interpretation necessary. It is what it is.

Photo Contest Rules

- Closing date to coincide with September 2013 meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and must be nature related.
- Colored photos, no larger than 4” x 6”.
- One entry per class per single membership.
- If photo does not meet category it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Pictures to be taken this fiscal year.

Have fun! Good Luck to All! Any questions contact Henry Schouten at 905 826-6591.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

SHS members, who have not yet renewed their membership for 2012-13, are reminded to complete the membership renewal form (attached to September’s newsletter) and return it along with your cheque or cash (exact amount) to the membership committee at the meeting on November 13th, **or** you may mail your form and cheque to: Streetsville Horticultural Society.

P.O. Box 42048
128 Queen Street South
Streetsville, ON L5M 4Z4

If your renewal is not received by November 15th your membership will be cancelled and this will be the last newsletter that you will receive.

Single Membership \$15.00
Family Membership \$20.00

Our first two meetings this year have been a great success and we are looking forward to continued enthusiasm, fellowship and learning.

NOVEMBER TIPS:

- Fertilize your lawn
- Turn off outside water connections. Drain garden hoses.
- Buy bulbs to force for winter.
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes

SHS NEW EXECUTIVE

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Speakers	Sue Harshman
Tecumseh Judging	D.Scully / S.Hutton
Volunteer Hours	Eleonora Roberts
Website/Facebook	Lynn Merritt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to **Connie Manuel** and **Joanne Druhan** who joined the SHS as new members in October. Make a special effort to make our new members feel comfortable at our general meetings and share with them some of the activities and events that you have experienced in the past.

Try to remember to wear your nametags and greet one another by name. Introduce yourself to someone that you have not met before to expand your repertoire of friends within the society.

Adele Gibbins, Membership Chair

TAMING LEAVES

Fall comes and with it leaves,
Each drifting slowly down
From their place
Upon the trees.

They gather in windrows,
Small starters in a race;
It's my job to tame them,
To put nature in its place.

With rake in hand
I push until each one has
subjected;
My only aim – to control
What the season has
rejected.



And when at last I look around
To find my cause is won,
I feel a wind behind my back
And all my work undone.

ROTARY PARK

I would like to thank those of you who have volunteered your time and energy to keep the Rotary Park gardens blooming this year. It takes many hands digging, planting and weeding.

We are the Streetsville Horticultural Society and along with the Leslie Log House, we need to keep in mind that we are a "Streetsville" society.

Many people in the area enjoy these gardens and appreciate all the hard work that we do put in to keep these gardens growing. Many Thanks!

Ruthanne Beehoo, Community Planting

MORE NOVEMBER TIPS:

- Wrap screening around fruit tree trunks to protect from small animals.
- Mulch rose bushes.
- Clean fallen leaves in downspouts and gutters.

OCTOBER FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to Greg Sereda who received a “Best in Show” in Design and to Monika Schouten who received “Judges Choice” in Design.



← “Best in Show” was won by Greg Sereda for his interpretation of “When World’s Collide”.

Monika Schouten’s interpretation of → “When World’s Collide” won her “Judge’s Choice” at the October Flower Show.



Lorraine Robbins won a “Best in Show” and Nicky Hall won “Judges Choice” for their cultural entries.

DRAW TABLE

It is hard to believe that we are approaching November and I have been looking after the draw table for over a year. I have truly enjoyed meeting all of you and having a little chat or sharing a joke over the ticket exchange process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who not only have purchased tickets for our raffle prizes, but to those of you who have donated some great items that I will be using at our upcoming meetings. A special thanks to Jean Barna, Gary Childs, Sue Harshman, Jackie Loynd,

June and Janice. I apologize if I have missed any of you, but know that you are very appreciated.

Again, if you have any contacts, businesses etc. or know of anyone who may be willing to donate items, I would truly appreciate the assistance. I will make sure the get a little “Free” advertising that evening.

Please feel free to contact me at decoratewithme@sympatico.ca or call (905)785-9023.

Watch for some great Holiday Baskets and items in November! Don’t forget your Toonies and Loonies!

Marylne Brown, Draw Table Chair

16 ESSENTIAL FALL GARDENING TASKS

As autumn leaves drift by your window, it may be tempting to look outside and think idle thoughts about nature taking care of itself. But like the rest of us, Mother Nature needs a good kick in the pants once in a while. Here are some fall dos and don’ts, plus tips to help your garden get a jump-start on spring.

[1] When available, pop ‘Icicle’ pansies into spots where summer annuals have been cleared out. They will bloom until December, then lie down for the winter. Cover them with evergreen cuttings until earliest spring, when they’ll be ready to sprout new flower buds.

[2] Leaves are garden gold. Spread small leaves of trees, such as honeylocust, birch, beech, ginkgo and silver maple (or shredded Norway maple leaves), under shrubs and over exposed soil. They will degrade into mineral nutrients; worms will turn them into fertilizer.

[3] Take a gamble and throw seeds of hardy annuals where you want them to bloom next year. Larkspur, poppies, cleome and cosmos will frequently take root from seeds sown in autumn and conditioned under winter snow.

[4] Plant bulbous Asiatic and Oriental lilies in late fall to ensure flower bud set. When planting is delayed until spring they may not get enough chilling and come up blind, with no flowers.

[5] Wait until the soil has frozen before mulching autumn-installed plants. After freeze-up, a thick

mulch of leaves and evergreen cuttings will keep their root balls safe from the heaving action of frost.

[6] Lift big, fibrous clumps of summer phlox, hostas and Siberian irises and **divide** with a sharp spade or knife; tease apart fleshy roots of daylilies. Late-blooming perennials such as Michaelmas daisies and obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana*), purchased in bloom, can go directly into beds.

[7] Plant **garlic** in Oct., in a sunny spot with lots of manure dug in. Set individual cloves eight cms deep and 15 cms apart, and mulch with five to eight cms of leaves.

[8] Autumn is a good time for planting evergreen trees and shrubs. The evergreens' root systems pump water all winter, so be sure to water them well before the ground freezes. Don't hesitate to purchase deciduous flowering shrubs at discounted prices. Even after a summer in containers, they'll adapt & make strong root growth in cool soil.

[9] Autumn is the only time to move clematis or honeysuckle vine to prevent shock to growth: both vines begin extending leaves and shoots while frost is still in the spring ground. If the vines are large, cut them back by half, and they'll leap forward next spring.

[10] Use generous amounts of anti-transpirant sprays (available at garden centers) on needle evergreens and broadleaf evergreens, such as euonymus, Japanese pieris and rhodos. The waxy coating helps to preserve tissue moisture and prevent winter windburn and sunscald.

[11] Root vegetables such as **carrots** and **parsnips** are sweeter after hard frost and can be harvested all winter. Remove top foliage from the plants and cover them with a 15-cm-thick mulch of leaves or straw (available from garden centers) spread to similar thickness. Throw an old piece of carpeting on top and let it snow. Lift the coverings to dig out veggies as needed.

[12] Tender hybrid teas, floribunda and grandiflora roses need hilling up about 25 cms

above their crowns with fresh soil or triple mix. A simple trick that reaps armloads of rose blooms is to tie the flexible new canes of climbing roses in a horizontal arc along fences or trellises. This will trigger the breaking and blooming of many more buds next summer.

[13] As for garden hygiene, pick up or rake diseased leaves from under roses (blackspot) and crabapples (scab) and dispose of them in the garbage, not the compost pile. Left on the soil all winter, they'll reinoculate the plants with disease spores the following spring.

[14] Squirrels "read" the disturbed soil and marks you leave when planting their favorite tulips and crocuses. Outwit them by concentrating spring **bulb plantings** in large groups and disguising your marks by flooding the soil surface with water. Then cover them with five cms of leaves topped with some shrubby branches.

[15] Remove the debris of summer annuals, then be honest with yourself: will you really go out in early spring to remove remaining perennials? Clean up as much as possible now, leaving strategic clumps for attractive winter display and food for birds. Sedums, hostas, astilbes and ornamental grasses are beautiful in snow.

[16] Unless you really are Snow White, try not to create a garden of little winter dwarfs all wrapped up in burlap coats. Tightly wrapped burlap does plants more harm than good by potentially holding ice against their tissues. To protect them from wind or household dryer vent emissions, set up stake-and-burlap barriers, fastened with diaper pins, to break air currents.

Questions, concerns, ideas, want to **volunteer** call
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A Christmas Workshop

Monday, December 3rd, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

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\$10.00 fee to cover materials cost

Please bring:

- A non- perishable item for the food bank,
- \$10.00 to help cover our costs for the venue and supplies (please bring exact amount),
- a tabletop size container
- cutting shears.
- Soaked (Wet) Oasis (if using) To be soaked at least 3 hours before using.
- Decorations: (if using) pine cones, berry branches, store bought embellishments.
- Floral wire or tape (Walmart or Michaels, dollar store).
- And if you have some, greenery (hedge clippings tree branches) etc. to share.

We are purchasing Greenery for the group but more is better.

Any leftover greenery can be split up and taken home.

We will be raffling off the two demo samples to the group.

Be sure to sign up at the November meeting so we know how much greenery to purchase.

Any questions, contact Lynne Sereda 905 819-1287.