



STREETSVILLE BLOOMS



Streetsville Horticultural Society

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NEXT MEETING: TUES., OCT. 9

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH

2630 Inlake Court

40th Anniversary & Annual Meeting

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive by 6:30

- **ELECTIONS**
- **FLOWER SHOW**
- **ALL MEMBERS TO BRING FINGER FOOD FOR POT LUCK TABLE**

SPEAKER: PAUL RONAN

TOPIC: "Horticulture, Parks & Green Space"

SPEAKER BIO: Paul grew up on a farm north of Toronto and learned at a young age the value of hard work, the importance of community and working in balance with nature. Twenty-nine years with the City of Toronto, rising through the ranks to Parks Director, he has gained a wealth of knowledge and experience in how parks, forestry and recreation programs are delivered. He is currently the Executive Director of Ontario Parks Assoc., and provides province wide leadership in providing customized Parks and Horticulture Training and advocating O.P.A.s mandate of "Protecting Tomorrow Today".

Sue Harshman, Program Chair

"Nobody sees a flower really; it is so small. We haven't time, and to see takes time - like to have a friend takes time."

-Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) painter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Gardeners have the habit of looking to the future, as gardeners do. On October 9th, we will gather together to commemorate the past. SHS is celebrating a 40th anniversary. This is an evening to join together and reflect on years of active promotion of gardening skills and techniques, continual learning through monthly meetings, support of community events and facilities and just to enjoy each other. And there is so much more to learn – gardening feeds our curiosity about plants, and the earth and what happens when people and plants come together. Whenever a question comes up during our presentations, the answer is in the room somewhere. The OHA will continue to grow and flourish. It welcomes novice gardeners and gives them the skills, knowledge and confidence to express their own passion for horticulture. It's up to us as a membership to seek them out.

Gardeners and members have long understood the therapeutic benefits of gardening for our health and well-being. It sustains us. It makes us happy. We cannot deny the difference that gardeners can make for the common good. Along with the tremendous energy generated annually by gardeners as a whole everywhere, there is a tremendous fellowship to be had as well. That would be the old-fashioned word for lifelong friendships that 'bloom'. Once again, please join me.

Sue Hutton, President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to Bob and Geraldine Moody who joined SHS as new members in Sept. Congratulations to Sumathi Nadarajah who won a free membership from the lucky draw at the Bread and Honey Festival. We're glad to see that Paul Morrison has rejoined after a year's hiatus. SHS offers such great speakers throughout the year. Encourage a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative who is interested in learning more about gardening to join our society. It's a great bargain for the price!!

October's Party

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came-
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

By George Cooper

FLOWER SHOW

DESIGN

- Class 1 "When Worlds Collide" a spiral design
Class 2 "Event Horizon" – design featuring its own reflection using mirror(s) or water

MINIATURE

- Class 3 "Wild Thing" Dried and Fresh materials

FOR MEN ONLY

- Class 4 "Group of Seven" using branches and natural materials – dried and fresh

NOVICE

- Class 5 "Mars Attacks" – Halloween party arrangement

CULTURAL

- Class 1 Aster – perennial – 2 sprays
Class 2 Begonia – tuberous – 1 bloom floating in a bowl
Class 3 Calendula – 3 blooms
Class 4 Chrysanthemum – double – 1 spray

- Class 5 Chrysanthemum – single – 1 spray
Class 6 Dahlia – 8" or more – 1 bloom
Class 7 Dahlia – different cultivars – 3 blooms in a vase
Class 8 Dahlia – pom pom – 2 blooms
Class 9 Kale or ornamental cabbage – grown in a pot
Class 10 Marigold – French (small) – 3 blooms
Class 11 Ornamental grasses – 3 cultivars – 3 stems
Class 12 Pelargonium (Geranium) – 2 blooms – foliage attached
Class 13 Salvia – 3 stems – 1 cultivar
Class 14 Sedum – any cultivar – 3 stems
Class 15 Shrub or tree branch with berries – 1 branch under 36"
Class 16 Sunflower – AOV – 1 stem
Class 17 Zinnia – 2" or less – 1 bloom
Class 18 Cabbage – any variety – 1 head
Class 19 Grapes – any variety – 1 bunch on plate
Class 20 Garlic – any variety – 1 bulb
Class 21 Pear – any variety – 2 on a plate
Class 22 Squash – any variety – 1 on a plate
Class 23 Any other annual not listed – 1 stem or spray
Class 24 Any other perennial not listed – 1 stem

All entries in flower show are to use FRESH FLOWERS and foliage UNLESS otherwise indicated. Accessories are allowed UNLESS indicated otherwise. Cultural questions contact Nicky Hall (905) 858-2553; design questions contact Lynne Sereda at (905) 819 – 1287.

Points Awarded:

	<u>Design</u>	<u>Cultural</u>
1 st	10 points	5 points
2 nd	6 points	4 points
3 rd	4 points	3 points
H.M.	3 points	2 points
Best in Show	20 points	20 points
Judges Choice	20 points	20 points

SEPT. FLOWER SHOW RESULTS:

Judges Choice – Design – Miniature - "Nuts to you"
Greg Sereda
Best in Show - Design - "Pave" - Nicky Hall
Judges Choice – Cultural - Debra Buckler
Best in Show – Cultural - Nicky Hall

DRAW TABLE

The first meeting back was another tremendous success for the Draw Table. Thanks to all of you for being so patient while I had to find the closest Dollar Store to buy more tickets. (I would say that is very good sign!) I am now fully restocked and ready for the October Draw Table.

As you know, we have been raffling off some great prizes this past year. Unfortunately, my supplies are getting a little low and I am going to be pounding the pavement looking for donations. If any of you have any contacts, businesses etc. or know of anyone who may be willing to donate to our raffles, I would truly appreciate the assistance. I will make sure that their name is mentioned and they will get a little "Free" advertising that evening. Contact me at decoratewithme@sympatico.ca or call (905)785-9023

Again, I thank you for your continued support. Without the contribution of prizes from our members and their support in ticket purchases, we would not have experienced such a success.

Marylyne Brown, Draw Table Chair

VOLUNTEER WANTED

Volunteer needed to take over the refreshment co-coordinator's position.

Responsibilities are as follows:

Find volunteers (2-4) to bring finger food to the next meeting.

- Call and remind the volunteers the week before the meeting to bring the food
- Pick up supplies (milk, cream, juice & refreshment table supplies as required)
- Set up and take down the refreshment table (sugar, tea, etc.) at the meeting.
- Make coffee, juice and boil hot water and ensure there is enough of each at the meeting
- Transfer the funds collected and give receipt for the supplies purchased to Treasurer.

Please contact Bhawani (905-542-2589) if you are able to take on this responsibility. The position is not difficult and training will be provided.

POTLUCK FINGER FOOD - OCTOBER 9

Please remember: each member is to bring a plate of appetizers or dessert finger food for the meeting. Do not bring anything with nuts or shellfish. The location is **nut and shellfish free**.

Please bring your own coffee mug to the meeting in order to help us cut cost and also save the environment.

Many thanks to Marg Rowan for helping at the refreshment table and Pat and Mike Salisbury for providing the goodies for the September meeting.

ONTARIO HORT. ASSOC. & SOCIETY FUNDRAISER CROCOSMIA & CAMASSIA

Again, we have the opportunity for a fundraiser, which benefits both our society and the OHA and gets our members some quality bulbs at a fantastic price.

There will be two types of bulbs available. Crocosmia (3 varieties) and Camassia (3 varieties). The cost to our members is \$7.00 per package with \$1.00 to the society for each package sold. Orders for the Crocosmia will be delivered in March/April of 2013 and orders for Camasia will be delivered in August/September 2013. Tradewinds, the supplier, is offering OHA 2012 pricing. There will be a one-time opportunity to order your bulbs. The Society deadline to submit all orders is November 1st.

Check out your garden beds and place your order at the AGM.

Dreading sitting down to a pile of Christmas Cards THAT NEED to be filled in? *Sending out any number of greeting cards can be quick and easy from the comfort of your home or office.*

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TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

To commemorate the Queen's 2012 Jubilee, each of the 19 districts of the OHA planted a 250 cm caliper bur oak. They were planted on Sept. 26th which was National Tree Day. A photo of each planting ceremony will be sent to the Queen.

On hand for the District 15 ceremony was Jean Barna, Grace Nelham, Marg Rowan and Dean Scully representing SHS. The District 15 tree was planted at the Humber College Child Care Centre.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Once again it is time to renew your membership with SHS. You won't want to miss any of the great speakers or events we have lined up for the coming year. Please complete the form that was attached to your Sept. newsletter and either mail or bring to the October meeting with your cash or cheque.

Those who have not renewed by end of October will not receive November newsletter.

PREPARING YOUR TOOLS FOR WINTER

- ✓ Clean tools with a wire brush and wipe off
- ✓ Put a few drops of WD40 or motor oil on implement (hoes, shovels, picks etc.)
- ✓ Rub oil in with cloth.
- ✓ Sharpen with file.
- ✓ Store for winter.

TIP: Keep a 5-gallon bucket of sand mixed with 2/3 quart of motor oil near your shed door. Whenever you return a tool to the shed, knock off the soil, then plunge the tool into the sand a few times. Brush off sand and store tool as normal.

ANNUAL REPORTS

PHOTO CONTEST REPORT 2011 – 2012

The photo contest ran from Sept. 2011 to Sept. 2012. Photos for the contest were due at the Sept. meeting. There were fifteen people that entered their pictures this year, four more than 2010/11. The winner of the Trophy for 2010/11 was Bob Bowman. Lets hope we can get 20 plus next year. We have all taken great photos that we are proud of, so enter them next year. With digital today you can take hundreds of photos to get one that will blow us away.

Photos are being judged by Robert McCaw, who is recognized as one of the leading nature and wildlife photographers in Canada and the United States. His images have appeared on the covers of more than 300 publications including books, magazines and calendars. He has also had the honor of having three of his photos on Canada Post Stamps last year. He will often make helpful comments on many of our entries. View Robert McCaw's photos at: www.robertmccaw.com. His photos are truly amazing.

Points are awarded for each photo submitted:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	4 points
Third Place	3 points
Honorable Mention	2 points
Entry	1 point
Best in Show	20 points

Henry Schouten, Photo Contest Chair

GARDEN TOUR REPORT 2011 – 2012

As always, timing for a garden tour is tricky but given no rain and heat extremes, I feel the gardens presented well. In spite of the high temperatures and humidity, turnout was excellent. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to 'see and be seen' appreciating the hard work contributed by fellow gardeners. Once again Sue and Rob Harshman graciously opened their magnificent garden, hosting the potluck event.

One challenge that is consistent with our garden tour is member reluctance to 'throw their garden gloves in the ring' and enter their gardens. In light of this, the 2013 Garden Tour is in jeopardy.

Sue Hutton, Garden Tour Chair

VOLUNTEER REPORT 2011 - 2012

Congratulations to our tireless membership for coming out and volunteering in 31 projects this year. This year we recorded 66 members who volunteered their time to these activities and projects that were undertaken by our Horticultural Society. During the past year our club clocked 1702 recorded volunteer hours by our membership. This was a drop of 1484 hours from last year's record breaking total of 3186 volunteer hours. At last year's AGM the Volunteer of the Year Award, also known as the Jean Kennedy Memorial Award for Volunteering, was presented to Sarah Pengilly. Streetsville Horticulture Society recognized Sarah for the numerous contributions she has made over her two terms as president of our club. This award is presented annually to a member or members of our society who have given their time and energy to help beautify our community. Thank you.

We hope to see you in the upcoming year. Please come out and volunteer.

Dean Scully, Volunteer Chair

EDUCATION REPORT 2011 – 2012

It is hard to believe that my second year as the Chair of the Education Committee has passed, and again it has been such fun.

The mandate of the Education Committee is to create displays and compile information to support the speakers' topics. Sue Harshman made my job so easy and enjoyable with the great line-up of speakers she always managed to book. What a variety! Something for everyone: the mother daughter duo of Lorraine and Angie Mennen, (Pathways to Perennials). Angie gave us all kinds of tips in September to brighten up our outdoor autumn display. Later in the year her mom enlightened us on the use of Ornamental Grasses. Marjorie Mason of Mason House Gardens and Kenneth Brown provided lots of valuable info for those interested in growing veggies and other edibles. Maybe even inspired a few to supplement their floral landscaping with edibles. Our own Rob Harshman had us all captivated with his talk and slide presentation on Magnolias. And who can forget the entertaining presentation by Martin Galloway on "The Naturalist Garden"?

I hope that everyone had a chance to visit the education table during the year and pick up a few tidbits of knowledge.

This will be my last term as Chair of the Education Committee but I will still be on the Board. If anyone is interested in a great position why not give the Education Committee a whirl?

Joyce Giddings, Education Chair

TECUMSEH JUDGING REPORT 2011 - 2012

Streetsville Horticulture Society judged the Tecumseh Townhouse Complex on Falconer Drive. We were pleased to provide eight judges for their community. On the evening of July 9th, we assembled into four groups and proceeded to judge the fronts and some backyards of the 112 units.

The judging was based on the condition of the lawn, color and flower selection and the variety of plant materials. The evening ended with a social hour and honorarium presented to the society for two hundred dollars. Twenty-four volunteer hours were accumulated by our members.

Dean Scully, Tecumseh Judging Chair

PLANT SALE REPORT 2011 – 2012

As summer comes to an end, it's time to reflect on our accomplishments this past season and to look forward to the seasons ahead. The 2012 plant sale was another success. Although we didn't reach the goal I had set of \$6,000, the sales were once again in the \$5,000 range. It was a beautiful, sunny day and the lineups started around 7:00 a.m.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who potted up, watered, transported, priced, help set up, sell and clean up. Thanks to all who contributed to our over 2000 plants.

Now's the time to start thinking about what you can do for the 2013 plant sale. Think about what plants in your garden you can donate or how you can volunteer your time. Let's make it the best sale ever!

Debra Buckler, Plant Sale Chair

LESLIE LOG HOUSE REPORT 2011 - 2012

Despite the hot, dry summer the Leslie Log House gardens flourished with color and variety. A team of volunteers helped clean up the garden in the spring and we were happy to find that only two shrubs did not survive the winter. The shrubs were replaced with a rose and a Clematis in June. Unfortunately, the deer and/or bunnies ate all the tulips we planted in the fall, which is a shame as it would have been spectacular! We also planted zinnias, vinca, canna lilies, portulaca and mini carnations as fill-ins between the perennials.

Each Wednesday a team of volunteers would arrive to weed, water, deadhead and cultivate the gardens keeping them in pristine condition for visitors. I would like to thank the 20+ SHS members who donated their time to ensure the gardens looked their very best.

In August the Driftwood Theatre presented "A Midsummer's Night Dream" on the property and 200 people attended and enjoyed the play and the garden.

At the end of August the deer were bored with the apples and other delicacies on the property and began eating the hollyhocks, Rose of Sharon, Viburnum, roses and portulaca. Notes have been made for next year as to what will be sprayed to ensure the deer keep their distance.

All in all, it was a successful year for the gardens at the Log House.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

PREMIUM REPORT 2011 - 2012

This year premiums were given out at our May meeting. Members were able to select a gallon pot of their choice. The plants that were available were Transcandia (spiderwort) Sweet Kate, phlox "candy stripes", Carex Elatum "Aurea" (Golden Sedge grass), Silene Dioica "Valley High" (Variegated Campion) or Athyrium Filix – Femina (Tatting Fern).

Some members chose to buy an additional plant at the meeting and the balance was sold at the plant sale.

Sue Harshman, Premium Chair

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011 – 2012

The Streetsville Horticultural Society has had another rewarding year.

Our Board of Directors and Committees are led by volunteers dedicated to doing the best job possible to ensure that every member has the opportunity to volunteer and participate freely.

Of course, there is a deeper motivation behind what we do as a Society and that is our obligation to meet the objectives of the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act*, which we do successfully each year as evidenced by all the Year End Reports included in our newsletters and posted at the back of the room.

You are not only members of a flourishing Society but remember, you are the volunteers that make it happen and I thank you. During the past 12 months, we have continued to maintain Rotary Park and Leslie Log House. We've had excellent speakers – a credit to Sue Harshman, a bake sale, Christmas Workshop, a Flower Show arrangement workshop (something new), friendly competitions, and another successful plant sale. The Rick Hansen Secondary School Environment Program – our Youth partnership received an OHA \$100 Tree Grant Award and intend on submitting an application for a \$500 award to expand their project. We are represented and actively participating in the Environmental Stewardship of Lake Wabukayne. Nicky Hall was honored with the OHA Environment Award at their AGM in August. We've had an excellent garden tour, great potluck, in spite of the heat and many of our members served as judges for the Tecumseh Townhouse Garden Competition and Streetscape Mississauga. Nicky Hall worked very hard this spring to institute the new category of Alternative Garden. The Leslie Log House property reflects the hard work that members have contributed to this partnership project with the Museums of Mississauga. We will continue to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture by seeking out new projects and areas for improvement. All suggestions are welcome.

Our biggest challenge in the upcoming year will be to keep the momentum of the past year. Remember, gardening should be fun. Even though mistakes are made, there is joy in discovering what works.

Sue Hutton, President

PROGRAM REPORT 2011 - 2012

This year we again have had excellent speakers to educate, entertain and provide us with ideas. Martin Galloway on the Naturalist Garden, making it better for wildlife, Lorraine Mennen on Ornamental Grasses and Ken Brown on "Vertical Vegetables" were only a few. We have been shown incredible photos of lilies (Jack Kent), Magnolias (Rob Harshman) and Edibles (Marjorie Mason). Sean James provided a demo on pruning and tools to use and Sandy Hill and Gerry Bryan did our Christmas workshop.

We look forward to another year of guest speakers to challenge, educate and motivate us.

Sue Harshman, Program Chair

FLOWER SHOW REPORT 2011 – 2012

Welcome to another successful year at Streetsville Horticultural flower show. We have five shows a year with Design and Cultural classes available. Each one has many different categories for members to enter. We welcome and encourage member participation in Flower Shows while offering them knowledge, shows and events to help them. It was another great year of more members taking part in exhibiting their wonderful flowers and creative designs.

The Floral Design workshop held in August was well attended and in the September Flower Show many novice members entered the new design category and showed us they are all very talented. This will make for a very exciting year in 2013. Great job to all!

Once again, everyone who enters the flower show must own an Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standard, 2003, for Horticulture and Floral Design. It is prepared by the Ontario Horticultural Assoc. and Garden Clubs of Ontario to assist exhibitors. Every judge critiquing SHS arrangements refers to this reference. This manual will direct the entrant on the specific standard offering definitions i.e. Iris Siberian, Japanese, Bulbs etc. It will give tips on what the judge is looking for in the cultural form. Anyone requiring a copy on sale for \$6.00, should speak to me at the General Meetings.

Great reviews were given by all the judges. They say we have very well attended shows with quality exhibits.

Nicky Hall, Flower Show Convenor

NEWSLETTER REPORT 2011 – 2012

At the beginning of this year it was decided to start sending out the newsletters electronically to those who had email. Aside from a few glitches, this method has worked well and saved quite a bit of money (stamps, envelopes, labels etc.) and time of members who used to deliver the newsletters to other members who lived nearby.

The newsletter is only good if information is received from members on items such as pertinent articles, events, recipes, poems, member news etc. Deadline to submit information to the newsletter is the 25th of each month. The duty of the editor is to take that information and compile the newsletter. Items may be submitted at any time and it is the discretion of the editor when and if that item will be published.

I have been editor of the newsletter since 1999 and am still looking for a volunteer to take over this position. If you are interested in finding out about what is required please call me at 905 858-0748.

Carol Ashford, Newsletter Editor

Respect yourself enough to walk away from ANYTHING that no longer serves you, grows you or makes you HAPPY!

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