



STREETSVILLE BLOOMS



Streetsville Horticultural Society
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NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 11, 2012

Community Christian Reform Church

2630 Inlake Court

→ Meeting starts at **7:30** ←
(doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE

Speaker: Sean James

Topic: "Making a Splash: Water in the Home Garden"

Speaker Bio: Sean James a frequent return speaker by popular demand will be speaking on "Water in the Home Garden". He is a graduate of the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture and has been gardening professionally since age sixteen. He currently runs a small, but impressive landscaping company, which offers consultation, design, installation and maintenance called "Fern Ridge Landscaping". Sean's visits with SHS have always been entertaining and educational. Don't miss this!

Sue Harshman, Program Chair

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- * If you plant honesty, you will reap trust
 - * If you plant goodness, you will reap friends
 - * If you plant humility, you will reap greatness
 - * If you plant perseverance, you will reap contentment
 - * If you plant consideration, you will reap perspective
 - * If you plant hard work, you will reap success
 - * If you plant forgiveness, you will reap reconciliation

So, be careful what you plant now; it will determine what you will reap later.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's agreed this has been perhaps the hottest summer on record, maybe even the driest. It is hoped that the past sessions of speaker presentations have contributed to collective success in our gardening efforts. On several occasions this summer, I have been told that this type of summer is expected to continue over the next decade and it may be best to consider changing up gardening methods and plant materials – something the society could look into.

Our September meeting is around the corner. I'm really looking forward to Flower Show sensations, our new speaker line up, workshops etc., but my personal favorite is an enjoyable Sunday afternoon High Tea at the Royal York and that special trip to the rooftop garden. In my zeal at the beginning of the summer, I actually booked the first outing on the same date as the Garden Tour. Apologies. Common sense took over when the temperature skyrocketed. We're going to tea late September and mid-October. Anyone interested in still joining the group, please just call me at 647-638-1269. Make this quick – no email.

Time moves on and some terms for board members are up. There will be openings this fall. I'm right up front when I say that your society needs you and not in the sense of paying the membership and attending meetings. We need input – new input from a membership that enjoys the benefits a horticultural society offers. It's your time to take a turn. Being a board member is not a hardship. Many hands make light work – teamwork.

Sue Hutton, President

A Riddle: There was a green house. Inside the green house there was a white house. Inside the white house there was a red house. Inside the red house there were lots of babies.

What is it?? (answer on page 6)

FLOWER SHOW

DESIGN

- Class 1 "Shop 'til you Drop" – multicolored arrangement
- Class 2 "Tapestry" a pavé design – rectangular or square shape

MINIATURES

- Class 3 "Nuts to You" – incorporating nut(s) – dried arrangement

FOR MEN ONLY

- Class 4 "What a Fungi" – using materials from the forest floor – asymmetrical L shaped design

INTRODUCING OUR NEW NOVICE CATEGORY
"Novice" a person who has not won a first prize in a flower show competition before and/ or a person who has never entered a flower arrangement in a competition before.

NOVICE

- Class 5 "Woodland Wonders" Using a BASKET with fresh and inert materials found in or near the woods. Eg: fungus, wood, rocks, berries, meadow flowers, cornflowers, grasses, branches, leaves, lilies, daisies, bark, pine cones, cattails, etc.

CULTURAL

- Class 1 Agapanthus – 1 stalk
- Class 2 Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) – 1 cultivar – 3 stems
- Class 3 Any annual not listed – 1 bloom or spray
- Class 4 Any perennial not listed – 3 different varieties – 1 stem each – named
- Class 5 Any pond plant grown for foliage – 1 stem or spray
- Class 6 Aster – 3 blooms
- Class 7 Beans – AOV – 3
- Class 8 Carrots – any variety – 3
- Class 9 Celosia – any variety – 2 stems
- Class 10 Cosmos – 3 sprays – 1 cultivar
- Class 11 Cucumber – AOV – 1 specimen
- Class 12 Dahlia – 6" – 8" – 1 bloom
- Class 13 Dahlia – collection – 5 or more blooms
- Class 14 Dahlia – single or novelty – 1 bloom
- Class 15 Flowering vine – in bloom – 1 stem – less than 36"
- Class 16 Gaillardia – 1 stem

- Class 17 Hydrangea – 1 bloom
- Class 18 Lathyrus (Sweet Pea) – annual – any Colour – 1 to 3 blooms
- Class 19 Marigold – African (large) 3 blooms
- Class 20 Nasturtiums – 5 blooms
- Class 21 Rose – AOV – 1 bloom floating in a bowl – fully open, no foliage
- Class 22 Rose – climbing – 1 spray or lateral
- Class 23 Rose – miniature – 1 spray
- Class 24 Solenostemon scutellarioides (Coleus) – 3 stems – 1 cultivar
- Class 25 Zinnia – over 2" – 3 blooms
- Class 26 Herbs -3or more varieties – named in a vase
- Class 27 Hot peppers – 3 on a plate
- Class 28 Sweet peppers – 2 on a plate
- Class 29 Tomato –cherry variety – 1 truss
- Class 30 Tomato -3 same variety –over 3" –calyx on

ALL entries in the flower show are to use FRESH FLOWERS and foliage UNLESS otherwise Indicated.

Accessories are allowed UNLESS indicated otherwise.

Cultural questions contact Nicky Hall at 905 858-2553; design questions contact Lynne Sereda at 905 819-1287.

ROTARY PARK

This has been a very difficult summer for gardens this year; what with the excessive heat and then rain.

In May. we had problems with the automatic sprinkler system. One sprinkler head was broken, and some heads are blocked by some large hostas. Come fall, we will have to locate all sprinkler heads and make sure they're not blocked for next year.

A couple of times we had to show up to water and fertilize. We've had two great clean up parties and got rid of lots of weeds!

Thank you girls! A great job both times. The gardens look great!

Ruthanne Beehoo, Rotary Park Chair

PHOTO CONTEST

To all the photographers in our society: A year has passed, and I am sure you gave the photo categories a thought while you were out on your photo shoots. You are probably aware of the categories, from last seasons' newsletters and brochures, but in case they have slipped your mind they are as follows:

Interpret the following songs into your photo.

- Class 1 "Blue Velvet"
- Class 2 "The Twist"
- Class 3 "I Can See Clearly Now"
- Class 4 "Lady In Red"
- Class 5 "Winter Wonderland"
- Class 6 "Morning Has Broken"
- Class 7 " You Are The Sunshine Of My Life"
- Class 8 "Mellow Yellow"

Select one favorite 4" x 6" photo for each category and place them in an envelope with your name on the front, and submit them at the SHS meeting on September 11th.

There is one change in the rules. **DO NOT** put your name on the back of the pictures, just the Class number. A number will be assigned to each entrant. This way, no one viewing the pictures, even the judge, will be aware of the name of the entrant. Unfortunately, I will know, but you will just have to trust me. **Only put your name on the envelope.**

Happy Photo hunting!

Henry Schouten, Photo Contest Chair

DIDJA KNOW

Stickers on produce contain a 4 or 5 digit number known as a Price Look Up (PLU) code for stores to identify produce and distinguish between conventionally grown, GMO or organic produce. Four digit PLU's in the 3000's and 4000's means conventionally grown produce. Five digit PLU's starting with a 9 means organically grown produce. Five digit PLU's starting with an 8 means genetically modified produce.

Read the labels..... There are a lot of bottled or tinned goods that are produced in China and India – their regulations are not the same as ours!

DRAW TABLE

I am getting ready to start my second season as a Board Member and the Draw Table Convenor with the Society, and I would just like to take a moment to thank all of you who have made it such a wonderful experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed our Monthly meetings, our Board meetings and our many events throughout the past year. I am greatly looking forward to the Fall season, our wonderful meetings, our fabulous Guest Speakers and attending all of the events that have been planned. (Not to mention the home baked goodies and the coffee.)

A special thank you to all of the members who I have had the pleasure to get to know this past year, and for the support and generosity of those who not only have purchased tickets, but those who have donated some fabulous prizes to be added to the Draw Table. Without your generous donations, I would not be able to put together those fabulous gift baskets and bags!

We have had tremendous success this past year, and sales from our tickets have far exceeded expectations. I am looking forward to presenting you with some great prizes, baskets and mystery bags over the next few months. Please take the time to stop by the Draw Table to visit me! I love meeting and talking to all of you as you patiently stand in line waiting for your tickets! Like the song says "See you in September"

Marylyne Brown, Draw Table Convenor

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Six new directors are needed to join the Executive of SHS. No experience is required – just fresh ideas and willing to share fun and laughter!

Seeking volunteers for First Vice President, Education/General meeting publicity table, Newspaper publicity/promotions, Fundraising. If you would like to be involved contact Sue Hutton at 647 847-9278. Executive meetings are scheduled monthly.

Elections will be held at the October AGM.

LESLIE LOG HOUSE

The gardens at the Leslie Log House (LLH) are overflowing with beautiful blooms thanks to the diligent efforts of those who volunteered to weed, deadhead and water over the summer.

Thanks goes out to **Christine MacDougall, Grace Nelham, Joyce Giddings, Gisele Evans, Mary Hachey, Monika Schouten, Andrea Vertolli, Lorena D'Arsie, Ruthanne Beehoo, Brian Ashford, Linda Bush, Terry Boughner, Sue Harshman, Rob Harshman, Janis Faris, Joyce Rolston, Eleonora Roberts, Mary Gattesco, Anna Leone, Patricia Mann, Alex King, Anita King, Janice Ward and Joe Boles.** Each of these members donated a couple of hours (some several times) out of their busy schedules over the summer to help make the gardens look outstanding.

Despite part of the log house property being closed to the public due to the horrific discovery of body parts nearby, the Driftwood Theatre presentation went off without a hitch, much to the enjoyment of the approximately 200 people who showed up to catch the play under the stars.

The plan is to keep the gardens looking pristine until Thanksgiving (weather permitting) at which time they will be cleaned up and put to bed for the season.

Carol Ashford, LLH Chair

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

With the abundance of tomatoes most of us have, here is an easy Tomato Salsa recipe to share

EASY TOMATO SALSA

Ingredients

- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup finely diced onion
- 5 serrano chiles, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons lime juice

In a medium bowl, stir together tomatoes, onion, chili peppers, cilantro, salt, and lime juice. Chill for one hour in the refrigerator before serving.

Makes 4 servings

Submitted by Marylyne Brown

SHS ON FACEBOOK

We have set up a new Facebook Page for Streetsville Horticultural Society. It's full of interesting tips, advice and happenings. We also need fresh photos and articles or our Facebook page.

If members have any interesting pictures, email them to Marylyne Brown at decoratewithme@sympatico.ca or Lynn Merritt, lynn.merritt@sympatico.ca. Be adventurous and sign up with Facebook at www.facebook.com and stay up-to-date with SHS members and current information. Don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook. If you wish to view our SHS Facebook page, go to <https://www.facebook.com/StreetsvilleHorticulturalSociety>.

We are in the process of updating our website through the OHA as well.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Fall signals the time for your membership renewal in the SHS. Please fill out the attached membership form and bring it along to our meeting in September or mail it in to the address on the form. Every member is encouraged to complete the survey section on the back of the form since the executive uses this valuable information to make decisions about the future direction of all aspects of the society. Also situations change and you may wish to volunteer for different activities this year. Save time by using a return address sticker for your information. Please check to make sure we have your **most up-to-date email address** which is only used to communicate SHS information.

Members, who renew their membership and complete the survey form before the end of October, will have their name submitted to a lucky draw held at the November meeting.

Adele Gibbins, Membership Chair

STREETSCAPE MISSISSAUGA 2012

A big thank you to all the volunteers who persisted through the summer's heat to judge this year's contest. A special thank you to the Action Team, the Team Captains and those who stepped

into the breach when we needed replacement judges. We couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to our 2012 winners:

Traditional Large Gardens:

- 1st - Reuben & Sue Pilli, 3770 Barley Trail
- 2nd - John Rameshnauth, 5106 Frybrook Court
- 3rd - Sandy & Peter Blazier, 2185 Oneida Court

Traditional Small Gardens:

- 1st - Daniela Ricci & Ian Bennie, 3690 Bala Drive
- 2nd - Jennifer James & John MacDonald, 11 Woodlawn Avenue
- 3rd - Lucia Resendes, 6291 McCracken

Alternative Gardens:

- 1st - Natalie Sahl, 3285 Credit Heights Drive
- 2nd - John & Liz O'Neil, 1228 Minaki Road
- 3rd Place - Mary Simpson, 61 Wesley Avenue

Mississauga's Most Beautiful Business

Dixie Dental Associates, 2239 Dixie Road

Best Business Improvement Association

Streetsville B.I.A.

We hope you will be able to visit our winning gardens before season-end. Thank you all – we'll see you in 2013.

Roger & Maureen Ricker, Chairs Streetscape

OHA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD 2012

The Ontario Horticultural Association was pleased to present the Environmental Award to Streetsville Hort member Nicky Hall, for her hard work and dedication to the Lake Wabukayne project at the OHA convention held in August.

Nicky recognized that a unique local park was home to many wildlife species. It has a lake created from storm water runoff and forested areas that give it a wilderness feel inside the city. Over the past 10 years, the habitat has been deteriorating due to neglect. Oil dumping through the sewer system, vandalism, littering, and human encroachment have taken a toll. Nicky recognized the urgency and enlisted support from area residents to create an environmental group. Starting from scratch, she built a relationship with the city and various departments promoting the need for community events to raise awareness in areas such as naturalization of the site and teaching the community the six benefits of co-

existing with the wildlife that call this lake their home.

Generous funding from the city and a Trillium Grant has provided projects such as a floating island, providing filtration of the lake by plants, nesting boxes for ducks, basking logs for turtles, and accessible park benches for people. A community bulletin board will update the community of upcoming events, bird species, and migration patterns. A butterfly garden was also established. Nicky has promoted this project through the concept "think global and act local". To date, the workshops and educational events engage more than 200 volunteers. The local Rotary Club has stepped up to help with planning and reporting. As well, the city continues to work with the group and provides ongoing maintenance. Nicky realized the key to success and survival of the lake depended on her ability to motivate people. The threat of loss of habitat for the lake made a huge impact on her and she was determined to make an equally significant impact on Lake Wabukayne.

Congratulations Nicky!

Carole Spraggett, District 15 Director

GARDEN TOUR

Our garden tour was a resounding success! We enjoyed the various gardens on display and learned many things about the individual plants and settings.

Thanks go to **Eleanora & Nigel Roberts, Marylyne Brown, Sheila-Shirley & Joe Barter, Sue & Rob Harshman, and Carol Ashford and her team of volunteers** (Leslie Log House) for opening their gardens and sharing them with SHS members. Without them, this very enjoyable day would not have been possible.

A special thank you to Sue and Rob Harshman, who hosted the wonderful (and tasty) potluck supper in their beautiful back yard. Unfortunately, the sky opened on us with a heavy downpour right in the middle of the meal, however, only our clothing was dampened - not our spirits!

SHS is seeking a person who will chair the Garden Tour next summer. If you are interested talk to Sue Hutton at the next meeting or give her a call at 647 847-9278

SEPTEMBER

The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook,

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

But none of all this beauty
Which floods the earth and air
Is unto me the secret
Which makes September fair.

T'is a thing which I remember;
To name it thrills me yet:
One day of one September
I never can forget.

Helen Hunt Jackson

ANSWER TO RIDDLE: A watermelon

SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS

*Plant peonies now, but make sure the crowns are buried only one and a half to two inches below ground level. Planting them deeper than two inches may keep them from blooming.

*Root cuttings from annual bedding plants such as begonias, coleus, geraniums and impatiens. These plants can be overwintered in a sunny window and provide plants for next year's garden.

*Before the first frost dig up caladiums. Allow them to dry and store them in a dry place for the winter.

*Perennial phlox can be divided about every third or fourth year. Divide big clumps of perennial phlox into thirds. Early fall or early spring are the best times to plant or transplant them.

*Allow plants to finish the summer growth cycle in a normal manner. Never encourage growth with heavy applications of fertilizer or excessive pruning at this time. Plants will delay their dormancy process that has already begun in anticipation of winter in the months ahead. New growth can be injured by an early freeze.

*Tree wound paints used after pruning are no longer recommended as they can slow healing and may promote decay.

*If pesky seedlings of woody plants, such as elm, mulberry hackberry or maple are found growing in your yard, remove them as soon as possible. If left too long they will take over gardens and other landscape plantings.

*Rake up leaves, twigs and fruit from crabapple trees and dispose of them in the trash to help control apple scab disease.

*Water newly planted trees and shrubs to provide sufficient moisture and prevent winter damage. Add a three-inch layer of organic mulch such as shredded bark around the base of plants to retain soil moisture and regulate soil temperature.

*Wood ashes contain phosphorous, potassium and calcium. It can be placed on vegetable gardens and flowerbeds.

*Save seeds from favorite self-pollinating, non-hybrid flowers such as marigolds by allowing the flower heads to mature. Lay seeds on newspaper and turn them often to dry. Store the dry seeds in glass jars or envelopes in a cool, dry, dark place.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: **1,502 hours**

Questions, concerns, ideas, want to **volunteer** call
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