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NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2019

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring nut-free dish

Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

The President's Message and 2019 report

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on November 12, 2019. Please make the effort to attend to hear what we have done over the last year as a Society as well as vote for our new officers.

You will also be asked to approve some minor changes to our Constitution and Code of Conduct, details of these changes are:

Constitution

Removal of the following clauses 3(a) and (b); reason; the OHA now provides insurance that covers directors and officers, this insurance also provides liability coverage for the society.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

3. (a) It shall be the duty of the Board each and every year to inquire into the sufficiency of the security given by or on behalf of the Treasurer and to report thereon to the Society.

(b) If the Board neglects to procure and maintain proper and sufficient security, each member thereof shall be personally responsible for any loss suffered by the Society thereby.

Removal of the following clause 3: reason; this clause is duplicated in our By-laws and was previously modified at the June 13, 2017 general meeting

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES

3. Cheques to disburse the funds of the Society shall bear the signature of the Treasurer and any one of the following: President, 1st Vice President or Secretary.



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Code of conduct

As a City of Mississauga affiliate, we are required to have a Conflict of Interest policy. We will add point 9 at the bottom of page 1.

9. Avoid and disclose all potential conflicts of interest, for example; if the board is considering using a particular business to provide services to the society you must disclose if you have a relationship with the business, whether the connection is yourself, a family member or a friend.

Appendix A: a form for Disclosure of Conflict of Interest or Potential Conflict of interest will be added to the Code of Conduct.

As you all know a new Board of Directors will be elected at our AGM. I will be staying on the BOD as Past President. I want to thank you for your support over the past 4 years. It has been both exciting and challenging at times. We are a group of people who enjoy our activities, share interests and have a love of gardening. I encourage all of you to take responsibility for the continuing success of our society.

Please remember "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

 Monica

Coming events

December meeting-We hope to have a workshop as well as other activities at the December meeting. To hold a workshop, we need someone to coordinate the event. This includes arranging for the greens, sorting them into appropriate size bundles, collecting fees from participants at the November meeting, and setting up tables in the room before the meeting.

Other activities could be bake sale, silent auction, seed swap; these activities will also need volunteers to organize them. If no one is willing to help organize a workshop it won't happen. More information on the last page!





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From the Membership Desk

Welcome back everyone!!!



63 members and 5 guests enjoyed an exciting presentation by Diane Cortlett of Lochland Botanicals. She spoke of her many endeavors over the years to reach the successful business she has today. What a determined lady!

We hope you enjoyed our speaker and found the meeting informative and our company pleasant.

A great big thank you to Kathleen Hayward and Martha Witney for helping at "membership table" - It is truly appreciated.

September/October was the time for your membership renewal in the SHS, and if you haven't renewed yet, please take the few minutes to complete the renewal form, and bring it to the meeting 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. 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.

Please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address which is only used to communicate SHS information. And, remember to wear your name tag at all times while at our meeting... it will make it much easier for us to get to know one another. Pick up your name tag when signing in at the desk and return it at the end of the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at November's meeting!

☞ Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

Rotary Park

The season is winding down, but we've had great weather for working in the park.

This week we planted 50 Pretty Princess tulips and hope they'll look as good as their name next Spring. I saw them last year in the Ottawa tulip festival where there was probably 500....or 5000! Hope the squirrels don't like them too much.

We've had great volunteers again this year and many thanks to them, but some won't be able to make it back again next year, so please consider joining us every other Thursday morning. Our autumn clean-up will probably be November 7th., and you're very welcome to join us then. **☞ Jon Eldridge**



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Refreshment Table

November is our pot luck meeting where everyone brings a dish to serve approximately eight people. **Lug your Mug, your own plate and cutlery.**

Remember the meeting starts early. Doors open 6pm.

☞ Cathy Clipperton.

October Flower Show Results



Judges Choice. Monica Schouten. All Hallows eve.



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Best in show. Monika Schouten. Collection of Garden Flowers



Best pumpkin. Henry Schouten





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PLANT SALE REPORT 2019



The plant sale planning meeting including lessons learned from 2018, was held March 27, 2019 at the Leslie Log House.

Weather played a significant role in plant sale preparation and plant sale day. Spring was late, wet and cold. We had to cancel one potting session due to very cold weather. Janet Shaw donated many canna lily bulbs, after potting they were left to grow in the warmth of the Pengilley greenhouse.

Eight very busy potting days were held at Pengilley Farms. Plant labels were made constantly by volunteers to keep up with the

number of potted plants. Plants were all labeled and priced before being moved to volunteer plant sitters who provided tender loving care until the evening before the sale.

We had many generous donations from local nurseries and businesses: Donations from: Arbor Garden Centre, Canadian Tire Meadowvale, Jade Gardens, Metro Meadowvale, Mississauga Greenhouses, Sid's Ponds, Van Dongen's Garden Centre, with a total value of \$405.

Salvaged wooden chairs were decorated and planters set into the chair seats. Heather Walker collected a mountain of boxes for customers to use and so we could keep our plastic plant trays for future use.

Weather on sale day was record breaking, a total of 28 mm of rain fell on May 25th, 2019. It started raining about 7am and didn't stop until about 1pm, when it stopped for about 20 minutes, after which torrential rain fell.

Our faithful customers still showed up about 350 of them in total, they waited in the rain at 8am, they got their shoes soaked and muddy and they bought plants total sales after expenses were \$5029. Plant sale 2019 was an endurance test. Our plant sale was a most remarkable success this year considering the weather. Our customers spent an average of \$15 each, slightly more than at the 2018 sale. Surprisingly our customer count was only about 60 less than 2018.

Many, many thanks to the plant sale volunteers 47 people –donated a total of 744.75 recorded volunteer hours and I'm sure there were some that were not submitted. And to all those who potted plants, sold plants, made labels, baked goodies, cared for plants and transported plants. Numerous volunteers stayed the whole day to help with sales and carryout and a new shift arrived at the end of day to clean up.



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Special thanks go to **Carol Ashford, Heather and Phil Walker, Shirley Boyes, Grace Nelham, Dean Scully, Steve Fenech, Marg Rowan and Jon Eldridge** each of whom contributed more than 20 hours. This is an example of what we do best! ✂ **Monica Ross. Plant Sale Chair**

Membership Year-End Report 2018-2019

2018-2019 saw our membership decrease by 14% from prior year (2017-2018). June membership at year end 2019 numbered 102. Seven new members joined SHS throughout the year, and we had 15 guests participate in our monthly meetings with an average of 53 members for evening. ✂ **Vivianne Holmes. Membership Chair**

Premiums Report

We purchased 120 premiums from NVK Connon Nurseries for the May 2019 meeting. The total cost was \$600 + \$78 tax = \$678.00 at an average price per plant of \$5.69 including tax. At the meeting, 64 premiums were handed out to members in good standing. Of the remaining plants, 16 were sold at \$7.00 each for a total of \$112.00. The balance of 41 premiums was available at the plant sale at \$7.00 each, 35 plants were sold for a total of \$245.00. the remaining 6 plants were sold after the plant sale for \$3 each total \$18

The final cost of premiums after income from sales at the meeting and the plant sale subtracted was \$303 or \$4.73 per plant.

Publicity report 2019

Our 2018-19 October and April Open houses were promoted on a total of 21 websites, including those of our local politicians' councilors George Carlson, Pat Saito, and Sue McFadden

Other local groups include Gardenmaking.com, Streetsville Village Times, Streetsville Living Facebook page, Streetsville Hort Facebook, the Streetsville BIA, Mississauga.com, icangarden.com, Churchill Meadows Residents Association, Eventbrite, SNAPD North community events calendar, elocalpost.com/Streetsville, and the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel calendars.

The Plant Sale was advertised on all the previously listed websites, plus Kijiji, and we placed an ad in the Mississauga News that was also copied to all the local Metroland Media newspaper websites.

We would like to increase the amount of publicity by posting our monthly meetings to the websites listed above and our Facebook page. We need a volunteer to do this, it's not complicated, if you know how to post to Facebook, the other websites are very similar.



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2018-2019 Volunteer Report

A big thank you goes out to the 59 Streetsville Horticultural Society members who contributed a total of 2,396 hours from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019. This is a 12% increase over last year! Activity leads, please submit volunteer hours monthly to maureendodd62@gmail.com

✂ Volunteer Chair, Maureen Dodd

Archive Report

The Archives consist of binders full of pictures and newspaper clippings of events that have taken place since our re-establishment in 1972. Pictures are taken at various events and meetings and placed in the binders so we may look back and see how our Society has grown and see our members at work in the community or how they participate in our plant sales, flower shows, garden tours, community work and workshops.

The photo albums are usually on display at various functions such as our AGM and Plant Sale. Please take the time to browse through them at the AGM in November to familiarize yourselves with our activities and also put names to the many faces of our volunteers.

Having taken over this responsibility at the AGM October 2013, I have been busy taking pictures and will have 2018 - 19 pictures and clippings on display at the AGM in November. Should you have any photos taken at our events we are happy to include them in our binder; they should be given to me at any general meeting. ✂ Grace Nelham, Archive Chair

Leslie Log House Report 2018 - 19



The gardens at the Leslie Log House looked great this summer even though it took us almost a month to get the weeds under control! Daffodils poked their heads in the front bed in mid spring and the white peonies were stunning when they bloomed in June bordered by the purple salvia! The daisies made an outstanding show when they were blooming. *The Echinacea, Cleome* and *Verbena bonariensis* were going full force over the summer, attracted many Monarch butterflies and the garden was so full we did not purchase any annuals.



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Over the course of the summer we weeded and watered, then weeded again and again while patiently waiting for the parking lot to be paved. Finally, on October 9th, the paving equipment showed up at last.

Thanks to the following volunteers who have made the job of tending these gardens so much easier and fun: **Dean Scully, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross, Maryanne Brown, Shelly Dodd, Steve Fenech, Nury Garzon, Sue Harshman, Debbie Lemire, Viv Holmes and Marg Rowan.** Some came once and others volunteered every week. Our last day working on the beds was October 9th. ✂ **Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair**

Speaker's Report



This past year we enjoyed a varied group of speakers, presenting on a range of topic of interest.

September 2018

Trish Symons, an accomplished horticultural speaker, writer, photographer, judge and instructor, presented on **"Xeriscaping: Fad or Necessity"**. Her presentation incorporated some of the challenges she overcame in establishing gardens on her Hockley Valley farm where water supply is very limited. Her creativity and knowledge in the use of flowering plants that thrive in arid conditions was inspiring.

October 2018

In October, Dugald Cameron presented on **"Planting Your Spectacular Spring Garden"**. Dugald is the former owner of "Garden Imports" a very successful bulb supply company. We were provided with bulb recommendations and creative ideas for planting fall bulbs such as layering (bunkbedding) early and later blooming bulbs and starting potted daffodils early. This presentation coincided with our bulb fundraising sale; Dugald approved of the offerings.

November and December 2018

As usual, there were no speakers in November and December, November being the AGM and December being our Christmas workshop.



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January 2019

Elizabeth Schleider presented "**Copenhagen Adventures**" a presentation about a *World Federation of Rose Societies* meeting in Copenhagen. Elizabeth shared her photos of rose gardens in both Copenhagen and Denmark and provided tips for growing beautiful roses.

Elizabeth is an accredited judge of horticulture and design and her lifelong passion for roses inspired her to become an accredited Canadian Rose Society rose judge. She is past president of the Canadian Rose Society, and the Hamilton and Burlington Rose Society.

February 2019

Dave Taylor was to be our February speaker. His topic was "**Birds and Blooms**". Dave is a highly regarded wildlife photographer and the author of more than 40 books and several magazine articles on wildlife and ecology. Dave is currently the Educational Program Director/Consultant for The Riverwood Conservancy. Unfortunately, an ice storm that day necessitated cancellation of the meeting. The good news is that Dave is booked to present on the same topic in February 2020.

March 2019

Chuck Chapman presented on "**Iris Through the Seasons**". Chuck is the owner and operator of Canada's largest and oldest Iris specialty nursery. His presentation explained how we can have Iris varieties blooming in our gardens from before crocuses, until heavy frost in the fall. We were introduced to various types of iris, with emphasis on newer varieties, along with cultural information.

April 2019

Rodger Tschanz of the University of Guelph trial farm, presented on "**Choosing the Best: The Process at University of Guelph Gardens**". Rodger explained the process of evaluation each year at U of G, of between 400 and 500 new annuals and perennials, for their suitability to the southern Ontario gardens. In August 2019, SHS members were able to attend the Trial Garden Open House, and received a personalized guided tour of the 2019 results, with Rodger.

May 2019

Marion and Rick Robertson of Puslinch Naturally Native Trees, presented on "**Honey Bees & Native Bees**". The Robertson's have been beekeeping for over 30 years in conjunction with growing native and Carolinian trees, shrubs and pollinator plants for 16 years. They presented issues with the declining bee population, and the ways we can all support native bees in our gardens.



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Denis Zhu, a student at the University of Guelph, spoke on the “**Carnivorous Garden**”. Denis is an active member of the Carnivorous Plant Society of Canada and has been growing carnivorous plants since childhood. Dennis currently propagates over 70 different species of carnivorous plants indoors. He shared his knowledge and brought along some of his plants for our observation. ✂

Janet Shaw. Speaker Chair

Refreshment Table Report

For the 2018-19 year, income from member donations to the refreshment table was \$ 275.80, our expenses for purchasing tea, coffee, cream, sugar, and napkins were \$ 78.62, resulting in a profit of \$197.18.

Remember, the time it takes to make homemade goodies counts as volunteer hours. It can be difficult to keep track of the names of all the donors so please put your name on your donation.

✂ **Heather Walker 2018-19 refreshment coordinator**



Newsletter Report

Ten editions of Streetsville Blooms were published for 2018-2019 year to approximately 120 members. Total net expenses for the newsletter were \$55.61. I have used our prepaid printing card at UPS in Streetsville, ten copies of the newsletter monthly; seven members receive the newsletter by mail and pay a fee of \$10 per year to offset the cost of mailing; the remain three newsletters are for the meetings. We have 3349 pages of printing left on our UPS card.

Information used is submitted by different committee chairs and readers of the newsletter. All submissions from our members are welcome, including gardening tips, poems, photographs, recipes and timely articles.



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Debbie Lemire passed over binders with copies of newsletters, envelopes and the Society stamp. It was challenging and learning opportunity to assemble the newsletter for the past year, I am also extremely thankful to Monica and Debbie for their patience and help. ✂ **Nury Garzon.**

Flower Show Report 2019

A huge thank you to all who participated in the four flower shows held in 2018-2019. They were well attended. All the judges were impressed with the flower shows and noticed that although the flower shows were small, the quality of flowers entered were impressive. The May and June flower show included a Design portion. They were not well attended. Unfortunately, the few entrants decided not to enter any future competitions due to lack of competition.

The flower shows were moved to the other side of the church. The May show was held in the church entranceway. Regrettably, the location was not as successful as it disturbed church meeting attendees and it was too far from the meeting hall for members to check out.

The June, September and October shows were held in a little room off the Heritage Room. These shows were far more successful and were well attended by people after the general meeting.

The practice of announcing the Best in Show and Judge's Choice at the end of the General Meeting, in addition to the judge's comments continues to be successful.

Flower show trophy awards announced at the November 2018 AGM for the 2017-2018 season were as follows: Elizabeth Colley Designer of the Year, **Debra Lemire**; and Joseph Boles Horticultural Award, **Anita King.**

A big thank you to everyone who entered the Flower Shows, especially those who entered for the first time. Your participation was greatly appreciated. Remember, if every person were to enter a flower, we would have a great show.

Many thanks go out the Flower Show committee for their assistance in setting up and dismantling the flower shows. A special thank you to **Alex King** for his unfailing energy and support for the Flower Show.

Streetsville Horticultural Society is looking for a convener for the Flower Show for the upcoming year as Debbie Lemire has moved away from Streetsville. Please show your support by contacting a board member and submitting your name. ✂ **Debra Lemire.**



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Raffle Table Report



We had a very successful year at the raffle table. Donations were incredible, thanks to all members and speakers for all the donations. Raffle table monthly meetings **\$661.40**.

Extra fundraising at raffle table (including jewelry sales, Christmas silent auction and the sale of all the extra donated items throughout the year that were sold at the May plant sale: Fundraising **\$604.75**!! Expenses \$0 everything was donated!!

Chairs: Asma Iftikhar and Franca Ambrozic



Annual Christmas Workshop.

Make an arrangement for your table or mantle or a wreath for the front door

Cost of greens \$20

Bring your wreath

Bring your decorations!

Please bring cash to the November AGM meeting as we need to have the orders placed that night. If you don't pre-order, there is no guarantee extra materials will be available.