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Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th

Streetsville United Church

In Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7pm,

Meeting starts 7:30pm

Co-Presidents Message

Hello everyone - can you believe it is going to be September again?

We have a lot happening this fall, some familiar activities are

returning, and some welcome changes will be made to the membership renewal process. We hope to finalise the arrangements for receiving **e-transfers** for the payment of membership fees. **The details will be sent by email when everything is set up.**

Membership renewal - you may renew your membership at the September meeting, cash or cheque, please fill in the renewal form, we do need to know if there are any changes to your contact information or home address. Or, you can send the form to Shelley by email and pay by e-transfer after it is set up.

We will be having **Flower Shows** in September and October, Alex and Anita King have graciously agreed to be in charge. If you would like to be involved in set up and tidy up or learn about how to run a Flower Show, please contact them. If you need information about flower shows, please go to our website www.streetsvillehort.ca

The September Flower Show Schedule and information are on **page 11**.

Photo Contest - entries for the 2021-2022 photo contest must be brought to the September meeting.

The photos must be colour photos and no larger than 4" x 6". Write the number of the photo category on the back of the picture applying to that particular category. This way the judge can't see to whom the photo belongs. Please put your photos in an envelope with your name on the outside. The photos will be judged and returned for our October meeting. The classes and other rules are on page 10 of this newsletter. The 2022-23 photo contest classes are also on page 10.

Volunteer Hours - please ensure that you submit any unreported hours from 2021-22, ASAP.

Coming events - On Saturday **September 10** we will be holding a **Plant Sale leftovers sale**, at the LLH; it will run from 9:30 to 11:30am and all plants will be **\$1**, we have plants leftover from the 2019 sale and some from this year



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and we will be very happy to have them all gone. If you can help out for about 2 hours, please get in touch. There will be no special preparations, please spread the word.

At our **October** meeting we will be holding our previously usual Open House and Bulb Sale. We are also hoping to hold a seed swap at the October meeting. More details will be available at the September meeting.

In November we have our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM), pot luck dinner and our 50th anniversary celebrations. We will be asking you to approve a minor change to the bylaws. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Carol and Monica, Co-presidents SHS 🌸

Speaker - Thank you to Heinke Thiessen for June's talk on "Perennials that Wow" and for providing us with a hard copy of her list of perennials. For our meeting on September 13th, we welcome back **Jeanne McRight of Blooming Boulevards**, and her talk will be "It's easy! Seed saving 101". This will cover collecting and saving seeds from native plants, vegetables and garden favourites and hopefully will be just in time to put some of her tips into practice this fall. **Jon Eldridge, speaker chair** 🌸

Rotary Park - We have been having a good summer working in the park with a very good group of volunteers. The rear section is almost impossible to keep irrigated, although we do now have access to a water supply, but it dries out very quickly and Mother Nature has been very sparing with the rainfall. A load of mulch has been ordered from the City and this should help.



I think that, overall, the park has never looked better 'though there are still lots of areas we can improve. I'm so grateful to those who have helped achieve this and look forward to carrying on the work. Thanks also to Grace Nelham for the collage.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair 🌸



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Leslie Log

House - It's been a very hot, dry summer yet the gardens at the Log House are looking pretty impressive considering the weather conditions thanks to all the hard work from our volunteers. Thanks again to all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly at the Log House, weeding, watering and dead heading.

Here are some beautiful pictures of the gardens at the Log House taken by our own Grace Nelham. If you've never been there, it is a great place to hike, picnic or just take in the beautiful gardens. Leslie Log House - (4415 Mississauga Rd. - south of Eglinton and north of Hwy. 403).

Our **50th Anniversary Project** is to add an arbour to the LLH garden. Plans are in the works and cedar poles from a farm near Erin have all been cut and trimmed and dragged out of the bush with the installation taking place in early September.

It will be a major undertaking, but we are confident it will look fantastic when complete.

If you would like to help with construction or installation please contact me.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair 🌸





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BLAST FROM THE PAST - SEPTEMBER 2001

BOUQUETS TO:

Many thanks to the following who graciously donated their gardens for our Annual Garden Tour: Miguela Valere, Rada Tome, Marion Bartlett, Dean & Debbie Scully, Grace Nelham, Louise & Nigel Haggis. A special thanks to Lil & Bill Duke for opening their garden for the tour and for hosting the Potluck Supper.

We had a great variety of gardens, big and small and all in the best condition and the tour was enjoyed by all. As usual, the Potluck Supper was a hit as attested by the more than 30 people who attended.



Garden Tour - July 2001 - Pot Luck at Lil & Bill Dukes'

THYMELY TIPS

- Trim and divide perennials as growth slows
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs
- Plant evergreens
- Bring in houseplants before it gets too cold.
- Last fertilizing of lawns for the year. Aerate lawns as required.
- Keep evergreens and shrubs adequately watered.
- Harvest grapes after first frost.
- Air dry onions for store.
- Renovate perennial borders.

TOOL TIME

How to get two tools in one? A shovel and a yardstick.

Simply lay your shovel on a table. Then lay a yardstick next to the shovel's handle, lining up the top edges. With a permanent marker, copy the increments on the shovel's handle. To go the extra mile, turn the shovel over, starting this time at the base of the handle, copy the increments again... this way you have a "yard" stick no matter how your shovel measures up!

HOW TO SKIN A TOMATO

1. Fill a large pan with enough water to accommodate up to 5 tomatoes with no overflow.
2. Bring water to a boil.
3. Fill a deep bowl with enough ice and water to cover tomatoes. Set aside.
4. Core the tomatoes
5. Using tongs or a slotted spoon, place up to 5 tomatoes in the boiling water.
6. Boil for 15 - 25 seconds. The skins should begin to split and the edges around the core portion will start to curl slightly,
7. Remove the tomato and immerse in the ice water. Repeat with remaining tomatoes.
8. When the tomatoes are cool, start lifting the peel with a small knife near the cored portion. Once started, the remaining peel should come off easily.

Leamington, Ontario is the Tomato Capital of Canada and every August they hold a huge tomato festival.

Any way you slice 'em, enjoy your toasted tomato sandwiches while you can!



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Coffee Club

Throughout the months of July and August, around 15 members have gathered for the morning "Coffee Club" at the Leslie Log House property to share stories and reconnect with friends!

Some members brought seeds to share, or baked banana loaf or date squares which were enjoyed while discussing what was growing in their gardens or how to resolve issues, like voles.

Shelley Dodd ☘



Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/Streetsville-Horticultural-Society-101876555345008>

Mississauga Community

To celebrate the "Year of the Garden" the City of Mississauga held an event at the Riverwood Conservancy on National Garden Day, June 18th. Councillors Chris Fonseca and Ron Starr attended as well as representatives from the City of Mississauga seed library, Riverwood Conservancy, Blooming Boulevards, Mississauga Master Gardeners, and both the Streetsville and Credit Valley Horticultural Societies.

[Remember to renew your membership](#)

Guest speakers, special events, meetings, and premium plants are just a few of the things that your membership fees are used for.

We are always looking to grow our membership and a great way to do that is to talk about the Streetsville Horticultural Society with your neighbours and friends.



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Summer surprise!

Many of you will know I put my amaryllis outside for the summer, they are fertilised once a month and brought back inside when the weather starts to cool down and night time temps are below 10C.

I was completely surprised when 3 of my amaryllis bloomed outside in August. The first one was scarlet red, this one is red, the third one is just opening and its deep pink. **Monica** ☆





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Native Corner - Cup Plant – *Silphium perfoliatum*

Blooming right now in High Park and on Centre Island, the Cup Plant is an outstanding specimen of one of our Prairie natives. This picture was taken in my front yard and being the magnet for native birds and insects that it is, this is one of the rare occasions there wasn't a finch, or some other bird perched on it. Comments abound with this amazing plant – not surprising, considering that it grows to an impossible-to-ignore 9 feet and dominates the yard with thick-stemmed clumps and abundant, long-lasting yellow composite flowers that bloom early to mid-summer. Everything about this plant is over the top and dramatic: its large leaves (8-14" long by up to 7" wide) clasp the stem, creating a fascinating, water retaining vessel that gives this plant its name. These leaves are broadly lanceolate to cordate, coarsely toothed, and have a rough, sandpapery texture. Its central stem is thick, hairless, and squarish, and its prolific yellow blooms last well into the autumn. Each sunflower-like flower is about 3-4" across, consisting of numerous yellow disk florets that are surrounded by 18-40 yellow or pale-yellow ray florets. The root system consists of a central taproot, and abundant shallow rhizomes that help to spread the plant vegetatively, often forming substantial colonies. Its urge to reproduce is unstoppable - you will find young cup plants volunteering everywhere (you'll need to weed out the unwanted volunteers).



Long-tongued bees, butterflies, and skippers are common visitors and the most important pollinators of the flowers. Some short-tongued bees, wasps, bee flies, and other kinds of flies also visit the flowers for pollen or nectar. The larva of the gall wasp species feeds within the stems of this plant and may attract hyper-parasitic wasps. Various birds, especially goldfinches, are very fond of the seeds, and drink water from the cups formed by the leaves. Because of the tendency to form dense colonies, this plant provides good cover for birds, which often lurk among the leaves during the heat of the day, searching for insects or pausing to rest.

Native Americans living along the Missouri River smoked the roots to relieve a head cold or rheumatism or made vapor bands with it. The Winnebago believed the plant had supernatural powers. The braves made a tonic from the rhizomes to purify themselves before hunting bison. For the Chippewa, an extract made from the roots eased back and chest pain and prevented excessive menstrual bleeding. The Iroquois put the ashes of the burned root on children's cheeks to prevent them from seeing ghosts. Similar treatment was supposed to prevent sickness caused by the dead. Both settlers and Native Americans used the resinous sap of cup plants to keep their teeth clean.

What a treat this plant is for the garden and for nature – truly one of my favourites, and always puts a smile on my face.

I hope to see you out and about exploring! Happy spotting!

As always, never dig up plants from the wild, and don't buy from nurseries that do. **Heather Marchment** 🌸



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OHA "Year of the Garden" 18-month calendar

The Ontario Horticultural Association is producing a "Year of the Garden" 18-month calendar as a fundraiser, each Horticultural Society was asked to submit a photograph to be included in a collage of colour photographs. This photograph was taken by Grace Nelham and is our society's contribution to the calendar



ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION KEEPING ONTARIO BEAUTIFUL

<https://gardenontario.org/>

Who We Are:

The Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) is a volunteer charitable organization that encourages interest in gardening and related environmental issues with horticultural societies and like-minded organizations by providing leadership and education.



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We inspire Ontarians to promote and share gardening.

Our goals will:

- Provide recognition, awards, and grants throughout Ontario.
- Develop and support programs for all ages encouraging gardening, community beautification, environmental enhancement, and conservation.
- Provide resources for horticultural societies.
- Encourage the development of new horticultural societies.

Did You Know?

- In the 1930s, the OHA sent tree rootstocks to thousands of families in the Prairies after the area was swept away by dust storms and drought. Seedling maple trees were sent to English military cemeteries and places throughout Europe.
- In 1945 1200 schools planted 600 acres of tree seedlings throughout Ontario.
- In the 1950s the OHA assisted with the planting of trees along highways and sent 2000 young trees to Holland to assist with re-establishing reclaimed land from the sea.
- In 1978 the Ontario Horticultural Association established the 'OHA Past Presidents' Oak Grove' at the University of Guelph's Arboretum. Since that time, oak trees have been planted and benches dedicated to the memory of former Presidents.
- The OHA has assisted many tornado-struck areas, and those affected by ice-storm damage, by providing monies for replacement trees.
- In 2012 each District planted a bur oak to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. (Provide link to pp 10-11 of the Winter 2012-2013 Trillium photos).
- In 2016 the OHA Board supported the Highway of Heroes Project and agreed to match donations from its members, up to a maximum of \$2,500. As of the start of the July 2016 Convention in Kitchener, the OHA donated \$27,337.25 to this worthy tribute. To learn more about the Highway of Heroes Tribute go to <https://www.hohtribute.ca>

Submitted by Grace Nelham 🌸



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Photo Contest 2021-2022

Class 1	"Fungi are the grand recyclers of the planet." Paul Stamets
Class 2	"A host of golden daffodils, fluttering and dancing in the breeze." William Wordsworth
Class 3	"What a lovely thing a rose is!" Arthur Conan Doyle
Class 4	"Close to you" – The Carpenters, leaf or leaves close up.
Class 5	"Ripe vegetables were magic to me." Michael Pollan

Rules

- Closing date September 2022 general meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and should be nature related.
- Coloured photos, unless otherwise specified, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class, one per person in a family membership.
- If photo does not meet category, it will be rejected. • Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Photos taken between 1 Sept 2021 and 31 August 2022.

Photo Contest 2022-2023

Photos taken between 1 Sept 2022 and 31 August 2023; These are the categories – NATURE RELATED

Class 1	Shades of Autumn
Class 2	Beauty of Winter
Class 3	Promise of Spring
Class 4	Pollinators in Action
Class 5	Impact of Climate Change
Class 6	Kaleidoscope of Colour

Suggestion: Keep this list in your camera case, your wallet, or your pocket for reference when you are taking photos.



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September 2022 Flower Show Schedule

Entries must be on the table by 7:15pm

CLASS HORTICULTURE

1. Anemone, Japanese - 1 stem
2. Chrysanthemum - any variety, 1 stem
3. Collection of annuals, 5 cultivars, no cut stems, 1 per exhibitor
4. Collection of perennials, 5 cultivars, no cut stems, 1 per exhibitor
5. Dahlia 1 bloom, over 4"
6. Dahlia - 3 blooms, under 4" Same cultivar
7. Echinacea (Coneflower) - 1 stem
8. Hosta with own foliage - 1 stem or bloom
9. Helianthus (Sunflower) - 1 stem or bloom
10. Hydrangea - 1 bloom, any cultivar
11. Phlox - 1 stem
12. Rudbeckia - 1 stem
13. Rose - any variety - 1 bloom or spray
14. Sedum - 1 stem
15. Zinnia - 1 bloom
16. Any annual not listed - 1 bloom or stem
17. Any perennial not listed 1 bloom or stem
18. Tomato - 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
19. Small vegetable same cultivar, 3 specimens on a plate
20. Large vegetable (e.g., turnip, squash) 1 specimen
21. Any fruit - 3 specimens, same cultivar

CLASS DESIGN Theme: Indian Summer

22. Harvest moon - a WATER design
23. Autumn colours - MINIATURE design
24. Migrating South - NOVICE design



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SHOW RULES:

ENTRIES

- Competition is open to all members in good standing of Streetsville Horticultural Society.
- Exhibitors should fill out their own entry forms for each exhibit. Entry forms are available at the show or on the website.
- One entry per exhibitor permitted in each CULTURAL and DESIGN class unless otherwise stated.
- If two or more exhibitors share the same garden and wish to compete in the same CULTURAL class they must enter different cultivars. The cultivars must be named.
- All entries are to be as it is stated, and in accordance to size in Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards, Publication #34
- Entry will be disqualified if not in accordance with the description of class.
- Where a definite number is called for NO MORE or NO LESS shall be entered.
- The use of protected or endangered native plants will disqualify the exhibit.
- Decision of Judge(s) will be final.
- No awards will be given for mediocre exhibits.
- Exhibitors must supply own appropriate containers.
- ONLY Show Committee may move entries in the Cultural Section for staging purposes.
- Entries must be on the table by the stated time – 7:15 p.m. deadline and must be left on table until the show convener releases the entries. Times for entering will be strictly enforced.
- The FLOWER SHOW HANDBOOK is available to be ordered from the OHA website.
- "Best in Show" will be left to the discretion of the Judge.

