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Next Meeting

**Tuesday, November 8th
Streetsville United Church
In Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Doors open at 6 pm,
Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm**

**Members are asked to bring
a nut-free dish**

Meeting starts at 7:15 pm

Co-Presidents Message and 2022 report

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on November 8, 2022. Please make the effort to attend to hear what we have done over the last year as a Society as well as elect our 2022-2023 officers. A reminder our AGM is not open to the public, all current members are invited to attend, you must have renewed your membership to vote on the various motions at our AGM.

We hope to see all of you at our 50th anniversary AGM, and don't forget to bring a nut free dish for 6 people, your own mug, your own plate and cutlery, and serving utensils if needed.

You will also be asked to approve one minor modification to our By Laws the information about this change is:

Our current by laws do not specify how the Board of Directors holds meetings. We have since April 2020 held many meetings by Zoom as we could not meet in person. In previous years mostly due to bad winter weather, we have sometimes held BOD meetings via email or by phone, conference calls.

We have been informed by the Ontario government that from 30 September 2022 we will no longer be legislatively allowed to hold Business/BOD meetings as a virtual event unless stated in the By-Laws as an option for holding business meetings.

Currently section 5 part C of our bylaws states: The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times a year.

The modified section 5 part C would state: The Board of Directors shall meet at least three times a year and may meet in person, or virtually, via email, telephone or other videoconferencing means such as Zoom, Google meets, and other technologies.



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2021-2022 Report

The past year has seen many changes since 2020/2021. We held an in person meeting in December 2021, our first since March 2020, since March 2022 all of our general meetings have been in person. We held our plant sale in May, our first since 2019.

We had great speakers via zoom and good turn outs to all of the virtual meetings. We managed to have an exceptional plant sale and volunteer work didn't miss beat at both Rotary Park and the Leslie Log House. We had a member judged Flower Show at our June meeting.

Our volunteers contributed a total of 2,362.5 hours between September 1st, 2021, and August 31, 2022, which is just less than the 2,396 hours from September 1, 2018, to August 31, 2019, the last complete non-Covid year. We are so impressed with our members willingness to step up and get involved.

We had big plans to build an arbour at the Leslie Log House for our 50th Anniversary, but unfortunately those plans have been put on hold until the spring. All the materials for this project are ready and waiting.

Photos for the Photo Contest were collected at the September 2022 meeting and a winner was chosen to be announced at our November 8th AGM. The Volunteer of the Year award will also be presented at that time as well.

We need additional members to join the Board of Directors. It's a big job to plan and organise the many events that SHS hosts over a year, if you have been a member for several months or more, please consider volunteering. If you are interested in being involved with a particular activity without being on the BOD, please let us know.

Carol and Monica, Co-presidents SHS ❀

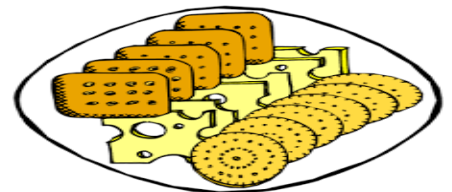
Refreshment table report



Many thanks to the members, who contribute to the refreshment table, either by donating or leaving a cash donation, which we use to buy coffee/tea, cream/milk: and also, to the members who take the time to either help us set up or clean up (much appreciated).

At most meetings the refreshment table is empty after the meeting, so our members like what our members are donating. Still, it is usually the same members who donate, all members can contribute, nothing elaborate, we think finger goods are best!

Thanks to the members who donated to the Plant Sale refreshment table, we had members asking for the recipes, all were so yummy.



❀ Vivianne Holmes and Martha Witney Refreshment Chairs



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October Seed Exchange



Becoming a seed saver is not difficult but takes time, and patience. By saving seeds, we are protecting our diversity, helping pollinators, and saving money. Approximately 200 envelopes were available on our seed table: Dill, Opium poppy seeds, morning glory, hollyhock, double red poppies, marigold, black-eyed Susan, rudbeckia hirta, oriental poppies



October Bulb Sale

A total of \$691.35 was spent on bulbs, 132 packages of bulbs, 37 packages of bulbs were left after the sale. Since the meeting some additional bulbs were sold to members.

6 packages of daffodils will be planted at the Leslie Log House. 8 packages of bulbs will be planted at Rotary Park. The remaining bulbs will be available for sale at our AGM at reduced prices.

Membership Desk

Fall was the time for membership renewal in the SHS, since our fiscal year runs from September until June, and we now stand at 81 members. Our October Open House hosted 4 guests and welcomed 5 new members Barbara, Anne, Amarin, Halina, and Vivien.

Thank you to Maureen, Faulene, and Sandra for assisting at the membership table during this busy time. We are still looking for more "Greeters" who will mentor new members by answering questions, showing them around the venue, and sitting together. You will notice at the sign-in table that there is a suggestion and question box. We are looking for new ideas and hoping to help solve your gardening issues/concerns. 🌸 **Shelley Dodd**



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Flower Show Thank you to all who entered our October flower show. The judge was really impressed.

October 11, 2022, Flower Show Points Awarded

Sue Harshman: 24

Monica Schouten 40

Ursula Evanoff: 3

Shelley Dodd: 43

Rob Harshman: 25

Steve Fenech: 16

Grace Nelham: 5

Judy Kokis: 7

Marcia Spear 5

Donald Helsdon 1

Bob Bowman 2

Janet Shaw 10

Alex King 31



The Best in the Show was Anita King for her hydrangea. The Judges Choice was Pat Salisbury for her vegetables.

Please keep in mind: The competitor tags should be filled with the competitor number and name.

Put the variety name of your entry on the tag, if possible, as

other members may wish to have the plant.

The Ontario Judging and Exhibitor Standards are an excellent source when it comes to entering flower shows. We have several copies, that are available through the Society. ✿**Alex & Anita, Flower Show Chairs.**



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Native Corner - Gray Reindeer Lichen – *Cladina rangiferina*

On a recent fabulous fall camping trip to Killarney (highly recommend by the way!) I came across this magnificent specimen! Apparently, it is the best-known and most easily identified of the Arctic lichens. It's often mistakenly called reindeer or caribou "moss" because it looks similar to moss. But it is a lichen, and one which grows faster than just about any other lichen - that is, so slowly even a small clump could be 100 years old. Its body is called the thallus. The podetium is a stock like a protuberance from the thallus. At first, the podetium grows steadily; after some years of growth, it enters a 100-year phase of maintenance. Some parts of the plant grow while other parts of the plant die off at the same rate, after which the whole plant starts to degenerate. But each year it adds a new branch giving it the ability to reach a great age. It is sometimes possible to estimate the age of reindeer lichen fairly accurately, although older branches sometimes decompose, making calculations difficult.



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Cladina rangiferina has a bushy, branching thallus, or body, which may be gray, greenish-gray, or yellowish gray. They form clumps or mats made up of a large number of podetia. These lichens cover large areas of the Low Arctic in open areas, sub-Arctic forests, and bogs.



This lichen got its common name because reindeer and caribou like to graze on it. It's a circumpolar plant and in northern Europe, it was once collected to feed livestock. The Inland Dena'ina used reindeer lichen for emergency food by smashing the dry plant and then boiling it or soaking it in hot water until it's soft. They ate it plain or mixed with berries, fish eggs, or fat. Sometimes they boiled it with Caribou blood. But it was strictly a hard-times food and usually given to dogs. The lichen may also be used to make a drink to help soothe tuberculosis and bleeding.

Northern Inuit regard the partially digested reindeer lichen from the stomachs of newly killed muskoxen and caribou as traditional winter survival food. This makes sense since the



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cellulose which a human can't process is already on its way to breaking down in the animal's stomach. In Alaska, they separate the lichen from the grass in the stomach and mix the lichen with oil.

The lichens' ability to absorb moisture from the air also means they can just as easily absorb contaminants, which are increasingly being found in air samples of the north. Radioactive materials from atmospheric nuclear testing concentrate in lichen tissue, which is then eaten by caribou. The Chernobyl disaster affected lichens in the Arctic and the caribou who ate them. More recently, core samples in ice have shown traces of aerosol deodorants which have drifted from the south, alerting us once again that all the systems on the planet are connected somehow.

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** 🌸

Speakers Report 2022

14th September 2021-Sean James is a graduate of Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, a Master Gardener, writer, and teacher who focuses on eco-gardening techniques. He was named as 2020 and 2021 Garden Communicator of the Year. He spoke to us "It doesn't end in August....extending interest in the garden to December and beyond", giving lots of ideas for plants that add color to the garden in the fall and into the winter, and followed up by sending us a pdf of his talk which was included in the newsletter.



12th October 2021, Anna Leggatt is a Toronto Master Gardener, a former High School teacher in Botany & Chemistry and she worked for 30 years at the Kortright centre. Her presentation focused on Spring bulbs, with a list of all the bulbs talk and details of how to over-winter dahlias which had been requested by some of our members.

11th January 2022, Paul Knowles was booked to talk titled "The odd and eccentric truth about gardeners". Unfortunately, the pandemic returned, and he was not able to give a virtual talk, so the meeting was canceled.



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8th February 2022 Taya Kehler has a degree in Landscape Architecture and has worked in nursery maintenance, landscaping, and garden design. She is currently the Gardens Coordinator at Riverwood Conservancy. Her talk was titled "Knitting with Natives: incorporating native plants into Riverwood's gardens". It was mainly about a new garden at Riverwood which featured many native plants along with some non-native ones. There was also talk about renovations to an existing garden in the Rhododendron area. It was good to see some of what was happening at Riverwood.



8th March 2022, Jeanne McRight is the founder of Blooming Boulevards. She is a professional visual artist and a Master Gardener with a horticulture diploma from the University of Guelph. Her talk was on "Blooming Boulevards – low maintenance boulevard gardens" and she told us how she got the organization started in Mississauga, growing native plants and encouraging people to plant these on their boulevards rather than grass. She was well received and sent us a link to her website for those that wanted to follow up.

12th April 2022, Martin Ford of Urban Cottage Landscapes grew up on a 100-acre market garden in Wales and a fruit orchard in New Zealand. He trained as an arborist before moving to Canada. He has worked in the horticulture and landscape business throughout his life while also teaching at Guelph University. His talk was titled "How to create a naturalized woodland garden in an urban setting" He was a very knowledgeable speaker but with a soft voice that couldn't compete with the noises in the hall. Those that could hear him enjoyed what he had to say.

10th May 2022, Mark Zelinski is a professional photographer, publisher, writer, painter, filmmaker, and a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society, a member of The Explorers Club, and winner of the Canadian Governor General's Medal. His talk was "Heart of Turtle Island: The Niagara Escarpment" His pictures covered the flora and fauna, landscapes and cultures of the Escarpment, many locations of which our members are quite familiar. He also signed and sold his books on this subject....at a 40% discount.

14th June 2022, Heinke Thiessen grew up on a farm in the Eastern townships. She formed her own landscape Company and taught in the Horticultural program at Sheridan college. Her talk was "Perennials that Wow" She has an easy talking style and showed us about 30 of her favorite perennials, some of which were a surprise to be on the list, but she always had good reasons why they were there. She sent us a pdf the following day, to share with members. **Jon Eldridge, speaker chair** 🌸



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Rotary Park Annual report 2022

We had a good year at Rotary Park. The only real difficulty was with the summer drought, where much of the park has an irrigation system but the rear or Westerly section does not. We have access to water and can attach a hose but using a sprinkler is difficult because there are usually people sitting there! We will try to find a solution to this for next season.

We have planted a number of new perennials and shrubs and finally got to a small garden by Queen Street that has been ignored for years because we didn't have time. We have been fortunate to have a great group of volunteers that would mainly show up to every work party (every two weeks). I can't thank you enough the following members: Nick & Enza Lafratta, Martha Witney, Viv Holmes, Marcia Spear, Asoke Bera + a lady called Angela who is not currently a member of our Society but was such a good worker that we hope she will become one.

In the time I've been managing this park, this is the best year, and I hope we can make it even better next year. One thing I love about working here is the praise received from members of the public that frequently walk through or relax in the park.

Thanks again for the help from our volunteers who not only worked hard but were such good company.

Leslie Log House Report 2021 - 2022

The 43 acres of land making up the Leslie Log House property runs from Mississauga Road east to the Credit River and will eventually hook up with the Culham Trail. It has a large orchard with pear and apple trees containing antique varieties such as Red Gravenstein, Talman Sweet, and Old-Style King David. Unfortunately, the orchard has been let go and has been uncared for. The youngest trees on the property were planted in the 1910s. Since about 2000 it has never been pruned, never sprayed, never cared for so the orchard is in pretty sad shape.

However, the gardens are flourishing, and many plants have been split and donated to the plant sale since we started gardening on this property back in 2011. Of course, none of this would be possible without the many hours of dedicated work by Streetsville Horticultural Society volunteers. This past summer was terribly dry, and the volunteers made sure the gardens were watered weekly and the plants survived. This





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fall, when the gardens were put to bed, many new plants of Echinacea were dug up and planted in the raised bed in preparation for our annual plant sale in the spring.

Our 50th Anniversary project was to have been building an arbour at the Log House, surrounded by climbing roses, making it the perfect spot for wedding pictures with the Log House in the background. The poles for the arbor have all been cut and stored and we are waiting for approval from Heritage Mississauga to go ahead with the project. We spoke to City workers back in May and thought we were well on our way to completing the project in time for our 50th anniversary. However, someone dropped the ball and Heritage Mississauga will not review our plan until November 1st. So, this project may have to be delayed to the spring as November is a cold month to be outside building an arbour.

Without our dedicated volunteers, the gardens at the Log House would not have looked as stunning as they have this past summer. Many thanks go out to Judi Kokis, Grace Nelham, Janice Ward, Nury Garzon, Monica Ross, Marg Rowan, Viv Holmes, Shelley Dodd, Mary Ann Brown, and Vicki Cook. Thanks for all you do! We couldn't get along without you. **Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair.** ✿

2021-2022 Volunteer Report

This past year has been different as some in-person meetings were canceled. Overall, we contributed a total of 2,362.5 hours between September 1st, 2021, and August 31, 2022.

Thank you to Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair, and all those who volunteered in various ways to the success of the plant sale with 827 hours.

Thank you to the Leslie Log House Chair, Carol Ashford, and Rotary Park chair, Jon Eldridge, and the volunteers that teamed together to keep up the garden beds at Leslie Log House and Rotary Park, with over 483 hours of gardening-related duties completed!

Board members and administrators expended 1041 hours running the Society,

✿ **Grace Nelham, Chair of Volunteers.**





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Newsletter Report

Ten editions of Streetsville Blooms were published for the 2021 – 2022 year. Every month the newsletter is e-mailed to our active members (approx. 83). Eight printed copies are mailed to members that pay a \$10 fee per year to offset the cost of mailing. One printed copy is kept for our records.

Total net expenses for the newsletter were \$114.97 and we still have 1921 pages of printing left on our UPS card.

The content of our monthly issues is submitted by different committee chairs and readers of the newsletter; most of the pictures came from Grace Nelham who is a talented photographer who is always taking the perfect image for the newsletter content. Thanks to the members that contributed with articles, pictures, recipes, and stories about gardening and to Monica and Carol, our co-presidents, for helping when I was abroad and for approving the final edition and distributing it online. Monthly issues can be also found on our website.

At the recent District 15 AGM, for all 15 societies in the district. In the publications (newsletter) competition SHS was awarded second place for newsletters of 10 pages or less and third place for newsletters of 11 pages or more.

✿ Nury Garzon, Newsletter editor

Archive Report for the year September 2021-August 2022

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, our members at work in the community, 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 next time they are on display to familiarize yourselves with our activities and also put names to the many faces of our volunteers.

I have taken a few pictures this year and have been sending some to the Newsletter and will have 2021-2022 pictures and clippings entered in a photo album. Should you have any photos taken at our events we are happy to include them in our binder. ✿ Grace Nelham, Archive Chair





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Membership Year-End Report 2021-2022

This year, 2021-2022 saw our membership increase by 1% from the prior year (2020-2021). June membership at year-end 2022 numbered 83. In person, meetings were only held from March 2022 to June 2022, due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and restrictions on social gatherings.

12 new members joined SHS throughout the year, and 7 guests participated in either our virtual Zoom or in-person monthly meetings. 4 Lifetime members were removed from the membership list.

Membership participation in Zoom presentations averaged 27 members per event. Coffee Clubs were held throughout the summer and averaged 15 members in attendance. 🌸 **Shelley Dodd, Membership Chair**

Raffle Table 2021-2022 Report

From the general meetings, we raised \$254.25. At the plant sale in May, the raffle table raised \$236.00 That is \$490.25 in total with \$0 expenses. Wow!! Thank you, 🌸 **Mary-Ann Brown, Draw Table Chair**

Premiums Report May 2022

100 Premiums were purchased at NVK wholesale. Four plants were selected this year for our premiums and the choices were:

- Geum triflorum "Grandpa's whiskers"
- Asplenium Scalopendrium "Hearts Tongue Fern"
- Sedum – Stonecrop "Firecracker"
- Monarda Didyma Balbalmac "Bee Balm"

The choices are the full sun to part sun/part shade to full shade. Each member in attendance chose one plant for their garden (Two for a Family membership). Of the 100 plants, 57 were picked up at the meeting, 16 were sold at the meeting for \$7 each, 10 were given to the Leslie Log gardens, 5 geums were sold and 12 went to the plant sale. **Sue Harshman**





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Plant Sale Report

The weather was just perfect on the 28th of May for our Perennial Plant Sale! Not too hot and not too cold. Customers were lined up at 8:00 a.m. waiting to get in to make their purchases. We had a good crowd all morning, and sold lots of tickets to our Draw Table - first prize was a waterfall, second prize was a beautiful sign on slate painted by Shirley Boyes, third prize was a ceramic elephant with a fern planted in it and fourth prize was a \$25 gift certificate from Metro Stores.

We are also grateful for the generous donations from the following local nurseries and businesses which contributed to the success of our plant sale.

Canadian Tire Meadowvale, Home Hardware Streetsville, Metro Meadowvale, Mississauga Greenhouses, Terra Nurseries and Van Dongen's Garden Centre. Be sure to remember them while out shopping!!! Thanks to Grace Nelham for contacting these merchants and getting donations!!

We are also thankful to all those members who contributed plants, potted plants, babysat plants, transported plants, painted chairs and beautiful artwork and worked very hard the day of the plant sale helping customers choose their purchases. Don't want to forget to thank those members who baked goodies, made sandwiches, brought fruit etc. to keep the fuel in our tanks and Martha Witney for keeping the coffee pot going and the refreshments coming out!

Including after May 28th sales we sold \$6,683 worth of plants, books, garden accessories, annuals, tropicals, painted signs, and raffle tickets. Without the help of YOU, our members, we could not have achieved these grand results.

✿ **Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair**

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1972

From: Canadian Facts and dates; Richard W. Pound.

March 30. Canadian naval personnel were issued their last daily rum rations, a tradition borrowed from the English, who initiated the custom after conquering Jamaica in 1655.

August 22 -September 10. The Commonwealth Institute in London, England, showcases an exhibition of **Emily Carr** paintings





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August 30. **Rosemary Brown** (1930-2003) became the 1st black woman elected to a provincial legislature in Canada.

September 20. Inuit artist Pitseolak Ashoona published "Pictures out of my life".



Also, in 1972, Nahanni National Park Reserve (300 km²) was established in the South Mountains Southwest of NVT.

