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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Streetsville United Church

In Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Doors open at 7 p.m

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

## Co-Presidents Message

The past year has been such a welcome change from the past 2 years, we had in person meetings and were able to catch up with SHS friends. We had most of our usual activities including flower shows and a plant sale.

We look forward to resuming all our regular events in 2023. If you have any suggestions for events please get in touch, you can contact us at [streetsvillehort@gmail.com](mailto:streetsvillehort@gmail.com) or reply to messages sent to you by Monica.

Our Christmas meeting will include a Christmas centrepiece workshop, if you do not wish to do a Christmas arrangement Monica Ross will be demonstrating how to force bulbs for winter flowers. We will be planting bulbs in pots.

The Board of Directors will provide refreshments for the meeting. We need several volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs, if you can help, please arrive at the church by 6.30 pm.

If you have articles for the newsletter, remember that they must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Carol and Monica, Co-presidents SHS ❁**





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## Activities

We are pleased to welcome back our Two Frauleins, Ursula Evanoff and Monika Schouten, for another fun evening at our Christmas Workshop. Both Monika and Ursula demonstrated their amazing talents for the first time to Streetsville Hort. members way back in 2000.

Ursula will be demonstrating how to make a Christmas centerpiece for your table and Monika's demo will be a surprise. SHS will NOT be providing greenery for the workshop so you must bring all your own supplies.

Ursula says you need to bring the following for a tabletop arrangement which takes less greenery than an outside arrangement:

- Pair of sharp clippers.
- Floral pins – not necessary but can be helpful.
- Waterproof container to hold soaked oasis e.g., Basket with waterproof insert.
- Bowl, - not too large. Or any waterproof container of your choice e.g., silver bowl, ceramic bowl, etc.
- Assortment of greenery to add interest e.g., Juniper, White pine, spruce, etc. Wrapped in a plastic bag so as not to get pine pitch on surfaces in the hall.
- Christmas balls, Candles, Flowers (red or white carnations, or both or any other colour of your choice – they last longer and are easier to insert in the oasis) berries real or artificial- your choice
- Pinecones- not too large, tip painted or natural – your choice.
- Mini lights operated with battery - your choice. If I have candles in the arrangement and don't want to always light them – the mini lights add interest.
- **MAKE SURE YOUR OASIS IS SOAKED SLOWLY AT HOME** and it fits the container about an inch and a half above the container to make it easier to insert greenery etc. from the outside horizontally rather than just vertically- which is more pleasing to the eye.
- Please soak your oasis correctly – place water in the kitchen sink or laundry tub. About 5 inches – drop in the oasis and let it soak up the water- do not force down – let nature take its course. This will take about an hour to soak and not have dry empty gaps inside the oasis. Your live material will last longer.



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## Past Presidents Celebrate 50 years



Past Presidents Carol Ashford (1999 - 2001), Janet Shaw (2019 - 2021), Marg Rowan (2019 - 2021), Jean Barna (2006 - 2008), Pauline Brown-Tippett (1993 - 1997), Grace Nelham (1997 - 1999), Sue Harshman ((2013 - 2015), Sue Hutton (2011 - 2013), Monica Ross (2015 – 2019) came out to celebrate and cut the cake at Streetsville Horticultural Society's 50th Anniversary at our recent AGM.

55 Members plus three guests attended the event.



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Several members received awards at our AGM, Jon Eldridge received the Strong Roots award given to a member who has volunteered and served SHS for a substantial number of years.

The recipients are people who have made a significant difference, they have donated their most valuable things, their time and their talents. They are people who often are our unsung heroes, they do just do what is needed, often without being asked.

Shelley Dodd was awarded the Photographer of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award also known as "Jean Kennedy Memorial Award".





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## Outstanding Volunteer Award 2021-2022

It was my great pleasure to present the “Jean Kennedy Memorial Award” to this years’ outstanding volunteer! Shelley Dodd is one of our most enthusiastic members who has been involved in multiple activities including Membership Chair, Facebook Administrator, Coffee Mornings organizer and is always willing to help out or fill in a gap. Congratulations Shelley!

**Grace Nelham, Chair, Volunteer Hours**



## SHS President’s Award Certificates

At the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting, special awards were given to those members who had contributed 50+ volunteer hours of their time in the year 2021-2022.

(Left to right) Monica Ross, Judi Kokis, Grace Nelham, Jon Eldridge, Nury Garzon, Viv Holmes, Steve Fenech, Shelley Dodd, Maureen Dodd, Mary Ann Brown, and Carol Ashford.

We have one more to present to a member who was unable to be at the meeting.

**Grace Nelham Volunteer Hours Chair**



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## Speakers

We don't have a speaker at the December meeting, but I thought I'd use this chance to inform you about the job of speaker chair, which as Monica advised, I hope to be passing on to someone in the New Year.

The first good thing is that you get to choose the speaker. This sounds obvious but if you have any problems in your garden, hire a speaker that can help, or if you have a strong interest in a subject or you want to see pictures of beautiful gardens, hire a speaker, it's your choice. The 2nd good thing is that without exception, all of my speakers have been really nice people, to communicate with and to meet. They are happy to hear that you want to book them for a talk.

The last good thing is that in 2021 we had a request from OHA district 15 to provide them with information on our speakers for 2020 and 2021, and a few weeks after we did this, they sent us a compilation of the



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information from all of the societies in district 15. This includes the speaker, the topic, the fee, and how good they were, and this made the job of selecting a speaker so much easier. They will be doing the same in 2023.

So, I think that's enough to get you really excited about taking on the job, but feel free to ask me or Janet Shaw or Carol and Monica any questions. By the way, speakers have been booked for January, February, and March. 🌸 **Jon Eldridge**

## Membership Desk

Our membership now stands at 86, with 4 members renewing in November. Thank you for talking to your friends and neighbors and telling them about SHS which has helped us to attract 12 new members this Fall.

🌸 **Shelley Dodd**

## PHOTO GALLERY

Having started foxglove plants from seed in the basement in spring and then it taking so long to flower I kept it alive into November covering it every night. Now the winter snow won the battle. It was worth it!  
Steve Fenech 🌸





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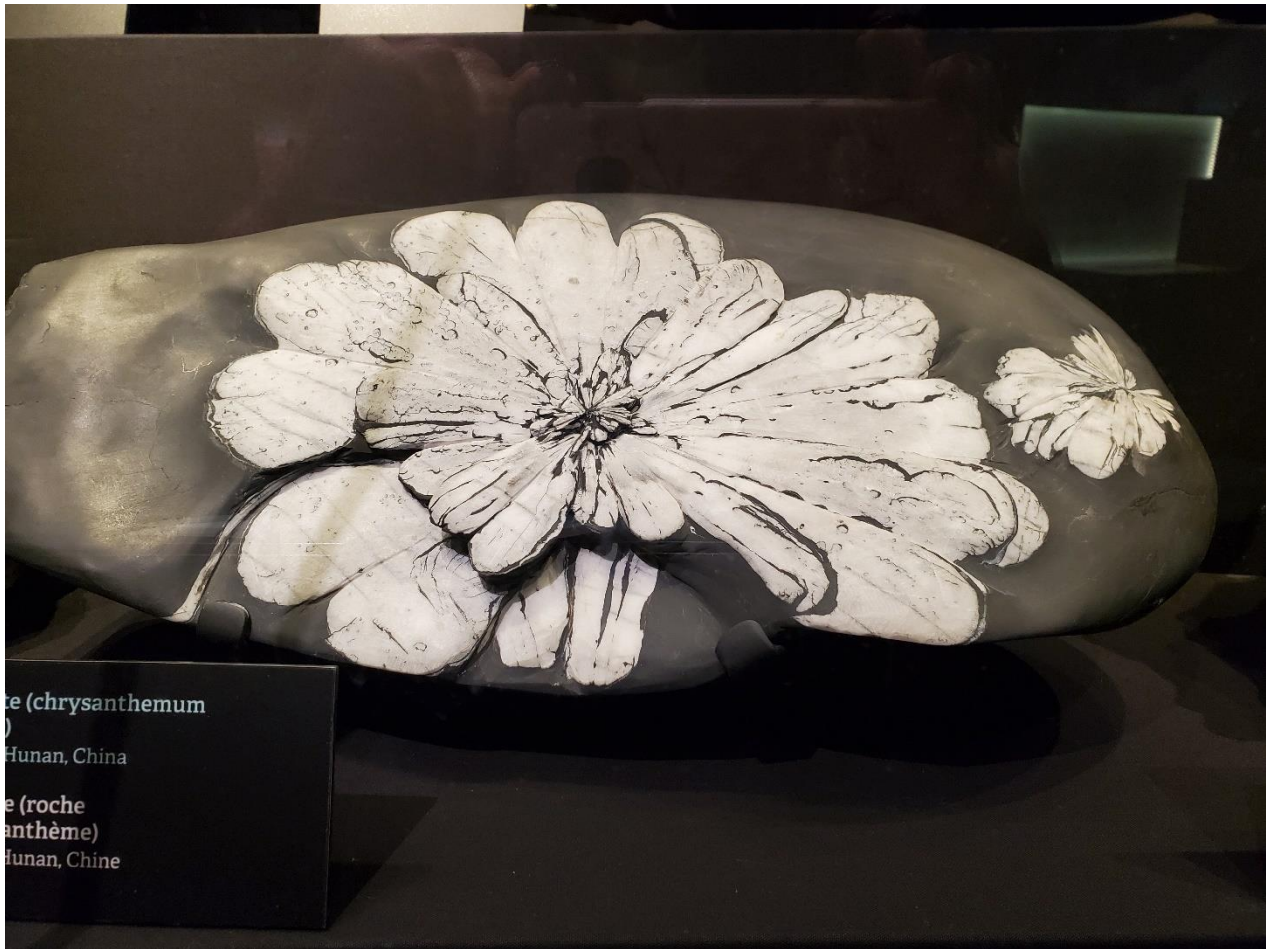
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## Chrysanthemum Stone



Chrysanthemum  
(chrysanthemum)  
Hunan, China  
Chrysanthemum  
(roche  
anthème)  
Hunan, Chine

Called "flower stone". It is a stone "flower" produced millions of years ago due to geological movement and natural formation in the rock. The stone's pattern resembles the chrysanthemum flower. The flower is milky white, and the grain is clear.

Chrysanthemum stone is generally dark-gray or black and does not contain radioactive elements, so it has a high collection value. Although the composition of chrysanthemum stone itself is not very rare, the formation is uncommon, so the stone is listed as a gem.





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## Winged Tapestries by Jim Des Rivieres



**Lepidoptera** is an order of insects that includes butterflies and moths. They play an important role in the natural ecosystem as pollinators and as food in the food chain; conversely, their larvae are considered very problematic to vegetation in agriculture, as their main source of food is often live plant matter. The caterpillars hatching from these eggs can cause damage to large quantities of crops.

Many moth and butterfly species are of economic interest by virtue of their role as pollinators, the silk they produce, or as pest species.

The picture was taken from an exhibition featuring Jim des Riviere's work at the Canadian Museum of Nature. To create these fascinating images the artist scanned each moth specimen with a very high resolution.

All proceeds from the December meeting (donations & draw table) will be going to the Eden Foodbank.

