



Streetsville Blooms

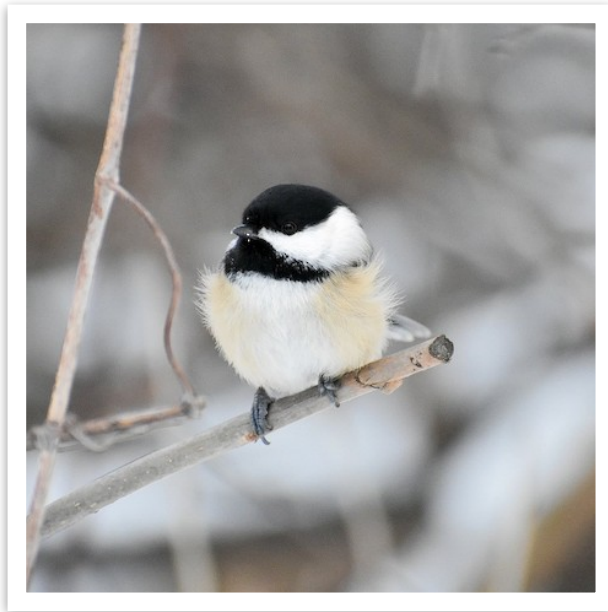
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Next Meeting
Tuesday, February 14th
Streetsville United Church
in Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Doors open at 7 p.m.,
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like we are in for a deep freeze for the next couple of weeks! But not to worry, it won't be long until the Snowdrops will be poking their heads above the ground giving us new hope for the coming gardening season.

We are still hoping some volunteers will step up and take over the Draw Table, Program and Flower Show. If we don't get some volunteers I wonder what we will do at our meetings with no speaker, no draw table and no flower shows come the spring. None of these jobs requires a significant amount of time. The Program person can book all the speakers during the winter when it is too cold to be out in the garden. C'mon people.... we need your help!

Hope you are all planning your gardens and thinking about what plants can be donated to the plant sale. Do you know if each member donated just 10 plants we would have 1,000 plants for the sale! The first day of spring is not far off and hopefully the weather will start to warm up, the snow will disappear and once again we will be excited about our gardens.

In the meantime, if you can't wait until spring there are lots of places you can visit to see Spring flowers. Check out the gardens at Centennial Park Conservatory for one. A dazzling display that will wet your appetite for summer.

First day of spring is just around the corner - March 20th!! Can't wait. Bet you can't wait either.

Carol & Monica

Membership Desk

Attendance at the January meeting was 41 with 2 members renewing bringing the total membership to 92. While masking at the meeting was optional, members are reminded to protect others by wearing a mask if their vaccinations are not up to date or they have been in contact with someone who is displaying symptoms and/or testing positive for Covid 19.



We are saddened to announce that we lost a valued, knowledgeable member on January 3rd. Bob Smale is remembered for his sunny disposition, being a great conversationalist, and being an active participant in SHS activities. He enjoyed talking about many topics, such as the voles at his cottage and his backyard garden, but was willing and able to speak about any topic. He always had a warm smile on his face which will be missed.



Shelley Dodd

Refreshment Table

Thank you members, who helped Vivianne set up and clean up the refreshment station, in my absence: Carol Ashford, Nury Garzon, Judi Kokis, and Marcia Spears.

Thank you, also, to our members who donated to the goodie table: Liz Menard, Marcia Spears, MaryAnn Brown, Judi Kokis, and Vivianne Holmes.

Please remember to sign the sheet if you contribute to the refreshment table, and record with Grace Nelham the amount of time that was used to prepare, etc.

Also, please try and remember to bring your own mug!

❁Martha Witney and Vivianne Holmes. Refreshment Co-ordinators



Speaker of the Month

Our speaker on February 14th is Vivian of nVi Garden and her talk is "all about succulents".

Vivian and her husband Nick launched nVi in 2016 for propagating and selling small succulent planters and soils.

The next year they decided to focus on selling the most sought-after and rare succulents. Their small greenhouse has now grown to a 2800 sq. ft. facility where succulents are propagated year-round. They have also included foliage, air plants, and cacti.



Nick is in charge of the greenhouse while Vivian creates stunning planters and bouquet arrangements and handles sales, advice, and social media.

There will be succulents available for sale and our members will receive a discount.

✿ Jon Eldridge

Slow Cooker Soup Recipe

Here's a great way to warm your family up on some of the cold days in Winter. Simple to make and oh so good!

Beef Stew meat, diced small 1 lb.

sliced or chopped carrot 1 1/4 cups

Chopped onion 1 1/4 cups

Chopped celery 3/4 cup

Water 5 cups

Parsley flakes 1 tsp.

Pepper 1/4 tsp.

Granulated sugar 1 tsp.

Beef Bouillon powder 2 tbsp.

Pearl Barley 1/2 cup

Tomato sauce 2 x 7.5 oz. cans

Place all ingredients in a 5-quart slow cooker. Stir and cover.

Cook on Low for 8 - 10 hours or on High for 4 to 5 hours.

Makes 10 1/4 cups.



Carol Ashford

Rare Species: Chorus frogs

There are two species of chorus frogs in Canada: the boreal chorus frog (*Pseudacris maculata*) and the western chorus frog (*Pseudacris triseriata*)

The name of the genus comes from the Greek *pseudos* (false) and *akris* (locust), probably a reference to the repeated rasping trill of most chorus frogs, which is similar to that of the insect. It could also mean 'false *Acris*', distinguishing it from another frog genus.



Winter does present a major problem for frogs because it's too cold for them to be active, so they need to find somewhere to wait it out. Aquatic frogs usually hibernate underwater and they usually spend the winter at the bottom of a pond or other body of water.

Frogs don't burrow down into the mud to hibernate though; they can be found hanging out on the bottom just above the mud. These types of frogs sometimes even slowly swim or move around during the winter.

As mentioned above, frogs and toads are cold-blooded, so their body temperature actually takes on the temperature of the environment around them. During the winter, they go into a state of hibernation, and some frogs can be exposed to temperatures below freezing.

How they survive

A partially frozen or frozen frog will stop breathing, and its heart will even stop beating and it will appear dead. So why doesn't the frog die?

During this period, the liver produces large amounts of glucose to increase blood-sugar levels, which functions like a natural "antifreeze" by limiting the formation of ice crystals in the body. A high concentration of glucose or sugar in the frog's vital organs inhibits freezing and without this physical process, the ice crystals would damage tissue and result in the frog's death.

As much as 70 percent of the water in a frog's body can be frozen. However, if it does get too cold, the frog can die.

If the frog emerges too soon, it can result in tragedy and death. The term "winter kill" occurs when a frog is tempted out of its hibernating spot by an early warm stretch followed by a quick drop in temperatures below freezing.

Once the weather gets warmer, the frog will begin to thaw out. The heart and lungs will amazingly start working again, and the frog actually comes back to life.

<https://www.hww.ca/en/wildlife/fish-amphibians-and-reptiles/chorus-frogs.html>

✿ Nury Garzon

Gardening Resolutions for 2023 by Robin Sweetser

1. Take more pictures and keep a garden journal to record your garden's progress over the growing season.
2. Trying your hand at building a trellis, arbor, or pergola? Even if you are not handy with tools, now is the time to try a new craft.
3. Building a compost bin. Composting is the gardener's way of recycling old plant material into rich, soil-nourishing compost. Plants love it!
4. Use a year-round garden planner. I keep track of my garden plans, planting dates, and harvest dates right on my computer with an [online Garden Planner](#).
5. Getting the shed or garage organized. Hang larger hand tools on hooks and nails so they're easy to grab. Put pruners and trowels in a clay pot.
6. Growing and cooking a new vegetable. If you like carrots, try parsnips which cook up nutty and spicy. How about planting leeks, a milder relative of onions? One of the most under-appreciated vegetables is rutabaga, which roasts up as sweet and rich as butternut squash with a touch of pepper.
7. Trying more organics. Switch to organic fertilizers for your lawn. Learn about [natural pest control](#) for healthier plants in your garden.
8. Trying a new growing method. How about planning a [square-foot garden](#) or a [raised bed garden](#)? Perhaps this year, try growing tomatoes in pots?



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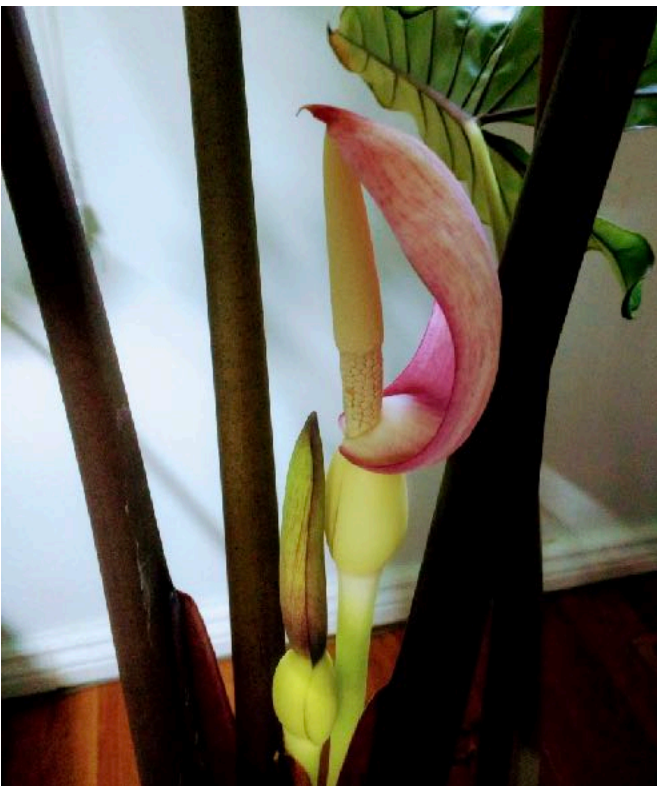


PHOTO GALLERY

Elephant ears (Colocasia) in flower. Native to southeastern Asia and the Indian subcontinent and get gets its name from the leaves, which are shaped like a large ear or shield.

Both roots and leaves are eaten. In most of India and Pakistan the root is called *arbi*. Common preparations include cooking with curry, frying, and boiling. In Mithalanchal (Bihar), the leaf is called *airkanchan* and is curried.

✿ Janet Shaw

Photo Contest 2022 - 2023

Just a gentle reminder about this years' photo contest - since Class 2 is "Beauty of Winter", now might be a good time to capture a few gorgeous photos!

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

These are the categories - NATURE RELATED

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



Photo Contest Rules

- Closing date is August 2023 and photos are to be submitted at the September 2023 meeting
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and should be nature related.
- 4" x 6" Colour photos, unless otherwise specified
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class, one per person in a family membership.
- If the photo does not meet the category, it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Photos are to be taken in 2022 and 2023
- Assign the class # to the back of each photo and place them in an envelope with your name on it and bring them to the September 2023 meeting.

✿ Christina Anonychuk

*Looking for gently used or
new items suitable for the
Draw Table.*

*If you have items you
would like to donate
please bring them to one
of the meetings.*

Thank you!

