



# Streetsville Blooms



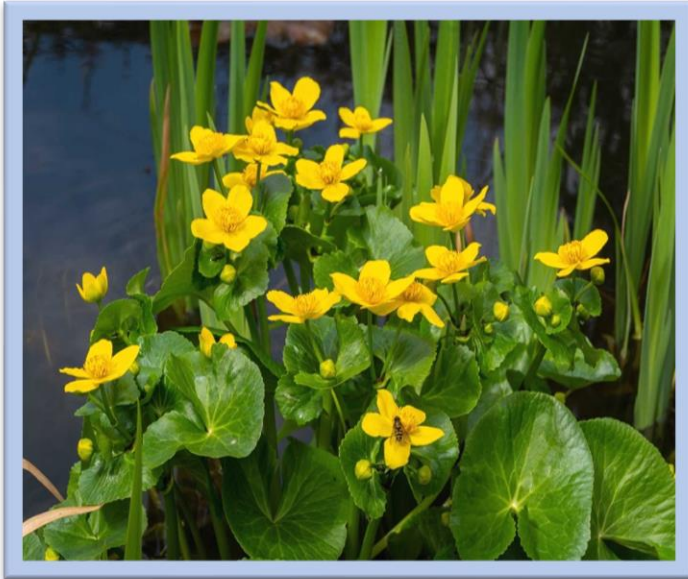
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**Next Meeting**  
**Open House**  
**Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Streetsville United Church**  
**In Heritage Hall**  
**274 Queen Street South**  
**Doors open at 7 p.m.,**  
**Meeting starts at 7:30 pm**

## Co-Presidents Message

This is the time of year when everything starts to get busy, bulbs are growing, perennials are showing above the ground, we are thinking about which plants are too big. We have SHS events, garbage pickup at the Leslie Log House and Rotary Park, for details of those events look at page 4.

Earth Day is April 22, paying attention to which waste items go where makes a big difference. Conduct your own Garbage Audit. Check out the waste management guide on the Region of Peel website.

<https://www.peelregion.ca/scripts/waste/how-to-sort-your-waste.pl>

The Region conducts regular garbage audits and in past years as much as 50% of waste items are not put in the correct bins. The Green bin is the most underused. All of these items go in the Green Bin.

- paper napkins, paper towels, loose shredded paper or paper scraps
- cotton balls
- greasy pizza boxes
- microwave popcorn bags
- corn stalks, husks, and leftover cobs
- house plants (soil removed)
- all food scraps, bones, meats, fish, fats, crackers, cookies, all fruit and vegetable scraps, and peels
- coffee grounds and filters, tea bags and loose tea leaves.

Carol and Monica, Co-presidents SHS ❀



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## Membership Desk

Spring has arrived and our bulbs are starting to sprout! There was a buzz in the air as 40 members and one guest, Nessie, gathered at our March meeting to listen to our guest speaker, Allie Abram from the City of Mississauga Parks, Forestry & Environment Division. Allie discussed how to control invasive species, suggested a list of native replacements "Grow Me Instead", and explained how the city is controlling invasives such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knot, Tree of Heaven, Garlic Mustard, Wild Parsnip, and Phragmites. Many members asked questions and a lively discussion ensued.

April is our "Open House" where members are encouraged to bring a guest for free to learn about all that is happening within the society. Please talk to your neighbors, friends, family, or co-workers and tell them about all the benefits of being a member, and then invite them to attend the meeting.

When you take your nametag at the April meeting you will find your 2022/23 Membership card tucked into the back. Your membership card can be used at some nurseries and local establishments, such as Home Hardware, for discounts. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to get your membership card, we can arrange a time to pick it up. ♣ **Shelley Dodd**

## Refreshment Table



Thank you to members: Marg Allen, Sue Harshman, Judi Kokis, Vivianne Holmes, Maureen Dodd, Marg Rowan, Faulene Hopkin, Martha Witney, and Judy Castelino for donating to the valentine's refreshment table. Please remember to sign the sheet if you contribute and record with GRACE NELHAM, (her email is on the volunteer hours sheet) the amount of time that you used to prepare, etc. as volunteer hours.

We are experiencing a rise in the cost of styrofoam cups, milk, cream, and coffee, so, to offset some of the costs please lug your mug to the meetings. Also, you can contribute to reducing global warming by 92% and the use of water by 9%.



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We usually don't second-guess grabbing our coffee to go because we believe that these cups are recyclable. These cups are made in a way that makes them more suitable for us, but very unsuitable for our environment. For example, "polyethylene is the chemical that is used to line the inside of the paper cup and as well as seal the seams of the cup, this resin is essentially plastic, which is accumulating in our landfill. The paper portion of the cup should not slip by either because it is made from paperboard, which is a pulp product that is most likely always bleached and is thicker than your average paper, making it very difficult to decompose.



✿Martha Witney and Vivianne Holmes. Refreshment Co-ordinators

## April Speaker



Our April presentation will focus on Vegetable Gardening in suburban gardens.

Over the past few years growing food in our own gardens has become the number one gardening topic.

If you grow vegetables at home we would love to have your photos to share at our next meeting.

Do you have words of wisdom or tips to share?

Please send your pictures and growing tips to Monica Ross.





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## Rotary Park

It's that happy time of year when we can do a clean-up in the park and I've chosen Thursday 20th April as the day with a rain date of Saturday 22nd which is **Earth Day**.



I'm hoping that most of the people who worked at the park last year, will be back again this year and I'll send them a reminder nearer the day, but for those that didn't, we usually start around 9.30 am and work every other Thursday morning. We'd love to see you there and let me know if you'd like a reminder.

It's going to be the best year ever to work at Rotary Park, (but of course, I say that every year). 🌸 **Jon Eldridge**



## LESLIE LOG HOUSE Litter pick up – April 15<sup>th</sup>

If you have a couple of hours to spare on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** we will be picking up litter at the Leslie Log House (4415 Mississauga Rd. – south of Eglinton and north of 403) starting at **9:30 a.m.** If it is raining, we will try again on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

There is a fair bit of trash along Mississauga Road but not nearly as much as in past years thanks to the new garbage bins with lids. However, we still have those selfish people who come and sit in the parking lot eating fast food and drinking coffee who think it is ok to just toss the garbage out the windows of their cars.

Come out armed with gloves, boots or walking shoes, and if you have a litter picker-upper bring

that as well. Garbage bags will be provided.

Get to know your fellow members better, pick up trash, have a coffee, and feel happy that you have done your 'Good Deed' for the day!!

🌸 **Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair**



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## MAY 2023 FLOWER SHOW

### HORTICULTURE

- Class 1 Bleeding Heart (Dicentra), any colour – one stem
- Class 2 Branch, flowering - 36" or less
- Class 3 Collection of small spring flowers, 5 different cultivars, attached foliage only one entry per exhibitor.
- Class 4 Columbine (Aquilegia) – one spray
- Class 5 Hellebore - any colour, one stem
- Class 6 Iris, Tall bearded, over 27 inches – one stalk
- Class 7 Iris, any other variety -one stalk
- Class 8 Muscari - 3 stems, same variety, no foliage
- Class 9 Narcissus are cup, - one scape.
- Class 10 Narcissus, small cup, - one scape
- Class 11 Narcissus, any other, - one scape
- Class 12 Polygonatum, (Solomon's Seal) – one stem
- Class 13 Rhubarb, 3 stalks, pulled not cut, leaves trimmed to 2" fan shape
- Class 14 Tulips (Tulip) - single, one bloom
- Class 15 Tulips (Tulip) - any other variety, one bloom
- Class 16 Any other bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed - 1 stem.
- Class 17 Any other Perennial not listed – one stem or bloom.



### DESIGN - Theme: Spring Pallet

- Class 18 "Green Man" - a design using only green plants.

All entries MUST be placed on the table by 7:15 p.m.

Flower Show Rules and Entry Tags are listed on the Streetsville Horticultural Society website:

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A reminder for anyone who kept their Canna lily bulbs over the winter, it's time to get them started. They take a long time to get growing after being dormant so they need to be started early inside to maximize summer blooms.

They can't go outside until all chance of frost is past.

✿ Marg Rowan

Spring is almost here and it's time to get your property ready for the season. There will be plenty of jobs—trimming bushes and trees, preparing the gardens for planting, and caring for your lawn. Excited to get outside? Let's go through the checklist:

<https://www.almanac.com/complete-spring-yard-cleanup-checklist>

<https://www.thisoldhouse.com/yards/21018330/smart-spring-yard-cleanup>

<https://www.thespruce.com/spring-cleaning-for-lawns-and-landscaping-2132780>

✿ Grace Nelham





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## 24 Ways to Kill a Tree

*Authored by Bonnie Appleton, Extension Specialist, Hampton Roads AREC*

*Reviewed by David Close, Consumer Horticulture and Master Gardener Specialist, School of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Virginia Tech*

Few residential trees die of "old age." Mechanical damage and improper tree care kill more trees than any insects or diseases. Avoid making the tree-damaging mistakes shown in the diagram below. Few of these items alone would kill a tree, but multiple problems will certainly stress, and could eventually kill, a tree.

1. "Top" tree to encourage watersprouts that weaken trees and encourage pests.
2. Leave co-dominant leaders to encourage "V" growth and splitting during winds and storms.
3. Leave crossing branches to rub protective bark and create wounds.
4. Ignore insect or disease damage.
5. Coat pruning cuts with paint or sealer to slow healing and promote pest problems.
6. Leave broken branches unpruned to encourage pests.
7. Spray unapproved herbicides over tree root area to weaken the tree.
8. Damage roots and trunk with lawn equipment.
9. Rip through roots when digging trenches.
10. Plant close to a house or obstacle to reduce adequate tree and root growing space.
11. Attach items to the tree to damage bark and girdle branches with wire and rope.
12. Prune randomly to leave branch "stubs."
13. Prune flush cuts to reduce wound closure.
14. Leave the tree staked until guy wire girdles trunk.
15. Leave the wrap on to constrict trunk growth and rot bark.
16. Pile up excessive mulch to encourage rodent damage and bark rot.
17. Put non-porous black plastic under mulch.
18. Stack items atop roots to cause soil compaction.
19. Leave ball roping on to girdle trunk.
20. Plant near downspout to assure excessive water or water lightly to encourage shallow root growth.
21. Leave top of wire basket in place to girdle roots.
22. Leave treated or synthetic burlap on to prevent root growth.
23. Dig hole too narrow and over amend backfill to discourage proper root spread.
24. Dig hole too deep or fill with gravel to collect water and drown roots.

✿ Carol Ashford



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## PLANT SALE PREVIEW OF ARTIST'S RENDERINGS

Just in time for Spring!! Mother's Day!! Father's Day!! Birthdays!! Canada Day!! or any other day!!



Once again, member Shirley Boyes has put her artistic skills to work and painted up some beautiful ONE-OF-A-KIND Garden signs that will be available at the plant sale on May 27th. However, we thought it would be great to offer up some of these beauties at the April and May meetings.

Prices range from \$20 to \$30 and will be available for purchase at the April meeting.



## Upcoming Garden Worthy Things to Do

**TASC You pick tulip Farm**, 1415 Balfour St. off RTE 20. [www.tascilc.com](http://www.tascilc.com)

Cost: \$23.00 approx. (includes 10 stems). Must be purchased online only and you pick a date. Opens April 29<sup>th</sup>.

I went last year to this fabulous tulip farm in Fenwick, Ontario. It's about an hour drive from Mississauga exit off the QEW just before St. Catharines, near Balls Falls. This is a 25 Acre farm with over 2 million tulip bulbs planted for your picking pleasure. What a beautiful site, with over 85 varieties to choose from! You may buy more if you desire. I recommend flat shoes as the ground is uneven, it is a working farm, not a garden. It is open rain or shines and free parking is on-site. Great photo opportunity. I also suggest bringing something to hold your tulips in, for the car, with water.





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## Ottawa Tulip Festival

Friday, May 12 through May 22, 2023, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Commissioners Park (Dows Lake Road) Parliament Hill

Over 1 million tulips are planted and cared for by the National Capitol Commission, Canada's official gardener. This tradition has been ongoing since the end of WW2 and has grown into the largest public tulip display on the planet. It has been in Commissioner's Park since 1953. If you have never been, you are missing out! Lots to do in Ottawa, it's worth the drive. You can visit Rideau Hall and see the

many trees (150) planted over the years by the Royal Family, visiting heads of state and dignitaries.

**Garden Walk Buffalo** [www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/events](http://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/events) [www.GardenWalkBuffalo.com](http://www.GardenWalkBuffalo.com)

Saturday and Sunday, July 29 & 30, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. America's Largest Garden Tour, up to 400 gardens each year (not kidding). Follow on Facebook and /or Instagram.

Maps are available online in July. They are still in the planning stages. There will be no shuttle buses available to take you to different areas, so planning is very important. My friend and I are already booked into a hotel this year as there is so much to see and do in the area, but Buffalo is only 2 hours away and you can start the tour minutes from the Peace Bridge, so a day trip is totally doable. Closer to the tour more info will be available and you can see where Hubs are. Over the years the church by Kleinhan's Music Hall (71 Symphony Circle) has been a main hub where you can use the washrooms and get official maps. This tour is amazing, for a newbie you must do Summer Street and the surrounding area as it's close to the Hub I just described. That will probably be about 25 gardens.....if you still have energy drive a bit over to Elmwood Village. Many of the homes here were built around the 1900s. You can even catch a glimpse of a Frank Lloyd Wright house in the neighborhood. Homeowners may dress in period dresses and many offer beverages and snacks and love to talk to all the visitors. A few years ago, the Martin House, which is another Frank Lloyd house, was open for free. A fabulous complex amid Victorian homes.

If you stay for the weekend spend your 2<sup>nd</sup> day at the Albright Knox art gallery which has been under renovation for the past 2 years and enjoy the beautiful area and the Japanese Gardens are just over the bridge. If a gallery is of no interest visit the Botanical Gardens at 2655 South Park Ave, just south of the downtown area. The main greenhouse is fashioned after the Crystal Palace in England.

<https://www.gardensbuffaloniagara.com/>

I hope you enjoy these suggestions and if anyone needs to ask me any questions feel free to email me.

Cheers, 🌸 Grace McElhinney



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## Whistling Gardens Field Trip ([www.whistlinggardens.ca](http://www.whistlinggardens.ca))

Proposed Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Meet at Vic Johnsons Lower Parking Lot: at 9 a.m., we will do a ride share with our fellow members. It is recommended that passengers pay the driver \$10.00 per person for gas, however, it's up to the driver if they want less. Parking is free at the site. Expected arrival at Whistling Gardens 10:30 a.m. 698 Concession 3, Townsend, Wilsonville QEW to 403 towards Brantford....as you get close to Brantford you will see signs on the 403. They have directions on their website as well.

**Cost to Enter:** \$13.50 if 20 or more of us it will be \$12.50. I would recommend bringing the correct change to speed up the entry into the grounds, they also take debit and credit cards Food: Please pack a picnic lunch, there is a picnic area with a cover. Washrooms are port-a-potty.

Clothing: Dress for walking in sun and on uneven ground sometimes

There is a gift store as well as an area with plants and trees.

### What I need from members in our April meeting:

**DRIVER VOLUNTEERS,** we need drivers to make this happen. I will have sheets out for those that are volunteering to drive and if you already have your car filled, please fill in your passengers. I will have a sign-up sheet out just for those that want to visit the gardens, please fill this in even if you have already arranged your car and passengers. This is to get our numbers so I can let Darren know.

Do you want a guided tour? Depending on our numbers the cost to the group will be \$50.00 per person will be dependent on that.

We as a group went a few years ago and the gardens are worth the visit. Doing the trip with your fellow Hort members is a lot of fun. Cross your fingers for a pleasant weather day and hitting a good bloom time.

✿ Grace McElhinney







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## Thursdays and Fridays in July

100 Exceptional gardens to visit for select hours throughout Buffalo Niagara. To find out where you can get a guide, or to purchase online, visit [OpenGardensWNY.com](http://OpenGardensWNY.com).



## BUFFALO-STYLE Garden Art Sale

### Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25

Buffalo Botanical Gardens, 2655 South Park Ave, Bflo Art for every garden and gardener! Live music, food trucks, a basket raffle, and Plant Society Row make shopping fun! For hours, list of vendors, and more visit [GardenArtSale.com](http://GardenArtSale.com).



**With any donation, both Garden Walk Buffalo and East Side Garden Walk maps will be mailed to you before the tours!**

Help beautify Buffalo – make a donation before June 15. All donors since June 16, 2022 will have both tour maps in their mailbox in early July. Donations received after June 15 will be added to our list to receive next year's maps.

Donate at [GardensBuffaloNiagara.com](http://GardensBuffaloNiagara.com)



### Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23

10am-3pm

Free and self guided. Maps are available at Juneteenth, downtown Buffalo public libraries, and online at [EastSideGardenWalk.com](http://EastSideGardenWalk.com).



### Saturday, August 26 10am-3pm, FREE

Fill your senses with the medley of midsummer's bounty. Attend talks and tours. Visit markets. There's something for everyone. [UrbanFarmDay.com](http://UrbanFarmDay.com)



### Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30 10am-4pm

America's largest garden tour! Free, self guided, no tickets required. Visit nearly 400 creative urban gardens! Find a map online or at select sponsor locations ahead of the Walk, or any of our HQ locations during the days and hours of the Walk. [GardenWalkBuffalo.com](http://GardenWalkBuffalo.com).



Saturday & Sunday, June 17 & 18

**Lewiston GardenFest**  
[LewistonGardenFest.com](http://LewistonGardenFest.com)

Sunday, June 25

**South Buffalo Garden Walk**  
[GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/calendar](http://GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/calendar)

Saturday, July 8

**Springville Concord Garden Walk**  
[/SpringvilleConcordGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/SpringvilleConcordGardenClub)

Saturday & Sunday, July 8 & 9  
**Buzz Around Hamburg Garden Walk & Fair**  
[HamburgGardenWalk.com](http://HamburgGardenWalk.com)

**Town of Amherst Garden Walk**  
[/AmherstGardenWalk](https://www.facebook.com/AmherstGardenWalk)

**North Tonawanda Garden Walk**  
[NTGardenWalk.com](http://NTGardenWalk.com)

Sunday, July 9

**Grand Island Garden Walk**  
[GrandIslandGardenWalk.com](http://GrandIslandGardenWalk.com)

**Snyder-CleveHill Garden View**  
[/SCHGardenView](https://www.facebook.com/SCHGardenView)

Friday, July 14

**City of Tonawanda Friday Night Lights**  
8:30-11pm, 957-4177

**Lockport Nighttime Garden Walk** 7-10pm,  
[/lockportinbloom](https://www.facebook.com/lockportinbloom)

Saturday, July 15

**City of Tonawanda Garden Walk** 957-4177

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16

**East Aurora Garden Walk**  
[GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/calendar](http://GardensBuffaloNiagara.com/calendar)

**Garden Walk Williamsville**  
[/GardenWalkWilliamsville](https://www.facebook.com/GardenWalkWilliamsville)

**Samuel P. Capen Garden Walk & Capen By Night** (Saturday, 8-10pm)  
[OurHeights.org/GardenWalk](http://OurHeights.org/GardenWalk)

**Lockport Garden Walk**  
[/lockportinbloom](https://www.facebook.com/lockportinbloom)

Friday, July 21

**Lancaster Garden Walk Night Tour**  
8:45-11pm, [/Lancaster-Garden-Walk](https://www.facebook.com/Lancaster-Garden-Walk)

**Ken-Ton Night Lights Evening Tour**  
8:30-11pm, [KenTonGardenTour.com](http://KenTonGardenTour.com)

Saturday & Sunday, July 22 & 23

**East Side Garden Walk**  
[EastSideGardenWalk.com](http://EastSideGardenWalk.com)

**Ken-Ton Garden Tour**  
[KenTonGardenTour.com](http://KenTonGardenTour.com)

**Lancaster Garden Walk**  
[/Lancaster-Garden-Walk](https://www.facebook.com/Lancaster-Garden-Walk)

Saturday & Sunday, July 29 & 30  
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## PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS

First of all, a big THANK YOU to the members who participated in the photo contest. The theme for this year was "My Favourite Nature Photo" in a black and white category and a colour category.



The winner of the Black and White Category was **Monika Schouten** and the winner of the Colour Category was **Shelley Dodd**.