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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th

Streetsville United Church

In Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Doors open at 7 p.m.,

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Set up starts at 6:30

May 9<sup>th</sup> is premium night, extra hands are needed for set up.

## Co-Presidents Message

Here in Ontario, it is Spring when the hemisphere begins to warm significantly, causing new plant growth to "spring forth," giving the season its name. Snow begins to melt, swelling streams with runoff, and frosts become less severe. In climates that have no snow, and rare frosts, air and ground temperatures increase more rapidly.

May is the busiest time of the year for Streetsville Horticultural Society members! We are waiting, and sometimes it feels like waiting some more, to get out in our gardens and see what survived the winter.

While doing the gardeners' walk, which we all do, just put your head down and walk your garden, paying close attention to what's happening at ground level.

If a plant is too big, divide it and donate part of it; if it never really did what you wanted, give it a chance to thrive and donate it to the Plant Sale, someone else's garden could be better suited for that plant!

Our May meeting will be no exception. Premiums will be handed out to members in good standing (one per single member and two per family). Some members may not know what this use of the word means; a premium is a reward or a gift for a particular act.

In this case it is, a reward for being a member of SHS, we give a perennial to all members who attend the May meeting. Remember you **must be at the May meeting** to receive your premium.



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**A reminder** we do not publish members' contact information in the newsletter; any needed contact information will be included in the email that includes the newsletter.

The gardens at Rotary Park in Streetsville and at the Leslie Log House are maintained by SHS member volunteers. If you have time available, please contact Jon Eldridge to volunteer at Rotary Park, or Carol Ashford to volunteer at the Leslie Log House. If you are a new member and aren't sure what activities suit you best, talk to any of our members or one of the Board of Directors.

We also have our first flower show of the year at our May meeting. The show will take place in the hallway outside Heritage Hall. The flower show schedule was published in the April and May newsletters and is posted on our website. Please remember that all flower show entries must be placed by 7:15 p.m., at the latest. This allows our flower show committee to listen to our announcements and the speaker.

✿ **Carol Ashford & Monica Ross, Co-Presidents**



## Partnership with Streetsville Home Hardware

SHS was approached by the owners of Streetsville Home Hardware, Wayne & Sylvia Manary, asking if our membership would be interested in forming a partnership with them.

The partnership includes Streetsville Home Hardware giving our members a 10% discount off any regular priced item in their store. You can receive your discount at Home Hardware by presenting your membership card at the cash desk. For those of you who did not attend the April meeting, the membership cards are in the back of your name tags and will remain there until you have picked yours up.

Streetsville Horticultural Society, as per our bylaws and privacy regulations, will not be sharing our membership list with Home Hardware. Wayne and Sylvia generously donated a lovely "garden" prize for our April draw table. We hope you will enjoy this great deal and will patronize their store whenever possible!

✿ Carol Ashford





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## Membership Desk

Excitement was in the air as 55 members, including new members Karen and Heather, along with 6 guests attended the April Open House.

Wayne Manary and his family attended as guests, and spoke to members about the 10% discount offered to our members at Streetsville Home Hardware (excluding fenced garden area). Members will find their membership card inserted into their name tags and it must be presented to obtain the discount. Please bring your nametag back to the next meeting if you brought it home with you.

Our membership now stands at 96. 🌸 **Shelley Dodd Membership Chair**

## Rotary Park

We had our park clean-up day on Thursday the 20th, and there were five of us. We picked up garbage, bagged all the leaves, cut back grasses and perennials and it was nice to get together again.







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We meet every 2nd Thursday at 9.30 or so and our next work party will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, and then May 18th. We are always looking for more helpers, so if you can make it for even a short time or you can occasionally make it, please let me know and I'll make sure to send you a reminder the day before.

✿ Jon Eldridge

## Trash Pick Up – Leslie Log House



Who knew the temperature would be soaring around 24 °C on April 15th when 18 SHS members set out to pick up trash at the Leslie Log House property.

Even though there was much less trash than in previous years we still managed to find a mother-load in the fields and trees. Unfortunately, the **TICKS** were out in full force and quite a few were carried home on the volunteers... one person managed to acquire over 20!!!



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So, when you are out in the bush or fields walking, hiking, gardening or whatever be sure to check yourself for ticks when you return home. If you get bitten, your doctor can give you a shot to ward off Lyme disease. If he/she says they don't give shots INSIST you get one as Lyme Disease can make you very sick and eventually even possibly kill.

Many thanks to: Vicky Cook, Amarin Tsujimura, Anne Hudson, Janice Ward, Enza Lafratta, Nick Lafratta, Steve Fenech, Viv Holmes, Shelley Dodd, John Dodd, Karen Nish, Grace Nelham, Jill Davis, Monica Ross, Robb Dods, Andrea Vertolli and Judi Kokis! They did a fine job and as is often said "many hands make light work" and in two hours we had the job completed. Well done!!!

✿Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair



## Speaker of the month

We really enjoyed Alvaro Venturelli from Plan B Organic last month. He had some great information and presented it very well.

On May 9th, our speaker is Claudette Sims, and her talk is "The Future of Gardening." It's about how gardeners can make a difference given climate change, invasive species, the collapse of the insect population and the loss of bird species. It sounds pretty serious stuff, but she does add humour whenever she can!

Claudette was President of Master Gardeners of Ontario for six years. She was a regular panelist on the CBC radio online garden chat for many years and subbed in for Ed Lawrence on some occasions. She is currently the admin for Master Gardeners of Ontario FB group which has 35,000 members and she works on the Canadian

Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation. Her most recent passion is planting larval host plants for butterflies and specific native plants for specialist bees.

✿Jon Eldridge



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## MAY 2023 FLOWER SHOW

### HORTICULTURE

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

Each entry MUST have an entry tag.

Entrants must supply their own container.

Only Show Committee members can move entries on the table.

### SHOW RULES

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

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## Whistling Gardens Field Trip update

Proposed Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 / SIGN UP STILL AVAILABLE

Meet at Vic Johnsons Lower Parking Lot: 9:30 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 11 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. ([www.whistlinggardens.ca](http://www.whistlinggardens.ca))

Cost to Enter: \$14.15 exactly. I would recommend bringing correct change to speed up the entry into the grounds, they also take debit and credit cards.

We will be having a guided tour after lunch starting at 1:45 so you have a couple of hours to roam around and have lunch before the tour starts. There are 2 fountain shows daily, the first being at 11 am, which we will miss, but we will all be there for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one which would be at 2:30. The picnic area is right next to the fountain show. There are lots of benches around the park so you can even just come and sit and enjoy nature. It's such a lovely place.

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.

Please meet at the parking lot at Vic Johnson, Lower area not later than 9:30 am so we can all leave around the same time.

Drivers:

Grace McElhinney: car is full      Carol Ashford, Vivienne Holmes, Grace Nelham, Mary Ann Brown

Shelly Dodd: car is full      Rob Harshman, Sue Harshman, Carol Zarb, Nury Garzon

Christina Anonychuk:      Janice Ward, Bev Cay, room for one more

Mike and Pat Salisbury:

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## Species Tulips



Most species tulips are star- or bowl-shaped. The star-shaped tulips usually stand 4 to 8 inches high, with flowers in softer shades of purple, pink, white, or yellow. Bowl-shaped species tulips, reaching up to 14 inches in height, usually bloom in brilliant red, although some are yellow. The stems—shorter and sturdier than those of most hybrid tulips—make them less susceptible to the sudden harsh winds of erratic spring weather.

Many species tulips originated in the rocky areas surrounding the Mediterranean. This is why rock gardens are ideal places in which to plant them. These dry sites, with good drainage, imitate their native growing conditions. Plus, the bulb's small size fits the scale of most rock gardens. The dry, well-drained conditions of herb gardens also support wild tulips. One eye-catching treatment is star-shaped species hybrid 'Little Beauty' planted to sprout in the midst of a mat of thyme. The effect in bloom is delightful.

In the garden, species tulips attract attention when viewed against a solid-color background of ground covers such as vinca and ajuga. They can also hold their own in a colorful mixed display of other spring bulbs, such as narcissus, hyacinth, scilla, and chionodoxa. They self seed to encourage naturalizing, avoid deadheading.

Apartment and urban enthusiasts do not despair: Many species tulips will produce more than one flower per stem, making them perfect for containers. ✨**Grace Nelham**





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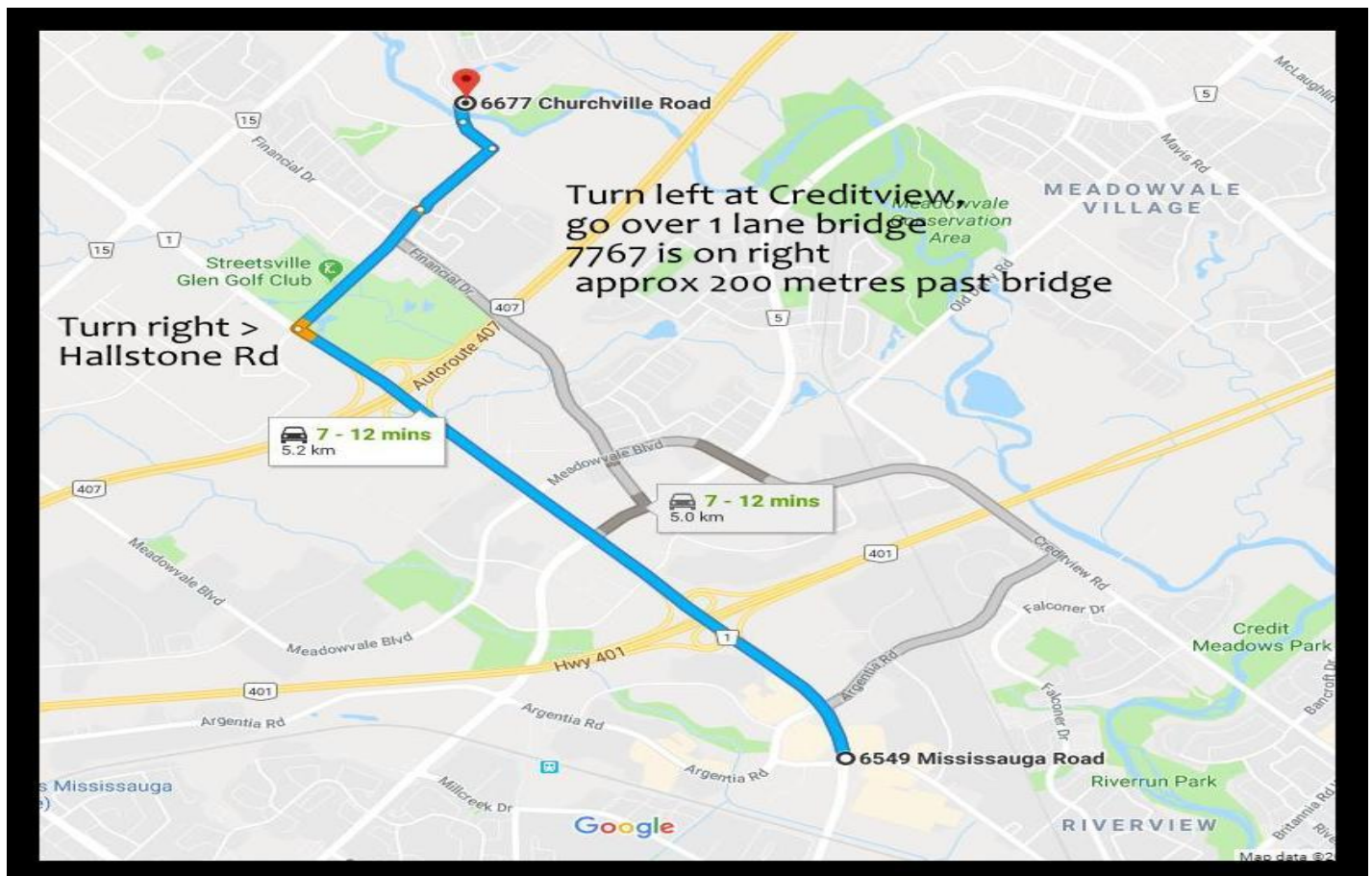
## Plant Sale

If you have plants that you wish to donate but are not able to dig them, please contact Monica Ross.

Plant donations can be dropped off at the locations listed on page 10 of this newsletter.

Our potting dates are 9.30 am Saturday April 29, 11 am Sunday April 30, 9.30am Wednesday 9.30 am May 3, Saturday May 6, 11am Sunday May 7, 9.30 Wednesday May 10, 9.30 Saturday May 13, 11am Sunday May 14 and 9.30 Wednesday May 17.

Pengilly's nursery is easy to find. Bring a trowel, clippers, gloves, a hat, a bottle of water, snacks and lots of energy, and wear clothes that are suitable for the weather!





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## **You can drop off plant sale donations at these locations.**

Carol Ashford	1750 Melody Drive, Streetsville
Monica Ross	6978 Chilcot Court, Meadowvale
Dean Scully	6592 Eastridge Road, Meadowvale
Janice Ward	3157 Alfresco Terrace, Meadowvale
MaryAnn Brown	29 Alphonse Cres, Streetsville
Grace McIlhenny	1623 Summergrove Cres, L5M 4N2

