



STREETSVILLE BLOOMS



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NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2015

**'PREMIUM NIGHT' and
Vesey's Order Pick Up**

CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00

Meeting at 7:30

SPEAKER: DIANE GREENFIELD

TOPIC: "LIVING LIFE AS A GARDENER"

SPEAKER BIO: Diane is a retired secondary school teacher. She has taken formal training from the University of Guelph to become a master gardener and worked and volunteered in that program for about 12 years and was the chair of the Simcoe County group. She lives in Lafontaine on a 50-acre property that has many log buildings plus her home, all surrounded by large Gardens.

For many years she gave garden workshops called "A Morning in the Garden". It was held in a historic pink log studio on her property. She has held an annual one-day plant sale attracting up to 600 people for over 20 years. Currently Diane does garden consultations helping people to re-imagine their garden spaces and create beautiful low-maintenance gardens.

Twenty-one years ago she founded the Library Garden Tour www.librarygardentour.ca to raise money for local libraries and is the chair of the tour again this year. Over the years they have discovered over 400 hidden garden treasures and raised over \$150,000.00 for area libraries.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

May is a busy month for the SHS. Your contribution is needed. Our plant sale is our largest fundraiser for the year. Let's get everyone actively participating.

What can YOU do to help?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May is one of the busiest months of the year for our Society. Our major fundraiser for the year is our Plant Sale coming up on Saturday May 23. The preparation for that day as well as the work on that Saturday will require hundreds of volunteer hours. From selecting plants to be sold, potting up, setting up and selling on May 23 there is much to be done.

One of the hallmarks of our Society has been the willingness of our members to give freely of their time. That is why our Plant Sales have been so successful in the past. This year we expect will be the same. As you volunteer your time you will be part of a large team of committed individuals and families that are working to make Mississauga a more beautiful and livable city.

This year our Plant Sale will be at the Leslie Log House property as it was last year. That site is ideal for our sale because of its high visibility location on Mississauga Road and as well provides us the large area we have available to set up our tables and displays of plants.

We want to encourage you, as you are selecting plants for the sale, to choose large healthy ones that will do well once transplanted into pots. We have found that a few plants that are strong and healthy will sell more quickly than ones that are small and anemic.

At our next meeting we will again have sign up sheets for each one of the areas where we need volunteers to work for our Plant Sale. We encourage you to sign up for whatever activities you can reasonably handle.

The success of this Sale will lay the financial foundation for all of our activities over the next year. Help us make it the most successful Sale in our history.

Rob & Sue Harshman, Co-Presidents

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Sun. May 3 - 8:30 am SHS Potting Up
- Sat. May 9 - 8:30 am SHS Potting Up
- Sun. May 10 - 1:00 pm SHS Potting Up
- Sat. May 16 - 8:30 am SHS Potting Up
- Sat. May 16 2:00 pm Gardening Fun at Sheridan Library for children age 3 - 7
- Sat. May 23 SHS Plant Sale – Leslie Log House
- Sat June 20 Cloverleaf Garden Tour

LESLIE LOG HOUSE

After a very long winter it was obvious that there was lots of trash that had blown onto the Log House property. On April 11th seventeen members of SHS turned up armed with garbage bags and gloves and made short work of the abundance of trash on the property. Thanks to volunteers:

Monica Ross, Robb Dods, Enza & Nick Lafratta, Gerry Bryan, Mary Hachey, Lynn Merritt, Carol Ashford, Grace Nelham, Eleonora Roberts, Irene Murdoch, Ruthanne Beehoo, Dean Scully, Asoke Bera, Martha Witney and Anita & Alex King. Also special thanks to **Anne & Malcolm Byard** of the Streetsville Historical Society who opened the doors of the log house and served coffee and home-made muffins! WOW!

Now it's time to get ready for planting and maintenance of the Log House gardens. A sign up sheet will be available at the May meeting for Wednesday morning gardening. If you have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday morning please sign your name and come out and garden with other SHS members. A great way to spend the morning and make new friends!

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

HOMEMADE MOSQUITO REPELLANT

- In a 16 oz. bottle combine:
- 15 drops Lavender oil
- 3 – 4 Tbsp. Vanilla extract
- ¼ cup Lemon juice
- Fill rest of bottle with water.
- Shake well. Ready to use!

50TH ANNUAL CLOVERLEAF GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 20, 2015,
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 available at Sheridan Nurseries and other locations

Tour showcases private gardens in the Clarkson & Sheridan Homelands neighborhoods, in southwest Mississauga. Join in celebrating Cloverleaf's 50th Anniversary Garden Tour and GardenOntario Week. Contact: Manuela, 905-274-8938 or Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga www.CloverleafGardenClub.org, www.facebook.com/mississaugacloverleaf



FOSTERING THE LOVE OF GARDENING IN CHILDREN *community events by SHS*

SHS Members Eleonora Roberts and Mary Hachey are scheduled to do a Family program at the Sheridan Library on May 16th.

“Gardening Fun”
Sheridan Library (2225 Erin Mills Pkwy. Mississauga 905-615-4815)
Saturday, May 16th 2pm to 3pm

A FREE program run by Streetsville Horticultural Society.
Family Story time for a maximum of 30 children + parents. Suitable for children ages 3 - 7.

Take home your very own plant, learn about the importance of bees, butterflies and other creepy crawlies. Foster the Love of Gardening in Children.

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We are also scheduled to return to Plowman's Park P.S. this May to share garden stories, rhymes, songs & an interactive activity with children 4 to 7.

FLOWER SHOW

DESIGN Theme: Around the World in Flowers

- Class 1 "An English Rose" a small design using roses in a teacup 5.5 – 10" either direction
Class 2 "Global Warming" a hanging design – may use accessory – ie. Wire

MINIATURES

- Class 3 "Russia"

NOVICE

- Class 4 "Bermuda Beach" – a design using fresh flowers, sand and seashells

CULTURAL

- Class 5 (Polygonatum) Solomon's Seal – 2 stems
Class 6 Bergenia – 1 stem, 1 leaf
Class 7 Brunnera – 2 stems and leaves
Class 8 Collection of small spring flowers in a vase (ie. Forget-me-nots, blue bells, violets)
Class 9 Dicentra (bleeding heart) – 1 stem
Class 10 Flowering branch – less than 30"
Class 11 Fritillaria – any cultivar – 1 stem
Class 12 Hyacinthus (Hyacinth) – 1 stem
Class 13 Muscari (grape hyacinth) 3 stems – cultivar
Class 14 Narcissus/Daffodil – AOV – 1 stem no foliage allowed
Class 15 Narcissus/Daffodil – double – 1 stem no foliage allowed
Class 16 Narcissus/Daffodil – trumpet – 1 stem no foliage allowed
Class 17 Perennial – not listed – 2 stems blooms or sprays
Class 18 Primula – 1 to 3 stems – any cultivar
Class 19 Pulmanaria (lungwort) 2 stems and leaves
Class 20 Spring bulb – not listed – 1 bloom or spray
Class 21 Tulip – AOV – 1 bloom – cut with no more than 2 leaves on the stem to encourage next year's bloom
Class 22 Tulip – double – 1 bloom – cut with no more than 2 leaves on the stem to encourage next years' bloom
Class 23 Tulip – lily – 1 bloom – cut with no more than 2 leaves on the stem to encourage next years' bloom
Class 24 Tulip – parrot/fringed 1 bloom – cut with no more than 2 leaves on the stem to encourage next years' bloom
Class 25 Tulip – single – 1 bloom – cut with no more than 2 leaves on the stem to

encourage next years' bloom

If you were at the last meeting you will know I'm trying to encourage members to enter into the flower shows design class. The Novice class is an excellent way to start.

The title for novice design class is "Bermuda Beach" a design using fresh flowers and seashells. Get your creativity flowing and enter the show. You could win a ribbon!

If you have any questions please call me. I'm happy to help. 905 858-2553

Nicky Hall, Flower Show Convenor

BOTANICAL NAMES BASICS

Plant names are quite often misunderstood and misused, but it is important to pay attention to plant names because they tell you exactly which plant you are buying, almost in the same way that a part or model name or number tells you if this is the correct part for the purpose you have chosen. Unless you get the right part it will not work properly if at all.

If you don't get the particular plant you are looking for it might end up half or twice the size you wanted. Or it may grow best in the shade and you wanted a plant for sun.

All plants have what might be described as a family name and a first or proper name. The Latin name is comparable to the family name, for example the Smiths. The variety name is like a first name, for example Smith, John T. unless you know exactly what the full name is; you will not get the correct plant or Smith.

Plants, which are the wild or original versions of the plant, have no first name; they may have the equivalent of a hyphenated name, which usually includes the Latin for a description of some sort of plant characteristic.

Varieties of plants, which have been created by cross breeding, are named by the person who created the variety. The variety name is always in quotes.

An example is *Athyrium niponicum* 'Pictum'. *Athyrium* is the name of a family group of ferns, *niponicum* means it originally came from Japan. *Pictum* is the name given to it by the person who hybridized the variety. The common name is Japanese painted fern. *Athyrium felix-femina* is still a fern but looks quite different.

Most common names are not distinctive enough to allow the purchaser to pick the right plant. Very often the same common name is applied to numerous different plants. One example is forget-me-not, which is applied to three different families of plants, that all have blue flowers:

Anchusa a tall long blooming perennial, best suited to hot dry sites, well-drained soil and blooms in the summer, height 70 – 90 cm



brunnera a low maintenance perennial that prefers shade, blooms in late spring and grows slowly, some have variegated leaves, height 30-40cm



and then there is *myosotis sylvatica* a biennial that prefers cool weather, moist soil, and shaded areas, height 15-20cm, blooms in spring and will completely take over your garden if you turn your back for too long, and is likely the plant we most often think of as a forget me not.



And there are, of course, named hybrids within these 3 plant families, this is a simplified explanation; I hope it explains why plant names are important and why you should always read the labels.

Monica Ross, The Garden Lady

PLANT SALE

The perennials are starting to poke their way out of the ground and many would be happy to be split and have some extra room. What to do with the extras you say? Of course, pack them up, label them and bring them for our plant sale. If you need help digging up contact me and I'll arrange to send someone to dig.

Potting up days are:

Sunday, May 3 - 8:30
Saturday, May 9 - 8:30
Sunday, May 10 - 1:00
Saturday, May 16 - 8:30
6065 Montevideo Rd.

We still need volunteers for the day of the sale. Please have a look at the sign up sheets at the May meeting to see where you can help.

Any questions, email me at debra.buckler@rogers.com.

Debra Buckler, Plant Sale Chair

APRIL FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

DESIGN:

April Showers. A water viewing design

1st Debbie Lemire



2nd Lynn Sereda

April in Paris. A vertical design

1st and Best in Show Lynn Sereda



2nd – Debbie Lemire

NOVICE CLASS Spring garden, a design

1st - Melissa Rodrigues

2nd - Debbie Lemire

MINIATURE DESIGN. Turning over a new leaf.

1st- Lynn Sereda

2nd- Nicky Hall

3rd- Debbie Lemire

CULTURAL DIVISION.

A collection of succulent and cactus .

Best in Show Nicky Hall

DRAW TABLE

Congratulations to **Dorothy Brown** and **Debra Buckler** - the big winners of the April draw table raffle and thanks to all of you who purchased tickets.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following members for their generous donation to the draw table: **Janice Ward, Wendy Arrighi, Debbie Lemire, Enza Lafratta, Nel Padt, Linda Bowman** and **Jean Watt**. Your donations will be used at a future date.

See you all in May!

Mary Bernier, Draw Table Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to my helpers **Heather Tregaskes**, and **Pat & Mike Salisbury** for looking after the membership desk in my absence. Remember, if you would like to help out, come in early as there is always something to do to get these meetings set up. We thank you for your help! You can reach me at gracemcelhinney@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Next month we will be asking you to fill out a **membership survey** which will be necessary for you to fill out completely in order to get your **premium**. This will help us plan our speakers and meetings for next year and will make our renewal process in September much quicker.

We had 1 new member join in April and her name is **Heather Marchment**. Let's make her feel welcome as she blends into our society!

Would **Janet Shaw, Dave Carty** and **Doreen Middleton** please stop by the desk and pick up their prize money we have been holding since November.

Don't forget to check the new memo board for important dates and sign-ups for upcoming activities.

Grace McElhinney, Membership Chair

REFRESHMENTS

Many thanks to **Anita King, Jill Haskayne and Christine Anonychuck** for their donations to the April refreshment table. May's contributors are **Wendy Arrighi** and **Carrol Newcombe**.

Anyone out there with a Coffee Urn they no longer use and would like to donate to the refreshment table? Our current urn is not working right. If you have one and can donate it, please bring it to the May meeting. Many thanks!

Mary Hachey, Refreshment Chair

The Garden Lady

Do you need help with your garden?
I live in the area; I am a Master Gardener, and a member of the Streetsville Horticultural Society. I have been working with local homeowners for 21 years.

I do a lot of work with people who want to renovate or simplify their existing garden. I can design your garden, I can teach you how to look after your own garden or I can look after it for you. I provide gardening services such as weeding, planting, pruning, and garden bed makeovers

Monica Ross 905-824-7283
Email: thegardenlady@psstnetwork.ca
Website www.thegardenlady.net

ROTARY PARK

On Saturday April 18th, we had a large work party at the park. The weather was warm and all gardens were cleaned.

Many thanks goes out to **Rob Harshman, Ron Beehoo, Irene Murdoch, Lil Duke, Sue Flack, Linda Bush, Janice Ward, Jon Eldridge, Dean Scully, Anita & Alex King, Mary Hachey, Asoke Bera, Martha Witney, Eleonora Roberts** and **Debbie Webster**.

In a couple of weeks we will have to have another work party to spread 2 loads of soil over the garden beds. Hope to see you there!

Ruthanne Beehoo, Rotary Park Chair

SHS HELPING HANDS

Do you need some extra help?

Do you need someone to help with your groceries, a trip to the hospital, to the doctor, a dinner made for you?

Are you having trouble getting your garden in order?

Or would you just like someone to come over and have a cup of tea while you are going through a stressful time?

You may not know there have been some health issues with some of our members and we are certain we don't know the half of it. We, as a society, would like to initiate a helping hands program to reach out to our members and lend a hand when needed. Not everyone has a large network of people close by and this would be totally up to you if you put your name on the list to be called.

Even if you have only one afternoon a week that you would be available you could be on the list. You do not have to be available 24/7. You could sign up just for garden help or just grocery shopping; it's up to you! Once we have this list completed we will distribute it out to all members and we will have our helpline set-up!

If you are interested, complete the form on page 8 and drop it off at the Membership desk.

Grace McElhinney



EPSOM SALT FOR ROSES

Rose growers, in particular, are strong advocates for using Epsom salts. They claim it not only makes the foliage greener and more lush, it produces more canes and more roses.

The recommendation for applying to existing rose bushes, is to either mix ½ cup of Epsom salts into the soil around the [rose bush and water well](#) or dissolve ½ cup of the salts in water and use to water the rose bush. Do this in the spring, just as the buds are beginning to open.

For ongoing rose care, mix 1 tbsp of Epsom salts per gallon of water and apply as a foliar spray. You may need several gallons of water for larger rose bushes and climbers.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Epsom salts sprayed on leaves can cause leaf scorch. Do not over use and do not spray on hot, sunny days.

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes go out to the following SHS members:

Earl Nelham – recovering from heart surgery,

Mary Gilbert – recovering from surgery, and **Amgad Boles** &

Mary Bernier who have been struggling to regain good health for several months now.



We hope you will be better soon!

THANK YOU SHS!

The District 15 Board would like to thank the societies and its members that so graciously donated items for our bag draw and silent auction at the D15 AGM on Saturday, April 25th.

Carole Spraggett, District 15 Director

Planting for Success: *The best time to plant is late afternoon into evening. The temperature is cooling off and the sun is not directly overhead. This gives your plants and seedlings time to adjust to their new home, without the stress of drying out.*

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS

The key to attracting hummingbirds to your yard is to plant lots of flowers and provide the habitat that will give them shade, shelter, food, and security.

- Herbs, flowering shrubs, dwarf trees, and vines all can be used to create an ideal tiered habitat from ground level to 10 feet or more.
- Provide lots of space between plants to give hummingbirds enough room to hover and navigate from flower to flower.
- Hummingbirds love water, especially if it is moving. A gentle, continuous spray from a nozzle or a sprinkler hose is perfect for a bath on the fly.
- Hummingbirds do not have a keen sense of smell and rely on bright colors to find their food
- They are particularly fond of red and are often observed investigating red plant labels, thermometers, and even red clothes on a gardener.
- Brightly-colored flowers that are tubular hold the most nectar, and are particularly attractive to hummingbirds. These include perennials such as bee balms, columbines, daylilies, and lupines; biennials such as foxgloves and hollyhocks; and many annuals, including cleomes, impatiens, and petunias.



Flowers that attract hummingbirds:

Beard Tongue	Bee Balm
Butterfly Bush	Catmint
Clove Pink	Columbine
Coral Bells	Day Lily
Larkspur	Iris

Foxglove
Red Hot Poker
Verbena

Lupine
Summer Phlox
Weigela

Farmers Almanac

CARING FOR YOUR ANNUALS, PERENNIALS AND BULBS

Dahlias, Gladiolas, Lilies, Cannas and other summer flowering bulbs can be planted this month. Gladiolas bulbs may be planted at 2-week increments until the first of July to provide you with cut flowers until the first frost. Delphiniums, Phlox, Daylilies, Carnations, Aubrietia, Candytuft, Basket of Gold, Primroses, Coral Bells and Saxifrage and other summer flowering perennials may all be set into the garden any time in May.

Break off wilting Tulip or Daffodil heads but continue to feed and care for the plants until the foliage has died back naturally. Old plantings of Daffodils may be divided and moved when they have finished blooming, but treat them as growing plants and use care to protect the foliage and roots. Water them thoroughly after transplanting. It is best not to dig or move other spring flowering bulbs until their foliage has ripened and died back.



Pansies, Snapdragons, Dianthus, Petunias, Geraniums, Fuchsias and Impatiens should be ready to plant after May 24th. Toward the end of the month, it should be warm enough to plant out the more tender annuals like Salvia, Zinnias, Marigolds and Cardinal Flowers.

Lightly side dress perennials with an all-purpose 5-10-10 or 10-10-10 fertilizer. Avoid spilling the fertilizer on the plant, and use care not to damage the shallow roots when you cultivate it into the soil.

Setting the stakes next to your taller flowers early in the season, will help to support the plant against winds as well as making it easier to 'train'. Promptly remove spent flowers from any plant unless your intent is to harvest the seeds. It consumes the plants energy to produce the seeds, and in many species of plants, especially annual plants, removing the dead flowers will promote further blooms.

Questions, concerns, ideas, want to volunteer??
Call:

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SHS HELPING HANDS

If you can lend a hand to a member in need, please complete the form below so members know they can reach out to you.



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

AVAILABILITY: AM _____ PM _____

WEEKDAYS _____ WEEKENDS _____

ASSISTANCE IN:

GARDENING _____

DRIVE TO/FROM DOC OR HOSP _____

PICKING UP GROCERIES _____

COOK A MEAL _____

SOCIAL VISIT _____

NOTES: _____
