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STREETSVILLE BLOOMS

Streetsville Horticultural Society

Proud to be a member of the
Ontario Horticultural Association



Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10

Time: Starts at 7:30 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Location: Christian Reform Church,
2630 Inlake Court

Speaker: Stephen Smith

Topic: "Invasive Species"

Speaker Bio: Stephen Smith of Urban Associates is our guest speaker for September.

He works for Urban Forest Associates which specializes in urban forestry and ecological restoration.

He has experience in dealing with invasive species in our cities.

He works with various organizations to educate and equip them to control plants that invade natural areas and gardens and crowd out natural flora.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I wrap up my last year as President of Streetsville Horticultural Society, I feel a sense of honour and pride at following in the wake of so many outstanding Presidents. Our Society continues to meet the aims and objectives of the OHA by organizing lectures, workshops, garden tours, and by holding flower shows. Our mandate is to educate, promote and encourage gardening. I can't think of a better way to advance your gardening skills and knowledge than by becoming a member of a local horticultural society. Joining a society represents a commitment to share volunteer time and an effort to grow our knowledge and share with others.

It will be a busy year, as usual, but I know we're all up for it, complete with a demonstration at the upcoming Christmas Workshop, Flower Show 'tips', the Photo Contest highlighting the special talents of SHS members, our commitment to the Leslie Log House, civic planting in our community, annual Plant Sale, fundraisers and speakers – benefits to all members and guests - something for every volunteer.

As always, we are open to your suggestions to make this society a better, more alive organization – one that makes a connection.

Let's hear from you.

Susan Hutton

FROM A LONG TIME MEMBER

I have had the pleasure of reading every edition of the Newsletter published by Carol (Ashford) since she became editor many, many years ago. She has never failed to capture my interest.

"Streetsville Blooms" is always full of relevant information for the current gardening season, with some humour, poems and recipes in the mix.

Over the years six awards have been won in the newsletter competition at the District 15 AGM.

Congratulations Carol and thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years.

Year end report:

2013 GARDEN TOUR

This year we had over 70 people come on our Annual July Garden Tour, including a dozen guests. The gardens were outstanding. We would like to thank Joe and Amgad Boles, Jean Barna, Janice Ward, Marg Rowan, Mary Hachey, Ruthanne and Ron Beehoe and Shirley Boyes for allowing us to tour their beautiful gardens. We would especially like to thank Luiza Gubernat (a non-member) for sharing her lovely garden.

This year we bought a dozen permanent signs with our logo that can be used every year for the tour. Once again the culinary skills of our members shone as we gathered in the garden of Rob and Sue Harshman for our pot luck dinner. The rain held off while we ate and drew tickets for our door prizes.

Special thanks to Michelle Harshman-Bettig for giving accurate navigation instructions and producing our tour route guide, to Amgad Boles for cooking the delicious ham, to Deb Buckler for the amazing brisket, to Grace Nelham for taking the photos, Dean Scully, Carol Ashford and Sue Harshman for scouting out the gardens, and Sue Harshman again for her written descriptions of the participating gardens.

Sue Harshman

LESLIE LOG HOUSE

Well the gardens at the Leslie Log House have survived the summer thanks to all that rain we received this year and all the help received from volunteers.



Thanks to: **Joyce**

Giddings, Sue Harshman, Monica Ross, Christina Anonychuk, Atiya Ahsan, Eleonora Roberts, Chris MacDougall, Alex King, Anita King, Dean Scully, Gerry Bryan, Janice Ward, Mary Bernier, Marg Rowan, Monika Schouten and Grace Nelham for their efforts from June 5th through to the end of August. Also thanks to Christina Anonychuk who donated a couple of hoses for our use, and to Dean Scully and Monica Ross who donated some Phlox and Daisies as additions to the gardens.

There are a few plants that need to be moved as they seem to be planted in the wrong place so we will require a few extra hands on Sept. 25th as we clean up, relocate a pile of mulch, move plants and put the gardens to bed for the winter.

Once again it is a proven fact that "Many hands make light work." Thanks again to my crew for their dedication!

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair
(bashfo2586@rogers.com)

Year end report:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2012-2013

The membership of the SHS for September 2012 to August 2013 consisted of 77 single memberships and 28 family memberships, along with 11 life memberships. Throughout the year, some guests joined our regular meetings.

Our society is only as strong as its membership and

SHS is a friendly group with lots to offer its membership. Present members are encouraged to invite a guest out for an evening, post our programme for the year at your place of work, church or other appropriate venue, or drop one off to a neighbour who appears to be interested in gardening. Help boost our membership!!

Adele Gibbins

Year end report:

PLANT SALE

The sunsets are coming earlier and there's a definite chill in the air and that marks the end of the Society's year. That can only mean one thing, it's time to start planning for next year's plant sale, but first, it's time to wrap up this year's sale.

It was a slow, chilly start to spring but all the rain that came after gave us an inventory of lush plants. We had about 1,500 plants. Like previous sales, the line up started early and when we let the customers in there was a huge rush.

We had a successful day. The sales of \$4,300 didn't quite meet the goal I had set, but this year the expenses were a bit less (\$793). Volunteer hours were well over 100.

As always, I would like to thank everyone who helped out.

Now to look forward to next year. It is my intention to stay on as the co-ordinator for the 2014 sale. I have a few new ideas which I will announce in the new year.

Debra Buckler, Plant sale co-ordinator

Year end report:

AGM REPORT 2012-13 - Tecumseh Townhouse Cooperative Judging

Streetsville Horticultural Society has judged the Tecumseh Cooperative annually for over ten years. The complex of 112 units is located at 6555 Falconer Drive in Streetsville. On Monday, July 29th, eight judges from our society assembled at the complex

judging each unit based on the condition of their lawns, colour and flower selection and a variety of other plant materials for a score out of 30. Six units asked that they be excused from being judged.

The evening ended with a social hour and presentation of a two hundred dollar honorarium presented to SHS. Twenty-seven volunteer hours were earned at this event.

Dean Scully

Year end report:

SPEAKERS FOR 2012-2013

September: Sean James spoke on "Making a Splash" which focused on using water in the garden.

October: Paul Ronan spoke on Horticultural Parks and Greenspace.

November: John Powers spoke on the topic "Butterfly Journey" and how to attract butterflies to your garden.

December: We had a Christmas Workshop led by Nicky Hall who demonstrated how to make beautiful Christmas table center arrangements. Some of the arrangements were won in a draw by members of our Society.

February: Liz Primeau spoke on Garlic.

March: Darren Heimbecker spoke on the building of Canada's newest botanical garden "Whistling Gardens"

April: David Antcliffe spoke on "Ponds in the City" and how to harvest water for your garden.

May: Dan Cooper spoke on 'Gardening from a Hammock'. His focus was on low maintenance gardening.

June: Marion Jarvie spoke on Perennial Blooms all Season.



Please remember, the Church where we hold our meetings is a Nut Free environment.

INVASIVE SPECIES – a threat to Ontario's biodiversity

By Debra Lemire



Ontario is a beautiful province full of lakes, streams, wetlands and a diverse flora and fauna. The province offers an immense biodiversity for us to enjoy. Our wealth is in our wildlife, plants and natural resources that supply us with clean air to breathe, fresh water to drink, productive soils to provide the foods we eat, timber to build our homes and renewable energy to power our homes and businesses. After habitat loss, the greatest threat to our biodiversity comes from invasive species. These are organisms, such as plants, animals, fungus or bacterium that are not native to Ontario and whose introduction or spread threaten our agriculture, forestry, public health, tourism, outdoor recreation and economy.

Zebra mussels and sea lampreys invaded the Great Lakes, Dutch elm and butternut canker diseases infected and killed parts of our woodlands, emerald ash borers and Asian long-horned beetles destroyed over one million trees. These are but a few of the invasive species that call Ontario home. The impact of zebra mussels alone is estimated to cost Ontarians between \$75 – 91 million per year. Unfortunately, the introduction of new invasive species is expected to increase in the coming years as a result of global travel and an increase in international commerce.

Once invasive species enter Ontario, they spread in different ways. Sometimes it is done unintentionally, but many times people do it knowingly. Bait buckets are emptied into rivers and streams, aquariums are dumped into local waterways,

firewood is transported to other areas and exotic pets are released into the wilderness.

It will take all three levels of government: federal, provincial and municipal, along with all Ontarians to respond to this threat. The federal government has a regulatory role which includes aspects of prevention, detection, management, control and eradication. For example, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) enacted the Plant Protection Act. When Asian long-horned beetles were discovered in Vaughn and parts of Toronto in 2003, probably in untreated wood packaging from China or Korea, CFIA established regulated areas where the movement of any tree or tree product was prohibited.

The provincial government, as owner of Crown land and manager of forests and fisheries, has a regulatory and stewardship role in dealing with invasive species because of the potential impact on the province's natural resources, ecosystems and economy. In 2012, the Government of Ontario announced a new strategic plan to fight the 441 invasive species already in Ontario and to prevent the entry of new species.

Ontario Conservation Officers enforce the invasive species laws to stop the illegal movement of fish and game in the province. Asian carp, for example, entering the Great Lakes basin would result in a severe decline in native fish and would affect sport and commercial fishing industries that bring in millions of dollars to the Ontario economy. Since 1992, conservation officers have worked with stakeholders to create programs to fight invasive species through education, early detection, outreach and training.

Municipal governments work with the federal, provincial, First Nations, private land-owners and other stakeholders to work on regional invasive species management programs.

Streetsville Horticultural Society led the movement to have local ash trees saved. "We sent letters to our local councilors and circulated petitions that gathered hundreds of names. Eventually our persistence paid off. The city agreed to inject all healthy ash trees on city

property," recounted Rob Harshman. The City of Mississauga established the emerald ash borer program, a ten year, \$51 million plan to treat 20,000 healthy, city-owned ash trees and to remove and replace 1200 infected trees.

What can we do as gardeners do to prevent the spread of invasive species?

- Learn to identify and manage invasive plants by removing the flowers before they bloom and set seed;
- Purchase non-invasive or native plants from a reputable dealer;
- Dispose of yard waste through your local municipality or backyard compost and do not dump yard waste in natural areas;
- Dispose of invasive plants by placing them in a plastic bag and leaving them out in the sun for five days. Follow through by throwing the bags in the garbage or burning them. Do not compost as flower seeds can remain viable for a long time;
- Do not remove vegetation from natural areas. They may be rare plants or even invasive plants;
- Dispose of annual water plants properly at the end of the growing season. Dumping them in local waterways could cause them to overwinter during a mild winter;
- Share best gardening practices with family, friends, and neighbours. Be cautious when exchanging seeds and plants with other gardeners;
- *When in doubt contact the*

"Invading Species Hotline" at 1.800.563.7711
or www.invadingspecies.com
or www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca



STREETSCAPE

MISSISSAUGA

Streetscape Mississauga is delighted to announce the winners of the 2013 Glorious Gardens Contest. The competition was tough in some classes, but produced very worthy winners.

The winners are:

Traditional Large Gardens

1st. Liz Malicki, 858 Bexhill Road

2nd. Lucy Amaro, 1453 Skyline Drive

3rd. Luiza & Leszek Gubernat, 1186 Barnswallow Court

Traditional Small Gardens

1st. Laura Heaslip, 14 Joseph Street

2nd. Maria Zacharjasz, 82 Troy Street

3rd. Teresa Lerullo & Andrew Rzeszutek, 3292 Greenbelt Crescent

Best Townhouse Garden

Bonnie Adams & Carol Hill, 1100 Queen Street West, Unit # 37

Ecogardens

1st. Gail & Douglas Markoff, 934 Melton Drive

2nd. Mary Simpson, 61 Wesley Avenue

3rd. Lynne & Greg Sereda, 2582 Inlake Court

Mississauga's Most Beautiful Business

Body & Soul Med & Day Spa, 214 Queen Street South.

The awards will be presented at the Streetscape Awards Event on Monday, September 9th, at the Mississauga Civic Centre, when a surprise announcement will reveal the names of the winners of two new awards - Best Display of Colour and Garden of the Year. The Streetscape

Action Team thanks all the judges who participated and hopes everyone will take time to view the winning gardens. The display will be made available to societies in the fall.

Please note: all judges will be invited to the Awards Event and will have received their e-vites by the time your newsletter is published. Let me know if you need more information.



3rd Place Winner

"Ecogarden Class"

Lynne & Greg Sereda

Controversy persists around this simple ecogarden because of the use of goutweed (classified as a noxious plant) as ground cover. On closer inspection, however, it has a lot to recommend it.

The owners wanted a low maintenance garden and, where most people would choose grass, which requires watering, feeding and mowing, they chose goutweed as an attractive alternative. This plant needs no care and thrives in the harshest conditions. As for its invasive nature, here it is bordered on all four sides by hard surfaces, so it has nowhere to go. The owners even remove the flowers before they go to seed. Add in the water conservation features (mulch and drip irrigation), native plants and a nesting shelf for birds, this garden scores high on originality and environmental responsibility.

Maureen and Roger Ricker

DRAW TABLE

I would just like to take a moment to thank all of you who have made my time as the Draw Table Convenor such a wonderful experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed our Monthly meetings, our Board meetings and our many events throughout the past year.

Unfortunately, due to many other commitments, I will be stepping down from this position for the next season. If anyone is interested in taking over for me, I would be happy to show you the ropes and would assist you in any way that I can. It is a fairly simple position, very rewarding and it doesn't take too much time and preparation.

I would like to offer a special thank you to all of the members who I have had the pleasure to get to know this past year, and for the support and generosity of those who not only have purchased tickets, but those who have donated some fabulous prizes for me to add to the Draw Table. Without your generous donations, I would not be able to put together those fabulous gift baskets and bags!

We have had tremendous success this past year, and the sales from our tickets have far exceeded my expectations. I am looking forward to presenting you with some great prizes, baskets and mystery bags over the next few months.

Please take the time to stop by the Draw Table to visit me! I love meeting and talking to all of you as you patiently stand in line waiting for your tickets!

Like the song says "See you in September"

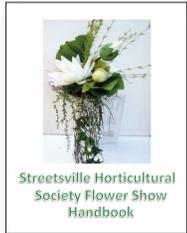
Marylyne Brown,
Draw Table Convenor

Flower Show

(It's the beginning of a new season)

Thanks to all those who participated in last season's Flower Show competitions.

We urge all of our members to give it a try. It's really quite addictive once you start.



This year we have included references to the "**Streetsville Flower Show Handbook**" which Nicky painstakingly compiled over the last year.

We have also introduced a dedicated Novice category for beginners and also carried on with the Men's Only category.

As always, Nicky and I are available for questions.
Lynne Sereda - lynnsereda@rogers.com
Nicky Hall - bignurse@bell.net

JUNE FLOWER SHOW RESULTS

We are thrilled to announce that Ursula Evanoff has returned. She not only won first prize in two of the design categories but also both the "Best in Show" and "Judges Choice" awards! Lovely to have you back Ursula and Congratulations! We missed you.

Nicky Hall won Best in Show and Judges Choice for two of her beautiful Cultural specimens.

Lynne Sereda



FLOWER SHOW WORKSHOPS

The Flower show committee tried twice last year to arrange two flower show workshops. Unfortunately we need a minimum of 20 people to make this financially viable. We had 6 people sign up. However we shall try again this year. We may open this workshop up to our "sister" societies in Mississauga or we might be able to book the Community Center in January for the six people who have expressed interest.

We will keep you posted as to what we can arrange.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Lynne Sereda at lynnsereda@rogers.com

SEPTEMBER'S FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

DESIGN

- CLASS 1 "September Morning" - incorporating leaves - VERTICAL design, Pg.11
CLASS 2 "High Rise" - ABSTRACT design

MINIATURES

- CLASS 3 "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme" - using fresh herbs

FOR MEN ONLY

- CLASS 4 "NASCAR"

NOVICE

- CLASS 5 "Rock Me Gently" - incorporating rock(s)/pebbles - HORIZONTAL design, Pg.13

CULTURAL

- CLASS 1 Antirrhinum (snapdragon) - 2 spikes - same cultivar
CLASS 2 Any annual not listed - 1 bloom or spray
CLASS 3 Any perennial not listed - 1 stem or spray - named
CLASS 4 Aster - Callisterplus chinesis - 2 stems
CLASS 5 Canna Lily - 1 bloom
CLASS 6 Cleome - 2 blooms
CLASS 7 Cosmos - 3 stems - same cultivar

- CLASS 8 Dhalia - 6"-8" - 1 bloom - at least 1 set of leaves
CLASS 9 Dhalia - AOV - 1 bloom - at least 1 set of leaves
CLASS 10 Dhalia - cactus - 1 bloom - at least 1 set of leaves
CLASS 11 Dhalia - single or novelty - 1 bloom - at least 1 set of leaves
CLASS 12 Marigold - 3 blooms - 1 cultivar
CLASS 13 Nasturtiums - 3 or more blooms
CLASS 14 Ornamental grass - 2 stems - 1 cultivar - 24" - 48" - named
CLASS 15 Pelargonium (Geranium) - 1 to 3 blooms - foliage attached
CLASS 16 Rose - florabunda - 1 spray
CLASS 17 Rose - hybrid - 1 bloom
CLASS 18 Rose - miniature - 1 bloom
CLASS 19 Rose - most fragrant - 1 bloom
CLASS 20 Salvia - 3 stems - same cultivar
CLASS 21 Solenostemon scutellarioides (Coleus) - 3 stems - 1 cultivar
CLASS 22 Sunflower - 1 stem - over 5"
CLASS 23 Sunflower - 1 stem - under 5"
CLASS 24 Vine - 1 bloom or spray - less than 30"
CLASS 25 Zinnia - 2 blooms - under 2"
CLASS 26 Zinnia - cactus flowered - 2 blooms - under 4"
CLASS 27 Apples - 1 cultivar - 2 specimens
CLASS 28 Cucumber - 2 - same cultivar
CLASS 29 Garlic - 1 bulb - any cultivar
CLASS 30 Pears - 1 cultivar - 2 specimens - named
CLASS 31 Radish - 2 to 3 - same cultivar
CLASS 32 Tomato - AOV 2 - same cultivar - calyx on
CLASS 33 Tomato - small fruited - 1 truss

Refer to "**Streetsville Horticultural Society Flower Show Handbook**" for tips, information and page number references. This is available online at: www.gardenontario.org/docs/2013_shs_flowershow_handbook.pdf

For rules and regulations for all Horticultural Society Flower Show Competitions refer to the "**Official Judges Handbook**". This can be ordered from Nicky Hall at bignurse@bell.net.

Entries must be ready for judging by 7:30 pm, no exceptions.

The judges decisions are final.

Photo Contest

2012-2013

Hope you all had a wonderful summer, and were able to capture some pictures of this beautiful world of ours.

Here are the categories again in case you misplaced them:

Class 1 "Fall Harvest"

Class 2 "Winter Photo (black & white)"

Class 3 "Explosion of Colour"

Class 4 "Flower (close up)"

Class 5 "Blossoms & Butterflies"

Class 6 "Shades of Blue"

Class 7 "My Oasis"

Class 8 "Waterfall"

Photo Contest Rules:

- Closing Date to coincide with September 2013 meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and should be nature related.
- Coloured photos, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class per family membership.
- If photo does not meet category it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Pictures to be taken this fiscal year.

These are the categories – No interpretation necessary. It is what it is.

We will be submitting our entries at the SHS September 10th meeting.

Write the number of the photo category on the back of the picture applying to that particular category. This way the judge, or judges can not see who the photo belongs to. Please put your photos in an envelope, with your name on the outside.

We are going to do something different this coming year, in deciding which categories are chosen for the 2013-2014 photo contest.

Think of one, or a maximum of two categories which you find interesting for a photo, and write them on a piece of paper, and place them in the box at the September 10th meeting. We will select the best eight categories for the October Photo contest newsletter.

Henry Schouten, Photo Contest Chair

REMOVING THE SAP AND HOPEFULLY...

A huge, toxic plant that can burn skin and cause permanent blindness has been found for the first time in eastern Ontario, prompting calls for a federal response to contain the spread of the poisonous plant as fear grows no province is immune.

A forestry official confirmed two new findings of giant hogweed last week in Renfrew County, west of Ottawa. It has previously been spotted in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Quebec,



southwestern Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. About 50 plants were spotted in Toronto's Don Valley two weeks ago.

Contact with the weed's clear, watery sap can be very dangerous. It causes large blisters and permanent scarring. What's left over looks like a scar from a chemical burn or fire. Even a tiny trace of sap applied to the eye can singe the cornea, causing temporary or permanent blindness. The chemicals in the sap can cause cancer and birth defects.

The weed's sap, which is found all over the plant, bonds chemically with human skin when exposed to sunlight and, within 48 hours, leads to inflammation, red colouring and itching, weeping blisters and eventually black and purplish scars and health effects. On rare occasions hospitalization is required.

The plant may grow up to six meters tall. Numerous white flowers form a flat-topped umbrella-shaped head up to 75 cm across.

Immediately wash skin thoroughly with soap and water, removing the sap and hopefully preventing any reaction with subsequent exposure to sunlight. Treatment with prescription topical steroids early on may reduce the reaction.

*Submitted by
Mike Salisbury*





FALL FUNDRAISER - VESEY'S BULBS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

At our September meeting you will receive your Fundraiser Brochure (8 pages of colour) which will offer a wide variety of fall bulbs at great prices. Here's an example:

60 days of tulips – 12 mixed bulbs for \$12 – no tax and free delivery.

Who wouldn't want to purchase quality bulbs with the Vesey's name behind them? All products are 100% guaranteed and the best news is the Society earns 50% profit on every sale made.

Here's how it works. You collect orders from friends and family in September and collect the money as you sell the product. Bring the order sheet and money collected to the October meeting and the product will be given out at the November meeting. This is perfect timing for planting fall bulbs.

Start thinking of those you know who would be interested in purchasing bulbs!

Sue Harshman

PREMIUMS

Every year our Society gives a free plant to every one of our members. Members had a choice of plants for a sun garden or a shade garden.

Altogether we purchased 115 plants, of which 93 were given out to members and the remaining 22 were sold. The plants that were selected as premiums this year were 'Great Expectations' Hosta, Dianthus 'Firewitch' and Iris 'Albo Variegata'.

Sue Harshman

SHS COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

SHS is going to produce a Cookbook in time for Christmas gift giving. It will make a perfect stocking stuffer or hostess gift for friends, family and neighbours.

Lynn Merritt and Debbie Lemire will be collecting the recipes and editing the book for production. It will have a coil binding for easy use in the kitchen.

We are asking all members to contribute one or more favorite tried and true recipes. Please bring these to the September meeting or email to lynnc.merritt@sympatico.ca. We are thinking of the following categories: appetizers, soups, salads, meat dishes, vegetable dishes, vegetarian dishes and desserts.

If you would like to help with the proof reading or editing, please email Debbie Lemire, whose email is debra.lemire@gmail.com or phone 416-268-4348.

DRAW FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP

There will be a draw for a free annual membership to SHS members who bring a guest to a meeting, beginning in September and through June 2014.

A ballot is to be filled in every time someone brings a guest to a meeting and the draw will be in June for the free membership.

THIS REALLY WORKS

Irish Spring soap - shaved not whole - keeps the creepy crawlies away. No holes in the hostas, no missing stems in the lilies, no holes in the grass from the squirrels. One bar was all it took but with all the rain washing it away in bubbles its time for another.



ROTARY PARK

The park has been absolutely beautiful this summer. It's a shame to see the flowers go, but it is getting cooler and fall is on its way. The gardens really need some loving care and need to be tidied up. If you could come for just an hour, that would be great! Please bring clippers and gloves! Refreshments provided. Hope to see you there.

Date: Thursday, Sept 12/13

Raindate: Friday, Sept 13/13

Ruthanne Beehoo (ruthanne@dualmachine.com)

LEISURE WORLD

We had 9 people come out and help clean up and take out plants so as we could put grass seed down. Then we planted a lilac bush and two pink spirea. It will soon be time to do some more clean up so if you have spare time please contact me at 905-826-8208 as we can go anytime. Thank you for the help.

Anita King

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Requesting all volunteer hours for 2012/13 season. Please be sure to submit all hours to Eleonora Roberts (gattescohouse@rogers.com) by August 31.

Many thanks go out to everyone who volunteered their time to the SHS.

Eleonora

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KUDOS

Nicky Hall won second place for her "Pizzazz" hat arrangement in the Lily Show at the Royal Botanical Gardens in July.



THINGS TO DO... PLACES TO GO

The Riverwood Autumn Wildflower Walk

Saturday, September 21, 9:00-10:30 am

Join Nina Barabas, co-author of *Wildflowers of Riverwood*, for an insightful look beyond the mere beauty of these plants this fall season. Nina will share her knowledge of the biology and traditional uses of the plants. Meet at the Pergola.

905-279-5878 or email

Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org

YOUR EXPERTISE IS REQUESTED

Contact Lynne Sereda at lynnesereda@rogers.com if you can help with any of the following:

1. We would like someone to volunteer to provide information for the column (**THINGS TO DO... PLACES TO GO**) for each of the 9 newsletters issues per season.
2. We would like to include a column called "**ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND KUDOS**". So if you or someone you know has received an award or accomplished a goal and would like to share it with the rest of us please send in a small paragraph (and photos) to bloomnews@rogers.com.
3. A photographer is needed for our AGM October meeting. This is a **one time only** request. The mission is to take photos of awards

presentations (see Sue Hutton for list of presentations) and email the photos to bloomnews@rogers.com. This volunteer position will take about 3-4 hours to complete. Please contact Lynne Sereda at lynnesereda@rogers.com if you would like to do this.

4. If any member has something to sell or give away please send a small paragraph to bloomnews@rogers.com. Include a photo.
5. If you are looking for something or have had an excellent experience with a tradesperson and would like to share your experience please send in a paragraph. (i.e., landscaper, plumber, pet care, handyman, lawn cutting or snow removal service, etc.) Please include contact information.

Advertising in this newsletter.

If you have a business that you would like to advertise we will accept a business card and/or a paragraph of no more than 75 words for \$15 for one issue, \$50 for September, October, November and December, \$50 for March, April, May, and June. Make cheque payable to Streetsville Horticultural Society and submit in person to our Treasurer or mail to P.O. box listed below.

Thank-you, Lynne Sereda

Note: Limited space is available for submissions. They will be entered on a first come first serve basis.

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ALSO, SITUATIONS CHANGE...

Fall signals the time for your membership renewal in the SHS. Please fill out the attached membership form and bring it along to our meeting in September or mail it in to the address on the form.

Every member is encouraged to complete the survey section on the back of the form since the executive uses this valuable information to make decisions about the future direction of all aspects of the society. Also, situations change and you may wish to volunteer for different activities this year.

Save time by using a return address sticker for your information. Please check to make sure we have your **most up-to-date email address** which is only used to communicate SHS information.

Members, who renew their membership and complete the survey form before the end of October, will have their name submitted to a lucky draw held at the November meeting.



STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2013-2014

MEMBER(s) NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone #: _____

Email address: _____ (will only be used to communicate info re: SHS)

Date: _____ NEW RENEWAL

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$15.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

We ask you to continue your valued support of the Streetsville Horticultural Society. Your membership fee helps to support our monthly program speakers, flower shows and special events.

The newsletter is sent to all of our members nine times per year.

We hope that you have enjoyed getting together with other gardeners over the past year, to learn, share and enjoy the benefits of gardening.

Please complete the membership renewal form and return it along with your cheque or cash (exact amount) to the membership committee at the meeting or you may mail your cheque to:

**Streetsville Horticultural Society
P.O. Box 42048
128 Queen Street South
Streetsville, ON
L5M 4Z0**

If we do not receive your membership renewal by November 15th, 2014 your membership will be terminated.

Streetsville Horticultural Society

Please assist us in making our Society better by completing the following questionnaire. Thank you.

My **primary motivation** for joining the Society is:

My Career/Occupation/Industry (present or previous if you are retired):

My Hobbies/Interests/Skills:

My specific knowledge/skills on any horticultural topic that I am interested in sharing:

SHS is a voluntary organization and relies on the participation of all its members to help with all of its activities. *How will you help?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Community Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Donating to our monthly Refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donations for Draw Table | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor <input type="checkbox"/> Host |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising and Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Literacy, Excel, Web Page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up & clean up at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Finding guest speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Bus Tour, Field Trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in Flower Shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Power Point Presentations – technical layout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering for Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

What workshops would be of interest to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower arranging/Centrepieces for your home | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas designs, crafts, decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design for exhibiting (i.e., miniature, modern, oriental) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trough gardens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography in the garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Annuals vs. Perennials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Landscaping basics | <input type="checkbox"/> Water wise gardens and landscapes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant propagation, seedlings, cuttings, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Amendments |

When is the best time for workshops for you? At meetings Weekends Evenings

Are you interested in helping with member workshops?

- Presenting Presenting with a group Topic of interest: _____

Are there any topics or subjects you might like to see in the newsletter or at meetings?

Other Comments?
