



Streetsville Blooms



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Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2016

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH

Doors open 7:00 p.m.,

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

President's Message

What a summer we have had! In May of this year David Phillips, a senior climatologist with Environment Canada said, 'looking ahead through August, nearly all of Canada will see above-normal average temperatures.'

It doesn't look like the hot dry weather is over yet, a meteorologist with AccuWeather forecast 'Rainfall will remain below average for the upcoming fall season from southwestern Ontario through southern Quebec and September could still bring record warmth and higher-than-usual humidity to southern and central Ontario.'

What did you do to beat the heat and what happened in your garden? As some of you know we do not have air conditioning. I like warm weather but this year there were days when it was too hot for me, so I closed the blinds and turned on all five ceiling fans and for the most part it worked.

There have been several unusual things happening in the garden, first not one single squash out of eight plants, none even started to grow, and we do have lots of bees in the garden. Second, my blackberry bush is dying, maybe just too hot, perhaps something else, I'm not sure.



Speaker's Corner

Speaker: Robert Pavlis

Besides writing and speaking about gardening, Robert owns and operates a 6-acre private garden called Aspen Grove Gardens which now has over 3,000 perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees. He teaches courses on garden fundamentals and design at the University of Guelph, and supports a wider audience by maintaining websites on garden fundamentals and garden myths. His presentation this month will discuss garden design topics that will help you create a fall garden that is just as interesting and exciting as it is in spring and summer. He will then go on to discuss specific plants that excel in the fall season, including trees, grasses, perennials and bulbs.

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The third happening is much better; we have seen record numbers of birds in the garden this year, some species I haven't seen in our yard previously.



The local creek is almost dry and we have a garden pond, at times there have been dozens of birds lined up waiting patiently to get a drink. As fall progresses, we can step back and assess our gardens, making notes of what worked and what didn't, and especially this year what plants did best with high heat and little rainfall. Let us know what was successful and we can create a best plants list on our website

We plan to have a bulb sale this fall and an Open House in October, further details will be available soon.

Happy gardening!

Monica Ross, President

From the Membership Desk

It's that time of year again! Yes, it's time to renew your membership with our society. We have had a few changes and Lynn Merritt has stepped down from her position and has left our society. We will miss her and her dedication to our group. However, that leaves a gap on our membership desk for the upcoming year. I will step in for the

next couple of months as this is such a busy time in our society in hopes that someone will step forward and take on this task for the next couple of seasons.

Please have your forms filled out and your cheques or cash (exact change please) when you come in September. Remember you only have to print your name on the sheet and fill out your payment method unless you have a phone, email or address change.

Fees are the same as last year:

Single Membership \$20.00

Family Membership \$30.00

These fees help cover many things and really are a small price to pay for everything we get from our society over the year.

Please note that if you are entering flowers in the fall garden shows you must pay your dues in order to be considered an active member. Our year ends on August 31. If your fees have not been paid your flowers will be disqualified.

If you can help me out on the desk and you have helped Lynn or are considering taking this position, please let me know so you can get some experience on the desk. My e-mail address is gracemcelhinney@hotmail.com if you would like to help or take over this important position. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and sharing our garden stories! ✂

Cheers,

Grace McElhinney, Membership Chair

Leslie Log House



Well, was that a summer of hot or what!!!!
Somehow we managed to keep the gardens going at the Log House; pouring the water to the beds every time we were there. Thankfully some of us brought hoses from home so we had three going at a time in order to give the beds a good drink. The weather was so hot we had one of our members pass out from heat exhaustion, but we kept coming back and it all paid off!

The Streetsville Historical Society held a Leslie Clan Reunion at the Log House on August 12, and I am happy to say the gardens were at their best when the Leslie clan showed up to celebrate. The Leslie Clan Chief, all the way from Scotland, the



Hon. Alex Leslie, the brother of James Malcolm David Leslie, 22nd Earl of Rothes, led the group onto the property piped by a member of the Streetsville Pipe and Drum Band. Others who signed the visitors book came from far and wide as well, B.C., Nova

Scotia, California, Florida, etc.

Approximately 120 people were on hand for the light lunch and viewing of the log house and gardens, including Mayor Bonnie Crombie, former Mayor Hazel McCallion and Councillor George Carlson. The weather was hot and humid and the rain held off until the festivities concluded.

A few of the trees we planted on the property did not fare so well and have probably gone to 'tree heaven' or wherever dead trees go to, but all in all, the property looks pretty darned good considering the weather we have had.

Thanks to all members of the SHS who came out to plant, weed, water, trim, hoe, and share in the camaraderie over the course of the summer. Without your help the gardens would have dried up and died instead of looking so beautiful.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

Volunteer Hours



On behalf of the Streetsville Horticultural Society, I'd like to send thanks to all who contributed time to SHS over the last year: September 1, 2015 to August 21 2016.

Please make sure you send your volunteer hour list to me via e-mail at gattescohouse@rogers.com or by phone at 905.302.4491. Include your name, date, activity, and hours spent. Do not re-send hours if a team leader has already submitted them on your behalf as in time already spent at Rotary Park, Leslie Log

House, plant sale, board meetings, or Tecumseh.

Please submit as soon as possible as I am preparing a report for the next Annual General Meeting.

Eleonora Roberts, Volunteer Chair.

Photography Contest



We hope you had a wonderful summer, and were able to capture some beautiful images in the world of ours in the last year.

The following are the categories for the 2015-2016 year:

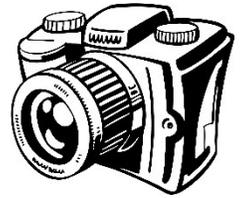
- Class 1** Fall Leaves
 - Class 2** Garden Ornament
 - Class 3** Tree Bark
 - Class 4** Wild flowers
 - Class 5** Our Precious Pollinators
 - Class 6** A Bird
 - Class 7** Pool Ornament
 - Class 8** A Path
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Remember to lug
your mug!

Photo Contest Rules:

- Closing date to coincide with September 13, 2016 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 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.



We will be submitting our entries at the SHS meeting on September 13. 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't see to whom the photo belongs.

Please put your photos in an envelope, with your name on the outside of the envelope.

If there is a category or categories which you would like to see in the 2016-2017 session. E-mail me at hschouten@hotmail.com. We will select the best eight categories for the October Photo contest newsletter.

**Point system for the 2015-2016
photo contest:**

First – 5 points
Second – 4 points
Third – 3 points
Honourable mention – 2 points
Entry – 1 point
Judge's choice, no points,
ribbon awarded.

Henry Schouten, Photo Contest Chair

Gift Table Baskets

It was a very busy night at our meeting in June. Lots going on for our last meeting of the 2015-2016 year. We gave away lots of goodies. I am looking forward to an exciting fall and seeing everyone once again.

Together we have raised \$546.00 for our club this year (Jan. to June), and last June was great with \$124.00 raised! I could not do this without your participation. The baskets are a great value for a \$2 opportunity to win, so please keep playing!

I have attached pictures of September's baskets and they are wonderful. You know even if you win and you don't want the gift you can re-donate it back to me to use again!

A number of you wanted to donate items at the end of last season and I asked you to hold off until September, so now if you have something in almost perfect condition or new, please feel free to do so now.

If anyone has any suggestions for improving our draw table, please feel free to e-mail me at gracemcelhinney@hotmail.com. We want

this to be fun while at the same time earn funds for the society.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday September 13, 2016!

I will be running the Registration desk until a new person takes on this responsibility and I have a special draw for anyone who pays in full in September. It is time to renew your membership and since we need a new person to run this, please think of getting your payments in for September so the paperwork is easier for me as I will be doing two functions.

Cheers,





Grace McElhinney, Gift Table Convener

Tecumseh Townhouse

Last year, 2015, was a costly and devastating year for the residents of Tecumseh Cooperative Homes complex. Every tree on their property had to be replaced due to an infestation of Emerald Ash Borer. Their executive requested a reprieve from judging that year.

On July 18, 2016, eight members of Streetsville Horticultural Society volunteered their time to come out to resume judging at 6555 Falconer Drive. One hundred and thirteen homes were judged.

The criteria to judge each unit is based on the condition of their lawns, flower selection, colour and how they displayed their plants to enhance their properties.

The volunteers were treated to an appreciation social provided by the townhouse executive at the conclusion of the judging. A \$200 honorarium was presented to Streetsville Horticultural Society.

A big thank you to all who helped make this annual event successful. Carol Ashford compiled the statistics and submitted the results to the T.C.H. executive. A total of 29

volunteer hours was submitted for this event.

Dean Scully, Tecumseh Chair

Flower show schedule

Please remember that the new entry forms are available online on the SHS website. Take a few minutes, print it out and fill the forms before arriving at the meeting. The entries will be accepted up to 7:30 p.m. Therefore, plan to arrive in plenty of time to allow you to get your entries in place.

Flower show documents and the show rules are also available on our website. For other further information, consult the *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design*, or the *SHS Flower Show Handbook* on our website at www.streetsvillehort.ca.

September Flower Schedule

Horticulture

Class 1 Aconitum (Monkshood) – 1 stem

Class 2 Anemone – 1 bloom

Class 3 Antirrhinum (Snapdragon) – 1 cultivar – 2 stems

Class 4 Aster – perennial - 1 stem

Class 5 Astilbe – 1 stem with own foliage

Class 6 Chrysanthemum any variety – 1 stem

Class 7 Clematis – 2 blooms with foliage

Class 8 Cleome (Turtlehead) – 1 stem

Class 9 Cosmos – 3 blooms – 1 variety

Class 10 Coreopsis – 3 blooms, any colour

Class 11 Dahlia –1 bloom, giant/large–6 inches and greater

Class 12 Dahlia –1 bloom medium/small - under 6 inches

Class 13 Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1stem

Class 14 Gaillardia (Blanket Flower) – 1 bloom

Class 15 Geranium (Cranesbill, hardy perennial) -1 spray or 3 blooms

Class 16 Geranium (Pelargonium – large flowered, 1 stem

Class 17 Helianthus (sunflower) – 1 stem, any size bloom

Class 18 Hydrangea – 1 bloom

Class 19 Lathyrus (Sweet Pea), annual, any colour, 1 to 3 blooms

Class 20 Phlox – 1 stem

Class 21 Rose – hybrid tea, any colour – 1 bloom

Class 22 Rose – climbing – 1 cluster or bloom

Class 23 Rose – miniature – 1 cluster or bloom

Class 24 Rudbeckia – 1 stem

Class 25 Verbena – 2 stems, any type, any colour

Class 26 Any summer flowering bulb (Gladioli, Canna, Calla etc.) – 1 stem

Class 27 Zinnias – 1 bloom

Class 28 Any annual not listed – 1 stem or bloom

Class 29 Any perennial not listed - 1 stem or bloom

Fruits and Vegetables Tips:

- Fruit is not to be polished
- Root vegetables have foliage removed to 2 Cm
- Beans have the calyx, tip and a portion of the stem attached.

Class 30 Tomato –cherry variety – 5 specimens, same variety, calyx on

Class 31 Tomato -3 same variety –over 3” – calyx on

Class 32 Any other vegetable – 3 specimens

Class 33 Any other large vegetable – 1 specimen

Class 34 Grapes – any variety – 1 bunch on plate

Class 35 Apples or Pears – any variety – 3 on a plate

Class 36 Any other fruit not listed – 3 on a plate

Design

Class 1 “September Song” – a design

Class 2 “Crazy Rhythm” – musical theme incorporating pink and red

Novice

Class 3 “Salad Bowl” – using appropriate plant and floral material

Miniature

Class 4 “Small Wonders” – a design

June Flower Show Results



Above: The perfect peony, Anita King, Cultural, Best in Show. Below, Ursula Evanoff, Best in Show, Design.



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Jobs for the month of September (Zone 6)

General

- Continue watering and weeding;
- Remove spent crops and flowers.

Trees and shrubs

- Plant nursery-grown evergreen shrubs;
- Water as necessary.

Lawns

- Make a new lawn from seed or turf;
- Make repairs to existing lawns;
- Rake and remove fallen leaves;
- Fertilize lawn with fall fertilizer.

Vegetables

- Thin weed and transplant seedlings;
- Harvest tomatoes and salad crops;
- Harvest root crops, including carrots, onions and beets before frost;
- Lift main crop potatoes;
- Clean up and dispose of dead, dying and decayed vegetable plants.

Flowers

- Transplant biennials;
- Remove dead or dying annuals;
- Dig out summer bulbs, such as dahlias;
- Empty out flower containers as they pass their prime;
- Consider buying more roses;
- Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds. ✂



2016 - 2017 Membership Application/Renewal

MEMBER'(s) NAME(s):

(Contact info is not necessary unless there are changes since last renewal)

ADDRESS:

POSTAL CODE:

Home Phone #

Cell Phone #

Email address:

(Will only be used to communicate info from SHS)

Date:

NEW

RENEWAL

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$30.00

Cash/Cheque

Newsletter Supplemental Mailing Fee **\$10.00**

(Only applicable if you want a hard copy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you.)

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

The newsletter is mailed 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:

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If we do not receive your membership renewal by November 20th, 2017, your membership will be terminated and you will no longer receive our fabulous newsletter.

You can participate by donating your time, skills and knowledge in our activities or as a member of a committee or the Board of Directors.