



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2019

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 pm
Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The President's Message

It's almost the beginning of March, only 3 weeks to spring. We certainly have had a difficult winter so far. As many of you know I visited the island of Hawaii in the fall. These two pictures were taken at the Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Garden. Maybe they will make you feel warmer!



Some reminders: Don't forget the March photo contest; details were in the February newsletter

Spring Open House is on April 9: this event is a great opportunity to introduce local residents to our society. We need new members, their skills to help our society grow and prosper please ask your friends, neighbours, colleagues to join us for the evening. Flyers will be available at the March



12 meeting. Open House information will be posted on our own website plus many other local event websites.

Coming events: The Brampton Horticultural Society and the City of Brampton present their sixth Annual Seedy Saturday & Garden Show

Date: Saturday, March 9th, 2019: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East, Brampton

Free admission, ample parking, Seedy Café, First 100 visitors receive a free plant

Activities: Kids' zone - learn about seeds & plants, "Ask an Expert" opportunities,

Seed exchange: Share, swap and buy seeds; learn from exhibits and presentations; create gardening communities, Environmental and Conservation groups

Seed and related vendors; Used gardening books
Supported by Seeds of Diversity

Canada Blooms Friday March 8 – Sunday, Mar 17, 2019 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place

Volunteer help wanted: As a city of Mississauga affiliate we can place SHS publicity items at local libraries. If you live close to one of these library branches Streetsville, Erin Meadows or South Common We are looking for 3 people with 30 mins time available each month to drop off flyers and our publicity postcards.

Jiffy 7 Peat pellets: if you grow plants from seed we have a bargain for you, we will have peat pellets available at 1 cent each at our March meeting. Bring small change and a bag to take your pellets home. ☘

Happy Spring Dreams

Monica

Speaker of the Month

The speaker for March is Chuck Chapman and his topic is "Iris Throughout the Seasons".

Chuck is the owner and operator of Canada's largest and oldest Iris speciality nurseries. He has been putting out a catalogue since 1991 and currently sends plants to Canada and USA. He grows about 1500 named varieties and lists about 750 in his catalogue, including many species of iris plants.

Chapman Iris farm is located just north of Guelph on Wellington Road 124 between Guelph and Erin. Eleven acres of sandy loam with about 2 acres of natural wetlands including a large naturalized pond. Here there are about four acres of iris plants under cultivation almost half of it seedlings under development. This is probably the most northern iris farm in existence and certainly the most northern location that produces new bearded iris plants. There is little snow cover most winters and the springs are cold and wet.

Hybridizing: Chuck does extensive plant breeding and carefully selects plants for good growth as well as beauty. All plants are carefully selected to be hardy in the Canadian garden. Chuck has registered over 130 iris cultivars from his hybridising program. There are iris plants for all climates and bloom times. From early spring there are iris blooming with the crocus and there are still plants blooming until the heavy frosts shut down the garden.

Chuck presents about information at various talks and presentations in Canada and USA each year.

From the Raffle Table



We return for the March meeting with lovely things for raffle table and also some plants we are excited about this month table please come and browse and bring your toonies to support the horticulture society . ☘

Asma and Franca

Plant sale 2019

Our Plant Sale will be held at the Leslie Log House on Saturday May 25, 2019, the weekend after the Victoria Day holiday.

For those of you who are new members and as a reminder for our veteran members, we need every member to make this sale successful! We need your time and we need your plants.

The plant sale is SHS's biggest fundraiser of the year; it pays for Speakers, Meeting space rent, Premiums, Community planting and Judges for the Flower Show. Our goal is to meet or exceed the \$7,000 we raised in 2018.

Over the next few months we will be looking for recruits. Think about what you can do to help.



Volunteers will be needed for digging up plants for those who can't, potting up, making labels, labeling, caring for plants after they are potted up until the plant sale, soliciting donations from local nurseries and garden centres, tray and box collecting, signs and flyers, publicity, running the raffle table, crafting speciality items for sale and for the raffle table.

Sale day: Transporting potted plants to the plant sale, set up, clean up, providing refreshments for volunteers cashiers, sales staff, parking directors and more.,

Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the March meeting.

We also want what you don't want! If you have old garden ornaments you no longer want in your garden such as planters, signs, lanterns, statues, birdhouses, feeders, etc. We will have an area at the sale set aside for these items.

We want the left over pots and trays you have cluttering up your sheds and garages. Please bring them to the April meeting.

We want your plants, go back through your garden pictures and see if there are plants you do not want, or plants (especially hostas) that are so big they need to be split, or are you still

waiting for that special plant to earn its keep, maybe it needs a new home!

NEEDS LIST:

- Volunteers
- Plants
- Trays
- Clean pots no smaller than 6" in diameter
- Garden Ornaments

Plant sale committee meeting will be held in late March, if you would like to join the planning committee please get in touch

Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair and Carol Ashford, Plant Sale Expert Extraordinaire

The focal point of this park is the beautifully renovated, two-story house with elegant white columns and wrap around porch. In a setting of moss-draped live oaks, the 1897 mansion recalls a prosperous era before the virgin forests of longleaf pine and cypress were exhausted in this part of the state. In 1963, Lois Maxon bought and renovated the home, creating a showplace for her family heirlooms and antiques.



Gardens can be secluded, quiet places where you can surround yourself in Florida's year-round beauty. In fact, many gardens have peak blooms not when you expect but in the winter.



Imagine experiencing the array of pink and white azaleas as snow falls in other parts of the country. ❧

Grace Nelham in Florida

If you have a business to promote or something you want
To sell why not advertise in Streetsville Blooms.

Free to a good home items: no charge

Newsletter advertising rates: Ad Sizes

Business card \$ 10, Quarter Page \$ 20

Half Page \$ 30, Full Page \$ 40

Spring is on the way!

We are in NW Florida at The Eden Gardens State Park is on 163 acres of land and features a historic homestead under majestic moss draped oaks, azaleas and camellias. The bees are in abundance.

New Echinacea varieties

Do the fancy new varieties of echinacea need special care? Many gardeners have tried a few new varieties with poor results.

Meanwhile the basic no-name purple coneflowers continue to thrive in the garden for years, so the conditions seem right for echinacea.

You're not the only one who's had poor performance from the new echinaceas. The problem is likely not your garden conditions or your care of the plants. Echinacea, or coneflowers, continue to be introduced each year with fanciful names, and less than fanciful growth.

Expert Diagnosis of New Varieties of Echinacea

The problem, says horticulturist and plantsman Tony Avent of Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, N.C., is that novelty Echinacea introductions rarely set seed. Although they may last up to three years in the garden, they then die out and leave that gaping hole. By contrast, the "old" kind will self-seed happily—and freely. Avent says, "So you lose the original plant after a while. But there will be a little one at the base to take its place."

To avoid disappointment, he recommends treating the fanciest coneflowers as annuals or very short-lived perennials. If they don't come back you won't be disappointed, and if they do come back you'll have a pleasant surprise.

For the most reliable coneflowers, stick to varieties in shades of purple, or in white. Also, be sure that the plants you purchase have gone through a winter—in other words, that they are not seedlings. Plant them early in the growing season to give them the longest time to establish before winter.

District 15 AGM

Theme: Something Magic

Date: Saturday April 27, 2019, meeting starts at 10am

Cost: \$30 includes continental breakfast, morning coffee and lunch, a subsidy will

be provided to those members who attend the meeting



Location: Capitol Banquet Centre, 6435 Dixie Rd, Mississauga

Flower Show entries will be accepted from 8.15 am all entries must be in place by 9.30am

Guest Speaker: Heinke Thiessen

Society flower show class: Division 2, Class 9: THE SORTING HAT

The sorting hat of Harry Potter fame magically determines to which of the four school houses each new student most belongs. Though it's a hat the Sorting Hat is sentient and has its own personality.

Decorate the hat provided in any way you wish. Hogwarts' Sorting Hat was old, dirty and well-worn-yours is new, clean and just

waiting to take on a personality of its own. The hat is the Society's to do with what you please. One or more members may create the entry on behalf of their Society, however, only one entry per Society is permitted.

If you are interested in being part of a hat decorating group please contact
Debbie Lemire Flower Show Convener
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The Complete AGM Flower show schedule will be posted on our website and printed copies available at the March meeting.



Spring Dreams



SHS Flower show schedule

Spring may seem a long way off. But this month, the Flower Show schedule is published to give members an idea of what to grow.

Starting in May, members are encouraged to bring at least one flower from their garden to enter into the Flower Show. Cut your freshest bloom and put it in a vase of water and enter one of the categories. Let us show our pride and show off to our members what beautiful blossoms we are growing.

Debbie Lemire
Flower Show Convener

Class	May 14, 2019
	HORTICULTURE
1	Bleeding Heart (Dicentra), any colour - 1 stem
2	Branch, flowering –36” or less
3	Clematis – 1 vine, not over 18 inches
4	Collection of small spring flowers, 5 different cultivars, attached foliage only. 1 entry per exhibitor.
5	Columbine (Aquilegia) – 1 spray
6	Hellibore – any colour, 1 stem
7	Iris, Tall bearded, over 27 inches -1 stalk
8	Iris, any other variety - 1 stalk
9	Lilac (Syringa) – 1 truss (compact cluster on one stem)
10	Muscari – 3 stems, same variety, no foliage
11	Narcissus, large cup, - 1 scape
12	Narcissus, small cup, - 1 scape
13	Narcissus, any other, - 1 scape
14	Paeonia (Peony) Tree – 1 bloom, disbudded
15	Polygonatum (Solomon’s Seal) – 1 stem
16	Rhododendron – 1 truss (compact cluster on 1 stem)
17	Rhubarb, 3 stalks, pulled not cut, leaves trimmed to 2” fan shape
18	Tulipa (Tulip) – single, 1 bloom
19	Tulipa (Tulip) – any other variety, 1 bloom
20	Any other Bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed – 1 stem
21	Any other Perennial not listed – 1 stem or bloom
22	African Violet – 1 dish
	DESIGN Theme: Spring Equinox
23	<i>Spring Fling</i> – a basket design
24	<i>Walking on Sunshine</i> - a design using Spring Flowers – NOVICE

Class	June 11, 2019
	HORTICULTURE
1	Allium – small under 4”, same cultivar, 3 stems
2	Allium, - large, 1 stem
3	Clematis – 1 large bloom
4	Collection of perennial flowers in container, 5 different cultivars, no cut foliage
5	Day Lily (Hemerocallis) – 1 scape
6	Dianthus – 1 cultivar – 2 stems
7	Fern, Japanese Painted – 3 fronds
8	Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 stems in bloom, same cultivar
9	Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 leaves, same cultivar
10	Hosta, – 3 leaves, different cultivars
11	Hosta, – 3 leaves, same cultivar
12	Iris miniature – under 8”, any colour, 1 stalk
13	Iris, any variety – 1 stalk
14	Lavender - 3 stems in bloom
15	Peony (Paeonia) – double/semi-double, 1 bloom
16	Peony (Paeonia) - single, Japanese or Anemone, 1 bloom
17	Rosa (Rose) – grandiflora, floribunda, polyantha – 1 spray
18	Rosa (Rose) – modern shrub, 1 bloom or spray
19	Rosa (Rose) –Judged for fragrance, any variety – 1 bloom
20	Any other perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
21	Any annual not listed – 3 blooms or stems (<i>must have been in possession for 90 days</i>)
22	A collection of herbs, grown in the garden, in vase, must be named
	DESIGN Theme: Not a Cloud in the Sky
23	<i>Fully open Bloom</i> – a bloom, without foliage, floating in a clear bowl of water
24	<i>Soak up the Sun</i> – CASCADE design
25	<i>Surf and Turf</i> – PAVE design

Class	September 10, 2019
	HORTICULTURE
1	Anemone, Japanese – 1 stem
2	Chrysanthemum – any variety, 1 spray
3	Collection of annuals, 5 cultivars, no cut foliage, 1 per exhibitor
4	Collection of perennials, 5 cultivars, no cut foliage, 1 per exhibitor
5	Dahlia – 1 bloom, over 4"
6	Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1 stem
7	Helianthus (sunflower) – 1 stem, any size bloom
8	Hydrangea – 1 bloom, any cultivar
9	Phlox – 1 stem
10	Rosa (Rose) – any variety – 1 bloom or spray
11	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
12	Sedum – 1 stem
13	Zinnia – 1 bloom
14	Any perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
15	Any annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
16	Tomato – 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
11	Small vegetable (pepper, pea, bean, etc.) same cultivar, 3 specimens on a plate,
18	Large vegetable (eg. Turnip, Squash) – 1 specimen
19	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Indian Summer
20	<i>Harvest Moon</i> – a WATER design
21	<i>Autumn Colours</i> – MINIATURE design
22	<i>Migrating South</i> – NOVICE design

Class	October 8, 2019
	HORTICULTURE
1	Aconitum (Monkshood) - 1 stem
	Aster – perennial – 2 sprays
2	Branch showing fall colour – not over 36” from top of container
3	Branch showing fruit - not over 36” from top of container
4	Cactus or Succulent – any variety, 1 pot
5	Chrysanthemum – double – 1 spray
6	Chrysanthemum – single – 1 spray
7	Coleus – 1 cultivar, 3 stems
8	Collection of garden flowers, may include branches and grasses – <i>minimum</i> 5 different cultivars, 1 entry per exhibitor.
9	Hydrangea – 1 bloom
10	Herbs – 3 stems, one each of 3 different cultivars.
11	Ornamental grass – 1 cultivar – 3 stems
12	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
13	Sedum – any cultivar – 3 stems
14	Zinnia – 1 bloom
15	Any other perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
16	Any other annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
17	Any vegetable – 1 large specimen, or 3 small specimens same cultivar, on a plate.
20	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: All Hallow’s Eve
21	<i>Welcome to my Nightmare</i> – a design using a Halloween character, such as a skeleton, ghost, or bats
22	<u>MEMBERS CHOICE!</u> A Carved or Decorated pumpkin of any theme. Show your creativity! Member judged. First, second and third place awarded.