



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2018

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

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

The President's Message

Is it really April? After what seems to be months of many layers of ice covering my driveway, and my front path I'm more than ready for spring. The last few days have seen most of the 'white stuff' disappear. Suddenly there are bulbs popping up everywhere, species crocuses and tulips, camassia and leucojum I planted last fall, plus daffodils, chionodoxa and other bulbs that were planted almost 20 years ago.

Some not so pleasant surprises; rabbits have once again eaten some of my roses; they did leave the lavender alone! We saw a mink in the garden in mid-January and mistakenly thought that the depth of ice on the pond would keep it out of the pond, there are now no gold fish in my garden pond. I need a new plan!

Reminders: the 2019 District 15 Annual General





ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 15
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hosted by
Credit Valley Horticultural Society

Saturday, April 27, 2019
Capitol Banquet Centre
6435 Dixie Road,
Mississauga, Ontario

Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 27th at the Capitol Banquet Centre (6435 Dixie Road, Mississauga), hosted by Credit Valley Horticultural Society. The cost is \$30; members who attend the AGM will get a refund of \$10 at our May meeting. We have to submit the list of attendees on April 10th, if you have not signed up yet, the deadline is our April 9th meeting.

The AGM information package including the flower schedule is posted on our SHS website www.streetsvillehort.ca

The April 9th meeting is our Spring Open House, and is promoted on 10 different websites including Facebook, please share this invitation. .

✂ Monica



From the Membership Desk

What a fun, interesting and busy evening we had. We had signups for the flower sale, the April AGM meeting, volunteers for snacks and chair placement after April's meeting, and best of all new chairs to sit in. What more could we ask for! My last letter had us counting down to spring with 69 days to go... How time flies (in case your counting down to Summer) ... ONLY

77 days to go!



52 members enjoyed Chuck Chapman's presentation of his Iris collection. My favourites of the evening were the Ruby Eruption and Black Lightening varieties.

One new member joined us. Please welcome Mukesh Sainani. We hope you enjoyed the evening Mukesh!

Please remember to wear your name tag at all times while at our meeting It will make it much easier for us to get to know one another. Pick up your name tag when signing in at the desk and return it at the end of the meeting.

If you took your name tag home with you, remember to tuck it back in your pocket for our up-coming meeting in April.

Looking forward to seeing you at April's meeting!

✂ Vivianne Holmes, Membership Chair

Speaker of the Month

"Choosing the Best...the Process" The Trial Garden Program at the University of Guelph by Rodger Tschanz

Rodger Tschanz has worked in the field of horticulture at the University of Guelph since graduating in 1989. He is currently a research technician with the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph where he is involved with ornamental breeding projects, teaching plant ID, and liaising with high school horticultural and science students.

He has also been the manager of the Guelph Ornamental Trial Garden program since its inception in 2001. This program has trial sites in Guelph, Milton, Vineland and at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. Between 400 and 500 new annuals and perennials are evaluated each year for their suitability to the southern Ontario gardens.



From The Raffle Table

Hello to fellow members and spring

We are back at the raffle table for the April meeting with great prizes, gifts and plants.

Thank you to all members who support SHS by spending your toonies at the raffle table. Please continue to support the horticulture society by bringing in donations of items for gardens or gardeners.

We are also looking for new or gently used items for the raffle table at this year's plant sale. When you are clearing out the garage, the basement or shed please put aside planters, signs, lanterns, statues, birdhouses, feeders, etc that you no longer want and



bring them to the April meeting.

Thank you for your donations! Happy Easter and spring ☘

Asma and Franca

From the Refreshment Table

I trust everyone enjoyed the spectacular iris slides as well as the comfortable new chairs. I would like to thank the following for their contributions to the refreshment table - Rosemarie Bera, Sandra Jensen, Jo-Anne Kim, Kathleen Hayward, Grace Nelham, Ursula Evanoff, Mahasen Ibrahim and Eleonora Roberts. A special thank you goes to Simon Campling and Joan Chin for staying behind to help cleanup. Apologies to anyone I missed.

I am passing the baton and the society will be looking for a new refreshment coordinator to take over in September 2019. Please contact me or Monica if you're interested in this position.

Heather Walker, Refreshment Coordinator



LITTER PICK UP AT LESLIE LOG HOUSE

Winter has once again left its mark on the Leslie Log House property! There is always garbage to be found, especially alongside the road where disgusting passers-by just toss their unwanted items out of their cars.

We are holding the **LITTER PICK UP** on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH. We realize not all of you are retired, but if you are and are looking for a morning out in the sunshine (hopefully) with fellow hort. members, please come along to the Leslie Log House property (4415 Mississauga Road) around **9:30 a.m.**

We will provide you with a garbage bag. You need to bring gloves, boots, etc. Hoping to see lots of you there to help keep this property looking good!

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log Chair

Rotary Park

It's clean-up time at Rotary Park and I'm proposing to do this on Saturday 13th April starting at 10am.

I don't think there's going to be a huge amount of work because most of the leaves either blew away or the city cleaned them up. There will be some garbage though and some cutting back of dead plant material, so please bring lawn rake, gloves and snips.

If you've never been to Rotary Park, it's on Queen Street in Streetsville, just north of the library and Tim Horton's.

Our regular work party meets there every other Thursday morning at about 9.30 and our first one will probably be May 9th, I'll confirm this nearer the time.

Hope to see a good crowd on April 13th!

Jon Eldridge

April: Go green!!

Nature's gifts to our planet are the millions of species that we know and love, and many more that remain to be discovered. Unfortunately, human beings have irrevocably upset the balance of nature and, as a result, the world is facing the greatest rate of extinction since we lost the dinosaurs more than 60 million years ago. But unlike the fate of the dinosaurs, the rapid extinction of species in our world today is the result of human activity.



The unprecedented global destruction and rapid reduction of plant and wildlife populations are directly linked to causes driven by human activity: climate change, deforestation, habitat loss, trafficking and poaching, unsustainable agriculture, pollution and pesticides to name a few. The impacts are far reaching.

If we do not act now, extinction may be humanity's most enduring legacy. All living things have an intrinsic value, and each plays a unique role in the complex web of life. The good news is that the rate of extinctions can still be slowed, and many of our declining, threatened and endangered species can still recover if we work together now to build a united global movement of consumers, voters, educators, faith leaders, and scientists to demand immediate action.

Earth Day Network is asking people to DO simple and easy tasks to protect the earth, save money and make every day Earth Day. You can make a difference! Join a local park, river or beach clean-up.

- Use environmentally-friendly, non-toxic cleaning products.
- Carpool, ride your bike, use public transportation or drive an electric or hybrid car.
- Stop using disposable plastics, especially single-use plastics like bottles, bags and straws.

- Recycle paper, plastic and glass. Reduce your garbage by 10% and your carbon footprint by 1,200 pounds a year.
- Use cloth towels instead of paper ones.
- Change your paper bills to online billing. You'll be saving trees and the fuel it takes to deliver your bills by truck.
- Read documents online instead of printing them.
- Collect used printer, fax, and copier cartridges to recycle.
- Choose reusable utensils, trays, and dishes in the cafeteria and reusable bottles and mugs for coffee.
- Bring reusable bags when you shop. Pack your lunch in a reusable bag.
- Grow your own organic garden, or join a farm-share group.
- Compost kitchen scraps for use in your garden — turning waste into fertilizer.
- Volunteer for a local environmental group and/or make a donation.
- Pull out invasive plants in your yard or garden and replace them with native ones.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator to save energy (and get exercise!).

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>

March Member Judged Photo Contest

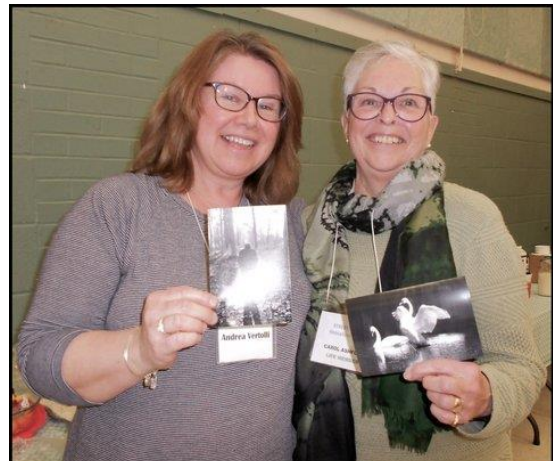
At our March meeting we held our second annual member judged photo contest. The black and white class had 12 entries, the colour class 19 entries.



And the winners are! Monika Schouten for colour



Andrea Vertolli and Carol Ashford tied for favourite black and white photo



Plant Sale Next Steps

What we need: We want the pots (minimum size 6 inches), and trays you have cluttering up your sheds and garages. We want your old damaged plastic blinds, we can cut them up to use for plant labels. Plastic Jugs for planters. Please bring these items to the April meeting in a bag.



If you have a garden planter idea or are interested in being part of the creative team, contact us

Shirley Boyes will be transforming plastic jugs, into planters so save a few, make sure they have lids



Before and After

If you find a homeless chair on the side of the road, take it home and give us a call. We or you can transform it into an elegant planter!

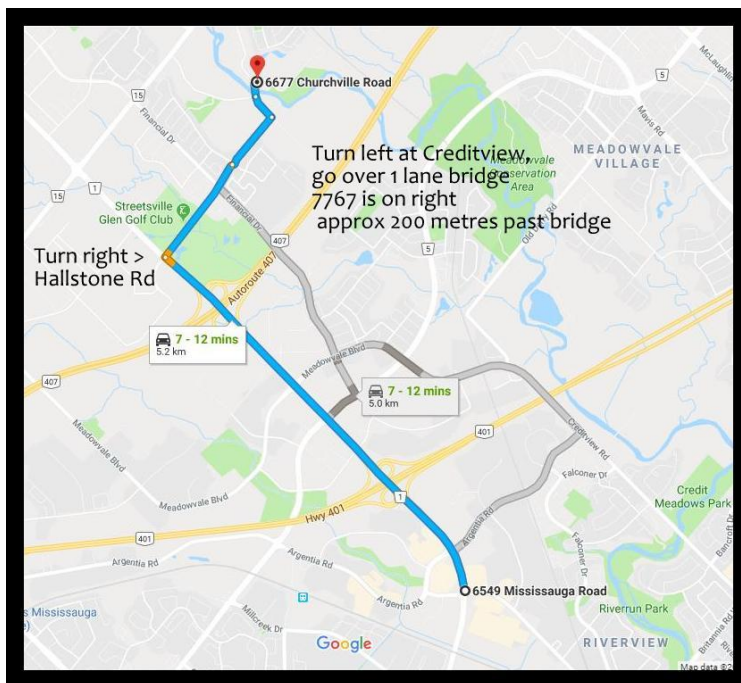


Potting Dates at Pengilley's nursery in Churchville, 7767 Churchville Road,

POTTING DATES

Sat April 27,	9.30am
Sun April 28,	11am
Wed May 1,	9.30am
Sat May 4,	9.30am
Sun May 5,	11am
Wed May 8,	9.30am
Sat May 11,	9.30am
Sun May 12,	11am
Wed May 15,	9.30am

Bring plants, trowel, clippers, gloves, a bottle of water and lots of energy. If the weather is unpleasant we pot in the greenhouse



Driving Directions: From Erin Mills Pkwy and Mississauga Rd/Queen Street

- North on Erin Mills Pkwy
- Over 401 and 407
- Turn first right on Hallstone Road
- Pass through one roundabout and take Hallstone to end
- Turn Left on Creditview Road to stop sign, then Stay to the right (Churchville Road) and cross the single lane bridge over Credit River
- 7767 Churchville Road is on right before you go up the hill

Class	Flower Show 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	Hellebore – 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