



Streetsville Blooms

Streetsville Horticultural Society

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The categories are:

Class 1-Fall Glory

Class 2-Winter in the woods

Class 3-Between a rock and a hard place, a plant growing among rocks

Class 4-Spring Finery

Class 5-Come fly with me, bugs, birds or butterflies

Class 6-Blooms in the City

Class 7-Wildflowers

Class 8-A Black and White photo

The rules are:

- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and be nature related.
- Colored photos, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class per family membership, one for each of the two members
- If photo does not meet category it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Pictures to be taken between Sept 1st, 2018 and August 31st, 2019

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2019

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The President's Message

It's September and sometimes it seems more like the start of a new year than January 1st does. School starts again, weather starts to change and SHS will also be starting another year of events and activities.

Reminders

Our September meeting is when we renew our memberships. We rely on all our members to help with our activities and events so please sign up and volunteer some time to help run your society. Entries for the 2018-19 photo contest are due at the September meeting.

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

We have flower shows in September and October. 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 31 August 2019. If your fees have not been paid at the September meeting your entries in the September flower show will be disqualified.

Entries must be on display by 7:15 p.m.

Please remember to submit any volunteer hours you have worked that were not previously submitted to Maureen Dodd as soon as possible. If your hours were part of a group activity the group leader will already have submitted the hours.

If you still have plant sale signs please return them

Our October meeting will be an Open House plus Bulb Sale; we have ordered a selection of interesting bulbs that will be available at less than retail prices.

Welcome to Cathy Clipperton our new Refreshments Coordinator. Please sign up to donate to our snack table.

✂ Monica

Lessons from Iceland



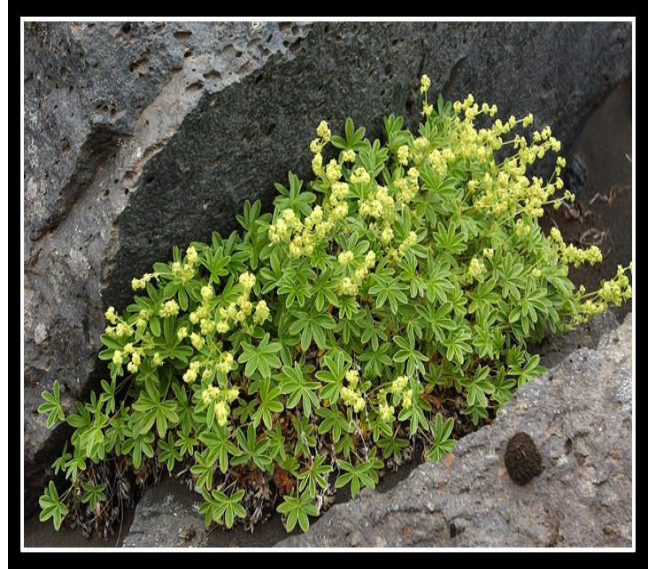
As many of you know I went to Iceland for my summer holiday. Many of you probably also know that there are thousands of acres of lupins in Iceland. Did you know they are not native? *Lupinus nootkatensis* is native to northern British Columbia and Alaska. It was deliberately introduced to Iceland. Why?

The arctic birch is the only native tree that grows over five feet tall. Iceland was first settled in 874, at that time about 30% of the island was forested. Most of the arctic birch were cut down by early settlers to clear land for farming, for fuel and toolmaking. By the early 1900s no forested areas existed. When the trees were gone, there was nothing to hold the shallow soils in place.

Even today sandstorms happen, sand and gravel insurance is recommended when renting a car, if you leave the car in the wrong place at the wrong time you may come back to find the car sandblasted down to bare metal.

By the early 1900s erosion had become a significant problem. Particularly bad sand storms can wipe out both crops and livestock. In 1945 a decision was made to do something to combat erosion. Lupin seeds were brought to Iceland from Prince William Sound to solve the problem. Lupins are a legume, can absorb nitrogen from the air and extract phosphorus from poor soils. They grow quickly and stabilize the soil. The idea was to reduce erosion and increase the fertility of the soil so farmland would be more productive.

BUT they now cover huge areas, it has spread to areas where there was no need to combat soil erosion, they invade the farmlands they fertilized, they grow thousands of feet high on the side of mountains, grow on glacial outlets and shade out the much shorter native plants. The end result: the Icelandic native bee population is decreasing, native plants are not being pollinated, less seed means fewer plants such as arctic lady's mantle seen in this picture, fewer plants mean less pollen for bees, less ground cover and more erosion in highly fragile ecosystems that are too dry for lupin growth.



The lesson learned is think, think again and think some more before introducing an alien species.

✂ Monica

'Lug a Mug'

Let's start the new season off with an environmental initiative.



There is a huge outcry involving single-use plastics and their effect on our oceans and waterways. Although polystyrene cups are somewhat recyclable, perhaps we could all do our small part in eliminating some of this from landfill (where much of it ends up) and carry our own drinking cup with us to meetings. To this end, I would like to initiate the 'Lug a Mug' program. Just tuck your mug into your bag, purse or jacket pocket and enjoy a pollution-free cuppa at our meetings. We do have some polystyrene cups on hand but when they're gone, they're gone. I hope this helps in some small way to care for our planet. We wouldn't be gardeners if we didn't care! Cheers! **Cathy Clipperton... The Cupcake Lady** ✂

Rotary Park



The city forgot to turn the sprinklers on till late July, so I must remind them next year.

Our volunteers have been good, but we could always use 1 or 2 more, so if you're free every other Thursday morning you'll be very welcome.

We'll be taking up a few hostas next week, to make room for other plants so if anyone wants any, please let me know. **Jon** ☞

Speaker of the Month



Our Speaker for September 10th is JoAnne Howes. She will be speaking about Mushrooms and Fungi.

JoAnne Howes is past president & currently vice-president of the Erin Horticultural Society. An avid organic country gardener & seed saver with a special interest in all things "fungi & mushroom" related. **Janet** ☞

Leslie Log House

A very hot and dry summer took its toll on the gardens at the Log House.

We had tons and tons of weeds and were barely able to keep on top of them.

We did not plant any annuals in the gardens this year and some of the



perennials seemed to get off to a slow start. Some plants that were flourishing at this time last year have not even bloomed as yet. Thanks to the great efforts of our volunteers: Christina Anonymchuck, Maryanne Brown, Nury Garzon, Sue Harshman, Viv Holmes, Debbie Lemire, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross, and Marg Rowan.

Unfortunately, Dean Scully, who has always been a great help, was sidelined due to a knee replacement, but recently has returned to help out. Yeah Team!!!

We are planning some major revitalization of the front bed but are waiting for the parking lot to be paved. It was supposed to be completed in July and we are still waiting. Another small garden is planned near the shed in a space that we have cleaned up under an apple tree.

A great summer with great help! Thanks to all!!

Are you interested in joining the Board of Directors for SHS?

It's something we all need to think about. As a registered not-for-profit organization and a member of the OHA, we are required to have a Board of Directors, elected for one or two year terms at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is coming up in November. Monica has been President for 2 terms and must step down according to SHS rules. Dean Scully has been on the Board for twenty years and is also retiring, as are Debbie Lemire, Jon Eldridge and Vivianne Holmes.

So, what does the Board do? It is not an onerous position. We meet on the Tuesday night prior to each monthly SHS meeting, usually for less than 2 hours. We discuss upcoming activities, the immediate next meeting and other events that may be further out, to ensure all necessary planning is in place. We review our finances with the Treasurer (Martha Witney) to ensure that we are not spending more than we have and that our records are up-to-date. We discuss ideas for out-of-the-ordinary activities that members may have suggested. We arrange for speakers, and plan for the Christmas Workshop.

Not all of the actual planning activity is done by the Board members themselves. Things like the annual plant sale, Leslie Log House maintenance, and Rotary Park have committees that take care of those activities, but the Board is ultimately responsible for approving and funding, ensuring that all activities are within the rules of the society as defined in the SHS Constitution. We are also an official affiliate of the City of Mississauga and required to operate within their guidelines as well. Other activities that ultimately "report" to the Board but are not led by Board members include overseeing the membership desk at each meeting, maintaining our membership list, refreshments, the raffle table at our meetings, and managing our website.

This is your opportunity to influence how things are done within our society. Two hours a month is all we are asking for. Please give it some thought. ***We must have a Board of Directors to continue to operate.*** One society within our district closed last year because they could not get volunteers to make up the Board of Directors. Don't let Streetsville suffer the same fate. Remember, if we each do a little, we can all do a lot. If you have any questions, please ask Monica or Marg, or any current Board member. Thanks! **Marg Ø**

2019 September Flower Show Schedule

Welcome back to the Streetsville Horticultural Society. I hope everyone had a successful and beautiful garden this summer. The weather was cooperative this year and my garden looked fabulous.

Remember, entry forms are available to download from our website. Complete and print your entry form at home for faster registration. Please remember all entries must be in place and tagged before 7:15 p.m. As a reminder, this year's Flower Show Schedule, from September 2019 to June 2020, Horticultural and Cultural category entrants will be awarded the same number of points as follows:

First	5 points
Second	4 points
Third	3 points
Entry	1 point
Honourable Mention	2 points
Judge's Choice	20 points
Best in Show	20 points

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	Dahlia – 3 blooms, under 4", same cultivar
7	Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1 stem
8	Helianthus (sunflower) – 1 stem, any size bloom
9	Hosta with own foliage – 1 stem or bloom
10	Hydrangea – 1 bloom, any cultivar
11	Phlox – 1 stem
12	Rosa (Rose) – any variety – 1 bloom or spray
13	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
14	Sedum – 1 stem
15	Zinnia – 1 bloom
16	Any perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
17	Any annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
18	Tomato – 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on

19	Small vegetable (pepper, pea, bean, etc.) same cultivar, 3 specimens on a plate,
20	Large vegetable (e.g. Turnip, Squash) – 1 specimen
21	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Indian Summer
24	<i>Harvest Moon</i> – a WATER design
25	<i>Autumn Colours</i> – MINIATURE design
26	<i>Migrating South</i> – NOVICE design

Debra Ø

Gallery

Streetsville Pollinator Garden



Guelph Trial Garden Tour

On August 16th, 10 members of SHS visited the University of Guelph Trial Garden Open House. Rodger Tschanz who was the speaker at our April 2019 meeting has been the manager of the Guelph Ornamental Trial Garden program since 2001. Rodger gave us a guided tour early on the first Visitors Day.

The trial garden's 1,400 square metres of space is the only university operated ornamental trial garden in Ontario and is part of a network of research centres across North America set up to determine which plants grow higher and fuller, bloom quicker, stand up in extreme weather conditions and resist common plant diseases.

Each plant is labeled by name and the name of the company that produced the plant, the plants are evaluated by judges and members of the public. Each of us were given 3 coloured flags to place next to our favourites.



< a coloured corn designed for use as a grass

A very bright blue/purple salvia>



An ornamental pepper with great foliage >

