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NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2020

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 6:45 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The Presidents Message

March already! Dare we say it? "Spring is just around the corner!" And depending on which ground hog you follow, that corner may be near. The winter weather has certainly been interesting, to say the least. The temperature has indicated spring so many times, only to drop again into another cold spell and remind us of what winter in Ontario is all about. In my mind, it just makes spring that much more special when it finally does arrive.

And we know it will arrive, every year, some years a little earlier, some years a little warmer, some years a little wetter. We never know what we are going to get, or when. And isn't that part of the thrill when it's finally here?



I don't think anyone can really appreciate spring like Canadians do. The winter months give us the opportunity to reflect on the joys of summer, consider that maybe the mosquitos and humidity aren't all that bad, plan for what we'll do in the garden when the ground finally thaws, and think about that cool drink on the deck at the end of a good day of weeding. Sounds good, doesn't it? But would you take the time to focus on those things at all if you weren't sitting

inside with a wind chill of minus 12 howling at your windows? Perhaps not. So, for the next few weeks, let your mind wander through the bulbs that will soon be sticking their heads out of the ground, the buds that will, as if by magic, appear on the trees almost overnight, and the flowers that will burst from those dead looking shrubs. Spring arrives on March 19th this year. We're almost there! ✂

Marg Rowan, Co-President



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From the Membership Desk

Welcome everyone!!!

52 members and 2 guests enjoyed an exciting video and talk about bird and plant photograph presented by Dave Taylor. Starting to take a keen interest in photography, I was happy to learn new tricks of the trade and see beautiful pictures at the same time.

We hope you enjoyed such a busy and informative evening.

If you are aware of any member who is having difficulty in receiving their monthly newsletter, let any one of us on the team know, and we will ensure that we have the correct email address.

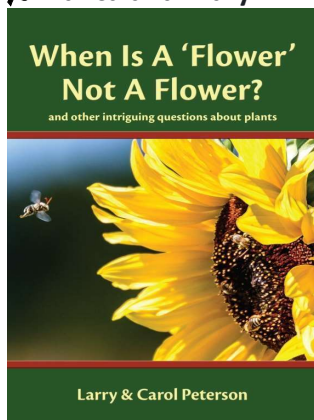
Please always remember to wear your name tag while at our meeting... it will make it much easier for us to get to know one another. Pick up your name tag when signing in at the desk and return it at the end of the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting! ✂ Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

The Raffle Table

2020 has started off with a bang! Thank you to all those members who continue to support the raffle table at each meeting. We raised \$45.00 from ticket sales in January and \$44.00 in February. A big thank you to those members, who have donated things for us to raffle off so far this year ~ Pam, Grace, Anna, Asma, Franca, and Mary Ann. Remember any items donated should be washed, clean, or nearly new. Please do not donate any broken or chipped items. If you are planning on donating items in any given month, please only bring one or two items at a time. One person's trash is another person's treasure! So, what are you waiting for...get searching for things to donate or stop by the raffle table and buy your tickets!

✂ Franca and Mary Ann



Speaker of the Month

Dr. Larry Peterson "The Fascinating Biology of Orchids"

Dr. Peterson grew up in Alberta and attended the University of Alberta where he received B.Ed and M.Sc degrees. He earned a PhD from the University of California, Davis and spent his career at the University of Guelph where he is currently a University Professor Emeritus. He has published over 200 papers in refereed journals, 20 book chapters, and has co-authored 3 books.

His current book "When is a 'Flower' not a Flower and other Intriguing Questions about Plants" is co-authored with Dr. Carol Peterson. Dr. Peterson received several awards for his research including the



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George Lawson Medal from the Canadian Botanical Association for outstanding career contributions to Botany. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and has received two Teaching Awards from the University of Guelph.

This unique full-colour book takes common observations of plants and presents scientific explanations for them that the non-specialist can understand. Using a question-and-answer format, 140 questions are posed, and each is followed by an answer illustrated with beautiful macroscopic and/or microscopic images. A total of 450 images are included.

In addition to the general public, gardeners, horticulturalists, naturalists, teachers, and students will enjoy this book.

Available at the meeting for \$25 (tax included). Cash or cheque

March Photo Contest

Don't forget to bring your **"Favorite Flower Photo"** to enter in our member judged contest.

Entries may be in Colour or Black and White

The Rules:

- Photos must be submitted **before 7.15 pm**
- The photos must have been taken by the person entering the photos.
- You may enter a maximum of two, 4 X 6 inch pictures per category. There is no time restriction as to when the photos were taken.
- They may not have been entered in any previous SHS or OHA photo contests.
- Put your name on the back of your photos.

Judging will take place by the members during the break, and Winners and Runners up of the best Colour and best Black and White photos will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Our Website <http://www.streetsvillehort.ca/>

Did you know our Streetsville Horticultural Society website has lots of information about the society? if you need to know something, look here first.

On the front or home page, information about: our monthly meetings, the speaker and any special events at the meeting, the calendar, the membership and renewal form, the volunteer hours submission form, the member survey, all the flower show information, including the schedule, rules and tips for exhibitors



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Other tabs or categories on the front page:

About Us: Has information about the current Board of Directors, information about the Leslie Log House and Rotary Park gardens, including the days and times when volunteers work at these gardens.

Documents: Expenses submission form, if you are responsible for running a program or activity there may be times when you need to spend money on needed items. You will be reimbursed for these expenses. You must keep receipts and present them to the treasurer with this form completed.

Membership: Has information about when and where our meetings are held, cost of membership and benefits of being a member.

SHS Photo shows: Slide shows of plants and gardens created by our members or of their garden travels.

Education: Includes links to gardening information and gardening tips, winter distractions, which is a list of garden related videos and movies that are available online, and information about invasive species

Newsletter: This tab has all our newsletters from 2012 to March 2020.

Events: Includes happenings and newsletters from other horticultural societies and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington.

Flower Shows: Schedules and Rules

District 15 News: Streetsville Hort is in District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association. Under this tab is information about the District AGM which is held every spring, including date and location of the spring meeting, speaker information, the District Flower Show Schedule and Photo Contest. Additionally, all the awards and grants that are available to our society and our members, plus the OHA newsletters. <https://gardenontario.org/site-map/>



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Plant Sale 2020



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 volunteer's 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 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



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

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

"La Huerta"

A **huerta** (Spanish: ['werta]) or horta (Valencian: ['orta], Portuguese: ['orte]), from Latin hortus, "garden", is a fertile area, or a field within a fertile area, common in Spain and Portugal, where a variety of common vegetables and fruit trees are cultivated for family consumption and sale.

Back home, in Colombia, it was common for households have a "*huerta*" in their backyards or in front of the house. The garden is a different space for flowers or ornamental plants, usually in front of the house with small tree or shrubs. Women, mostly, cultivate herbs, tomato, zucchini, onion, garlic, lettuce, and chili to use in the kitchen. If there was space, squash, pumpkin and carrots were also grown.



The beauty of the garden and the produce of "*la huerta*" were elements of pride. Women, used to share or exchange seeds and goods, show each other what they had grown, exchange recipes and give advice about medicinal remedies or uses of their plants. Sounds familiar? Off course, each country, each cuisine has its special species and herbs. Besides, there was an economical advantage to producing your own vegetables and herbs.

At some point, with the urbanization of rural areas, changes in the use of land, and increasing demand for houses, garden spaces are fewer and have almost disappeared. Only the rich can afford to have gardens. Most people live in apartments with no space for them. Sound familiar? Of course, it has happened everywhere.

Nowadays, having a vegetable garden, or even herbs planted in pots is a trend. But for some of us, it has been trendy forever. Increasingly, people are concerned about the massive use of chemical products in agriculture, the extinction of hundreds of species (fauna and flora), the development of new illnesses, and changes in the food safety relationship; we like to know where products come from, how they are produced, packaged and manipulated.

I see food as what I am and have become. I am what I eat.

My backyard is small (9M2 approx.) so I decided to have two spaces one for vegetables and the other one for flowers. For my "vegetable garden" the start was a total failure. I invested money with nothing edible in return, but I gained experience, that is valuable too. I decided to look for help



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to people who know how, mostly members of the SHS, did my research, watched videos and I tried again. What did I learn?

- For beginners it's easier to start with plants rather than seeds. I raised and improved the quality of the bed and made a fence to protect it from animals. I increased composting and I was more aware of timing and planning.

I was so proud of my first crop. Tomatoes, cucumbers, cilantro, onions, and spinach. I think that flowers and ornamental plants are important but perhaps growing food is more rewarding. The enjoyment of eating my own produce or giving to others is incredibly profound, believe me.

I would like to encourage you to grow vegetables and herbs in your gardens, balconies or small spaces. It is important to appreciate how perfect nature's work is. It makes people more conscious about food waste. It is a way to distance ourselves from the big producers that impact what we eat and put in our tables.

✂ Nury Garzon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Open House. April 14. This event is a great opportunity to introduce 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 10 meeting. Open House information will be posted on our own website plus many other local event websites.

OHA District 15 Annual General Meeting. Saturday, April 25th, 2020

Peel Region Police Association. 10675 Mississauga Road. Brampton, Ontario

Hosted by Brampton Horticultural Society. The meeting starts at 9:45 am and will adjourn at 3:00pm.

Canada Blooms. Canada's largest garden and flower festival. March 13-22 2020. Enercare Centre. 100 Princes' Blvd. Toronto, ON M6K 3C3.

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES

Flower Shows will be held on May 12th, June 9th, September 8th and October 13th 2020. Schedules for each month, and Rules are listed below and are also available on the Streetsville Horticultural Society website.



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<p><u>May 12, 2020</u> Horticultural Schedule</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bouquet of small spring flowers, minimum 3, attached foliage only 2. Clematis - 1 bloom floating in a bowl 3. Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) - 1 stem 4. Flowering branch- 1 branch, cut to 36" or less 5. Muscari (Grape hyacinths) - 3 stems same variety 6. Narcissus, large cup - 1 scape 7. Narcissus, any other cultivar - 1 scape 8. Polygonatum (Solomon's seal) - 3 stems 9. Primula (primrose) - 1 stem 10. Syringa (Lilac) - any variety, 1 truss 11. Tulip, single - 1 bloom 12. Tulip, ruffled or parrot - 1 bloom 13. Tulip, any other cultivar - 1 bloom 14. Any other perennial not listed - 1 stem or bloom <p>Design Schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. <i>New Shoots</i>- Foliage design, foliage predominates. 	<p><u>June 9, 2020</u> Horticultural Schedule</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allium – large, 1 stem 2. Allium – small, under 4", 1 stem 3. Clematis - 1 stem 4. Cranesbill Geranium - 3 blooms 5. Fern - 3 fronds, one cultivar 6. Hemerocallis (Day Lily) - 1 scape 7. Heuchera (Coral Bells) - 3 leaves, same cultivar 8. Hosta, variegated - 3 leaves, same cultivar 9. Hosta, - 3 leaves, different cultivars 10. Iris, Bearded - 1 stalk 11. Iris, Siberian- 1 stalk 12. Lavender - 3 stems in bloom 13. Lilium (Lily), any variety - 1 stem 14. Peony - any variety - 1 bloom 15. Rose - any variety, - 1 bloom or spray 16. Any other perennial not listed- 1 stem or bloom <p>Design Schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17: <i>Garden Party</i> –a freestyle design
<p><u>Oct 13, 2020</u> Horticultural Schedule</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aconitum (Monkhood) - 1 stem 2. Actaea simplex (Bugbane) -1 stem 3. Begonia, tuberous - 3 blooms with foliage 4. Chrysanthemum - any variety, 1 spray or bloom 5. Coleus - 3 stems, 1 cultivar 6. Collection of Ornamental grasses - 3 different cultivars, 1 stem each 7. Japanese Anemone -1 stem 8. Sedum, trailing - 3 stems, one cultivar 9. Sedum, upright - 3 stems, different cultivars 10. Shrub or tree branch with berries - 1 branch under 36" 11. Succulents (includes cacti) - 1 pot 	<p><u>Sept 8, 2020</u> Horticultural Schedule</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any summer flowering bulb (Gladioli, Canna, Calla etc.) -1 stem 2. Aster - perennial - 1 stem 3. Chelone (Turtlehead) - 1 stem 4. Chrysanthemum - any variety, 1 spray or bloom 5. Collection of flowers - 5 cultivars, attached foliage only. 6. Cosmos - 3 stems, 1 variety 7. Dahlia – 3 different cultivars, 1 bloom each 8. Echinacea (Coneflower) - 1stem 9. Geranium (Pelargonium) - 1 stem, large flowered 10. Helianthus (sunflower) - any variety, 1 stem or bloom 11. Hydrangea - 1 bloom



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12. Any other annual not listed - 1 stem or bloom
13. Any other perennial not listed - 1 stem or bloom.
14. Garlic - any variety, 3 bulbs
15. Onion - 3 specimens
16. Squash/gourd - any variety, 1 specimen
17. Any other vegetable - 3 small or 1 large specimen

Design Schedule

18. *Witches Brew* – variety of seasonal flowers and foliage in any size pumpkin, or gourd, accessories permitted.

12. Zinnia - 1 bloom
13. Any annual not listed - 1 stem or bloom
14. Any perennial not listed - 1 stem or bloom
15. Tomato - cherry, 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
16. Tomato - 1, any other variety, calyx on
17. Any other small vegetable - 3 specimens
18. Any other large vegetable - 1 specimen
19. Any fruit - 1 cluster or specimen

Design Schedule

20. *Fall Fashion* - a themed design, accessories permitted.

FLOWER SHOW RULES

ENTRIES

- Competition is open to all members in good standing of Streetsville Horticultural Society.
- Exhibitors must fill out their own entry forms for each exhibit. Entry forms are available on the website or at the show. Completed Entry Forms must be placed with the exhibit.
- Competitors are assigned a *Competitor Number* which must be entered on the Entry Form.
- One entry per exhibitor is permitted in each CULTURAL and DESIGN class unless otherwise stated.
- Each exhibitor may enter up to 3 entries per HORTICULTURE class, provided each entry is of a different Cultivar.
- If two or more exhibitors share the same garden and wish to compete in the same CULTURAL class, they must enter different Cultivars. The Cultivars must be named.
- Exhibitors are responsible for placing entries in the proper classes. Flower Committee and Show Chair may assist.
- In 'Any Other' categories, Exhibitors are not allowed to enter a flower for which a specific category already exists. For example, in the May Show you would not be able to enter a Primula in an 'any other perennial' class if classes for Primulas were contained in the Schedule.





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- **AOV** – means “Any other Variety”.
- A **Bud** showing color is considered a bloom.
- **Bloom** - an individual flower, one to a stem, no sign of a bud.
- **Cultivar** –Forms of plants originated and maintained only in cultivation, which when reproduced retain their distinguishing features. egg Petunia, “Sugar Daddy”; Geranium, “Cardinal”; Rose, “Peace”.
- **Spray** - portion of a plant, or a plant’s side shoots with several flowers on one stem.
- **Stalk/stem** - a main plant structure which supports flowers, buds, leaves or fruit.
- **Truss** - a compact cluster of flowers or fruits growing from one stem
- **Variety** - Named variations of plant species. e.g. *Colchicum autumnale* is a fall flowering bulb, typically having a pink bloom, *Colchicum autumnale* var. *album* is a naturally occurring white flowered variation.
- All entries are to be as stated in the SHS Show Schedule, and in accordance to size in keeping with OHA Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication #34.
- Entries will be disqualified if not in accordance with the description of the Class.
- Where a definite number is called for, NO MORE or NO LESS shall be entered.
- The use of protected or endangered native plants will disqualify the exhibit.
- Exhibitors must supply their own appropriate containers.
- Fruit, berries and vegetables must be displayed on a plain white paper plate or doily supplied by the Exhibitor. Single entries of large vegetables may be displayed directly on the exhibit table.
- Entries must be on the table by the stated time – **7:15 p.m.** deadline. This will be strictly enforced.
- Entries must be left on the Exhibit Tables until **9:15 p.m.** or until the show Convener releases the Exhibits. Disregard of this requirement will result in disqualification of entries.
- Only Exhibitors, and Flower Committee members and are allowed in the Exhibit area during placement of entries.
- Only Judges and Flower Committee members are allowed in the Exhibit area during judging.
- “*Best in Show*” and “*Judges Choice*” are at the discretion of the Judge.
- Decisions of Judge(s) will be final.
- **Failure to comply with the above rules will result in disqualification.**

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

- ONLY Exhibitors or Show Committee members may move entries in the Cultural Section for staging purposes.
- All cultural exhibits are to be grown by the entrant and must have been in their possession for 90 days minimum.



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- A house plant may be shown in different monthly shows until it wins a First Prize and may not be shown again for one year from that win.
- Classes with a large number of Entries may be subdivided by the Show Chair on the day of the show. Each class should have a minimum of 3 entries.
- Horticultural specimens are exhibited on neutral coloured tables.

DESIGN DIVISION

- Designs can be moved **ONLY** by the Exhibitor.
- Only Exhibitors and show Chairs and Clerks are allowed in the show area prior to judging.
- No artificial plant material may be used.
- Plant material can be from any source. No soil is permitted in floral design.
- Accessories may be used but should be subordinate to design.
- Designs are exhibited on a neutral coloured table; space allotted is 24" wide x 30" deep. Height is unlimited.
- A "MINIATURE" is a small-scale design which does not exceed 5" in any direction including the container, base and accessories.
- A "SMALL DESIGN" is from 5.5" and must not exceed 10" in any direction including container, base and accessories.
- NOVICE - a member is considered a novice until they have won 5 firsts in the Novice Design category

POINTS AWARDED FOR CULTURAL AND DESIGN:

1st **5** points
2nd **4** points
3rd **3** points
Honourable Mention **2** points
Entry **1** point
Best in Show **20** points
Judge's Choice **20** points