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Next Meeting
Tuesday, June 13th
Streetsville United Church
In Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Doors open at 7 p.m.,
Meeting starts at 7:30 pm



Plant Sale 2023



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Co-President Message

Recent events and coming events: the biggest recent event was of course the Plant Sale, many, many customers were lined up at 8.30am. Most of the plants were sold, the draw table sold many tickets and our garage sale table composed of items donated by many SHS members was very successful.

The weather was wonderful, not too hot and not too cold (sounds a lot like the three bears porridge). There are many members to thank for their contributions of time to our Plant Sale. The people who worked at the sale, the members who donated their time making snacks for the hungry workers, the many people who donated plants, spent their time potting plants, digging up plants for people who couldn't, caring for plants before the sale, and transporting plants from the plant sitters to the Leslie Log House at 7am on May 27th.

I particularly would like to thank Carol Ashford for stepping up and taking responsibility for many plant sale tasks during a difficult time in my family life.

Coming events-SHS trip to Whistling Gardens on 6 June, Coffee meetings at LLH, garden maintenance at LLH and Rotary Park.

We have some unsold plants left from the plant sale; these plants are available for sale on Wednesday mornings at the Leslie Log House. All plants are now \$2 each. The plants include irises, Solomon seal, Lamb's ears, columbine and other varieties, please drop by any Wednesday morning.

Over the summer we will be reviewing how Streetsville Hort runs and is organised. If you have any suggestions, please contact Carol Ashford or Monica Ross. Thanks for your time and contributions to Streetsville Hort.

✿ **Monica Ross, Co-President**

Plant Sale Donations

We are very grateful for the generous donations from the following local nurseries and businesses that contributed to the success of our plant sale: Arbor Garden Center, Canadian Tire Meadowvale, Home Hardware Streetsville, Metro Meadowvale, Sid's Ponds, Terra Nurseries and Van Dongen's Garden Centre. Be sure to remember them while out shopping!!! Thanks to Grace Nelham, Marg Allen and Janice Ward for contacting these merchants and obtaining \$450 worth of donations!! "Excellent." ✿ **Grace Nelham**





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Don Pitson Streetsville Hort member will be speaking about Ceylon tea and preparing tea for our members.

Membership Desk

The room was abuzz as 63 members attended the May meeting to receive their premium plant, participate in the first flower show of the year, and await guest speaker, Claudette Sims. Claudette discussed the devastating loss of insects and birds, harmful effects of invasive plants, and how the gardening community can help repair the damage. She asked thought provoking questions such as "Have you seen a grasshopper lately or clouds of moths at night circling lights"? After getting our attention, she suggested the following ideas to incorporate into our gardening practices:

- 1) Plant 70% Native Plants (A few each year)
- 2) Reduce lawn size (Think area rug, not carpet)
- 3) Avoid insecticides, chemicals, and bug zappers
- 4) Plant trees, such as oaks which house many insects' species

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting. If you took your nametag, please return it and remember that your membership card will get you a 10% discount at the Streetsville Home Hardware.

Coffee Club

Are you looking to connect with fellow gardeners? During the summer months, members gather on the Leslie Log House lawn to share stories about their gardens, travel adventures, and connect with friends. The coffee club begins at 10:00 a.m. and goes until noon. Drop in any time and bring a beverage to drink or chair to sit on (Picnic tables also available). Our first one will be held June 27th, weather permitting. ✿ **Shelley Dodd Membership Chair**

Refreshment Table



Thank you to members: Judy K., Vivianne H. and Martha W. for donating to the May refreshment table and a very special thank you to Jill Davies for helping up set up etc. Please remember to sign the sheet if you donated and record with GRACE NELHAM the amount of time that you used to prepare, etc. as volunteer hours.

Please lug (bring) your own mug to our meetings. See you in September!!

✿ **Martha Witney and Vivianne Holmes. Refreshment Co-Ordinators**



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Raffle Table

Here the amazing items that we will have for the June Raffle:

1. A set of appetizer serving dishes, one in the shape of squash, and the other an asparagus, along with a beautiful ceramic artichoke ornament.
2. Hand-blown stained-glass self-watering wands used for watering indoor and outdoor plants.
3. A beautiful ceramic birdfeeder with a coffee mug, a gardening journal, and a cute wall hanging.

Thank you for your support!!!

✿ Judy Castelino



Leslie Log House Garden Tidy Up

On Wednesday, May 24th, seven volunteers worked frantically cleaning up the flower beds at the Leslie Log House in readiness for the Plant Sale. There was a huge amount of weeds there this spring. In fact, I have never seen so many weeds there!

After a couple of hours, we had nearly all the beds cleaned up, except for the big front bed which we left for our regular Wednesday morning's crew.

Many thanks are owed to **Steve Fenech, Viv Holmes, Grace Nelham, Judi Kokis, Janice Ward** and **Nury Garzon** for their quick work on Wednesday.

The City did a great job cutting the grass and replacing broken picnic tables with new ones. The entire property looked amazing!

Wednesday morning gardening at the Log House will resume starting on May 31st at 9:30 a.m. If you have one or two hours to spare and you would like to garden with us, please just show up for a morning of weeding and camaraderie. Bring work gloves, a trowel, sensible shoes, and water. Coffee/Tea will be served as we do take a break during the morning! ✿ **Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair**



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May Speaker Answers

Our May speaker, Claudette, kindly sent the following information in answer to questions from the audience: Rose of Sharon-is it invasive. While it does self-seed like crazy, it is not on the Credit Valley Conservation Priority Invasive Plant list. You can find it at <https://cvc.ca/document/cvc-list-of-priority-invasive-plants/>

Plants for slopes/erosion control: "Stabilizing slopes" by Cathy Kavassalis

<https://haltonmastergardeners.com/2021/12/18/stabilizing-slopes>



Periwinkle attracting bumble bees? It does appear to attract bumble bees which are generalist bees. But any pollen available would be limited to when it is in flower, so it would be a poor choice for pollinators. I found nothing on the quality of the pollen-that varies a lot with each plant and usually non-native plant pollen is not the best. Bees also need floral resources from spring to fall. And given that it is so invasive that it crowds out other plants and tree seedlings, it would be the only thing growing in a forest, so there would be little to eat and therefore a huge threat to biodiversity. The Auditor General for Ontario recommended it should not be sold or shared in Ontario, and recommends

that they should be regulated under the *Invasive Species Act* in the Nov 2022 report.

Here's what Illinois Wildflowers has to say about periwinkle: Anthophorine bees (*Anthophora spp.*), mason bees (*Osmia spp.*), and bee flies (including *Bombylius major*). In Illinois, such insect visitors appear to be few. The seeds are too small to be of any interest to birds, and the foliage is toxic to mammalian herbivores. **This plant appears to have little ecological value to fauna.**

Burning bush-invasiveness: It is highly invasive-spread by birds and animals. It will dominate an entire forest floor. It is a huge problem in High Park in Toronto. It is regulated in a number of border states. It is also a plant the Auditor General of Ontario said should not be sold.

Halton Master Gardeners have created a map of nurseries and seeds suppliers for the gardening public. Nurseries selling native plants are starred in green. Common commercial nursery chains have not been included as they are often well known. This link is for the map.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?hl=en&mid=1dHiK77VTR2EKZXbXoKdTctGGZDVvPqeJ&ll=43.754023962396374%2C-79.29078965000002&z=7>

Halton newsletter on our website: <https://haltonmastergardeners.com> Cheers! **Claudette**



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May Flower Show Results



Points awarded

Anita King	84
Andrea Vertolli	19
Steve Fenech	19
Pat Salisbury	18
Sue Harshman	18
Shelley Dodd	18
Monica Shouten	15
Anna Raftery	15
Carol Ashford	13
Martha Witney	8
Judy Kokis	5
Lorena D'Arsie	5
Henry Shouten	4
Rob Harshman	1

Best in Show: Anita King (Bleeding Heart)

Judges Choice: Anita King (Tulip)



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JUNE 2023 FLOWER SHOW Schedule

HORTICULTURE

- Class 1 Allium - small under 4", same cultivar, 3 stems
- Class 2 Allium - large, 1 stem
- Class 3 Clematis - 1 large bloom
- Class 4 Collection of perennial flowers in container, 5 different cultivars, no cut foliage - 1 entry per Exhibitor
- Class 5 Day Lily (Hemerocallis) - 1 scape
- Class 6 Dianthus - 1 cultivar - 2 stems
- Class 7 Fern, Japanese painted - 3 fronds
- Class 8 Heuchera (Coral Bells) - 3 stems in bloom, same cultivar
- Class 9 Heuchera (Coral Bells) - 3 leaves, same cultivar
- Class 10 Hosta - 3 leaves, different cultivars
- Class 11 Hosta - 3 leaves, same cultivar
- Class 12 Iris miniature - under 8", any colour, 1 stalk
- Class 13 Iris, any variety, 1 stalk
- Class 14 Lavender - 3 stems in bloom
- Class 15 Peony (Paeonia) - double/semi-double, 1 bloom
- Class 16 Peony (Paeonia) - single, Japanese or Anemone, 1 bloom
- Class 17 Rosa (Rose) - grandiflora, floribunda, polyantha - 1 spray
- Class 18 Rosa (Rose) - modern shrub, 1 bloom or spray
- Class 19 Rosa (Rose) - Judged for fragrance, any variety - 1 bloom
- Class 20 Any other perennial not listed - 1 bloom or stem
- Class 21 Any annual not listed - 3 blooms or stems (must have been in your possession for 90 days)
- Class 22 My Blue Heaven - a design

DESIGN - Theme: Life Outdoors

Flower Show Rules and Entry Tags are listed on the Streetsville Horticultural Society website:

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Invitation from Cloverleaf Garden Club

Paul Zammit will be the speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. His topic is "Rethinking Beauty: Inspiring Gardeners in a Changing World". Doors open for 7pm, and the meeting begins at 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided; please bring your own cup. Those who have heard Paul speak before will know this promises to be definitely instructive, potentially offbeat, and most likely amusing!

Cloverleaf Garden Club invites Streetsville Horticultural Society members to join us in person for this event. Our guest rate is \$5 per person.

The location is the Mississauga Seniors Centre, 1389 Cawthra Road, L5G 4L1.

(The building is on the same site as Carmen Corbassen Community Centre, and is to the rear of the site.) Note: There is construction at the entrance to the car park but still plenty of parking available.

For more information, please see our website: <https://www.cloverleafgardenclub.org>

Diane Rogers, Treasurer, Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga

Steve's weed killer recipe



8 Cups Vinegar

1/2 Cup Salt

Dash of dawn or dove dish detergent. Shake Well!!!

Don't spray on your grass as it will kill it!!

✿ Steve Fenech



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We are looking for a member who would like to be our Newsletter Editor. Nury Garzon has been our editor for several years and would like to take on different responsibilities.

The editor is responsible for sending a reminder (via e-mail) to our members for the articles, pictures, recipes or any other information to be included in the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter editor receives contributions from our members, edits them for grammar, spelling and appropriate content.

Ensures that the newsletter is completed in a timely fashion and is ready to be sent to members either by email or delivery by Canada Post by the end of the month.

Experience with Microsoft Word, formatting and photo editing would be useful. The newsletter is published 10 times per year.

It has been an honor to prepare the newsletter for the last few years, and it is time to move on to another position within the Society.

✿ Nury Garzon

JUNE EVENTS

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY join us in the global effort to Beat Plastic Pollution <https://www.unep.org>



There's no better time to hop on your bike, learn new skills and connect with other cyclists in Mississauga. Whether you travel everywhere on two wheels or you're new to the sport, cycling is a great way to get outdoor exercise and boost your mood.

<https://www.mississauga.ca/city-of-mississauga-news/news/get-your-bike-ready-to-celebrate-bike-month/>