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Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Streetsville United Church
In Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Set Up at 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Helen Battersby
Topic: Garden of Regrets

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¹ Clematite hybride 'Guernsey Cream' courtesy of Amarin Tsujimura's Garden

Co-Presidents Message

Hi everyone, it's September again, the kids go back to school and Horticultural Societies start meeting again.

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. Single memberships are still \$20, family memberships \$30; and if you want your newsletter delivered by Canada Post not by e-mail it is an extra \$10. Entries for the 2022-2023 photo contest are due at the September meeting.

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 2023. If your fees have not been paid at the September meeting your entries in the September flower show will be disqualified.

If you still have plant sale signs please return them.

Flower Show schedule for September is on page 10.

Happy gardening and see you soon!

Carol and Monica



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² Gnome Statue courtesy of Amarin Tsujimura's garden

Leslie Log House gets Rustic Arbor

In 2022 Streetsville Horticultural Society celebrated our 50th Anniversary having been re-established in 1972. The Board and members decided to do a special project to mark the occasion and build an arbor for the log house. They wanted it to “fit in” with the rustic look of the log house but where to get cedar poles? Fortunately I had a contact with a horse farm in Erin, Ontario who had a cedar bush on his property. He (my cousin) was willing to cut down some trees from his bush for the arbor. Several members went to Erin to help cut down the trees and then transported them to a member who lives in Erin. Later the poles were transported to the log house property and put in the “corral” where we keep our pots and trays for our plant sale.

City of Mississauga Maintenance staff told us they would be happy to build the arbor for us. We sent them several pictures of what we wanted it to look like and they came and picked up the poles to begin work. Unfortunately some of the poles had been mysteriously removed from the ‘corral’ and so there were not enough to complete the project. So we had to contact my cousin again in Erin and beg for a few more. Finally we had all we needed and the work continued. The beautiful arbor was completed and installed in June of 2023 along with a medallion indicating it was build in honour of our 50th anniversary!

My cousin was duly thanked with a handmade quilt and the arbor is amazing! Great for wedding photos etc. In the spring we will plant climbing roses on it or perhaps a clematis or two.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair



Streetsville Celebrates Pollinator Week



The village of Streetsville celebrated Pollinator Week June 19 - 25th. The celebration was organized by the BIA.

It was a celebration in support of pollinator health aiming to raise awareness about pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them.

The Streetsville Pollinator Garden contains a variety of native perennial flowers and plants that provide pollinating species like bees, butterflies and hummingbirds with a healthy pollinator environment. Monica Ross was instrumental in the layout and selection of flowers for the Pollinator Garden which was officially opened in summer of 2019.

SHS was asked to donate a prize for the event which was for both children and adults. We chose to donate a children's prize and donated a handy tote bag containing gardening gloves, shovel, rake, trowel, watering can and two informational books on "Butterflies & Pollinators".

Carol Ashford

Tecumseh Townhouse Judging



After a few years hiatus, SHS was again invited back to judge the front yard gardens at Tecumseh Co-operative Townhouses on August 8th. We had judged this property quite a number of times in the past but it was put on hold as diseased trees were removed, new fences installed etc.

Tecumseh residents provided four guides to tour us around the complex. On hand for the judging were (l to r) Carol Ashford, Steve Fenech, Viv Holmes, Vicki Cook, Grace Nelham, Monika Schouten, Henry Schouten and Shelley Dodd. The weather cooperated and after the viewing of all of the 150 townhouses front yards, SHS volunteers were treated to a wine and cheese party. SHS was presented with a \$200 cheque from the Tecumseh Townhouse Landscape Committee for our efforts. A lovely evening that was beneficial to both us and them!

Carol Ashford

Leslie Log House

The gardens at the Leslie Log House have been magnificent this summer. Not sure if it is because of the lovely rainfalls we have had throughout the season or the continued efforts of our volunteers. The gardens are so full of echinacea, sedum autumn joy, phlox, rudbeckia, poppies, yarrow, morning glories, zinnias, daisies, verbenas, etc. you had to wade through the waist high foliage to find the weeds! The Historical Society President commented to me that this summer they have had far more visitors to the Log House than ever before and put it down to the gardens drawing them in! Kudos to us!

The gardens would not look as beautiful without the efforts of the following volunteers: Judi Kokis, Nury Garzon, Viv Holmes, Grace Nelham, Marg Rowan, Janice Ward, Maryann Brown, Shelley Dodd, Steve Fenech, who donated many hours volunteering to weeding, watering, deadheading, edging etc. to keep the gardens looking fantastic! Thank you for your hours of hard work!

Work at the Log House will continue every Wednesday morning until September 27th.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair



Rotary Park

The park is looking good this year, due to the weather, our team of volunteers and the city. If you're not sure where the park is, it's on Queen Street just North of the library and the Tim Horton's. It's worth a visit and if you want to join us we work there every second Thursday morning from 9.30 am and in September this will be on the 7th and the 21st.

Jon Eldridge



Coffee Club

Throughout the months of July and August, around 23 members have gathered for the morning “Coffee Club” held at the Leslie Log House property to share stories and reconnect with friends!

Some members brought books and puzzles to share, while others contributed baked goodies like banana loaf, skor cookies, or rhubarb muffins. While the treats were being enjoyed, it was a great opportunity to discuss travel adventures and garden successes. Don explained how to combat holes in the rose leaf by spraying cinnamon on the underside for 3 weeks. Weather permitting, our next coffee club will be held Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Shelley Dodd



Mississauga Community

June 24th was a wonderful day at Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens with Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko and his City of Mississauga Staff celebrating Garden Day! Maureen & Shelley were honoured to represent Streetsville Horticultural Society and talk about all the fantastic benefits of being a member. It was great to talk with gardening enthusiasts and visit the Blooming Boulevards, Credit Valley Horticultural Society, Mississauga Master Gardeners, Mississauga Seed Library, The Riverwood Conservancy, and Mississauga Forestry booths. Granddaughter of Joseph Brueckner donated 4 rhododendrons which were raffled off. We are looking forward to next year's event which will be at another local garden.

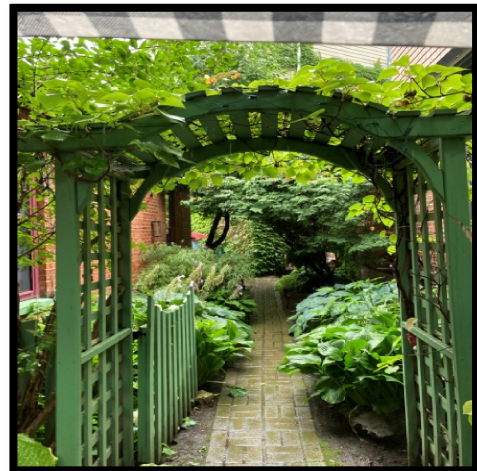


Garden Walk Buffalo

In the April Newsletter, Grace McElhinney provided some information about this event. My husband and I made it the highpoint of our mid-summer get away. We packed 3 days at the end of July with visits to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery now rechristened as the AKG Art Museum, a guided architectural walking tour of downtown Buffalo, a trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's, Graycliff on Lake Erie, a Buffalo Bisons baseball game – besides winning, the highlight was being a Friday, there was a 30 minute fireworks display at the end and of course the garden walk. We went Saturday morning in the rain equipped with umbrellas, rain jackets and dry shoes in the car. The colours of the natural world seem so luminous in the rain. I am particularly interested in the gardens that are small, quaint, in challenging and unique spaces. Here are a few pictures of those that caught my imagination.



Judi Kokis



Mississauga Weeds - Leave it or Pull it?

I was reading an article in the Toronto Star on Monday Aug 7th titled 'Burlington nature-lovers lament city's decision' by Jennifer Pagliaro. It was about the city of Burlington enforcing its bylaws on a citizen's private property by razing the front yard garden after city staff determined it violated several bylaws. As a gardener going through a semi-minor transition to native plants, I wondered what plants the city of Mississauga would deem a 'weed'. So I pulled the list of Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass from the city's website and thought I would share it.

Amarin Tsujimura

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law 0125-2017

SCHEDULE "A" TABLE OF NUISANCE WEEDS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMON NAME</u>	<u>SCIENTIFIC NAME</u>
1.	Black Dog-strangling Vine	Vincetoxicum nigrum (L.) Moench
2.	Buckthorn, European	Rhamnus cathartica L.
3.	Coltsfoot Tussilago	farfara L.
4.	Common Barberry	Berberis vulgaris L.
5.	Common Crupina	Crupina vulgaris, Cass.
6.	Cypress Spurge	Euphorbia cyparissias L.
7.	Dodder spp.	Cuscuta spp.
8.	Dog-strangling Vine	Vincetoxicum rossicum (Kleopow) Barbar.
9.	Giant Hogweed	Heracleum mantegazzianum Sommier & Levier
10.	Hemlock, poison	Conium maculatum L.
11.	Jointed goatgrass	Aegilops cylindrica Host
12.	Knapweed spp.	Centaurea spp.
13.	Kudzu	Pueraria montana (Lour.) Merr.
14.	Leafy Spurge	Euphorbia esula L.
15.	Poison-ivy	Toxicodendron radicans (L.) Kuntze
16.	Ragweed spp.	Ambrosia spp.
17.	Serrated tussock	Nassella trichotoma Hackel ex Arech.
18.	Smooth bedstraw	Galium mollugo L.
19.	Sow-thistle spp.	Sonchus spp.
20.	Tansy Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea L.
21.	Thistle, Bull	Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Tenore
22.	Thistle, Canada	Cirsium arvense (L.) Scopoli
23.	Wild chervil	Anthriscus sylvestris (L.) Hoffmann
24.	Wild parsnip	Pastinaca sativa L.
25.	Woolly Cupgrass	Eriochloa villosa (Thunb.) Kunth

September Flower Show Schedule

CLASS	HORTICULTURE
Class 1	Anemone, Japanese - 1 stem
Class 2	Chrysanthemum - any variety - 1 stem
Class 3	Collection of annuals, 5 cultivars, no cut stems, 1 per exhibitor
Class 4	Collection of perennials, 5 cultivars, no cut stems, 1 per exhibitor
Class 5	Dahlia - 1 bloom, over 4"
Class 6	Dahlia - 3 blooms, under 4" Same cultivar
Class 7	Echinacea (Coneflower) - 1 stem
Class 8	Hosta with own foliage - 1 stem or bloom
Class 9	Helianthus (Sunflower) - 1 stem or bloom
Class 10	Hydrangea - 1 bloom, any cultivar
Class 11	Phlox - 1 stem
Class 12	Rudbeckia - 1stem
Class 13	Rose - any variety - 1 bloom or spray
Class 14	Sedum - 1 stem
Class 15	Zinnia - 1 bloom
Class 16	Any annual not listed - 1 bloom or stem
Class 17	Any perennial not listed - 1 bloom or stem
Class 18	Tomato - 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
Class 19	Small vegetable same cultivar, 3 specimens on a plate
Class 20	Large vegetable (eg. turnip, squash) 1 specimen
Class 21	Any fruit - 3 specimens, same cultivar



CLASS	DESIGN Theme: Indian Summer
Class 22	Harvest moon - a WATER design
Class 23	Autumn colours - MINIATURE design
Class 24	Migrating South - NOVICE design

Entries must be on the table by 7:15 p.m.

Flower Show Tips:

- First of all, READ the judges handbook to ensure your entry meets the specifics of the rules.
- Entries must be in a plain container (jar/vase etc.) with NO ribbons, bows, pebbles in bottom etc. and MUST contain water.
- When it says "3 stems" try to ensure that all three stems are approximately the same length; not one short and two long.
- When entering leaves, they should be clean, no bugs and no holes.

Photo Contest 2022 – 2023

Hope you all had a wonderful summer. It just seemed to fly by very quickly. The photo contest submission is at our upcoming meeting, which is on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Hope you were able to capture beautiful nature pictures this past year. If you have any that would fit any of the categories listed below, please print them, and enter them in the photo contest. The contest rules are listed below.

Class 1	Shades of Autumn
Class 2	Beauty of Winter
Class 3	Promise of Spring
Class 4	Pollinators in Action
Class 5	Impact of Climate Change
Class 6	Kaleidoscope of Colour



All categories are **NATURE RELATED**

Suggestion: Keep this list in your camera case, your wallet or your pocket for reference when you are taking photos.

Photo Contest Rules

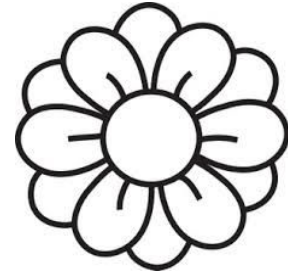
- Closing date for photos is August 31, 2023.
- Photos are to be submitted at the September 2023 meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and should be nature related.
- Colour photos, unless otherwise specified, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class, one per person in a family membership.
- If photo does not meet category, it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Photos must be taken between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.
- Assign a class # to each photo and put them in an envelope with your name on it and bring them to the September 2023 meeting. Write your name and the class number on the back of the photo applying to that specific class. This way the judge cannot see to whom the photos belong to.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Anonychuk

September Speaker - The Garden of Regrets



Our speaker on the 12th of September is Helen Battersby and her topic is "The Garden of Regrets". In this info- and image-packed presentation you'll meet the plants you'd wish you'd never planted – and learn how to avoid them (before you do) or to live with them and, perhaps, even love them (if you must).



About the presenter: For 30+ years in her small city garden, Helen Battersby has battled one of a gardener's toughest challenges – dry shade, on sandy, sandy soil under giant Norway maples. This has, unfortunately, caused her to make many a regretful plant choice, and she hopes to save you from that misery. Helen's a grad of the Landscape Design program at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson), and has over 18 years as a volunteer Toronto Master Gardener. She also serves on the board of GardenComm, the Association for Garden Communicators. You'll find her words and images in print and online media such as *Garden Making* and *GardenDesign.com*. With her sister Sarah, she writes the award-winning website *TorontoGardens.com*. The sisters also co-publish the *Toronto & Golden Horseshoe Gardener's Journal* which in 2022 won both Gold and Silver Medals for its 30th edition.

Jon Eldridge

Raffle table

The raffle table is back in September with some lovely items perfect for some late summer gardening and entertaining. So don't forget to visit and get your tickets which are 1 for \$3 or 3 for \$5 and win something for yourself or a loved one.



1. A jute table runner and candelabra centerpiece with the candles
2. A brass keepsake box with a gorgeous pearl gold chain, a pill box and a set of hand creams
3. A marbled cheese board/trivet with 2 dip jars
4. A gardeners package which includes a book of herbs, gardening apron for your tools, marble sundial and a vase for those beautiful garden flowers

Photo Contest 2023 – 2024

Class 1	Fall Harvest
Class 2	Explosion of Colour
Class 3	Cloud & Sky (only)
Class 4	Your Best Photo (not black & white)
Class 5	Spring Blossoms
Class 6	Winter Delight

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TIPS and IDEAS to Consider about Nature Photography from Our Judge, Nature & Wildlife Photographer, Robert McCaw

Backgrounds can make or break a photograph. Look “around” and “behind” the picture for noticeable distractions – usually bright areas that draw the eye away from the main subject. Sometimes a different camera position can help – move up, down, left, right to see if that helps.

Flower Photos:

Flower photos are better in overcast light, direct sunlight makes dark shadows everywhere – overcast light sifts and seeps down among the blossoms and gives even distribution of the light. Bright overcast is the best.

Get Low:

For flowers – try to get down to 90° from the flower “faces”. Do not shoot down on flowers unless it is a mass of low blossoms on the ground and then work for a pattern of blossoms and full sharpness across. I like to say that flowers have “faces.” Have that flower face “looking at you and the camera.”

Cellphones tend to include a lot of background because the lenses (for now) have very wide-angle lenses. Zoom lenses are coming on cells.

Use of Space:

Large areas of a photo allow accidental lack of use of **all** the space. Unused “space” is a big distraction and can be reduced to “gone” by moving closer.

Robert McCaw

Nature & Wildlife Photographer

<https://www.robertmccaw.com>

Refreshment Table Summary 2022-2023

Thank you to our members for their contributions during the last meeting year.

All contributions were enjoyed by everyone, as we never had any leftovers.

Please remember to bring your own mug/cup.

Starting with our September meeting, the refreshments will be served for our break.

If you have any ideas on how we can take a different approach to the refreshment table, please email me.

If you were a contributor, please email Grace Nelham (volunteer hours co-ordinator) and report the hours you spent baking and/or shopping to contribute, if you have not already done so.



Martha J. Witney/Vivianne Holmes

Refreshment Table Co-Ordinators

Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year to renew your S.H.S. membership, which runs from September 2023 until June 2024. The great news is that our fees are staying the same this year, \$30 for a family and \$20 for a single membership.

Attached you will find the revamped 2023/24 membership form. Once completed and signed you can either mail it along with your cheque, bring it to the September meeting with your money or you can renew your membership by using e-transfer and email your form. If you have e-transferred before, simply look for Streetsville Horticultural Society on the drop down list of your bank's e-transfer page, or add streetsvilleblooms@gmail.com to your payee list.

Guest speakers, special events, meetings and premium plants are just a few of the things that your membership fees are used for.

We are always looking to grow our membership and a great way to do that is to talk about the Streetsville Horticultural Society with your neighbours and friends.

Facebook

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and website.

<https://www.facebook.com/Streetsville-Horticultural-Society-101876555345008>

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

Beverly's Seed Cracker Recipe

(Use raw unsalted seeds)

½ cup sesame seeds	½ cup pumpkin seeds
½ cup sunflower seeds	½ cup chia seeds
1 tsp. fine Himalayan pink salt	1 tsp. garlic powder
1 cup water	

- 1) Combine all ingredients until it is a spreadable consistency
- 2) Spread mixture evenly on a parchment lined cookie sheet
- 3) Bake at 300 degrees for 45 minutes
- 4) Remove from oven and put on cutting board to cut into squares
- 5) Once cut, turn them over and put back into oven a second time
- 6) Bake at 300 degrees for another 45 minutes
- 7) Allow to cool then put in a container
- 8) Enjoy!