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The AGM will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Streetsville United Church
In Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Starts at 7:15 p.m.

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¹ *Sit a While, courtesy of Grace Nelham*

Co President's Message

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on November 14, 2023. Please make the effort to attend to hear what we have done over the last year as a Society as well as vote for our new officers. Asna Black will be joining us as District 15 Representative and will run our elections.

We are required to have a quorum to approve our records; that is a minimum of 20 members in attendance at the AGM, otherwise we cannot proceed with the current year's operations. Please do not assume that your attendance will not be needed.

A reminder our AGM is not open to the public, all current members are invited to attend, you must have renewed your membership to vote on the various motions at our AGM.

As previously mentioned at our October meeting you will be asked to approve several changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. The details of these changes will be in the agenda for the AGM. Annual reports except for finance are included in this newsletter. The finance report will be sent to all members with the AGM agenda.

As you know a new Board of Directors will be elected at our AGM. Carol and I will be stepping down as Co-Presidents. We will be staying on the new BOD. We want to thank you for your support since February 2021 when we became Co-Presidents in the middle of the Covid pandemic.

It has been both exciting and challenging at times. We are a group of people who enjoy our activities, share interests and have a love of gardening. I encourage all of you to take responsibility for the continuing success of our society.

Please remember "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Each year at this time, we look back over the previous year and remember everything we have done as a group. This year's plant sale is a wonderful example of what we can do when we all work together. The money we raised allows us to pay the rent, pay speakers, keep membership fees at the current levels, to provide plant premiums to our members even though plant costs continue to increase, and to fund other activities throughout the year.

The board of directors reviews all our activities and discusses how we can improve what we do; it includes events that happen at meetings such as flower shows, the raffle table, meeting timetables and fundraising. It also includes lessons learned from the plant sale, member involvement in community gardening and member organized excursions such as this year's trip to Whistling Gardens.

We want our activities to be appealing to our members and to potential new members. We also want new ideas and input from our members. Please contact any board member or send us an email to the address on the bottom of this page.

For our society to survive, we need all SHS members to volunteer in some way, to help us to carry out the various tasks that need to be done so that we can continue to exist. A few Horticultural Societies have dissolved in the past couple of years because there were no members willing to take on the tasks of running the club. Let's not let that happen to Streetsville Hort!

Monica and Carol

Leslie Log House Annual Report 2022 - 2023

September 2022 found us recovering from a very hot and dry summer. Cedar poles were cut for our 50th Anniversary project - the installation of an arbor at the Leslie Log House. In October we collected Echinacea, Amaranthus, Morning Glory, Zinnia etc. seeds for future use.



The winter was a nice break from the Log House but on April 15th we held a Trash Pickup on the property. And who knew the temperature would be 24 degrees. Besides the trash we also encountered lots of ticks on the log house site and many went home with a plethora of passengers.

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Eighteen volunteers showed up to pick up trash including: Vicki Cook, Amarin Tsujimura, Anne Hudson, Janice Ward, Enza & Nick Lafratta, Steve Fenech, Viv Holmes, Shelley & John Dodd, Karen Nish, Grace Nelham, Jill Davis, Monica Ross, Robb Dods, Andrea Vertolli and Judy Kokis. We had the task completed in two hours.

In May we tidied up the gardens so they would look nice for the Plant Sale. There were LOTS of weeds. The City dropped off some new picnic tables and took away the broken ones. On May 30th the long awaited Arbor was installed by the City with the poles from a farm in Erin. Our 50th Anniversary Project was completed with a plaque which reads: "In recognition of the Streetsville Horticultural Society 50th Anniversary 1972 - 2022".

June came along and Steve Fenech fixed up the old bench behind the shed complete with LLH cut into the wood. He also affixed an old scythe and a saw on the back and side of the shed. Shirley Boyes stopped by one Wednesday and donated a lovely "Rooster" plaque which was placed beside the door. The weather in July and August co-operated and we only missed one Wednesday due to rain. During the final weeks in August we did get quite a bit of rain which saved us dragging out the hoses to water.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who faithfully came on Wednesday mornings when they could to weed, water and socialize: Viv Holmes, Judi Kokis, Grace Nelham, Nury Garzon, Janice Ward, Maryanne Brown, Shelley Dodd, Marg Rowan. We had lots of fun and got a lot of work done. Over the year our volunteers logged 285.5 hours working on the Leslie Log House property. WOW!

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

² Taken from the *Old Farmer's Almanac 2023*

Rotary Park Annual Report 2022 - 2023

We had a great year at Rotary Park. The weather generally cooperated especially in July and August when we didn't have to water the plants at all and it was never too hot to work, provided we kept in the shade.

The City staff were helpful to us – Jason Bertrand, Mark Watson and Jenna Prokop. They provided some lovely triple mix in May, some great pine bark Mulch in July, they took out a sick tree and an old stump with an iron bar embedded and drilled out the roots. They appreciate the work we do there and have been very helpful.



We planted quite a few perennials and shrubs. Some were bought but many came from the gardens of our volunteers, who are : Martha Witney, Marcia Spear, Asoke Bera, Steve Fenech, Nick & Enza Lafratta and Nury Garzon. I can't thank them enough for their hard work, good company and for putting up with me.

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I said this last year but it's true again, the park is looking better than ever and we hear this from members of the public every time we're working there and that makes it very worthwhile.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

Membership & Coffee Club Annual Report 2022-2023

In 2022-2023, with the pandemic restrictions lifted and people resuming their social activities, we saw our membership increase by 16% from the prior year (2021-2022). June membership at year end numbered 96, which included 14 Lifetime members. In person meetings were well attended with on average 48 people attending.

17 new members joined SHS throughout the year and 18 guests participated in the in-person monthly meetings, predominantly during the Open House in April. Regrettably, the society mourned the loss of member Bob Smale this year.

Coffee Clubs were held throughout the summer and fall with on average 21 members in attendance.

Shelley Dodd, Membership Chair

Raffle Table Annual Report 2022 – 2023

For the year 2022-2023 the Raffle table made a total of \$730.25. In December we donated \$191.00 to the Eden Food Bank which left us with a total of \$539.25. Thanks to all the members who kindly donated some lovely items to the Raffle table, as well as those who bought tickets. We look forward to raising the collection this year.

Judy Castelino, Draw Table Chair

³ Taken from the *Old Farmer's Almanac 2023*

Speakers Annual Report 2022 – 2023

September 13th 2022

Jeanne McRight is the founder of Blooming Boulevards. A Master Gardener, a visual artist and educator. Her talk was titled “It’s easy! Seed saving 101” She covered the basics of collecting and saving seeds from native plants, vegetables and garden favourites.

October 13th 2022

Darryl Cheng is the author of “the new plant parent” and has ½ million followers on Instagram. His talk was “An Engineer’s approach to houseplant care”. Darryl was very knowledgeable and passionate about the care of houseplants and although he was a little too technical for some of us, he was certainly very interesting.

January 10th 2023

Jim Lounsbery is the founder and owner of Vineland Nurseries in Beamsville. His topic was “Dwarf and unusual conifers in the landscape”. He gave us many examples of evergreens and helpful tips on the care of them.

February 14th 2023

Vivian Li is the owner with her husband, of nVi Garden and her talk was “all about succulents”. She brought a lot of succulent plants with her, which were very reasonably priced, and she gave an entertaining and informative talk on the growing and care of these plants.

March 14th 2023

Allie Abraham from the City of Mississauga Parks, Forestry & Environment Division gave a talk on “Natural Areas Management in Mississauga”. She covered the Naturalization program, Invasive species management and current projects and how residents can get involved. She had a very useful Q & A session with our members.

April 11th 2023

Alvaro Venturelli is a partner in Plan B Organic farms, a certified organic vegetable farm in Flamborough, Ontario. He gave us a very interesting and informative talk on how they run their operation, complying with Organic standards, in harmony with the local ecosystem.

May 9th 2023

Claudette Sims is a Master Gardener and a panelist on the CBC online garden chat, among other things. Her talk was “The future of gardening” and although she talked about climate change, invasive species, the collapse of the insect population and loss of birds, she did it in a very interesting way, with some humour and she showed how gardeners can make a difference.

June 13th 2023

Don Pitson, a member of Streetsville Horticultural, gave a talk on Ceylon tea. The growing, harvesting and processing of tea leaves, and he also left a quantity of Ceylon teas for our members to enjoy.

Jon Eldridge, Speaker Coordinator

Flower Show Report - 2022-2023

SHS held four flower shows over the course of the year with the following results:

- September 2022 10 people entered the flower show. Judge was Heinke Thiessen.
Best in Show Cultural was Anita King for her Hydrangea
Judge's Choice went to Pat Salisbury for her Vegetable submitted
- October 2022 13 members entered the flower show. Judge was Heinke Thiessen.
Best in Show in Cultural awarded to Shelley Dodd
Judge's Choice awarded to Monika Schouten for her Design
- May 2023 14 members entered the flower show.
Best in Show was awarded to Anita King for her Bleeding Heart
Judge's choice also awarded to Anita for her tulip entry
- June 2023 18 members participated in the flower show
Best in Show was awarded to Sue Harshman for her Fern - Cultural
Judge's Choice went to Anita King for her Iris entry

According to the judges all four shows had excellent entries, however we need to have more participation from our members. In June we had 18 members out of 90 members in good standing enter the Flower Show - that is only 20% of the membership taking part. Also, additional volunteers are needed to carry on the Flower Show into the future.

Carol Ashford

Newsletter Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Ten editions of Streetsville Blooms were published for the 2022 – 2023 year. Every month the newsletter is e-mailed to our active members (approx. 80). Six printed copies are mailed to members who pay a \$10 fee per year to offset the cost of mailing. One printed copy is kept for our records.

Total net expenses for the newsletter were \$99.67 and we still have 517 pages of printing left on our UPS card.

Thanks to the members who contributed with articles, pictures, recipes, and stories about gardening and to Grace Nelham who follows us where it takes to have the perfect shot, and to Monica and Carol, our co-presidents, for helping when I was abroad and for approving the final edition and distributing it online.

Monthly issues can be also found on our website.

Best wishes to Amarin Tsujimura, our new editor.

Nury Garzon

Archive Annual Report 2022 - 2023

The Archives consist of binders full of pictures and newspaper clippings of events that have taken place since our re-establishment in 1972. In the past photos have been taken at various events and meetings and placed in the binders so we may look back and see how our Society has grown and see our members at work in the community or how they participate in our plant sales, flower shows, garden tours, community work and workshops.

The photo albums are usually on display at various functions such as our AGM and Plant Sale. Please take the time to browse through them next time they are on display to familiarize yourselves with our activities and also put names to the many faces of our volunteers.

At the last AGM a slide show of the past year was shown to members. I have taken photos this year and have been sending some to the Newsletter and will have 2022-2023 pictures in a binder at the AGM. Should you have any photos taken at our events we are happy to include them in our binder.

Grace Nelham, Archive Chair

Premiums Report 2022 - 2023

The Premiums were given out at the May meeting and were purchased at NVK wholesale. Four different plants were selected this year for our Premiums. The choices were:

- Astilbe Arendsii 'Fanal'
- Dryopteris Erythroa 'Brilliance'
- Silene Roboti 'Rolly's favorite'
- Hosta 'Autumn Frost'

Each member present received one Premium and there were 2 for each family membership. Each selection had different growing conditions (eg. Full sun to part shade) and 25 of each plant selection were purchased. 70 were picked up at the meeting and 30 were sold at the meeting for \$7 per plant. Total cost was \$782.54 (including tax) less \$210 for plants which were sold at the meeting. The total cost of the Premiums was \$572.54.

Sue Harshman, Premiums Coordinator

October Bulb Sale

A total of \$784.08 was spent on bulbs, this is the wholesale cost. 31 packages of bulbs were left after the sale. Most of them were crocuses. Many of the leftovers were sold to members after the October meeting. The remainder were used at the bulb forcing workshop at the December meeting and \$180 income was generated from the bulb forcing workshop.

Monica Ross

Volunteer Annual Report 2022 - 2023

Congratulations to many of our members who answered the call to volunteer this year. Overall, we contributed a total of 2,419.25 hours between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

Thank you to Carol Ashford and Monica Ross and all those who volunteered in various ways to the success of the plant sale with 721.25 hours. Thank you to Chair, LLH, Carol Ashford and Chair, Rotary Park, Jon Eldridge and all those volunteers who kept up the garden beds at Leslie Log House and Rotary Park, with 480 hours of gardening related duties completed!

A very big thank you to the Co-Presidents, Monica Ross and Carol Ashford, the Executive, Board members and other members who contributed to the administration and running of the Society with more than 792 hours.

Each year we reward one of our outstanding volunteers with the Jean Kennedy Memorial Award for Volunteering. At the last AGM one of our most enthusiastic members, Shelley Dodd who was involved in multiple activities, was the recipient of this award.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and we encourage everyone who is able to volunteer in the coming year – every hour helps.
Grace Nelham, Volunteer Chair

Plant Sale Report 2023

Our plant sale was held on Saturday May 27th. The weather was wonderful, not too hot and not too cold (sounds a lot like the three bears porridge). Volunteer hours totaling 721.25 hours were donated by our members-thank you all so much.

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 by 7am on May 27th.

Volunteering to help prepare for the plant sale is a marvellous way to meet and get to know other members. We had a total income of \$8007.70. This total includes plants, garden accessories, annuals, tropicals, painted signs, and raffle tickets. This is about \$1325 more than in 2022. Our expenses were \$1214.91, this includes soil for potting, annuals purchased from Zomer's Greenhouse, some of the plants we ordered were sold out, we were given 3 flats of plants at no charge!

Other miscellaneous items were purchased such as printer ink for labels, and tape to stick the labels on the plant tags.

We received donations from 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!!!

Our plant sale has become a must go to event for many local people.

Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair

December 2023 Workshop

Our Christmas meeting will include a presentation and workshop all about amaryllis, how to plant them, how to care for them, what to do to make sure your Amaryllis will rebloom next year.

We ordered 6 varieties of amaryllis bulbs from a local wholesaler. The bulbs are much bigger than those that are available in boxed kits. They will have at least 2 flowering stalks. The cost of the workshop is \$15, this includes 1 amaryllis bulb, a pot for the bulb and soil for potting the bulb. Bulbs of this size usually cost about \$25. Because the bulbs were purchased wholesale, we are able to offer them to our members at a really good price.



You can pre-register for the workshop by e-transfer of \$15 or in person at our November 14th Annual General meeting with cash or by cheque.

At this time, we are restricting pre-registration and bulb purchase to 1 bulb per person as our bulb supply is limited. If there are extra bulbs available, you will be able to purchase them at the December meeting.

The bulb colours are various combinations of various pinks and white. If you have questions, please contact Monica.

Peel Art Gallery Museum & Archives

Unique Workshops

- Connections Art and Book Club with Brampton Library Nov. 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- PAMA Kids PA Day Workshop: Soft Sculpture with artist Amanda McCavour (Ages 6-12) Nov. 24, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Embroidered Botany Workshop with artist Amanda McCavour Nov. 25, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Watercolour Botanical Cards Workshop Dec. 2, 2 – 4 p.m.

Prices vary, check our [event calendar](#) for all the details and reserve your spot today!

About PAMA

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel region's diverse culture and heritage highlighting important local, Canadian and global narratives. Art, artifact, and archival collections, exhibitions, and programs help visitors make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Join us throughout the year for tours, events, workshops and public programs for all ages. Operated by Peel Region, PAMA is located at [9 Wellington Street East](#) in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more. Learn more about Peel's continuing commitment to our community during [our transition](#).

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Fall Garden “To Do” Tips

- Begin preparing tools for storage by cleaning them once you’re finished with them.
- Place chicken wire on the ground over newly planted bulbs to deter animals from digging.
- Be sure to remove any leaves from your lawn to help reduce lawn problems; use as mulch for plants; shred leaves and add to compost. ⁴
- Clean up your lawn and garden. Remove any dead or diseased plants, leaves, and twigs; a clean garden means fewer diseases next spring.
- Did you test your soil? If you need to raise or lower the pH of your soil, add the required amendments, such as sulfur or lime, this fall because they take some time to work.
- Paint any garden structures that need it. Repair garden fences.
- Cut perennials 3 to 4 inches from the ground once the flower stalks have died and turned brown.
- Look for slug egg masses under mulch and destroy.
- Leave seed heads on asters, sunflowers, and cosmos for birds to eat over the winter.
- Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs.
- Remember to edge your garden borders if you have not already done so.
- Plant hardy spring-flowering bulbs such as tulip, daffodil, and hyacinth bulbs and crocus corms. Don’t be too quick to cover them with mulch or it may attract animals. Wait until the ground freezes.
- Dig up and store dahlias, gladioli, and other tender plants after the foliage is killed by a frost. Store over the winter.
- If your peony isn’t blooming, or it is too large or misplaced, consider moving it now.
- Transplant trees, shrubs, and rosebushes.



Tips taken from the Old Farmer’s Almanac 2023
Amarin Tsujimura

⁴ Taken from the Old Farmer’s Almanac 2023

From the Membership Desk

Our October meeting had 51 members attending, as well as 5 guests, Kim, Maureen, Margaret, Jane, and Dan. Thank you to members Jon, Steven G., Janice G., Janet, & Judy for bringing guests to our first two meetings. Word of mouth from current members is a great way to increase our membership. Did you know that guests are welcome to attend one meeting for free, EXCEPT for the November AGM?



During the meeting, Clement Kent discussed the importance of taking care of the Earth. Some practical suggestions we can all try were to buy locally produced food, plant trees or shrubs, share rides, and use our own leaves and grass clipping to enhance the soil.

He reminded us we should garden to:

- improve the diversity of living things
- show others by teaching the young
- care for others & improve our mental well-being

With the holiday season approaching, SHS memberships would make a wonderful gift for the avid gardener in your life. At \$30 (family) and \$20 (individual) it is a great deal and the gift that keeps on giving. Thank you to Mary-Ann for starting this trend.

Lastly, I am looking for people to welcome new members who attend meetings alone and would benefit from having someone to sit with, socialize with, and learn from. Email me if you are interested in helping.

Shelley Dodd, Membership Chair

Coffee Club

October 4th was another spectacular day for our final outdoor coffee club of the year. 17 members attended and were treated to an impromptu discussion of GMO's by Don, delicious treats by Mare, Martha, John, Shelley, Steve along with Rena's farm fresh fruit! Some members discussed upcoming travels to the U.K. and Mexico, while others raved about their gardens and the height of some plants. It was a lovely Fall day!



Celebrations



November's birth flowers are the peony and chrysanthemum! Members celebrating a birthday this month are: Mike, Shelley, Rick and Grace N. belated birthday wishes to Carol Z., Marie, and Vino.



Yellow roses and violets (complementary colours) are the perfect flowers for Monika and Henry who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month, a couple who support and compliment each other. Belated anniversary wishes to Marg A., Christina A., and Mike & Pat who celebrated in October.



October Flower Show

There were 52 Cultural entries and 5 Design entries. Show was judged by Heinke Thiessen.

In order for us to continue with our Flower Shows in May, June, September and October, we need some volunteers to step up and help out. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Harshman

First time entering a flower show, member Liz Roesler won "Best in Show" for her branch showing fruit.



Monika Schouten captured the "Judges Choice" award for her design entitled 'Welcome to my Nightmare'.



Henry Schouten entered a carved kitty pumpkin complete with mouse entitled "Gotcha" and won the Member's Choice.



Refreshment Table

Thanks to SHS members who contributed to the refreshment table at our October meeting: Rosemarie Bera, Nury Garzon, Judi Kokis, Marg Rowan and Monika Schouten.

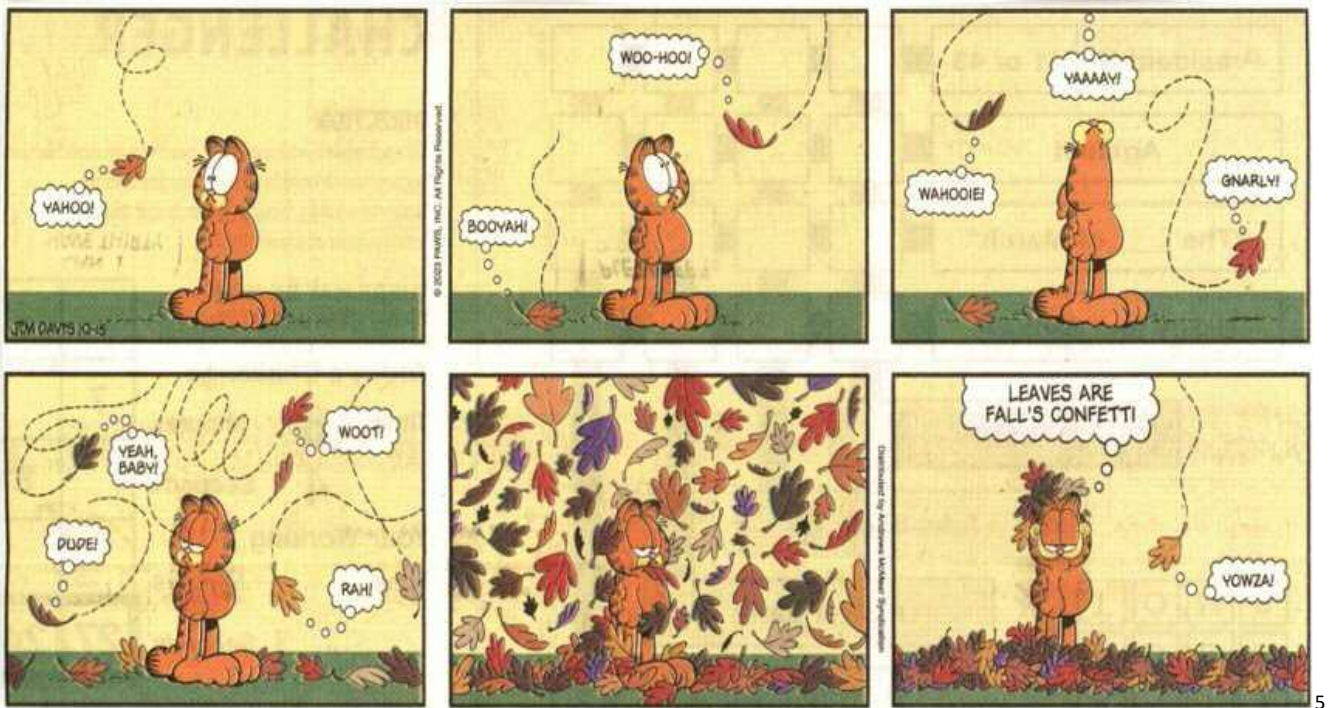


And a special thank you to Marg Rowan for helping set and tidy up.

I will record 1 (one) volunteer hour to Grace Nelham for each member who contributed.

Our next meeting on November 14th is our AGM with includes a potluck supper before the meeting. Please bring something to share for approximately 8-10 members, along with your plate, cup and utensils.

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Table



⁵ Garfield by Jim Davis, Toronto Star Oct 14, 2023