



# Streetsville Blooms

Streetsville Horticultural Society

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The Next Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, December 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.  
Workshop Starts at 7:30 p.m.

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## Co-Presidents' Message

As we welcome December and the end of 2023, it is a great time to reflect on all that has been accomplished by our horticultural society! The slideshow prepared by Grace and narrated by Carol reflected the highlights of the year, which were many. As you peruse through this newsletter, you will see exactly what we mean.

Thank you to the 2022/2023 Board of Directors for your leadership, dedication, and all that you have done for the organization. Carol, Monica, and Marg have been great ambassadors and worked tirelessly while taking on many important society roles throughout the past several years. We look forward to having Monica and Carol continue to share their knowledge and experience in the role of Past Presidents. Nury, Mary Ann, Grace, and Judi have contributed greatly as Board Directors and will stay on for another 2-year term. We would like to welcome new board members Martha and Amarin.

As your new Co-Presidents, we are excited about taking on this new challenge and are looking forward to working with and getting to know everyone! Thank you for instilling your trust in us as we begin this journey, and we hope that we will have your continued support as we learn and try new things.

We look forward to seeing you at our December meeting!

Lastly, we would like to wish you a wonderful holiday season! May you find some time to breathe, relax, and truly appreciate all that you have.

Shelley Dodd and Maureen Dodd



## December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Monica will do an optional Amaryllis workshop; for those interested in participating, please make sure you have paid your \$15. Email transfers will be accepted until December 3rd and any remaining bulbs will be sold at the door while available. Additional details about the Workshop are on page 9. There will be a draw table, as well as light snacks provided by the board members, and a Trivia challenge. We will be collecting donations of food and cash for "Eden Food For Change" from our members. All proceeds from the December draw table and Refreshment table will be donated to this food bank. In addition, a few of our crafty members (Ursula, Faulene, Mary Ann, Shelley) will be selling their homemade creations just in time for your holiday shopping pleasure! Cash only. If you would like to participate in the craft sale, please contact Maureen or Shelley.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the workshop will start at 7:30 p.m. Our meeting will wrap up at 9:00 p.m. See you there!

## New Board Elected for 2023-2024

Along with all the other awards given out at the AGM, the new Board was elected. Congratulations to Shelley Dodd and Maureen Dodd, elected Co-Presidents to lead us forward in 2023 – 2024.

Congratulations also to Judi Kokis - Secretary; Grace Nelham - Archivist; Martha Witney - Refreshments; Amarin Tsujimura - Newsletter; Monica Ross - Past President; Mary Ann Brown - Treasurer; Carol Ashford - Past President.



L to R: Judi Kokis; Grace Nelham; Martha Witney; Amarin Tsujimura; Monica Ross; Mary Ann Brown; Maureen Dodd, Co-President; Shelley Dodd, Co-President; and Carol Ashford. Missing is Nury Garzon.





## Service Awards given at the AGM

Fourteen 10-year service awards (Christine Anonychuk, Asoke Bera, Rosemarie Bera, Lorena D'Arsie, Robb Dods, Jon Eldridge, Christine MacDougall, Monica Ross, Janet Shaw, Andrea Vertolli, Martha Witney, Carol Zarb), nine 15-year service awards (Shirley Boyes, Rob Harshman, Sue Harshman, Grace McElhinney, Linda Paris, Marg Rowan, Pat Salisbury, Mike Salisbury, Janice Ward), eight 20-year service awards (Bob Bowman, Linda Bowman, Adele Gibbins, Don Helsdon, Enza Lafratta, Nick Lafratta), and eleven 25+ service awards were presented at the AGM in November.

The following received 25 year pins: Alex King (25 years) Henry Schouten (27), Monika Schouten (27), Dean Scully (27), Debby Scully (27), Anita King (28), Carol Ashford (28), Jovita Nagy (28), Jeanette Moens (29).

A 30 year pin was presented to Grace Nelham. Pauline Tippettt was awarded 45 year pin, along with Ursula Evanoff (46 years) and Mary Gilbert (49 years). Congratulations to all!!



Pictured above those in attendance who received 15 plus years service award pins.

L to R: Dean Scully, Debby Scully, Mike Salisbury, Pat Salisbury, Monika Schouten, Grace McElhinney, Henry Schouten, Marg Rowan, Shirley Boyes, Janice Ward, Ursula Evanoff, Sue Harshman, Grace Nelham, Mary Gilbert, Carol Ashford.



## President's Award Certificates

At the November 2023 Annual General Meeting, special awards were given to those members who had contributed 50+ volunteer hours of their time in the year 2022- 2023. Thank you all for your contributions.



L to R: Grace Nelham, Grace McElhinney, Carol Ashford, Judi Kokis, Martha Witney, Marg Rowan, Jon Eldridge, Steve Fenech, Shirley Boyes, Shelley Dodd, Monica Ross and Mary Ann Brown.  
Absent-Nury Garzon.



## Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award

It was my great pleasure to present the "Jean Kennedy Memorial Award" to this years' Outstanding Volunteer.

Steve Fenech is one of our most enthusiastic members who has been involved in multiple activities since joining the Society. He is always willing to help out or fill in a gap. Steve volunteered at both community gardens, and did many tasks at the plant sale, and at the Leslie Log House he helped with the arbor and laying the stone under it.

Congratulations Steve!





## Flower Show Award

Four flower shows were held during the past year and winners were announced at the AGM. Pictured is Monika Schouten receiving the “Elizabeth Colley Designer of the Year Award” for most points in design.

The top five points in the flower shows in the ‘cultural’ section were: Anita King 198 points, Sue Harshman 142 points, Shelley Dodd 94 points, Steve Fenech 78 points and Pat Salisbury 64 points. The “Joe Boles Horticultural Award” was won by Anita King, who was away and unable to attend the meeting.



Congratulations to both Monika & Anita!

Carol Ashford, Monika Schouten



## Photo Contest

First, a big thank you to everyone who took part in our photo contest. There were 9 contestants who participated with the youngest contestant being 10 years old.

Christina Anonychuk presented the trophy to Photographer of the Year Grace Nelham



### FIRST: GRACE NELHAM



Very nice capture of colour and movement here. It is very difficult to photograph an image with colour and movement in the same shot. The only way to do this successfully is use water as a background. The ripples in this shot lead the eye into the photo from the bottom right to top left corner. Depth of field is perfect and full.

If you are interested in next year's contest, please check out:

<https://www.streetsvillehort.ca/flowers-photos/Streetsville Horticultural Society>

Photo Contest 2023 – 2024

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## Membership Desk

Our November AGM had 47 members attending, as well as District 15 Associate Director Asna Black who presided over the election. Two members renewed their membership, and we would like to welcome returning member Carron who will join us in December for the amaryllis workshop. Thank you to Lorena for touting the value of a SHS membership and facilitating Carron's joining.

SHS memberships make great gifts for family members, friends, or neighbours. Liz was gifted one when she retired and has been actively involved and successful in the Fall flower show and photo contest.

Thank you to Faulene for taking on the responsibility of Membership Chairperson as I take on the co-president responsibilities. She has been a great help at the membership table and will be a perfect replacement. Thank you also to Karen N., Marg A., and Sandra J. who signed up to volunteer at the membership table on their renewal form.

Shelley Dodd



## Celebrations



December's birth flowers are the narcissus (Paperwhite) and the holly. Wishing Sue P., Earl and Ursula, who are celebrating a birthday this month a happy and healthy year ahead! Belated birthday wishes for Eleanor who celebrated in November.

Congratulations to Carol & Brian who are celebrating their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary this month!



Thank you to the members who have shared their celebration dates on their membership forms so we could recognize your special day. If yours was left blank in error, please email Shelley Dodd and she will add it to her list.

## From the Refreshment Coordinator



This year's AGM potluck was a total success. There was an amazing selection of delicious appetizers, main dishes, and desserts. A huge thank you to everyone that participated to make this such a successful and enjoyable event. Also, a huge thank you to Marg Rowan and Marcia Spear for their help with the setting/cleaning up process.

On a different note, since Viv Holmes has moved, I need someone to help with the set up/clean up at our once monthly meetings. One hour before and one hour after the meeting. If you are interested, please contact me.

Best Wishes to everyone for the upcoming holidays!

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Table



## Raffle Table

Please visit the raffle table and get your tickets to win some wonderful prizes- great for yourself or as Holiday gifts. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Ursula will be donating a few of her beautiful Christmas centrepieces to raffle off.



Judy Castelino, Raffle Table



## December 2023 Presentation & Workshop

At our Christmas meeting, Monica Ross will be doing a presentation and workshop all about amaryllis, information about how to plant amaryllis, how to care for them, what to do to make sure your amaryllis will rebloom next year. A handy tip sheet with useful information will be available to take home.



Please bring a trowel, garden gloves if you don't like to get your hands dirty, and a bag or box to take your potted amaryllis home.

6 varieties of amaryllis in various shades of pink and white will be available. 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.

You may pay for the workshop by e-transfer of \$15 by Sunday December 3 at the latest or in person at the December meeting with cash or by cheque.

If there are unsold bulbs, they will be available for purchase for \$15 at the December meeting.  
If you are not participating in the workshop, please come and socialize with fellow members.



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<sup>1</sup> For Better or For Worse, The Toronto Star November 28, 2023