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Streetsville Horticultural Society

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2024
Streetsville United Church
In Heritage Hall
274 Queen Street South
Set Up at 6:30 p.m. for Flower
Show Entries
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Diana Westland
Grow Edibles in Pots and Plots

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¹ Dahlia with friend, courtesy of Jon Eldridge's garden

Co-Presidents' Message

Excitement is in the air as the weather warms and our gardens spring to life! With the rain and heat we experienced in April; things seem to be ahead of their normal times. Whether it be the bird migration, blooming of the magnolia trees and forsythia or simply the number of butterflies and insects fluttering around, the signs of spring are abundant.

By now both the Leslie Log House and Rotary Park properties have been cleaned and tidied, thanks to you, our amazing members, for volunteering your time. Throughout the remainder of the year until October, volunteers will meet regularly to tend to the gardens at each location. The transformation from spring to fall is remarkable, and more and more people are visiting to take pictures and relax in these beautiful oases.



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May is one of the busiest months of the year for our society. Our amazing plant sale occurs, as does the first flower show of the year, and plant premiums are given out to members in attendance at the May meeting as a thank you gift for your continued support and involvement.

A great deal of preparation and planning goes into the May 25th plant sale, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Member plant donations form the foundation of the sale so please check your gardens for plants in need of dividing or gardening items you no longer need.

Some timely reminders now that you are spending more time in the garden are to wear a hat and protect yourself from the sun by covering exposed skin or applying sunscreen, wear sunglasses to protect your eyes, be wary of heat so garden early in the day or in the late afternoon, drink plenty of water and wear gloves to protect yourself from bacteria and fungi that lurk in the soil.

Lastly, we are looking for someone to take over the role of S.H.S. publicity. Judi has done an admirable job, but as the secretary's demands have grown, she is hoping someone will assume the publicity role. The position involves sending emails and posting our events on a variety of websites. Please contact Judi, Maureen, or Shelley for more information.

Enjoy the spring blooms and time outdoors, as daylight grows longer!

Shelley and Maureen

² Tulips courtesy of Anne Hudson

Leslie Log House - Trash Pick Up

VOLUNTEERS ARE AMAZING!!

On April 20th, ten members braved the cold, windy day and came out to pick up trash at the Leslie Log House. They set to work hoping completing the task at hand would keep them warm.

Some did the gathering of trash, a few tidied up the beds, some dug weeds and others dug plants for the plant sale. There are many seedlings sprouting up in the garden including lots of weeds. Daffodils were blooming in abundance.









Thanks for volunteering goes to: Steve Fenech, Monica Ross, Robb Dods, Anita & Alex King, Marcia Spear, Grace Nelham, Rick DeBenedetti and Judi Kokis.

We packed it in when it started to snow!! We will start our weekly maintenance of the LLH property a week before the plant sale.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair









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³ Pictures courtesy of Grace Nelham

Rotary Park Clean Up

We had our Spring clean-up or season opener at the park on 18th April. There were only 4 of us (+ 1 dog, Nella) but 95% of the leaves had been mulched by the City and blown onto the beds, which was great, and the City had also picked up most of the garbage. So all we had to do was clean up things they missed, do a bit of pruning and think about what we want to improve in the coming seasons.



Our next work party will be Thursday May 2nd unless the weather doesn't permit, in which case it's the following week.

New volunteers are always welcome, we start at 9.30 am.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair



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⁴ Pictures courtesy of Grace Nelham

Native Plants

Marsh Marigold

I've said previously that my native plants are ones I propagated for Riverwood Conservancy and I didn't always have the choice of which plants to grow. That's why I ended up with a Marsh Marigold when there wasn't anywhere in my garden remotely like a marsh. I thought I would water it frequently and that should be ok, and for 2 years it was but I must have got tired of watering as it failed to appear in the 3rd Spring.

This is a great plant if you have a pond, a stream, a part of the garden that gets boggy or even a rain-garden. It loves the sun or part shade, will grow in mounds up to 2 ft. high, has heart shaped leaves and in the Spring has bright shiny yellow flowers that resemble large buttercups. Apparently, the petal tips reflect UV light while the petal bases absorb it and this creates patterns that attract bees



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and other insects. The leaves in my picture are larger than those I see online and maybe they get smaller as the plant grows or mine were just thirsty. In the right conditions the plant can spread quite easily.

The name is a strange one for a plant that is in the buttercup family and looks like it, but in medieval England it was named Mary (after virgin) Gold and the name stuck. Which begs the question, is it native to Canada? Yes, all of North America and Europe.

Jon Eldridge

Grow Edibles in Pots and Plots

Speaker – Diana Westland

Diana Westland has been with the Mississauga Master Gardeners since 2020 and is currently its coordinator. She is a passionate gardener. She grows many vegetables and has a keen interest in local sourced food production as well as sustainable gardening practices. She is a member of the 'North American Native Plant Society' and a member of 'Blooming Boulevards'. Both organizations promote the use of native plants and connected greenways for pollinators, using private gardens, public parks, and conservation areas.

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⁵ Marsh Marigold courtesy of Jon Eldridge

Growing Vegetables



Most of us enjoy home grown vegetables, there are many options for which vegetables to grow. Traditional vegetables to grow in the summer include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beans of various types, zucchini and other squashes. These all need at least 6 hours of sun.

Other choices are shade tolerant vegetables that need 3-4 hours of sun. These are vegetables where we eat the roots or leaves such as beets, kale, lettuce, radishes and Swiss Chard.

How to grow information can be found on many websites, look for a website that has information specifically for southern Ontario.

Where to plant, if you intend to grow your veggie crop in a garden bed make sure the ground is well drained. Areas where water pools after a summer rain are not a good choice.

Raised beds can be built quite simply with 4 x 4 lumber, avoid pressure treated lumber as the chemicals used to prevent rotting are not good for the plants or for humans.

Monica Ross

Celebrations



Lily of the Valley, which is part of the asparagus family and is an aggressive perennial groundcover with a strong fragrance and Hawthorn, which is part of the rose family and is a flowering shrub, are the May birth flowers.



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Happy birthday to Andrea V., and Marcia S. who are celebrating a birthday in May. Happy Anniversary also to Andrea V. and her spouse! Wishing you a year ahead filled with many garden surprises and delights.

⁶ Tomatoes courtesy of Pixabay

⁷ Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn courtesy of Pixabay

District 15 AGM

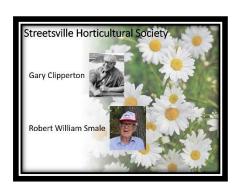


The District 15 AGM was held virtually on April 20th and Maureen, Shelley, and Judi attended to represent Streetsville Horticultural Society. Director Doreen Coyne called the meeting to order and commented on the growth of the D15 membership in 2023 by 35 members and the increase in volunteer hours by

nearly 5000 hours, despite the closure of Caledon Horticultural Society.

Later Debi Foster presented the OHA report and thanked each society for helping to keep Ontario beautiful with our horticultural pursuits. She discussed a new scholarship for members, children, and their grandchildren who are studying Horticulture, as well as the Co-operative Insurance discount available. For details, see the OHA/Garden Ontario website https://gardenontario.org/about/. The OHA will have a booth at the C.N.E. again this year.

Members Gary Clipperton and Bob Smale were honoured by having their names read aloud and pictures shown, during the in-memoriam section of the meeting. We were excited to learn that our two publication entries had won awards! The Streetsville Blooms December edition placed 3rd in the 10 page or less category and the September edition placed 2nd in the 11 pages or more category. Congratulations to everyone who contributed articles and to Amarin who put the newsletters together.



DISTRICT IS OHA

16. Publications Contest Results



alking: michelle wilson

 Judged by: Kathy Bouma, District 7 Director Prizes per class: 1st: \$15, 2nd: \$10, 3rd: \$5.
 Winners, please send David Biensch your email for payment.

Class 1: 2023 Special Event Poster

1st - Chinguacousy: 2023 Plant Sale Flyer

2nd - Schomberg: 2023 HORT tour poppy

3rd - Thornhill: 2023 Special Event Poster for Spring Plant Sale

Class 2: 2023 Newsletter - 10 page or less

1st - Chinquacousy: Newsletter April2023

2nd - Credit Valley: June 2023 Newsletter

3rd - Streetsville: Streetsville Blooms 2023-12

Class 3: 2023 Newsletter – 11 pages or more

1st - Richmond Hill: RHGHS 2023 07-08 newsletter

2nd - Streetsville: Streetsville Blooms 2023-09

Class 4: Society/Club Brochure, Pamphlet, or Flyer

1st - Thornhill: 2023 Brochure

2nd - Brampton: Brochure for Print

3rd - Richmond Hill: RHGHS 2023 Membership Trifold

Membership Desk

What a wonderful turnout for our April Open House meeting! We had 59 members in attendance, with 8 guests, making our total 67! Included in that number are 3 new members. Welcome to Mary B., Shirley D., and Amira P.

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?

If you happened to take your nametag home, please remember to bring it to the next meeting.

Thanks to our helpers at the membership desk, Sandra J, and Marg A. It was a very busy night!

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

Refreshment Table

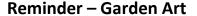
Thank you to Christina Anonychuk, Rosemarie Bera, Ursula Evanoff, Judi Kokis, Grace Nelham, Liz Menard, and Liz Roesler for your contribution(s) to the April refreshment table. For the May 14th/24 meeting Marg Allen, Cathy Clipperton, Jill Davies, Judi Kokis and Vino Xavier have signed up to contribute.

Please remember to bring your own to the meeting.

Thank you to Marcia Spear, for your ever willing help in setting up and

cleaning up and to Carron Palmer for staying late to help with the cleaning up of the refreshment table. And additional help from Jon Eldridge!

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Co-ordinator





If you're looking to purchase some lovely garden art at the May General Meeting, it would be helpful if you bring CASH. Thank you.

Shirley Boyes

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⁸ Let It Bee Gnome courtesy of Amarin Tsujimura's garden

Raffle Table

With gardening in session we have some lovely items to showcase those garden beauties and to help you stay on top of your gardening. A beautiful vase and gardening journal, a gorgeous center piece that would add oomph to an indoor or outdoor table, a plant saucer or an outdoor ornament with a garden journal and thermos, a beautiful bowl perfect for a lovely salad or fruit/ flower display.









Streetsville Historical Society Presentation April 11th at the Streetsville Legion

Members of the Streetsville Historical Society and guests were treated to an informative presentation about the Leslie Log House property and the Streetsville Horticultural Society by our very own Carol Ashford. Carol had many outstanding photographs in her presentation to show how the S.H.S. has evolved throughout the years. Did you know that the first S.H.S meeting was held in January of 1914 and 80 members signed up for \$1.00 per year? In 1939 the first flower show was held with 133 exhibitors. The Society folded in 1954 and was reestablished in 1972. In 2015 the first plant sale occurred and prior to being held at the Leslie Log House was held at the Streetsville Plaza and the Portuguese Cultural Center. The Leslie Log House property was originally an orchard owned by Herb Pinchin. In 2010 the Log House and the property were restored. During her slide show, Carol explained the flora and fauna found on the property. Those who attended enjoyed hearing about the rich history of the S.H.S!





Gardening News & Happenings – May 2024:

(just a few of the many horticultural activities happening this month)

- The Riverwood Conservancy: May is a busy month with many programs being offered! Birding with the Expert May 01, 08, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29 | 8:30 am 10:00 am \$5 each session; Afternoon Talk: Toronto Pearson Apiary & Bee Box Building May 02 | 4:00 pm 5:30 pm (free); Qi Gong at Riverwood May 02 | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm or May 18 | 4:00 pm 5:00 pm \$10; Reflection in the Woods: A Women's Wellness Getaway May 04 | 9:30 am 1:00 pm \$45; Spring Birding May 06 and 27 | 9:00 am 10:30 am \$5 each session; Yoga in Nature May 11 | 10:00 am 11:00 \$10; Mother's Day: Birds & Blooms May 12 | 10:00 am 11:30 am \$25; Mother's Day: Forest Bathing May 12 | 1:00 pm 3:00 pm \$15; Workshop: Warblers 101 May 14 | 5:00 pm 7:00 pm \$15; Astronomy Night May 14 | 9:00 pm 10:30 pm \$5; Fascination of Plants Day: Garden Tour and Tree Planting May 16 | 5:00 pm 6:30 pm \$15; Women's Full Moon Ceremony May 23 | 6:00 pm 8:00 pm (Free); Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens Tour May 24 | 9:00 am 10:30 am \$5; Nighttime Nature May 30 | 9:00 pm 10:30 pm \$10;
- <u>Blooming Boulevards 2024 Presentations</u>: Blooming Boulevards is offering two free 1-hour webinars this month! <u>Native Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces</u> May 4 | 10:00 am 11:00 am (Free); <u>Create a Native Woodland Garden</u> May 11 | 10:00 am 11:00 am (Free). Sign up online at least two days before the event.
- <u>GardenOntario 50/50 fundraising draw:</u> GardenOntario is holding a fundraising 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds supporting the Keep Ontario Beautiful program. Tickets prices start at 10 for \$10. Draw #9 takes place on Saturday July 14th. Tickets are available at https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha
- <u>Credit Valley Conservation</u>: CVA is hosting an in-person workshop and events for free! <u>Landscaping with Native Trees</u>, <u>Shrubs</u>, <u>and Wildflowers Workshop</u> May 9 | 7:00 pm 8:30 pm (Free) at Mississauga Valley Community Centre; <u>Rattray Marsh Invasive Species Pull</u> May 11 | 9:30 am 11:00 am (Free). Participants will help remove invasive species that are impacting the survival of native plants and animals. Meet at the entrance to Rattray Marsh Conservation Area across from Green Glade Public School, 1550 Green Glade, Mississauga
- University of Guelph Arboretum 2024 Spring Workshops: Half-day workshops offered: Wonderous Wildflowers May 02 | 9:00 am 4:00 pm \$98; Sensational Snakes May 03 | 1:00 pm 4:00 pm \$64; Drawn to Nature Hike May 11 | 1:00 pm 3:00 pm \$12; Also offered in June are a series of virtual classes with the last class being an on-site visit: Virtual Shrub ID June 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 7:00 pm 8:00 pm \$50; Virtual Tree ID June 4, 11, 18, & 25 | noon 1:00 pm \$50. *Note that you must register for classes and workshops ONE WEEK in advance.

Flower Show Schedule – May 14, 2024

Entries will be received between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 7:15 p.m.

Entry forms are available from our website, www.streetsvillehort.ca.

Please print and complete your entry forms at home for faster registration. Entry forms will be available at the show if needed.

Division I – Horticultural

(1 entry permitted per exhibitor per class unless otherwise stated)

<u>Section A – Hardy flowering bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes</u>

Clas	s 1	Hyacinthus (hyacinth)	1 stem
Clas	s 2	Iris (iris)— bearded	1 stalk
Clas	s 3	Muscari (grape hyacinth)	3 stems, same species/cultivar
Clas	s 4	Narcissus (daffodil) – trumpet or large cup	1 scape/stem (no foliage)
Clas	s 5	Narcissus (daffodil) – double	1 scape/stem (no foliage)
Clas	s 6	Narcissus (daffodil) – any other cultivar	1 scape/stem (no foliage)
Clas	s 7	Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal)	1 stem
Clas	s 8	Tulipa (tulip) - single	1 stem (2 leaves attached)
Clas	s 9	<i>Tulipa</i> (tulip) – double	1 stem (2 leaves attached)
Clas	s 10	Tulipa (tulip) – any other cultivar	1 stem (2 leaves attached)
Clas	s 11	Any other flowering bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome	1 stem

Section B - Hardy flowering biennials and perennials

Aquilegia (Columbine)	1 spray	
Myosotis sylvatica (Forget-me-Not)	3 stems, same species/cultivar	
Lamprocapnos spectabilis, formerly Dicentra		
(Old Fashioned Bleeding Heart)	1 stem	
Helleborus (hellebore)	1 stem	
Pulmonaria (lungwort)	3 stems, same species/cultivar	
Any other flowering biennial or perennial (2 entries per exhibitor permitted if different)	1 stem	
	Lamprocapnos spectabilis, formerly Dicentra (Old Fashioned Bleeding Heart) Helleborus (hellebore) Pulmonaria (lungwort)	

<u>Section C - Hardy flowering shrubs, trees, vines</u>

Branch/vine not to exceed 76 cm (30") in length measured from the top of the container.

Class 18	Syringa sp. (lilac)	1 branch
Class 19	Any other flowering shrub or tree	1 branch
Class 20	Any flowering vine	1 vine

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Division II - Design

Theme: Spring Beauty

1 entry permitted per exhibitor per class.

Space allotted: 51 cm (20") wide and deep, unlimited height.

Class 21 'Voice of Spring' - a design
Class 22 'Blowing in the Wind' - a design

Class 23 'A Walk in the Woods ' – a design that incorporates wood

GENERAL SHOW RULES

- 1. Judging will be in accordance with the "Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design" (OJES), 2019 edition.
- 2. The decision of the judge(s) is final. Awards may be withheld if in the opinion of the judge(s) no exhibit is worthy even though it may be the only entry in the class.
- 3. Competition is open to all members in good standing of Streetsville Horticulture Society.
- 4. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry tag, tags are available at www.streetsvillehort.ca. If possible, state species and cultivar names of the entry to enhance the educational value of the show.



- 5. All entries will be received between 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. No entries will be accepted after 7:15 p.m. at which time exhibitors must leave the show area. Exhibits must remain on the show table until the show convenor releases the entries. Only the show committee members, clerks and the judge(s) may remain in the show area once entries are closed until judging is completed.
- 6. The placing of entries is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Show Committee will be available to assist exhibitors if unsure of the correct placement. Only the Show Committee is authorized to move cultural exhibits for subdividing and spacing purposes. Only the exhibitor may move his/her entry in the Design Division. Exhibitors are not permitted to touch or alter any entry once entries are closed.
- 7. Space allotted for exhibits is given in metric. Imperial measurements (inches) are approximate.
- 8. Entries of or including endangered, protected or scarce species are not permitted. The Species at Risk Public Registry is the authority for determining this designation of any plant at this show. See www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca.
- 9. Entries of or including specimens from the genus *Cannabis* are not permitted, however, hemp fiber products are permitted.
- 10. While reasonable precautions will be taken to protect the exhibitors' property, Streetsville Horticulture Society will not be held responsible for any loss or damage.
- 11. The Show Committee may subdivide classes in the Horticulture Division when/if deemed necessary.
- 12. Complaints must be made in writing, signed and presented to the Show Chair before the close of the show.

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HORTICULTURAL RULES

- 1. All cultural exhibits must have been grown/owned by the exhibitor for a minimum of three (3) months prior to the show.
- 2. Exhibitors may enter any number of classes but may have only one (1) entry per class unless otherwise stated. If two or more exhibitors share the same garden and wish to complete in the same class, they must enter different cultivars.
- 3. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their entries are placed into the correct class and named where possible. The Show Committee will provide assistance if required.
- 4. Containers will <u>not</u> be supplied.
- 5. Where a definite number or quantity is specified, no more or less may be exhibited. Any bud showing colour must be considered a bloom.
- 6. Staking, wiring or tying is not permitted in cut specimen classes but cut specimens may be discretely wedged.
- 7. Diseased or insect infested plant material will be refused entry or removed from the show.
- 8. Any foliage shown with cut specimens must be attached. Unattached foliage is <u>not</u> permitted.

DESIGN RULES

- 1. Exhibitors may enter any number of classes but may have only one (1) entry per class.
- 2. All designs must be the work of the exhibitor.
- 3. A design may be with or without accessories. No soil is permitted in floral design.
- 4. Emphasis will be placed on the use of fresh plant material unless otherwise specified. However, a judicious use of painted and/or dyed dried plant material is acceptable. No artificial plant material is allowed. Plant material may be newly acquired and from any source.
- 5. Space allotted for each exhibit is 51 cm wide x 51cm deep (20" wide x 20" deep), height unlimited.

Questions regarding the schedule may be addressed to the Show Convenor.

AWARDS

Awards will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class as merited. Honorable Mentions may be awarded in each class as merited. Best in Show and Judges' Choice will be awarded in the Horticulture Division. A Judges' Choice will be awarded in the Design Division.

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DEFINITIONS

Design Division

Design: A combination of fresh and/or dried plant material with or without other objects arranged to

create an artistic unit. The design may include container(s), base(s) and/or accessories. The designer uses the elements of design: space, line, form, colour, texture and pattern in the accepted principles of design: balance, rhythm, proportion, scale, contrast and dominance to

interpret the theme and/or class and create a design of harmony and distinction.

Horticultural Division

Biennial A plant that requires 2 growing seasons to complete its life cycle. Leaves are formed during the

1st year, flowers and seeds the following season and then the plant dies away completely.

Bulb: A specialized, usually underground, structure consisting of a short dominant stem and bud

surrounded by fleshy scales. i.e. Tulipa, Narcissus, Muscari (grape hyacinth), Allium, Lilium.

Corm: A modified, usually underground, stem, thickened, fleshy and solid. E.g. Crocus, Gladiolus

Cultivar: Cultivated variety. Varieties of plants originated and maintained only in cultivation, which when

reproduced retain their distinguishing features.

Perennial: A plant that lives for more than two years. For flower show purposes, the term perennial does

not refer to tender perennials which are treated as annuals in our climate or to trees, shrubs,

conifers and hardy vines.

Rhizome: An underground or surface root-like stem that grows horizontally, usually thickened with stored

food, and that bears leaves, flower stalks and roots. i.e. *Polygonatum* (Solomon's Seal), *Iris*

(bearded type).

Scape: A leafless flower stem arising from the ground. Each scape may carry a number of flower buds

depending on the cultivar. i.e. *Narcissus*, (daffodil), *Hemerocallis* (daylily).

Species: A subdivision of a genus. The genus together with the specific epithet forms the species name.

i.e. Mertensia is the genus. Mertensia virginana (Virginia bluebells) is the species.

Tuber: A fleshy underground stem for storage of moisture and nutrients that bears small eyes for

asexual reproduction. i.e. Dicentra cucullaria (Dutchman's breeches), Eranthis hyemalis (winter

aconite).

