



# Streetsville Blooms

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## Next Meeting

Will be held on:

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Streetsville United Church

In Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

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## Co-Presidents' Message

It's hard to believe that December is upon us and 2024 is nearly over! What a year it has been for our society and for Maureen and me as we have completed our first term as co-presidents. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) slideshow illustrated the highlights of the year, which were many. As you will see when perusing this newsletter, members have much to be proud of.

The AGM was a tremendous success thanks to the enormous outpouring of help! A large crew of members arrived early to set up the room and there was an impressive array of culinary delights for the potluck dinner. Thank-you to Faulene for creating the centrepieces and to Judi for donating the dried florals to add ambience to the meeting. Christina did an amazing job of mounting the photo contest entries and typing out the judge's comments and Grace had an informative archive display for members to peruse. Thank you to Monica for purchasing and organizing the amaryllis bulbs and to Amarin for helping with their distribution.

Many awards were handed out to recognize outstanding member accomplishments. Thank you to Marg for getting the trophies engraved, Carol for printing the certificates, and photographers Grace and John for capturing the memorable moments.

A few notables were:

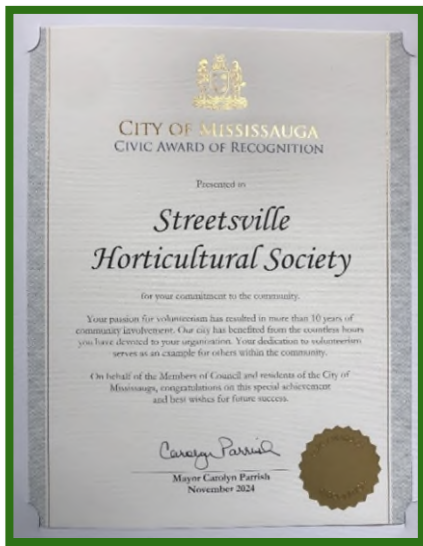
1. Jean Kennedy Volunteer of the Year: Carol Ashford
2. Elizabeth Colley Designer of the Year: Ursula Evanoff
3. Joseph Boles Horticultural Award: Sue Harshman
4. Highest Overall Points (Flower Show): Anita King
5. Photographer of the Year: Henry Schouten
6. OHA Judging/Exhibiting Certificates: Anita & Alex King (Flower Show), Christina Anonychuk (Photography)
7. OHA Horticultural Service Certificate: Judi Kokis



Grace M. spoke with members about the proposed Tasc Tulip Farm trip/Watering Can lunch she is organizing and later Ursula and Monika discussed their December workshop idea. Thank you to Faulene and Karen for managing the Tulip Farm sign up list and handing out the Oasis floral foam. Lastly, a huge thank you to Martha and her amazing kitchen helpers. Martha purchased beverages and items for the potluck and along with Marcia, set-up the food and as usual, they were the last to leave the meeting. A great night was had by all who attended the AGM.

Thank you to the 2023/24 Board of Directors for your dedication, leadership, and contributions to the society. Nearly 700 hours of volunteer time was amassed by the board members Mary Ann, Martha, Monica, Carol, Amarin, Judi, Grace, Nury, Maureen and Shelley. Mary Ann has done an amazing job as treasurer and was invaluable at helping to navigate through the banking issues, including numerous lengthy trips to the bank, that arose this year. Welcome to new board members Liz Menard and Marcia Spear. Thank you to Liz who will be taking over as the treasurer and to Marg Rowan and Robb Dods who will continue to be our Financial Reviewers.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, SHS was given the Civic Award of Recognition from the City of Mississauga, for our outstanding dedication and contribution to the community. Judi and I attended the ceremony and received the award from Mayor Carolyn Parrish and Councillor Brad Butt.



We look forward to seeing you at our December meeting! Please wear your favourite Festive sweater, t-shirt, or tie. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season, filled with time to breathe, relax, and appreciate all that you have to be grateful for.

Shelley Dodd and Maureen Dodd

## New Board Elected for 2024-2025

Along with all the other awards given out at the AGM, the new Board was elected. Congratulations to Shelley Dodd and Maureen Dodd, who will continue as Co-Presidents to lead us in 2024 – 2025.

Congratulations also to Martha Witney – Refreshments; Monica Ross – Past President; newly appointed Marcia Spear and Liz Menard - Treasurer; Grace Nelham – Archivist; Carol Ashford – Past President; Nury Garzon – Draw Table; Amarin Tsujimura – Newsletter; Judi Kokis – Secretary; Mary Ann Brown.



L to R: Martha Witney; Monica Ross; Marcia Spear; Liz Menard; Grace Nelham; Carol Ashford; Nury Garzon; Maureen Dodd; Amarin Tsujimura; Shelley Dodd; Judi Kokis; Mary Ann Brown.



## Service Awards given at the AGM

Eighteen 5-year service awards (Mary Ann Brown, Shelley Dodd, Faulene Hopkins, Gabrielle Mckenzie, Marcia Spear, Maureen Dodd, Steve Fenech, Nury Garzon, Sandra Jensen, Heather Marchment, Zina Marrow, Liz Menard, Suzanne Palummieri, Don Pitson, Louay Qasha, Anna-Marie Raftery, John Raftery, Heather Tregaskes); Two 10-year service awards (Marie Dungca-East, Eleanor Minnes); Two 20-year service awards (Sue Harshman, Rob Harshman); One 25-year service award (Don Helsdon) and one 50-year service award (Mary Gilbert) were presented at the AGM in November.

Ursula Evanoff was presented with a special award – a Lifetime Membership.

### Service Awards Recipients in Attendance



L to R: Shelley Dodd; Mary Ann Brown; Faulene Hopkins; Steve Fenech; Nury Garzon; Liz Menard; Marcia Spear; Suzanne Palummieri; Eleanor Minnes; Anna-Marie Raftery; Sue Harshman; Maureen Dodd.

### 50 Year Service Award Mary Gilbert



L to R: Shelley Dodd; Martha Witney; Mary Gilbert; Carol Ashford; Maureen Dodd

**Special Award  
Lifetime  
Membership**

**Ursula Evanoff**



L to R: Ursula Evanoff; Martha Witney; Carol Ashford

## Photography Awards

### Photographer of the Year



L to R: Henry Schouten; Nury Garzon; Christina Anonychuk

### Photo Contest Honourable Mentions



L to R: Steve Fenech; Monika Schouten

Well, the 2024 photo contest was a great success. As you might have seen at the AGM, we certainly have many talented photographers who showed their great photography skills. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope to see your photos at next year's contest.

This year, the winner of the Photographer of the Year award was Henry Schouten. Henry was also the winner of the Judge's Choice award with his winning photo in Class 2, Explosion of Colour. Runners-up were Steve Fenech and Monika Schouten.

Christina Anonychuk, Photography Chair

## Flower Show Awards

The **Elizabeth Colley Designer of the Year Award** was presented to Ursula Evanoff. Congratulations Ursula!

Honourable Mention went to Monika Schouten and Shelley Dodd.



L to R: Monika Schouten; Ursula Evanoff; Sue Harshman; Shelley Dodd



**Elizabeth Colley** was a Streetsville librarian who restarted the Streetsville Horticultural Society in 1972, because many people were looking for gardening books. The clay soil in the area provided growing challenges for newcomers. She invited a well-known horticulturist to speak at the library and because of the need for more information. She, and a group of interested individuals rekindled the SHS.



The **Joseph Boles Horticultural Award** was presented to Sue Harshman. Congratulations Sue!

The Highest Overall Points went to Anita King. Honourable Mention was presented to Steve Fenech and Monika Schouten.



L to R: Steve Fenech; Sue Harshman; Shelley Dodd; Maureen Dodd



**Joseph Boles** was a passionate gardener who was a regular participant in flower shows, often running away with first place ribbons. He proudly displayed his garden during SHS garden tours. He was a master espalier grower, and he grafted his fruit trees to produce many different varieties of apples and pears. He believed everything was grown for a reason and his garden was a haven for beneficial insects and wildlife.



## Outstanding Volunteer



The **Jean Kennedy Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteer** was presented to Carol Ashford. Congratulations Carol!



L to R: Carol Ashford; Grace Nelham; Shelley Dodd

**Jean Kennedy** was an active member of the Streetsville Horticultural Society who was known for her volunteering! She was always willing to lend a helping hand, even taking on some of the undesirable jobs, and never looked for accolades.

## OHA Judging/Exhibiting Certificate

The **OHA Judging/Exhibiting Certificate** was presented to Christina Anonychuk for the Photography Contest and to Anita & Alex King for the Flower Show. Congratulations all!



L to R: Shelley Dodd; Christina Anonychuk; Maureen Dodd

## OHA Horticultural Service Certificate

The **OHA Horticultural Service Certificate** was presented to Judi Kokis for all her great work. Well done Judi!



L to R: Shelley Dodd; Judi Kokis; Maureen Dodd



## President's Award Certificates

The **President's Award Certificate for 50+ Volunteer Hours** was presented to Marcia Spear, Sue Harshman, Jon Eldridge, Nury Garzon, Christina Anonychuk, Shirley Boyes and Grace McElhinney. Well done everyone!



L to R: Marcia Spear; Sue Harshman; Jon Eldridge; Nury Garzon; Christina Anonychuk; Shirley Boyes; Grace McElhinney



The **President's Award Certificate for 100+ Volunteer Hours** was presented to Martha Witney, Monica Ross, Steve Fenech, Grace Nelham, Amarin Tsujimura, Carol Ashford, Mary Ann Brown, Shelley Dodd, Judi Kokis and Maureen Dodd. Well done everyone!



L to R: Martha Witney; Monica Ross; Steve Fenech; Grace Nelham; Amarin Tsujimura; Carol Ashford; Mary Ann Brown; Shelley Dodd; Judi Kokis; Maureen Dodd



## Christmas Workshop - Christmas Centrepiece

Hope you can come out and join us at our meeting on December 10th where we will be making a small Christmas centrepiece in a mug.

Please bring your own mug with your pre-soaked oasis floral foam inserted (see below for tips), a pair of sharp clippers, and gloves (latex preferably or gardening).

If you missed the November meeting where we handed out the oasis, please let Monika or Ursula know and they will come with a pre-soaked oasis for you. The greenery will be supplied but you may also want to bring embellishments such as small balls, ribbon, berries, small pinecones etc. to decorate your mug with. You should also bring wire should your embellishments not have sticks.

The cost for the provided materials (oasis, greenery) is \$10.

Members can e-transfer the funds (preferred method of payment) to [streetsvilleblossoms@gmail.com](mailto:streetsvilleblossoms@gmail.com) before December 9<sup>th</sup> or pay cash at the door.

If you have any questions, please contact Monika Schouten or Ursula Evanoff.



### Helpful Tips:

- 1) Take the oasis floral foam out of the plastic
- 2) Soak the oasis in the sink for 1 hour in cool, not hot or warm water
- 3) Flip it over & don't weigh it down
- 4) Remove oasis and put mug opening on top it to make an indentation the size of the mug
- 5) Cut oasis to size and allow it to be at least 1 cm above the top of the mug so you can put greens facing down (See above picture)
- 6) Wash hands after handling the oasis

## Christmas Decorations for Sale



At the December meeting we will be selling some beautiful glass balls which were donated by Monica for \$5 each. There are 6 gold, 6 red, and 12 green with snowflake designs etched into the glass. Each is wrapped in lovely bag, perfect for gifting.

## Seed Starting / Recycling

I have started my flower and vegetable seeds in the basement for a few years now. As an alternative to peat pellets and trays, I have been using plastic and styrofoam trays that we all get from the grocery stores on items such as muffins, cakes and fruits; clear containers with lids and small yogurt containers.

I buy a seed starting soil mix. Simply fill the larger containers with soil, poke a few holes in the lid, set the seeds, water and close the lid. Then place the containers on a heat pad unless the room is warm enough.

For the small yogurt cups or smaller containers, simply poke a few holes on the bottom for drainage then fill with the soil mix. Set the seeds, place cups on the foam or plastic trays, give them a bit of water and place a film of plastic on top. Saran wrap or clear plastic presentation covers (for file folders) works well and can be reused again.



As soon as some growth appears, take off the covers and place LED or fluorescent lights above, keeping the light source as close to the top of the plants as possible. Raise the lights as the plants grow to avoid leggy plants and transfer to larger containers as needed. Before you know it, spring will have arrived.

Steve Fenech



## Celebrations



December's birth flowers are narcissus (Paperwhite) and holly. Narcissus (*Narcissus papyraceus*) is a bulbous perennial which is part of the Amaryllidaceae family and is often "forced" to bloom during the winter. Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) is native to North America and is an evergreen shrub which provides shelter and food for birds. Wishing Sue P., Ursula, and Maureen S. who are celebrating a birthday this month a happy and healthy year ahead!



Congratulations to Carol & Brian who are celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this month!

Thank you to the members who have written their celebration dates on their membership forms so we can recognize your special day. If yours was left blank in error, please email Shelley or Faulene and they will add it to the list.

## Membership Desk

Our November AGM had 56 members attending, with 4 membership renewals. We enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner, thanks to all who brought such wonderful food for us to enjoy! And congratulations and welcome to our new and retuning Board of Directors!

SHS memberships make great gifts for family members, friends, or neighbours. Word of mouth from current members is also 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 have not renewed as of yet, please remember to do so! Come see me at the membership desk! I am looking forward to welcoming everyone at the next meeting, which will be our Christmas meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

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

Thanks to our helper at the membership desk, Karen N. It was a very busy night!



Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair



## Refreshment Table

Once again this year's AGM potluck, where we ate at tables covered with tablecloths and centrepieces, 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.

A huge thank you to Marcia Spear and many more for arriving early and helping with the setting and cleaning up process.

Contributors who have signed up for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting are: Judi K., Marg R., and Janice W. Just a reminder the church is a nut free facility! Please remember to bring your own coffee/tea mug to the meeting.

Best Wishes to everyone for a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Table





## Blueberry Scones (Makes 12-14 Scones)

Submitted by Marcia Spear

### Ingredients:

2 cups of flour  
2 tsp of baking powder  
½ tsp of baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
¼ cup of sugar  
¼ cup of margarine  
1 cup of sour milk

Add ½ tbsp of apple cider vinegar to milk, let sit for at least ½ hour.  
Stir in dry ingredients then cut in margarine.  
Add blueberries at this point.  
Stir in sour milk.  
Drop about a large tablespoon on un-greased cookie sheet.  
Bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes then 350 degrees for about 12 minutes.



## Cantaloupe and Cucumber Salad

Submitted by Anne Hudson

### Ingredients for Salad:

1 large Cantaloupe, cut into chunks  
1 English Cucumber, cut into chunks  
½ cup of Feta cheese, crumbled  
1 pkg fresh mint  
1 tsp dry mint  
½ cup toasted Pistachios or Pecans  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Ingredients for Dressing:

2 tbsp olive oil  
1 tbsp lemon or lime juice  
½ tsp honey  
Pinch of salt and pepper

Toss cantaloupe and cucumber in a bowl.  
Add dry and fresh mint and toss.  
Add nuts and feta cheese.  
Mix in dressing.

Salad is tastier served cold, refrigerate for 30 minutes before serving.

## Request for Recipe

A request has been made by a member for the recipe for the Broccoli Salad that was brought to the AGM. It was so tasty the member would like to make it for her family. If you made the Broccoli Salad (it was great), please send in your recipe to share and I will put it in the next newsletter. Thank-you.

## OHA Family Scholarship / Bursary

This new bursary is now finalized. It is available to members and their families, including step-children, grandchildren, etc. who are pursuing an education in the field of horticulture or horticultural-related studies. It does not prerequisite which University or College the applicant must attend. The Family Scholarship will open March 1st of each year starting March 1st of 2025 with the deadline for applications being June 30th each year.

### What's On

#### Riverwood Conservancy

- Dec. 5 @ 5 pm: Winter Wreath Design
- Dec. 8 @ 1 pm: Birds & Bells Workshop
- Dec. 19 @ 9 am: Holiday Bird Count

#### Toronto Botanical Gardens

- Dec. 13-15 Winter Blooms & Holiday Market



## Upcoming Streetsville Horticultural Society Newsletter Content Deadlines

Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date
Dec '24	Nov 22/24	Jan '25	Dec 20/24	Feb '25	Jan 24/25
March '25	Feb 21/25	April '25	March 21/25	May '25	April 18/25
June '25	May 23/25				

Do you have any Society news, an interesting article of a horticultural nature, or a tasty recipe to share with our members. Please send it in. Articles should be in Word format with or without photos. If a photo is included, it should indicate where taken and by whom.

