



# Streetsville Blooms



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## ***Next Meeting***

Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
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: Susan Elliotson

Topic: Immunity in Your Garden

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*Cloverleaf picture from Pixabay.com*

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## Board's Message

Ever wonder what is happening beneath the snow in your garden. Here is an uplifting poem of things to come:



### My Winter Garden

In winter's cold and sparkling snow  
the garden in my mind does grow.  
I look outside to blinding white  
And see my tulips blooming bright.  
And over there a sweet carnation,  
Softly scents my imagination.

On this cold and freezing day  
The Russian sage does gently sway,  
And miniature roses perfume the air,  
I can see them blooming there.  
Though days are short, my vision's clear.  
And through the snow, the buds appear.



In my mind, clematis climbs,  
And morning glories do entwine.  
Woodland phlox and scarlet pinks  
Replace the frost, if I just blink.  
My inner eye sees past the snow.  
And in my mind, my garden grows.

*Cynthia Adams, Clarkston, Michigan  
Taken from Birds & Blooms Magazine*

How just cast your eyes out the window and remember all the plants you have growing in your garden - some too big, some too crowded, some planted in the wrong place, etc. Here's your chance to help SHS with its biggest fundraiser of the year. Our Plant Sale on May 23rd.

We will soon (April is just around the corner) be asking members to dig up plants in their gardens. Plants they are willing to donate and share with other gardeners. We will pot them up, keep them watered and safe and deliver them to the Log House on May 23rd.

Start thinking about what is in your garden and what you might have to offer to the plant sale. We also want what you don't want! If you have **old garden items** you no longer want in your garden such as planters, signs, lanterns, statues, birdhouses, feeders, rakes, shovels etc. We also want the left-over pots and trays you have cluttering up your sheds and garages. Please bring them to the April meeting. We want your plants, go back through your garden pictures and see if there are plants you do not want, or plants (especially hostas) that are so big they need to be split, or are you still waiting for that special plant to earn its keep, maybe it needs a new home.

The first day of Spring is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>



## Paul Zammit Presentation

On Monday, February 2nd a handful of our members had the opportunity to attend a talk by Paul Zammit.

For the past 10 years Paul Zammit has been providing gardening advice on the CBC "Here and Now" radio programme. In 2022, Paul became the regular garden host on the weekly CBC programme "Ontario Today". Currently, Paul is also an instructor of Horticulture at Niagara College. His talk was informative, interesting, sometimes humorous and very energetic. I'm sure we all enjoyed our afternoon with Paul.

Shirley Boyes

## Worm Castings

Once again, this year we are selling Earthworm Castings which will amend and boost your soil for \$20. The castings are in 30-pound bags, are all natural, have no smell, are safe to handle, and look like compost. Worm castings are high in humus which improves water retention, are filled with micronutrients to organically fertilize your soil, and contain helpful microbes. Simply put a handful of the castings into the hole where you are transplanting your plants or add a thin layer to the top of your beds or raised gardens and you will be amazed with the results!

If you are interested in purchasing a bag or more, send an email with WORM CASTINGS in the subject line, to [streetvillehort@gmail.com](mailto:streetvillehort@gmail.com) stating your name and number of bags you wish to purchase. You can pay **cash** at the March meeting or **e-transfer** the amount to [streetvilleblooms@gmail.com](mailto:streetvilleblooms@gmail.com) (NOTE DIFFERENT BANKING EMAIL).

**Deadline for orders is Tuesday April 7, 2026.**

Pick up will be at the Streetsville United Church Parking lot April 14th from 5 pm – 7 pm.



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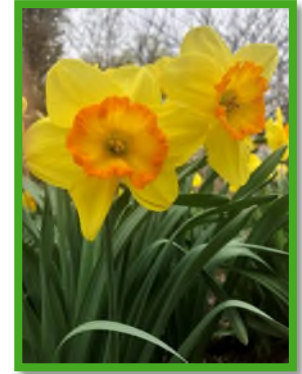
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## Celebrations



March's birth flowers are the daffodil and the jonquil, which are both part of the Narcissus genus. These early spring bloomers are bulbous perennial plants with distinctive trumpet-shaped flowers. They represent new beginnings and hope making them a perfect March flower. Wishing Joanne J., Renee F, Lynna L., and Sandra B., who are celebrating a birthday this month, a happy and healthy year ahead!



Congratulations to Carol Z. who is celebrating a wedding anniversary this month.

*Narcissus pictures taken by Shelley Dodd*

## Membership Desk



After the long winter we have endured, there is hope on the horizon, Spring arrives this month!! I know I cannot wait!  
Hopefully you are having success nurturing your forced bulbs from the February meeting, and some sprouts have made an appearance! Spring will be in the air soon, and I am sure you are as anxious as I am to begin a new season of gardening. Our speaker last month was highly entertaining, and I know I learned much about gardening as we age. I will definitely put some of her ideas to use. No new members last month, keeping our membership at 104, and our only guest was Asna Black.

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

## Refreshment Table

Thanks to members: Rosemarie Bera, Shirly Boyes, Beverly Cay, Judi Kokis, Liz Menard, Louay Qasha, Dean & Debbie Scully and Janice Ward for suppling the goodies for the refreshment table for our February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 'Valentine' themed meeting.

A reminder to those members who signed up to bring refreshments to our March 13<sup>th</sup>/26 (St Patrick Days themed) meeting: Sue Harshman, Lise Jacques, Judi Kokis and Manish Mehta.

Remember the church is nut free and to bring your own mug.

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Table Chair



## March Speaker



Susan Elliotson

Topic – Immunity in Your Garden

Susan Elliotson is a Registered Herbalist, a Professional Member of the Ontario Herbalist's Association, a Director from 2011 to 2021 and Past President. She was a regular contributor to The Canadian Journal of Herbalism before it ceased publication. She is also a Professional Member of The American Botanical Council.

Susan conducts herb walks through her garden and woods where she grows over 120 herbs for harvesting and use for her patients.

She speak to groups on a variety of herbal topics but her favourite subject is making teas from your own garden. Formerly on the faculty of Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology, Susan now teaches Herbal Pharmacy at her garden and has been a faculty member of The Institute of Holistic Nutrition (Mississauga), teaching Herbal Medicine since 2008.

## Spring 2026 Photo Contest

Our Spring 2026 Photo Contest is happening at our general meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

The categories are:

- i. My favourite nature photo in colour
- ii. My favourite nature photo in black and white



*Rose picture taken by Grace Nelham*

The contest rules are:

- Photo size is 4' x 6".
- Photo is to be taken by member.
- Photo can be taken any time, not just the current year.
- Photo may not have been previously entered into a SHS photo contest.
- One entry in each category per membership.
- Two entries per category in a family membership but the photo entries must be taken by each family member.
- Print your name on the back of your photos.

These rules are posted on our website. Looking forward to seeing you on March the 10th.

Andrea Vertolli, Photo Contest Coordinator



## From District 15 Newsletter

**STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM:** Nov. 11, 2025. They led the first AGM of the season based on start time! Asna Black was our A.D.D. for the event and felt that the meeting went well. She kindly sent pics of the lively evening which I've included here. Seems that everyone enjoyed the evening and had a great time. Asna was pleased that her daughter, Kristine, joined the Streetsville club that evening. This Society will now have two Past Presidents and several directors; thus, will run as a committee. I'd like to interview them in four to six months to see how they've distributed the work of the board and what they'd recommend to others in this situation.



## Gardening Events – March 2026:

- [RBG Floral Showcase - Bloomland in Oz](#) Follow the road that leads to Royal Botanical Gardens' 2026 floral showcase, "Bloomland in Oz," where imagination blossoms into a spectacular adventure inspired by the pages of the original novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Featuring captivating botanical displays, delightful artistic creations, and 25,000 real blooms. Brighten the winter months as you journey through fragrant flowers and lush greenery as radiant as the Emerald City itself! Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd. West, Burlington. Jan 31 to Apr 6 | Time-Ticketed Event. | \$16.50 to \$24.50
- <https://www.bloomingboulevards.org/book-online> Registration is now open for their 2026 webinar presentations for individuals. Pre-registration is required.
  - *Design Your Own Pollinator Garden* Saturday March 14 | 10 to 11am. \$5
  - *Goodbye Lawn!* Saturday March 28 | 10am to 11am. \$5
  - *Wildflower All-Stars for Sun or Shade* Saturday April 11 | 10 to 11am. \$5
  - *Native Plants for Tough Sites* Saturday April 25 | 10 to 11am. \$5
- [City of Brampton | Seedy Saturday](#) 14th Annual Seedy Saturday and Garden Show in partnership with Brampton Horticultural Society. This free event is open to attendees of all ages. Even if you have never gardened before, this is a great opportunity to learn more! Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East, Brampton. Saturday March 14 | 10am to 3pm. FREE!
- [University of Guelph Arboretum](#) (register in advance)
  - Restoring Fruit Trees (In-Person) Tue Mar 10 | 13:00 to 16:00 \$65
  - Creating Healthy Soil (Virtual) Tue Mar 17-31 | 19:00 to 20:00 \$10/class
  - Art & Practice of Pruning (In-Person) Wed Mar 25 | 9:00 to noon \$65

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**Streetville Horticultural Society Newsletter  
Content Deadlines 2025/2026**

Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date
Sept '25	Aug 22/25	Oct '25	Sept 19/25	Nov '25	Oct 24/25
Dec '25	Nov 21/25	Jan '26	Dec 19/25	Feb '26	Jan 23/26
March '26	Feb 20/26	April '26	March 20/26	May '26	April 24/26
June '26	May 22/26				

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.

