



# Streetsville Blooms

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Monarch picture courtesy of Manish Mehta

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026

Streetsville United Church  
in Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South  
Set Up at 6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.  
Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m.

Speaker: Margaret Larsen

Topic: Magnificent Monarchs



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## Director's Message June 2026

Dear Members and Friends,

At last, summer seems to have arrived! After a cool, wet spring, it is wonderful to see our gardens coming to life and to enjoy some much-needed sunshine. While the weather has certainly tested our patience this year, gardeners are nothing if not optimistic, and the growing season is finally underway.

May was a busy and exciting month for our Society. At our meeting, we enjoyed our first Flower Show of the season, distributed this year's member premiums, and put the finishing touches on preparations for our annual Plant Sale. Our Flower Show Committee did an excellent job organizing the show. Spring may have been slow to arrive, but many of our members rose to the challenge and found beautiful specimens to enter despite the late season. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the show a success.



Image by Shirley Boyes

Members also received this year's premiums, and what a lovely selection they were. One of the favourites was the striking native perennial *Silene virginica* 'Forged by Fire' whose brilliant red blooms are sure to add a splash of colour to many gardens. We also enjoyed a helpful and informative presentation on composting. Whether you are a seasoned composter or just getting started, there is always something new to learn, and our speakers provided plenty of useful reminders and practical tips.

Of course, one of the highlights of May was our annual Plant Sale. While the weather was far from ideal, our customers were undeterred. Thanks to the support of the community and the hard work of many volunteers, the sale was a tremendous success. A special thank-you goes to our Plant Sale Chair, Carol Ashford, whose dedication, organization, and countless hours of work helped make the event possible. Events like this truly demonstrate what can be accomplished when members work together.

Please be sure to read the full Plant Sale Report on page 6.

As we move into summer, we are pleased to once again offer our popular Summer Coffee Club. These informal gatherings have become a favourite tradition, providing an opportunity to share gardening successes, challenges, ideas, and a few stories along the way. We hope many of you will join us.

I would also encourage members to consider joining our weekly community gardening teams. Our volunteers do wonderful work maintaining local gardens while enjoying good company and fresh air. Please check the new Calendar feature on our website for dates and locations.

At the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved an increase in membership fees for the 2026–2027 year. Single Memberships will increase from \$20 to \$25; Family Memberships from \$30 to \$40; Youth memberships (age 6-17) will remain at \$5 and the Guest fee for a single meeting will remain at \$5 for the 2026-2027 year. This adjustment will help ensure that we can continue to provide quality programs and activities for our members.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 9. To allow time for members to view the Flower Show entries and enjoy our guest speaker's presentation, the meeting will begin earlier at 7:15 p.m.

This will be our final General Meeting of the 2025–2026 season. Thank you for your enthusiasm, support, and participation throughout the year. Whether you attended meetings, volunteered at events, entered our flower shows, or simply enjoyed reading the newsletter, you have helped make our Society the welcoming and vibrant organization that it is.

I wish you all a wonderful summer filled with beautiful gardens, successful harvests, and plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors. I look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Happy gardening!

On behalf of the Board of Directors

# June Speaker - Margaret Larson

## Magnificent Monarchs



Margaret Larson is a Master Gardener who has been working with Monarch butterflies for 20 years. As the season progresses, she collects eggs and caterpillars to share with others. During this time, she teaches other monarch aficionados how to safely raise these beautiful animals to help increase their population. She has received many awards for her work, including the Ontario Seniors' Achievement Award. Her youngest enthusiast is 4 and her oldest is 100. Margaret hopes that she will still be helping the monarch when she is 100.



Anne-Marie Raftery

Images courtesy of Manish Mehta

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## Alliums

Alliums are a large family of plants that show themselves after the daffodils and tulips have faded. As many people do, I have a few varieties in my garden.

Through my research, I found an unusual one I believe is **Allium karataviense**, "Ivory Queen" which is quite short (no more than 6") and has gray-green foliage. The other I have pictured is the most common variety, chives. I didn't realize but there are two kinds – bulbs that flower in the spring and clumps that bloom later. Chives are an example of the clumps type.

Check out the Guelph-Wellington Master Gardeners piece called All About Alliums.

<https://www.gwmastergardeners.ca/all-about-alliums/>

And for a really interesting variety, listen to Smithsonian horticulturist, Janet, talk about and show (in her own words) "a really cool plant", Allium Schubertii.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1631310214244693>

Submitted by **Judi Kokis**



Pictures courtesy of Judi Kokis

## Celebrations

The rose and honeysuckle, which symbolize love and affection, peak in early summer and are aptly June's birth flowers! Roses are instantly recognizable and come in a variety of colours each with their own meaning (yellow for friendship, pink for appreciation), while the honeysuckle is a favourite of hummingbirds and butterflies who love the sweet nectar found in the tubular flowers.

Wishing **Carol Ashford, Sue Harshman, Bev Cay and Marg Allen** who are celebrating a birthday this month, a happy and healthy year ahead.



Picture courtesy of Shelley Dodd

## Membership Desk

Our May meeting was a wonderful success! So many beautiful premiums to be had and I learned a little bit more about composting! We had 68 members in attendance, with 8 new members signing on, giving us 76 in total. Welcome to all our new members!

Word of mouth from current members is a great way to increase our membership. For the month of June, our membership fee is \$10 for a single, \$15 for a family.

Guests are welcome to attend meetings for \$5.

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

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

Our next meeting on June 9 will be the final one for the year, until we meet again in September.

Hope to see everyone there!

Faulene Hopkins - Membership Chair

## Refreshment Table

Thanks to members: Marg Allen, Don Heldson, Judi Kokis and Martha Witney for supplying the goodies for the refreshment table for our May 12th, 2026 general meeting.

A reminder to the members who signed up to bring refreshments to our June 9th/26 meeting: Shirley Dawn, Joanne Joel, Anita King and Rajendra Petkar.

Remember the church is  and to bring your own 



Martha J. Witney - Refreshment Table

## Coffee Club

Are you looking to meet and socialize with fellow Streetsville Horticultural Society gardeners? During the summer months, members gather on the Leslie Log House lawn to share stories about their gardens, travel adventures, and connect with friends. Drop in any time and bring a beverage to drink or chair to sit on (Picnic tables also available).

Our coffee clubs will tentatively be scheduled for July 7th (10-noon), July 28th (10-noon), and August 11th (10-noon), weather permitting. An email the week before the coffee club date will be sent out to confirm the details and your participation.

Shelley-Dodd - Coffee Club Chair



# Rotary Park and Jon Clipperton Park Clean Up

The gardens are starting to take shape with weeding, tilling, and cutting back any overgrowth. The past week, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we planted some annuals to bring a little colour to the gardens.

If you have any time on **Thursday June the 10th** and **every second Thursday for the rest of the summer** just meet us at 9:30am at **Rotary Park** to help out. We are usually there for two hours.

Thanks,  
Steve Fenech - Rotary Park Chair



Pictures courtesy of Grace Nelham



## 2026 Plant Sale Report

Even though the rain came down all day, it did not dampen the spirits of the volunteers who showed up at 6:30 a.m. to place the plants on the lawn and provide customer service to those who came to buy plants.

Planning for the plant sale started back at the end of March with the formation of a Plant Sale Committee consisting of Shirley Boyes, Maureen Dodd, Steve Fenech, Grace McElhinney, Liz Menard, Grace Nelham, Marcia Spear, Amarin Tsujimura, Martha Witney and myself, Carol. There was a lot to think about: committees were formed for digging, donations, potting up, collection of boxes, refreshments, plant sitting, plant transport, etc.

A total of over 700 hours was earned by the volunteers who potted, moved, minded and sold the 1,600 plants we potted up which did not include tomatoes, peppers Judi grew from seed and the donated dahlias.

Due to the inclement weather we closed up a bit early and tidied up the grounds and the inside of the log house. The last four volunteers left at 2:00 p.m. We were all soaked to the skin and cold but we were fed and watered well thanks to the volunteers who provided food.

Despite the rain we took in over \$8,000 dollars. Thanks to all the volunteers who took part and played a role, big or small, in making this all happen.

Leftover plants are available for sale (half price) at the Log House on Wednesday mornings.

Please return your lawn sign at the June meeting.

### Carol Ashford, Plant Sale Chair



Photo courtesy of Shirley Boyes



Photo courtesy of Carol Ashford

# PLANT SALE DONATIONS 2026

We are very grateful for the generous donations from the following local nurseries and businesses that contributed to the success of our 2026 plant sale.  
Keep them in mind while out shopping!



**Arbor Garden Centre and Nursery**

**Home Depot**  
Argentina



**Jade Gardens and Greenhouses**  
Milton



**Metro**  
Derry Rd and 10th Line and Erin Mills and QEW

**Real Canadian Super Store**  
Argentina Road



**Sid's Ponds & Gardenscapes Inc.**

**Springbank Greenhouses**



**Teresa's Garden Centre and Farm**

**Terra Greenhouses Milton**



**Van Dongen's Garden Centre and Zomers**

A big thank you to Marg A, Vivian D, Sue H, Linda H, Janet S, Janice W and Grace N. for contacting these merchants and obtaining over \$400 in donations!

**Grace Nelham**



# Flower Show Gallery



Image courtesy of Shirley Boyes



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Image courtesy of Grace Nelham



Image courtesy of Shirley Boyes



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## May 2026 Flower Show

Despite the cold weather we have had this spring, there was a wonderful showing at our May Flower Show, which included 62 entries from 15 participants. The Judge, **Heinke Thiessen**, was pleased with the beautiful showings and provided the following tips:

- Be sure to read the Flower Show schedule and meet all requirements listed. For example, when it says “5 named cultivars” you should include the names of the cultivars on your Flower Show tag.
- The flower(s) included should be fresh and in bloom. Entries without blooms are not judged.
- The container/vase should be stable, and a good size compared to the specimen. If the neck of the base is too big or the stem of the specimen is too short, your entry will not show at its best.

The Best in Show Award was presented to **Anita King** for her “**Sour Cherry Blossom**”.

The Judges Choice Award for Cultural was presented to **Anita King** for her “**Old Fashioned Bleeding Heart**”.

The Judges Choice for Design was awarded to **Liz Menard** for “**Rites of Spring**”.

Thank you to all who participated.

**Liz Menard and Janice Ward**



Image courtesy of Shirley Boyes



Image courtesy of Grace Nelham



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# STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Flower Show Schedule – June 9, 2026

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

Entry forms are available from our website, [www.streetsvillehort.ca](http://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 1 – Horticulture

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

\* All cultural exhibits must have been grown by the entrant and been in their possession for 90 days.

#### Section A – Flowering Perennials & Biennials

Class 1 Allium 1 stem

Class 2 Achillea (yarrow) 1 stems

Class 3 Geranium (cranesbill) 1 stem

Class 4 Hemerocallis (daylily) 1 scape

Class 5 Iris 1 stalk (stem)

Class 6 Lavandula angustifolia (lavender) 3 stems

Class 7 Lupinus (lupin) 1 stem

Class 8 Monarda (bee balm) 1 stem

Class 9 Paeonia lactiflora (herbaceous peony) 1 bloom (disbudded)

Class 10 Papaver orientale (oriental poppy) 1 stem

Class 11 Any other perennial in bloom 1 stem, spike or spray

#### Section B – Foliage Perennials

Class 12 Fern 3 fronds, same species /cultivar

Class 13 Heuchera, Heucherella or Tiarella 3 leaves, same cultivar  
(coral bells, foamy bells or foamflower)

Class 14 Hosta – solid colour 3 leaves, same cultivar

Class 15 Hosta – variegated 3 leaves, same cultivar

#### Section C – Flowering Trees, Shrubs, Vines

Branch/vine not to exceed 51 cm (20”) in length measured from the top of the container.

Class 18 Clematis 1 bloom

Class 19 Rosa (rose) - hybrid tea or grandiflora 1 specimen bloom

Class 20 Rosa (rose) – floribunda, old garden or shrub 1 spray

Class 21 Any other flowering Tree, Shrub or Vine 1 specimen

### Division II – Design

Theme: “OUTDOOR JOY”

1 entry permitted per exhibitor per class.

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

Class 22 “Soak up the Sun” - a NOVICE design in a basket

(\*members considered NOVICE until 3 First Place wins in the NOVICE DESIGN category)

Class 23 “Blowing in the Breeze” - a Freestyle Design

Class 24 “Celebrating Summer “ - a Contemporary Design

## Worm Castings - LAST CHANCE!

We have 9 bags of worm castings left over from the plant sale. If you are interested in purchasing a bag or two, send an email to [streetvilleblooms@gmail.com](mailto:streetvilleblooms@gmail.com) and we will arrange a pick up time or we will bring it to the June meeting.



Photo by Shelley Dodd

## Survey Results

Thank you to the 52 members who participated in our Streetsville Horticultural Society year-end survey. Survey results provide important information for setting goals and informing practices.

Our top 3 responses about what members like the most about belonging to SHS were:

- 1) Learning about gardening
- 2) Our plant sale
- 3) Premium plants given to members

Some additional comments were the great friendships that are formed and the opportunity to socialize with like-minded individuals (gardeners).

Over 1/3 of the respondents did not choose to identify something they enjoyed **least!**

The Board of Directors analyzed the data and had a healthy discussion.

Some potential take aways that may be implemented next year (2026-27) were to hold more hands-on learning opportunities as well as having speakers, dividing the photo contest into Novice and Experienced divisions following the format used at the District 15 AGM, continuing to provide "Ask a Garden Expert" sessions, using ice breakers to promote discussion about gardening topics, and having experienced members act as ambassadors to show new members the ropes.

Overall, it was a worthwhile activity! Thank you to Judi for researching survey platforms, creating the survey, testing it, and collating the data.

## Mississauga Garden Day - Sat. June 27

Join fellow SHS members, Mississauga residents, and exhibitors at Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens for the Mississauga Garden Day free event on Saturday June 27 from 10 until noon.

Dr. Joseph Brueckner donated 1000 shrubs consisting of 60 species of rhododendrons and many azaleas in 1983 to the City of Mississauga to create this spectacular park. The unique microclimate created here due to its location beside Lake Ontario, along with the white pines planted among the rhododendrons provide nourishment and shelter.

It is one of the largest public rhododendron gardens in Canada!

**Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens** is located at 660 Lakeshore Road West. Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended.



All photos by Shelley Dodd

Rhododendrons are broadleaved evergreen shrubs with spectacular spring flowers.



## Gardening Events – Summer 2026:

**Blooming Boulevards Spring workshops:** Hopefully you had the chance to attend their huge annual Native Plants Sale in May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>! They are still offering online workshops this summer. \$5 donation. Register at least 2 days ahead.

- o **Pollinator Friendly Container Gardens** Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 – 11:00 am
- o **Gardening for Butterflies** Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 – 11:00 am
- o **Understanding Your Soil** Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> | 10:00 – 11:00 am
- o **Four Season Beauty and Diversity** Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 – 11:00 am

**City of Mississauga Garden Day Event 2026:** Join us to learn about gardening opportunities across the city. Streetsville Horticultural Society will be hosting a booth! Drop by to say hello at the **Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens**, 660 Lakeshore Rd W. Mississauga.  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am to noon.

**Credit Valley Conservation** Are holding events “Inspired by Nature” all summer long! Check their website for details.

- o **Seniors Day at Island Lake** on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at Island Lake Conservation Area in Orangeville. FREE
- o **Electrofishing Volunteer Day** Help collect information on Fish Community Health. multiple days: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 am to noon. FREE
- o **Rattray Marsh Invasive Plant Removal** on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 – noon. FREE
- o **Caring for Your Yard** at Georgetown Arboretum, Georgetown. Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. FREE
- o **Rain Garden Maintenance** at St. Joseph School, 8 Parkway Avenue, Brampton. July 16<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am – noon FREE

## Gardening Events – Summer 2026:

**Ontario Lily Society 2026 Lily Show:** The annual Lily Show will be held in the Atrium at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington on Saturday and Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm each day.

**Riverwood Conservancy:** Is hosting numerous workshops, day camps, and fun programs over the summer. Check out their website for full listings!

- o **Tai Chi Stick in Nature** on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> | 4:00 pm \$10
- o **Nighttime Nature** on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> | 8:15pm \$10
- o **Sound Bath in the Forest** on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> | 11:30 am. \$25
- o **Forest Bathing** on Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 pm \$15
- o **Frog Monitoring After Dark** on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup> | 8:15 pm. \$10
- o **Astronomy Night** on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> | 9:00 pm \$10
- o Introduction to Ayurveda & Understanding Your Constitution on Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm \$20
- o **Tai Chi Stick in Nature** on Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> | 5:00 pm \$10
- o **Beginner Birding** – Sponsored by Urban Nature Store  
Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 am FREE
- o **Nighttime Nature** on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> | 8:15 pm \$10
- o **Forest Bathing** on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am \$15
- o **Beginner Birding** on Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 am \$10
- o **Astronomy Night** on Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> | 9:00 pm \$10
- o **Riverwood Campfire** on Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> | 7:30 pm FREE

**Ward 11 Community Barbeque** Councillor Brad Butt is hosting his annual Ward 11 Community BBQ at the Streetsville Legion outdoor parking lot, **101 Church St. Mississauga.** Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> noon – 2:00pm. FREE

## Volunteers Needed

For the **2026-2027** season, we are looking for members willing to help our society in the following positions: President, Vice-president, Membership chair, and First Aid Coordinator.

We are also looking for new members to join The Board of Directors as several member's current terms end this fiscal year.

Positions available are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Membership Chair
- First Aid Coordinator

Board Members Commitment:

- Approximately 3 hours per month
- No meetings in June or July

If you are interested, please contact any one of the current Board Members.

## Streetsville Horticultural Society Newsletter Content Deadlines

Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date
Sept '26	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Jan '27	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup> , '26
Oct '26	Sep 19 <sup>th</sup> 2026	Feb '27	Jan 22 <sup>nd</sup> , '27
Nov '26	Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2026	Mar '27	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> , '27
Dec '26	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Apr '27	Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> , '27

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 or Google Docs format, with or without photos.

If a photo is included, it should indicate where it was taken and by whom.

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