



Streetsville Blooms

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

Streetsville United Church
in Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Set Up at 6:15 p.m.

Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Starts at 7:15 p.m.

Speaker: Tinamarie Jones

Topic: The Magic of Raingardens - It's
Easier Than You Think!

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Board of Directors Message

October 2026

Our October 13th meeting will be another busy night as it is our “Open House”. Invite your neighbours and friends to come along and who knows they just might sign up to be members!! We are having a Flower Show (see flower show schedule on page 6) so besides the speaker there will be lots for them to learn and see. There will also be a Garden Book Sale, as well as a Pumpkin Carving Contest. Bring your pumpkin and your floral entries!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on November 10th. Time to elect the Board of Directors, review all the reports from 2025 - 2026 and present awards. We will be holding a Pot Luck Supper and there will be plenty of time to socialize. Come out and see who the winners are for the past year!! We will also be voting on some changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. Details will be shared before the AGM. Remember - the AGM meeting is not open to the public - only members may attend. The summer went so fast and I even managed to enjoy a few of the very hot days we had. Air Conditioning is certainly a blessing to have. There is lots to do indoors on those hot days - read a book, do some sewing, catch up on your ironing! Ha! Many of you say ironing - what's that? Seems to be a thing of the past! Here are some garden chores you should think about doing this month:

Before the weather gets cold, rake your fallen leaves into piles and run over them with your lawnmower. Then rake them onto your flower beds or veggie patch. Worms consume leaves in tremendous quantities in the spring. Don't cut down all your flowers - there are lots of seeds there for the birds to feed on and also they provide interest in the garden when the snow falls. Fall fertilizing is the secret to a green lawn in spring. Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Cut your lawn before a major freeze at the normal height - use a mulching mower if you have one. Rake everything (leaves and grass) off your lawn onto the garden. Protect your young trees from being eaten by rabbits over winter using plastic spiral protectors. Clean up your tools, sharpen and oil them for spring readiness. Water your evergreens and turn off outdoor water faucets. Roll up your hose and put it away. Empty your composter onto your flower and veggie beds. Dump your Halloween pumpkin into your composter.



Now sit back and relax and enjoy looking over the seed and bulb catalogues and dream of Spring. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!!!

Carol Ashford

Photo courtesy of Carol Ashford

October Speaker - Tinamarie Jones

The Magic of Raingardens - It's Easier Than You Think!

Tinamarie Jones is a Master Gardener with a keen awareness and respect for nature's interconnected systems and native biodiversity. Her interests focus primarily on ornamentals, fruit trees and trees in general. She is also a spider enthusiast, dedicated to sharing the fascinating diversity of spiders, highlighting the incredibly important role they play in nature, and encouraging appreciation for these often-misunderstood champions of nature. She is also a lifelong birdwatcher.



A resident of urban Hamilton, she understands the need for more green space, especially pollinator corridors, and the important role of gardens, both public and residential, to further these goals. She loves to learn and share her joy of gardening.

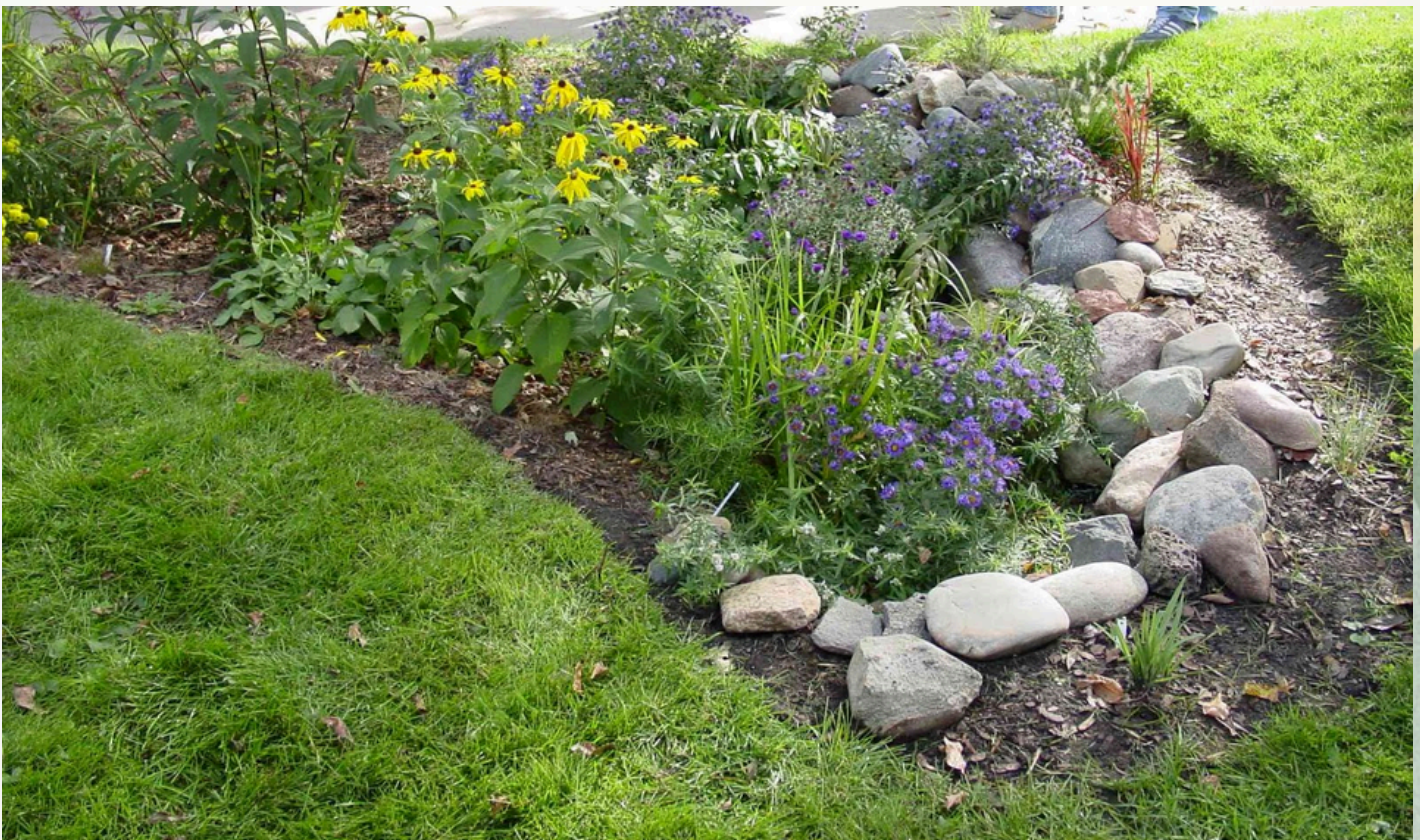


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Celebrations

Cosmos and marigolds are the October birth flowers! Marigolds bloom from late spring until the first frost, making them a popular annual plant. Their bright orange, yellow and red blooms are often associated with warmth and positive energy. Cosmos grows from early summer through fall and are popular with pollinators. They come in a range of colours and last a long time, making them a great cut flower!



Happy birthday to Carol Z., Carol E., Amarin, Marie, Vino, Christina, Andrea C, Marie D-E, and Linda H.

Happy anniversary to Marg A., and Amarin!



Pictures courtesy of Veseys Canada

Membership Desk

It was wonderful to see so many renewing their memberships at the September meeting! We had 1 guest, and 1 new member. Please welcome Beena P. as our newest member! If you have not renewed as of yet, please remember to do so. I am looking forward to welcoming even more at the next meeting, which is our Open House! Please mention it to your friends and families!

Word of mouth from current members is a great way to increase our membership. Guests are always welcome, \$5 per visit at regular meetings. Guests are free at the Open House.

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. and a big thanks to Shelley D. and Maureen D. handling all the forms, and Mary Ann B., Amarin T., and Liz M, handling all the money. It was a very busy night!

Faulene Hopkins
Membership Chair

Giving Back

This year, to support the OHA's mandate of encouraging gardening and conservation, SHS donated \$1000 to both Riverwood Conservancy's "Enabling Gardens" program and the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) "Conservation Dog Detection Program".

The enabling garden provides garden and nature-based hands-on opportunities for people of all ages who live with physical, cognitive, and/or mental challenges.

CVC's program uses scent-trained Tilly, a labrador retriever, to detect the following three invasive species. The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (small hemlock feeding insect), Spotted Lantern Fly (sap feeding insect), and the Red Swamp Crayfish (outcompetes native species and disrupts aquatic ecosystems).

Liz Menard and Shelley Dodd presented cheques to both organizations on behalf of Streetsville Horticultural Society.



Images courtesy of
Shelley Dodd



STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY

Flower Show Schedule – October 14, 2026

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 –Horticulture

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

Section A – Hardy Perennial or Biennial

Class 1	Chrysanthemum	1 bloom or spray
Class 2	Rudbeckia	1 spray
Class 3	Sedum	3 stems, same variety
Class 4	Helianthus	1 spray
Class 5	Hydrangea	1 bloom
Class 6	Aster	3 stems
Class 7	Ornamental grass, named	3 stems
Class 8	Any other flowering perennial or biennial	1 stem or spray
Class 9	A shrub or tree branch with Fall colours	1 branch < 30"

Section B - Annual

Class 10	Pelargonium (geranium)	1 bloom
Class 11	Any other flowering annual	1 stem or spray
Class 12	Annual grown for foliage	3 stems or leaves

Section C - Flowering Bulb, Corm, Tuber or Rhizome

Class 13	Any flowering bulb, corm, tuber or rhizome	1 bloom
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Section D – Herbs, Fruits and Vegetables

Class 14:	Vegetable; named on entry tag.
Class 15:	Vegetables/Fruit, a minimum of 5 different varieties, exhibited on a tray or in a Basket; named on entry tag.
Class 16:	Collection of culinary herbs, at least 3 different varieties; single container, stems in water; named on entry tag.

Division II–Design Theme: Fall Bounty

1entry permitted per Exhibitor per class. Space allotted: 51 cm (20") wide and deep, unlimited height.

Class 17	"September Glory"	- a Traditional design
Class 18	"Early Sunset"	- A Freestyle Design
Class 19	"All the Fun of the Fair"	-NOVICE: A display of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, artistically arranged

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

MEMBERS CHOICE!! A *Carved or Decorated Pumpkin* of any theme. Show your creativity!

Entries will be viewed throughout the evening and judged by Members. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded.

Please take your pumpkin to the assigned table in the meeting room for judging .

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.

HORTICULTURE 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 not 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 not 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.
6. A member is considered NOVICE until 3 First Place wins in the NOVICE category.

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.

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), *Heimerocallis* (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 virginiana* (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).

Walking the Camino



Photos courtesy of Maureen Dodd

In October 2025, I walked 240 km along the *Camino Portugués*, from Porto in Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain.

For those unfamiliar with the *Camino de Santiago* (the Way of St. James), it is a network of historic pilgrimage routes across Europe, all leading to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, believed to be the resting place of the Apostle Saint James. Pilgrims have been making this journey for more than a thousand years. By the 11th and 12th centuries, the Camino had become one of the three great Christian pilgrimages, alongside Rome and Jerusalem.

The modern Camino revival began in the 1980s, when a parish priest painted the now-famous yellow arrows along the route to guide pilgrims. In 2025, a record 530,919 pilgrims completed their journey and received their Compostela certificate.



As a gardener, what caught my attention along the way was something quite different. Even in late October, I was surprised to find amaranth, bougainvillea, camellias, hydrangeas and morning glories still in bloom. Coming from Mississauga, where my garden was settling into dormancy by late October, seeing so much colour was a wonderful reminder of how dramatically climate shapes our gardening seasons.

People have asked what inspired me to walk the Camino—and why I would willingly endure blistered feet, sore muscles, fatigue, hunger, and thirst while carrying my belongings on my back. For 11 days, I walked an average of 22 km a day, following cobblestone Roman roads, dusty paths and mountain trails through blazing sun and pouring rain.

The idea of walking hundreds of kilometres simply to reach a thousand-year-old cathedral had intrigued me ever since I first heard of it over 15 years ago. But when I finally arrived in the plaza in front of the cathedral, I realized the journey had become about much more than reaching a destination.

My eyes filled with tears. I felt awe, gratitude and joy at being part of a ritual that has endured for more than a thousand years—a connection to the human spirit that inspires us to do difficult things, not for a reward, but simply to share in something beautiful and enduring.

Submitted by Maureen Dodd.



Photos courtesy of
Maureen Dodd



September Flower Show

We had 66 exhibits and 12 exhibitors. Judi Zinni was the judge and she was impressed with the quality of the flowers.

Best in Show, Cultural was Lynna Lien for her spectacular dahlia.

Best in Show, Design was Ursula Evanoff for her design A Country lane - a *Parallel* design.

Judge's Choice, was Sue Harshman for her eucomis

Our last flower show of the year is in October. We encourage you to exhibit some of the your last flowers of the fall even if you are just starting out.



Photos courtesy of Grace Nelham



Photo Contest 2026 - 2027

- **Class 1 Fall Splendour**
- **Class 2 Blooming Lovely**
- **Class 3 Precious Pollinators**
- **Class 4 A Garden Path**
- **Class 5 Ornaments in the Garden**
- **Class 6 Winter Wonderland**

*****All categories are NATURE RELATED*****

Photo Contest Rules

- Competitor must be a member in good standing in 2027 (up to date membership fees).
- Photos are to be taken between September 1, 2026, and August 31, 2027
- Photos must be submitted at the September 2027 meeting.
- All pictures must be taken by the competitor and must be nature related.
- Submit coloured photos, unless otherwise specified, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry, per class, per single membership.
- Two entries per class, one per person, in a family membership.
- Family members must be under 18 years as of September 2027 and be listed on the membership form.
- A photo will be withdrawn from the competition, at the discretion of the Photography Chair, if it does not adhere to the rules.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Assign a class # to each photo and write the class only on back of photo.
- Put photos in an envelope with your name on the outside and bring them to the September 2027 meeting.

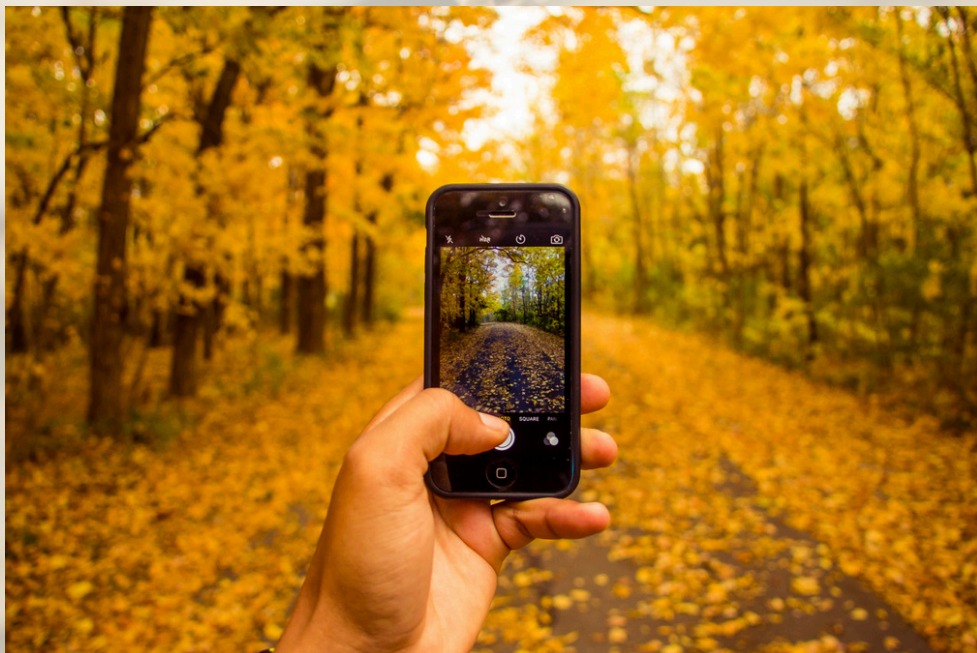


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Gardening Events – October 2026:

Blooming Boulevards Fall workshops: As the season wraps up, there are only 2 more virtual sessions offered this year. \$5 donation. Register at least 2 days ahead.

- **Growing Native Plants from Seeds** on Saturday October 3rd | 10:00 – 11:00 am
- **Winter Seed Sowing** on Saturday November 21st | 10:00 – 11:00 am

Credit Valley Conservation: Attend one of their free events! Reserve your spot on their website.

- **White Willow Park Tree Planting** on Saturday October 3rd at White Willow Common Park | 9:30 am to noon
- **Weeds to Broomsticks: Cedarvale Park Invasive Plant Removal** on Sunday Oct. 25th at Cedarvale Park, Georgetown | 9:30 – noon FREE
- **Trick or Tree! Tree Planting** on Sat. Oct. 31st at Woodington Green, Mississauga | 9:30 – noon FREE

Mississauga Events October 2026

- **Homegrown Mississauga: Apples, Art, & Seed Saving** An evening celebrating urban agriculture in Mississauga. Thursday October 1st at the Small Arms Inspection Building, 1352 Lakeshore Rd. E. | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm FREE
- **Lakeview Farmers Market** on Sundays Oct. 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th at the Small Arms Inspection Building, 1352 Rd. E. | 9:30 am – 2:00 pm FREE
- **Central Lions Farmers Market** on Wednesdays Oct. 7th & 14th at Celebration Square | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm FREE

Riverwood Conservancy: Is hosting numerous inexpensive workshops this fall. Register on their website!

- **Forest Bathing** on Friday September 25th in the main parking lot | 4:00 – 6:00 pm \$15
- **Tai Chi Stick in Nature** on Saturday October 3rd on Chappell Lawn | 4:00 – 5:00 pm \$10
- **2026 Great Riverwood Hike** on Sunday October 4th | 10:00 am. Registration and fundraising required.
- **Forest Bathing** on Monday October 5th in the main parking lot | 10:00 – 11:00 am \$15
- **Pumpkins & Petals Workshop.** Create your own floral arrangement in a pumpkin! Tuesday Oct. 6th | 6:00 pm \$45
- **Beginning Birding** on Wednesday Oct. 14th | 8:30 am \$5
- **Fall Colours Walk** on Thursday Oct. 15th and Monday Oct. 19th | 5:30 pm \$10
- **Fall Wildflowers** on Sunday October 18th | 10:00 am \$10
- **Miseto Bonsai Show** on Saturday October 24th in the MacEwan Barn | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm FREE
- **Astronomy Night** on Tuesday Oct. 27th on Chappell Lawn | 7:30 pm \$10

Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington

- **Fall Displays in Hendrie Park** with festive horticultural displays, seasonal photo ops, and 15,000+ pumpkins! October 10th to November 2nd | daily 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. *included in general admission

University of Guelph Arboretum Make the short drive (under an hour) and immerse yourself in a beautiful forest!

- o **Bird Anatomy Illustration – Songbirds** on Saturday Oct. 3rd | 1:00 – 3:30 pm \$50 Pre-register on the site.

Volunteers Needed

For the **2026-2027** season, we are looking for members willing to help our society in the following positions:

- Co-Presidents for November
- Membership Chair
- Publicity Chair
- Director-at-Large

Board Members Commitment:

- Approximately 3 hours per month for meeting, plus assigned tasks
- 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
Oct '26	Sep 19 th 2026	Feb '27	Jan 22 nd , '27
Nov '26	Oct 23 rd , 2026	Mar '27	Feb 19 th , '27
Dec '26	Nov 20 th , 2026	Apr '27	Mar 19 th , '27
Jan '27	Dec 22 nd , '26	May '27	Apr 23 rd , '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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