



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: June 13, 2017

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.



Speaker's Corner

Topic: Berrylicious

Our speaker for June 2017 is Cathering Kavassalis speaking on the topic "Berrylicious – growing berries for fun, food, and wild friends." Come and learn the basics of berry culture, their wild range of form and fruit, and get the names of a few trusted varieties. Berries are delicious and easy to grow plants that make wonderful additions to any landscape. Cathy is a member of the Halton Master Gardener group, past president of the Oakville Horticultural Society, and a former member of the board of directors for the Royal Botanical Gardens.

The President's Message

Does time fly? It certainly seems to. This year due to our unseasonably cold and wet spring our gardens seemed to take a very long time to get started and then boom everything is growing so fast you can almost see it happen.

Our spring weather also made it very difficult for our members to dig plants to donate to the plant sale. I want to say a huge thank you to those of you who braved the elements, and probably got wet and muddy while digging plants.

As we all know, the next event on the Streetsville Horticultural calendar is our annual garden tour. This year we will be visiting a stunning public garden in Oakville.

Gairloch Gardens is a 11-acre property that was donated to the town of Oakville by James Gairdner who died in 1971.

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It has extensive rose gardens, pollinator gardens, diverse perennial gardens, and rare trees, such as dawn redwood and 15,000 annuals that bloom between June and September; their innovative use of non-traditional annual plants is quite amazing.

The garden is on Lake Ontario on Lakeshore Rd. East in Oakville and approximately 20 minutes drive from Mississauga Rd. and Eglinton.

Our visit will take place on Sunday, July 23., and we will meet at the Leslie Log House at 1.30 p.m., and car pool from there to Gairloch. After our visit we will return to the Leslie Log House for a pot luck supper.

If you are staying for the potluck, please bring a dish to serve 8 – 10 people (main course, salad or dessert). Please bring your own plates and cutlery and a lawn chair for each person in your group. The Pot Luck supper will take place about 4.30 p.m. More details will be available at the June meeting.

The following pictures were taken at Gairloch last summer.



As always, happy gardening. ☘

Monica Ross, President

Plant Sale – May 27, 2017

What a day! All of our hard work certainly paid off. Customers were very happy with the health of our plants. The raffle table attracted many people and made \$275 in profit. Sale of six beautiful, planted chairs and fairy gardens created by our members added another \$400.

We don't have the exact numbers yet. We raised approx \$5800 about \$200 more than last year.



There are so many people to thank, it would take most of the newsletter to list them all, members who donated plants, members who helped with potting up, members who made labels, babysat plants before the sale, put up signs, asked for donations, transported plants to the sale, worked at the sale and tidied up afterward. The total number of volunteer hours donated to this event and the resulting benefits to our society are almost immeasurable.

Hardworking members of the committee **Dean Scully, Grace McElhinney, Grace Nelham,** and **Shirley Boyes** deserve our thanks and last but definitely not least **Carol Ashford** who masterminded the entire process. **Heather Walker** deserves a special mention for her tireless collection of a mountain of cardboard trays for our customers to use!

Special thanks go to **Sarah and Ross Pengilley** for allowing us to do the potting up on their property again this year, for donating plants and expert advice on dividing plants.

We also received donations from local nurseries and garden centers. Many of you know that in early spring we discovered that most of our pots and trays at the storage location had disappeared. Without the extremely generous donations from the following garden centres we would have significant problems just getting started.

Sheridan nurseries, Georgetown head office, approximately 700 pots and 200 trays; Terra Nurseries-300 pots; Springbank Gardens-300 pots.

We also received donations from these garden centres.

Arnold's greenhouses in Norval; Canadian Tire, Meadowvale Town Centre; Haase Greenhouses in Brampton; Jade Gardens on Trafalgar Rd; Lee's Garden Centre in Norval; Mississauga Green Houses on Winston Churchill Blvd, Mississauga; and Van Dongen's Nursery, Hornby.

Crafted Décor in Streetsville donated items for the raffle table

Thanks to everyone involved – Monica ✂

Carol Ashford & Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chairs

Rotary Park, Streetsville

Our first regular work party of the year began on Thursday, April 27. Subsequent work parties will be every second Thursday – June 8 and

22 and so on at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us and if anyone needs transport to Rotary park, I'll gladly pick them up. If anyone else is interested, please contact Jon Eldridge at 905.542.7641.

Hope to see you there! ✂

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

Leslie Log House

We only had a few volunteers show up on April 29 for the litter pick up but we did pick up a ton of trash. Always amazes me what we find!

Thanks to **Dean Scully, Debbie Scully, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross, Marg Rowan, Nick Lafratta**, and **Robb Dods** for a job well done!

Our regular Wednesday garden work will commence on Wednesday, May 31. We usually meet at 9:30 a.m., have a short break of coffee and cookies, and finish up before noon. Of course, there is no set time to come and go. Come when you want any Wednesday over the course of the summer. Remember to bring a hat, gloves, water and any tools you wish to use – shovel, rake, hoe, clippers etc.

Hope you can make it out some Wednesday morning! ✂

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Garden Chair

Winners from the May Flower Show



The winner of Class 21 Greensleeves, a foliage design is Ursula Evanoff. Second place went to Mary Gilbert, and third place was Monika Schouten, Honourable Mention went to Anita King. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Ursula Evanoff was the winner of Class 22, Blue Skies design. She won Best in Show; second place went to Mary Gilbert; third place was Debbie Lemire. Photo by Grace Nelham.



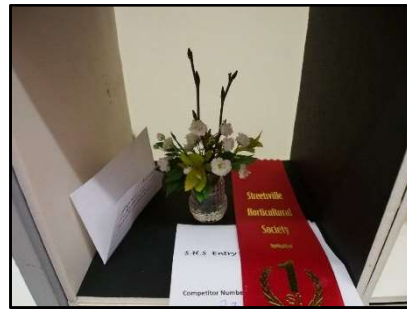
Debra Lemire was the winner of the Class 24, O Canada design with tulips. Her design received the Judge's Choice award. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Joan Chin placed first and received Judge's Choice for her Class 20, any other perennial not listed. Photos by Grace Nelham.



Sue Harshman won first place and Best in Show for her Class 13, Solomon's Seal.



Class 23, Fairies of Spring – miniature – first place Ursula Evanoff; second place Lynn Sereda; and third place was Marg Rowan. Photos by Grace Nelham.

Raffle Table

Thank you to all the members who participated in May's raffle table event! We did extremely well bringing in \$106.00. A big thank-you goes out to our presenter **Jennifer Arnott** for her generous donation to the table. Her plants generated a lot of excitement!

June is our last raffle before the summer vacation so please be generous. Let's close out our year with a bang! Summer prizes are wonderful so have a look at the pictures.



Prize #1: Consists of a ceramic cookie jar and matching water/juice jug.



Prize #2: June is wedding month and if you know anyone who is getting married or someone who was recently married....this is a wonderful gift! A keepsake box for cards and a photo album. Both brand new and ready for that perfect someone!



Prize #3: This is the perfect gift for the family that likes to eat outdoors. A wicker organizer for silverware and napkins, corn on the cob plates with matching holders, a napkin holder with napkins, a family cookbook with some wonderful recipes and a little wooden decorative birdhouse all ready to paint and use in your garden. ✂

Grace McElhinney, Raffle Table Chair

Coming Events

May 31	Leslie Log House clean-up 9:30 a.m.
June 7	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
June 8	Rotary Park 9:30 a.m.
June 13	SHS regular meeting
June 14	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
June 21	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.

June 22	Rotary Park 9:30 a.m.
June 28	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
July 5	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
July 6	Rotary Park 9:30 a.m.
July 12	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
July 19	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
July 20	Rotary Park 9:30 a.m.
July 23	Garden Tour 1:30 p.m. meet Leslie Log House 4:30 Pot Luck Leslie Log House
July 26	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
Aug 2	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.
Aug 3	Rotary Park 9:30 a.m.
Aug 9	Leslie Log House 9:30 a.m.

by potted plants of all sizes, ready to be taken away by members before the evening was over. We had very busy evening with 67 members and two guests enjoying an evening of friendship, trading garden tips and news, and watching some very amazing pictures of a garden walk.

Three new members joined SHS this evening We welcome **Frances Edwards**, **Steve Fenech** and Mary **Gattesco**.

We hope you enjoyed our speaker, and found the meeting informative and our company pleasant.

A great big thanks to **Martha Witney** for helping me on the membership desk this evening ... we had fun, didn't we!

Please remember to wear your name tags at all times while at our meeting; it will make it much easier for us to get to know one another. Pick up your name tag when signing in at the desk and return it at the end of the meeting. ✂

Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

The Beautiful Iris



Membership Desk

From the moment I walked into the hall, I felt like I was at a garden shop. I was surrounded

It's a magical time when bearded irises unfurl their pencil-slim buds to reveal a kaleidoscope of color in spring. Once commonly called flags, these perennials flourish in USDA Zones 3-9, where winter temperatures dip below freezing and allow the plant to go dormant before next year's growth.

"Anyone can grow iris," says Doris Winton, who has had a lifelong attraction to the flower and is a master judge for the American Iris Society. While fragrance has diminished through hybridization, the size of blooms has increased, as has the palette. "Every color -- except fire-engine red -- can be found in bearded iris," Doris says.

Below are Doris's tips for growing outstanding bearded iris.

- Plant them in a sunny spot in late summer. The plants need well-drained soil and at least six hours of sunlight per day. A full day of sun is even better to keep the rhizomes dry. (The rhizomes are the fleshy rootlike structures at the base of the plant.)
- Prepare their beds. Doris recommends a low-nitrogen fertilizer and a soil pH slightly less than 7, which is neutral. She applies a granular fertilizer twice a year -- in early spring and just after bloom when the rhizomes are forming the next year's flowers. Water only if it is extremely dry or after transplanting.
- Give them room to breathe. Bearded irises require good air circulation. Plant them a minimum of 16 to 18 inches apart (less space for dwarf irises and more for taller varieties).
- Do not mulch. Mulching retains moisture, and too much moisture will cause soft rot of the rhizomes.
- Break off seedpods that form after the blooms have faded. This prevents seedlings from choking the surrounding soil. Seed formation also saps energy needed by the rhizomes, roots, and leaves.
- Prune back the foliage in the fall. This will reduce the chances of overwintering pests and diseases.
- Make dividing a habit. Divide clumps of bearded iris every three to four years in the late summer. ✂

www.bhg.com/gardening/flowers/perennials/how-to-grow-maintain-and-divide-bearded-iris/



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2017 June Flower Show Schedule

Remember, entry forms are available to download from our website. Complete and print your entry form at home for faster registration. Please remember all entries **must** be in place and tagged before 7:30 p.m.

	June 13, 2017
	HORTICULTURE
1	Allium – small under 4", same cultivar, 3 stems
2	Allium, - large, 1 stem
3	Clematis – 1 large bloom
4	Columbine (Aquilegia)– any colour, 1 spray
5	Cranesbill Geranium – any colour, 2 blooms
6	Collection of perennial flowers in container, 5 different cultivars, no cut foliage – 1 entry per Exhibitor
7	Day Lily (Hemerocallis) – 1 scape
8	Dianthus – 1 cultivar – 2 stems
9	Fern – any cultivar, 3 fronds
10	Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 leaves, same cultivar
11	Hosta, blue leaf – 3 leaves, same cultivar
12	Hosta, miniature – 3 leaves, small cultivar
13	Hosta, variegated – 3 leaves, same cultivar
14	Iris miniature – under 8", any colour, 1 stalk
15	Iris, any other variety – 1 stalk
16	Iris, Tall bearded – over 27", any colour, 1 stalk
17	Lavender - 3 stems in bloom
18	Peony (Paeonia) – double, any colour or variety, 1 bloom
19	Peony - single, any colour or variety, 1 bloom
20	Peony, any other variety – 1 bloom
21	Any other perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
22	Any annual not listed – 3 blooms or stems (must have been in possession for 90 days)
	DESIGN Theme: Outdoor Joy
23	Turn on the Heat – a design
24	Breeze – a design showing motion
25	Up a Lazy River – a water viewing design
26	Deep Purple – NOVICE design

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Jobs for the month of June (ZONE 6)

General

- Continue watering and weeding; protect against insects and birds.

Trees and shrubs

- Continue trimming hedges;
- Prune early-flowering clematis;
- Deadhead and prune shrubs that have finished flowering.

Lawns

- Continue mowing lawns.

Vegetables

- Continue sowing salad crops;
- Make final sowing of peas and snap beans;
- Thin carrots;
- Plant out tomatoes and pumpkins;
- Continue pinching out tips of marrows, cucumbers, broad beans and side shoots of tomatoes as necessary;
- Finish earthing up potatoes;
- Stop picking asparagus.

Flowers

- Continue sowing biennials;
- Continue planting out annuals;
- Lift and divide bearded irises and primulas after flowering;
- Stake tall blooming plants;
- Cut back or deadhead spent flowers;
- Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds. ✂