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NEXT MEETING: June 12, 2018

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The President's Message

Welcome to Summer! Some upcoming events include the trip to Whistling Gardens arranged by Grace McElhinney. When Darren Heimbecker spoke at our January meeting, he left lots of his brochures, they will be available at our June meeting.

Mississauga Garden Festival, is in the second year of a collaborative effort of three local Mississauga horticultural groups: Applewood Garden Club, Cloverleaf Garden Club, and Credit Valley Horticultural Society. The festival is comprised of two complementary events: a traditional self-guided, paid garden tour of private gardens in the Credit Woodlands area of Mississauga, and a garden festival, open to the public and free to attend, located at Riverwood, a park in central Mississauga. The free festival will include featured speakers, exhibitors, a tour of MacEwan gardens, artisan vendors, children's activities, food vendors and more. Garden tour tickets purchase information and other information is available through this link <https://www.mississaugagardenfestival.ca/festival-highlights> I encourage you to attend this event, it sounds like the garden event of the season.

Now the big story-2018 Streetsville Hort plant sale- I am writing this at 7a.m., Sunday, May 27, still tired from yesterday, but what a day it was, the weather was perfect, warm and sunny, with enough clouds to take the edge off what could have been extreme heat.



The potting-up crew from May 5. L to R: Mary Bernier, Heather Walker, Janice Ward, Renata Wurst, Carol Ashford, Shirley Boyes, Debbie Lemire, Grace Nelham and Monica Ross.

The preliminary results are in! The sales for Saturday-drum roll please-were \$6008.70, in comparison 2017 actual plant sale day sales were \$5547, in 2017 we had \$638 additional sales after the sale date. The 2016 sales number includes after plant sale day income and totaled \$5430. None of these results are after expenses are subtracted.

If you or a friend couldn't make it out to the sale, we still have a good selection of plants at the log house; you can drop by on Wednesday mornings between 9:30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. to buy plants.

Carol and I would like to thank everyone who participated in making this event a success,

people who donated plants, who potted the plants, who cared for plants before the sale, who transported plants, those who got up very early to unload plants and set up the sale area, and everyone who worked during the day and cleaned up afterward. Significant thanks go to Sarah and Ross Pengilley for once again allowing us to use their nursery as potting central. I would also like to say a special thank you to Heather Walker who collected a mountain of cardboard trays for customers to use, so that we don't have to scrounge for plastic trays next year. The list of corporate donors is shown separately later in this newsletter.

As always Happy Gardening! ✂

Monica Ross, President

Speaker's Corner



The speaker for our June 12 meeting is Alice Bur, a member of Mississauga Master Gardeners. Soil is a fundamental element of our gardens and will be the topic of Alice's presentation. As part of her educational requirement, she studied the science of soil at Dalhousie University. This study left her with a fascination for the magic of the natural soil system. Her talk will explain how the soil system works and how this knowledge can make a gardening experience much easier, less frustrating, and more enjoyable for all of us. ✂

Phil Walker, Speaker Chair

From the Refreshment Coordinator

Volunteering a little of your time to our organization contributes enormously to its success. My sincere thanks to the many people who bring refreshments, help with set up and cleaning up. Coffee and refreshments are a mainstay of our meetings I am very grateful when I see the wonderful array of food at every meeting. ☺

Heather Walker, Refreshment Coordinator

From the Membership Table

Sixty-five members, two guests and four new members enjoyed listening to our speaker, Richard Aaron, socializing and sharing garden topics with each other.

A welcome to the following returning members: **Frances Edwards, Carol and Gary Childs** and our new member **Ian Brown**. We all look forward to seeing you at next month's meeting.

A great big thank you to **Martha Witney** and **Shirley Boyes** for doing the "membership table" while I was enjoying the Rockies. It is truly appreciated.

Please remember to wear your name tag 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.

Looking forward to seeing you at June's meeting ! ☺

Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

From the Raffle Table

Thanks for the support on last month's raffle table and thank you for those who donated to the table as well. I forgot to write the amount down but I think we made \$56.00 on the table. I have some wonderful items for our last table of the year so let's go out with a bang this year. I may even have some extra prizes as we did last year with some leftover plant sale items but I won't know till after our big sale!

I have been working hard on our raffle table for the plant sale. We did extremely well last year on this table and I am hoping to do the same again this year. Tickets for our plant sale raffle are 3 for \$5.00. Please come and buy a few tickets and support our society!





Cheers,

Grace McElhinney, Raffle Chair

Plant Sale Donors

We would like to thank the following nurseries who generously donated items to our plant sale, such as baskets and annuals.

**Arbor Glen Garden Centre,
Canadian Tire Meadowvale,
Canadian Tire Heartland,
Ecolabs,
Home Hardware Streetsville,
Jade Gardens,
Metro Meadowvale Plaza,
Metro Derry Rd,
Mississauga Greenhouses,
Sids Ponds and
Van Dongen's Garden Centre**

Flower Show Results



Best in Show and First place goes to Janet Shaw for her Class 4, Collection of small spring flowers, five different cultivars.



Best in Show and First place goes to Ursula Evanoff for her entry Class 23, Pretty Baby, a miniature design.

If you have any doubts or any other questions, you can call me at 416 518 1754.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

Plant Sale



Janet Shaw received Judge's Choice and First place for her Class 21, Any Other Variety Perennial, Pasque Flower.



Debbie Lemire won Judge's Choice and First place for her Class 24 Spring Shout, a pave design.

Rotary Park

In June, we will be working on Thursday mornings the 7th and the 21st. Of course if we can't work one of these mornings due to bad weather or for other reasons, the date will be moved forward 7 days.

Whistling Gardens Tour

**698 Concession 3, RR #1,
Wilsonville, Ontario, N0E 1Z0**



Google maps will be provided. If you have a GPS you may enter this address. Drivers it is up to you to either take the 407 toll road or the QEW towards Hamilton.

Monday, June 11, 2018

**Start time 9:30 a.m. at Vic
Johnsons Arena (lower lot)
leaving at 9:45 on time.**

**Passengers are responsible for
giving \$5.00 each to the driver for
expenses.**

**Arrive at Whistling Gardens 11 am /
leave approx. 3 pm.**

**Cost will Be \$13.75 inclusive, as
we will have a guided tour. Try to
have exact change, it will speed up
the check-in process.**

**They do take Visa, Mastercard and
Debit**

**To start, we will head to the
Amphitheatre to watch the fountain
show and then we can have a quick
bite around the lake. Then Darren is
free after noon to tour us around! I
think it's worth having him around
as there are so many different
species and he will be able to
answer all our questions. There will
still be free time to wander after his
tour so you can revisit your
favourite spots for photos or check
out the plants for sale. Don't forget
to pack some lunch and bring your
camera!**

Driver

Passengers

**Car 1: Jon Eldridge
Asoke and Rosemary Bera**

**Car 2: Grace McElhinney
Arlene Crothers, Janice Ward,
Shirley Boyes**

**My cell 416-433-1148 (if you get
lost)**

**Car 3: Carol Ashford
Grace Nelham**

**Car 4: Sue and Rob Harshman
Mary Bernier and Maria Sorelle**

**Car 5: Marie and Anant Kothari
Renate Wust, Nury Garzon**

**Car 6: Andrea Vertoli
Lorena, Ana Laurie**



Protecting your Garden in a Heatwave

Spring is here and our first heatwave is here. As the searing temperatures cause struggling transplants to wilt just as they are starting their summer growth spurt. Even well-established garden plants and landscape shrubs can be set back during a heat wave.

Fortunately, there are some simple measures gardeners can take to counter the heat and keep the garden growing.

Most common vegetable crops and native shrubs can withstand periodic heat waves without losing vigor. However, the shallow surface roots cannot withstand the stress of

extreme heat which dries and cakes the soil in the first few inches. By paying attention to the condition of the soil, a gardener can offset the effects of the heat wave on growing plants.

1. Apply mulch.

The first line of defense against hot weather and against windy condition which can dry surface soil, is to apply a liberal layer of mulch around plants. This protects the soil from direct sun exposure keeping it moist at the surface.



2. Water your garden and shrubs in the morning.



A heat wave can dry surface soil quickly which dehydrates shallow roots, and water is also lost through leaves in the hot weather, so your plants will need a thorough watering. This should be done early in the morning. In extreme heat, seed and nursery beds may need a second watering.

3. Use shade cloth or protective row covers.

Shade cloth offers partial and temporary protection from the sun for garden plants and is available at garden centres in a variety of sizes, shade factors and configurations.

4. Locate new transplants within the cover of taller plants.

A heat wave is hardest on transplants. The root systems of young starter plants are shallow and therefore more susceptible to drying conditions in the top few inches of soil. Look for partial shading opportunities provided by taller more mature plants.

5. Keep lawns at least three inches tall.



Taller grass casts longer shadows. And the added shading from leaving your grass taller than usual will benefit the soil by helping retain moisture.

Avoid applying fertilizers to your lawn or garden during heat waves, since the roots ability to absorb nutrients is diminished during a heat wave.

6. Don't forget to set out water for the birds.



Heat waves are usually of short duration that gardeners can manage to produce successful crops. Prolonged heat waves, of course, are more challenging and crops may be stunted or crop yields reduced. Unfortunately, the long-term outlook for our climate indicates that in upcoming years we gardeners will have to hone our hot-weather gardening skills. The measures described above will likely be common knowledge in the years to come.

<https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/how-to-protect-your-garden-during-a-heat-wave/>

Flower Show Schedule

I encourage all members to bring at least one flower from their garden to enter in the show. All it takes is a single vase of water, and selection and cutting of your freshest bloom in any of the show categories. We have all waited so long to see flowers this spring, take pride and show other members what you are growing! Let's make this the biggest June show yet.

| Class | June 12, 2018 |
|-------|---|
| | Horticultural |
| 1 | Allium – small under 4", same cultivar, 3 stems |
| 2 | Allium, - large, 1 stem |
| 3 | Clematis – 1 large bloom |
| 4 | Collection of perennial flowers in container, 5 different cultivars, no cut foliage – 1 entry per Exhibitor |
| 5 | Day Lily (Hemerocallis) – 1 scape |
| 6 | Dianthus – 1 cultivar – 2 stems |
| 7 | Fern, Japanese Painted – 3 fronds |
| 8 | Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 stems in bloom, same cultivar |
| 9 | Heuchera (Coral Bells) – 3 leaves, same cultivar |
| 10 | Hosta, – 3 leaves, different cultivars |
| 11 | Hosta, – 3 leaves, same cultivar |
| 12 | Iris miniature – under 8", any colour, 1 stalk |
| 13 | Iris, any variety – 1 stalk |
| 14 | Lavender - 3 stems in bloom |
| 15 | Peony (Paeonia) – double/semi-double, 1 bloom |
| 16 | Peony (Paeonia) - single, Japanese or Anemone, 1 bloom |
| 17 | Rosa (Rose) – grandiflora, floribunda, polyantha – 1 spray |
| 18 | Rosa (Rose) – modern shrub, 1 bloom or spray |
| 19 | Rosa (Rose) –Judged for fragrance, any variety – 1 bloom |
| 20 | Any other perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem |
| 21 | Any annual not listed – 3 blooms or stems (must have been in possession for 90 day |
| | DESIGN Theme: Life Outdoors |
| 22 | My Blue Heaven – a design |
| 23 | Red Wing – a CASCADE design |
| 24 | Stardust – a MINIATURE design |
| 25 | Shine – NOVICE design |

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Pictures around the plant sale

