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Speaker's Corner

Heritage Tree – Preserving Our Natural Roots

Edith George is an advisor to the Ontario Urban Forest Council. Edith works tirelessly to save magnificent old city trees. In her presentation to us, "Heritage Tree – Preserving Our Natural Roots", she will combine her passion of local history and conservation to teach us the importance of identifying and preserving heritage trees which are often overlooked, taken for granted, or sacrificed to development. There are reasons why these urban trees were never cut down by their property owners, and she will explore why the axe never touched them

NEXT MEETING: March 14

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The President's Message

As I write this spring is getting closer exactly 28 days to go. As we all know so far this has been a strange winter, the kale I grew last year is still alive. I cut it back but didn't pull the roots out, it now has new leaves!

Did you know there are many vegetables that can be planted as soon as the soil has thawed?

Spinach, cabbage, kale, broccoli, brussels sprouts, leeks, carrots and cauliflower can be planted the first week of April, when overnight temperatures are as low as -4 C. Seeds are available in garden centers now. Slightly more tender crops such as romaine lettuce and arugula can be planted about a week later. Plastic cloches are available at the dollar store, if you need additional protection for your seedlings.

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Upcoming events this spring include our spring Open House on April 11. Flyers and guest passes will be available at the March 14 meeting.

These documents will also be posted on our website and those of local politicians so friends, neighbours, colleagues and acquaintances will be able to print their own invitation and guest pass. We need new members and their skills to help our society grow and prosper.

Vesey's catalogues for our spring fundraiser will be available at our March 14 meeting. Orders must be returned at the April meeting.

Humber nurseries 30 per cent off coupons are in this newsletter and posted on our website.

The Royal Botanical gardens in Burlington has an impressive list of activities and educational opportunities available this spring. Learn about spring pruning, growing heritage tomatoes or the do's and don'ts of growing clematis. Your kids or grandkids will be impressed by the mammoth and mastodon exhibit in the atrium running until April 17, for more details go to the website <http://www.rbg.ca/file/RBGexperiences0117.pdf> or check our website.

Don't forget Canada Blooms March 10-17 at the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place.

Volunteer help wanted-we are looking for someone to update the Streetsville Hort information posted on various local websites. The volunteer will send information updates about our meetings and activities to about groups such as the City of Mississauga, the Region of Peel, Snapd, and local councilors. The

time involved is approximately 10-15 hours per year. If you can send an e-mail, you are completely qualified!

Monica Ross, President

Evening gardens

Many of us are very busy people, some of us have fulltime jobs, we have families that need our attention, we have the inevitable house work and of course tending to our treasured gardens, and a multitude of other things that take up more time than we realise.

So when do we have time to sit back and enjoy our gardens? For many of us and certainly almost everyone in the community who have young children with extracurricular activities, a dog, and a fulltime job, there is no time available until the evening.

The evening may be the best time for you to enjoy your garden. What are the benefits of an evening garden? Some flowers and foliage are more obvious as the sunlight fades. In the heat of mid-summer it is often more pleasant to be outside after dark. Moonlight can illuminate flowers and foliage making the garden at night a different experience, a place that is almost magical.



How do we create a garden that shines after dark?

The answer is using white and light coloured flowers, silver or variegated leaves and plants that produce particularly heavy scents after dark. Plants that open after dark or that release significant scent in the evening are often those pollinated by moths. The appearance of the blooms is not the most important factor, as it is dark, but scent is very important if pollination is to take place. In the humid weather that we often experience in July and August scents can be remarkable in the evening.

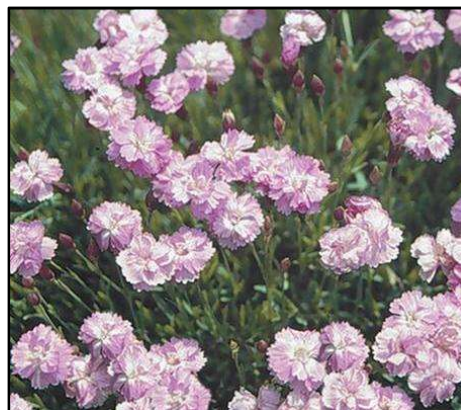


So why are we talking about this in March? You need time to make plans and decide what plants you need to buy and where to plant them. First choose an area for your evening garden that is easily seen from a comfortable spot such as a favorite chair on the deck or a rocker on a porch. Where do you sit with a glass of wine or a cup of tea? The easiest way to begin an evening garden is with annuals

whether planted in the ground or in pots. The common petunia is a great evening plant. They almost glow in the dark and many are very fragrant. Sweet alyssum is also fragrant and creates a wonderful border around a garden bed. There is a less obvious bonus of using white annuals as edging. For family members or visitors who have trouble seeing at night, the white edges are more obvious and make nighttime garden walks safer.

If you already have perennials that have light coloured flowers or significant scent, you could move some, split some or purchase new ones, to create night time interest in view of your sitting area.

You can add light coloured tropicals to patio pots. Moonflowers are a night blooming annual vine and a member of the morning glory family. They open as dusk falls and the smell is marvelous. They like hot weather and can easily be started from seed. Tuberose is a summer blooming bulb; it is wonderfully scented and can be grown in pots. Heliotrope is a tropical grown as an annual; they are available in various purples and lilacs, occasionally white and strongly vanilla scented.



Pale yellow or light pink flowers also work well in an evening garden, think of coreopsis 'Moonbeam' or dianthus gratianopolitanus, shasta daisies or any of the pale or white summer phlox.

There is no right or wrong plant choice or design for an evening garden, plant what you like the only features you need consider are fragrance, flower and leaf colour. If you have space you could add hydrangeas, mock orange or magnolias, perhaps, even a white flowered wisteria, or a white or pale lilac Rose of Sharon. For the spring season when it is dark earlier and we often only see our gardens through the window consider white or light coloured bulbs.

✂

Monica Ross, President

Plant Sale

Once again we will hold our Plant Sale at the Leslie Log House on **May 27, 2017**. For all our new members, and to remind our veteran members, the plant sale is SHS's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds of the sale helps pay for Speakers, Judges for the Flower Show, premiums, meeting space rent and more. Our goal is to surpass the \$5,000 we raised last year. Every member needs to help make this sale successful!

Over the next few months we will be looking for recruits. Think about what you can do to help. Volunteers will be needed for digging up plants for those who can't, labeling, potting up, caring for plants up until the plant sale, transportation, set up, clean up, selling

and more. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the March meeting.

To make things a little more interesting this year we would ask you to donate old garden ornaments you no longer want in your garden. Signs, lanterns, statues, birdhouses, feeders, etc. We will have a little corner at the sale especially set aside for these items.



NEEDS LIST:

- Volunteers
- Plants
- Trays
- Clean pots no smaller than 6" in diameter
- Volunteers
- Garden Ornaments

Did I say Volunteers??

Start thinking about what **YOU** can do to help. 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. We are counting on you to make the this years' sale a resounding success! ✂

Plant Sale – May 27, 2017

With all this mild weather we have been having lately, I started thinking about this year's Plant Sale. I went to check where we had stored ALL of our pots for this year's sale and lo and behold, they were GONE!!

So, on that note, we are asking that you do



not throw out or recycle any pots you may have around your property. Please gather them up and bring them to the next

meeting(s) so we will have lots on hand for our sale on May 27.

We would like to have pots no smaller than 5 inches in diameter (or across the top of the pot). Of course, there will be lots of things to do for the plant sale and further information and sign-up sheets will be available in April.

Thanks for your help in this regard. ☞

Carol Ashford and Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chairs



District 15, Annual General Meeting

This year the District 15 AGM is hosted by the Thornhill Garden and Horticultural Society. It will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Thornhill United Church, 23 Elgin Street, Thornhill. The keynote speaker is Marion Jarvie who has previously spoken at our meetings and is a past president of Thornhill.

The cost for the meeting is \$30 per person which includes breakfast, morning coffee break and lunch with dessert. Streetsville Horticultural

Society will reimburse \$5 to each person who attends the meeting. The cutoff for registration is April 3, 2017. Sign up at our March 14, 2017 meeting. Please pay by cheque or with cash. Cheques must be made payable to SHS.

The AGM includes, as usual, a flower show and photography show; the schedules are finished and will be available by March 5. Flower show design entries and photography entries must be preregistered by Monday, April 3. Horticultural entries do **not** require preregistration. We will publish the flower show and photo show schedules as soon as we have them. ☞


Lug your Mug



Coming Events

- April 22 District 15 AGM hosted by
Thornhill Garden & Hort.
Society.

Registration 8:30. Adjourn 3:00
p.m.
- April 29 Clean Up of Leslie Log House
Property
- May 6 Potting Up for Plant Sale
- May 9 Streetsville Hort. Society
General Meeting – Premium
Night
- May 10 Potting Up for Plant Sale
- May 13 Potting Up for Plant Sale
- May 17 Potting Up for Plant Sale



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From the Raffle Table

What a great night on the raffle table during our February meeting in our new home!
Congratulations to our winners they went home with some nice prizes. We made \$80.00 on the table which is excellent.

I will not be at the March meeting, and Marie Kothari, that spunky little redhead, will be selling the tickets for me. Please get your toonies out as I have put together some beautiful baskets.

I would also like to thank all the members who donated items for future raffles. All the items are wonderful and you will be seeing them used very shortly!

Here are the Baskets for March. ✂



Grace McIlleeney, Raffle Table Chair

A Taste of Spring



A mix of blue and pink flowers brings thoughts of spring. One of the Vesey bulb kits grown by Grace McElhinney. Below is the beautiful amarylliss grown by Marg Rowan.



FLOWER SHOW RULES

ENTRIES

- Competition is open to all members in good standing of Streetsville Horticultural Society.
- Exhibitors must fill out their own entry forms for each exhibit. Entry forms are available on the website or at the show. Completed Entry Forms must be placed with the exhibit.
- Competitors are assigned a Competitor Number which must be entered on the Entry Form.
- One entry per exhibitor is permitted in each CULTURAL and DESIGN class unless otherwise stated.
- Each exhibitor may enter up to 3 entries per class, provided each entry is of a different Cultivar.
- If two or more exhibitors share the same garden and wish to compete in the same CULTURAL class they must enter different Cultivars. The Cultivars must be named.
- Exhibitors are responsible for placing entries in the proper classes. Flower Committee and Show Chair may assist.
- In 'Any Other' categories, exhibitors are not allowed to enter a flower for which a specific category already exists. For example, in the May Show you would not be able to enter a Primula in an 'any other perennial' class if classes for Primulas are contained in the Schedule.
- **AOV** – means "Any other Variety".
- A **Bud** showing colour is considered a bloom.
- **Bloom** - an individual flower, one to a stem, no sign of a bud.
- **Cultivar** –Forms of plants originated and maintained only in cultivation, which when reproduced retain their distinguishing features. eg Petunia, "Sugar Daddy"; Geranium, "Cardinal"; Rose, "Peace".
- **Spray** - portion of a plant, or a plant's side shoots with a number of flowers on one stem.
- **Stalk/stem** - a main plant structure which supports flowers, buds, leaves or fruit.
- **Variety** - Named variations of plant species. e.g. Colchicum autumnale is a fall flowering bulb, typically having a pink bloom, Colchicum autumnale var. album is a naturally occurring white flowered variation.
- All entries are to be as stated in the SHS Show Schedule, and in accordance to size in keeping with OHA Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, Publication #34.
- Entries will be disqualified if not in accordance with the description of the Class.
- Where a definite number is called for, NO MORE or NO LESS shall be entered.
- The use of protected or endangered native plants will disqualify the exhibit.
- Exhibitors must supply their own appropriate containers.
- Fruit, berries and vegetables must be displayed on a plain white paper plate or doily supplied by the Exhibitor. Single entries of large vegetables may be displayed directly on the exhibit table.
- Entries must be on the table by the stated time – 7:30 p.m. deadline. **This will be strictly enforced.**
- Entries must be left on the Exhibit Tables until 9:30 p.m. or until the show Convener releases the Exhibits. Disregard of this requirement will result in disqualification of entries.
- Only Exhibitors, and Flower Committee members and are allowed in the Exhibit area during placement of entries.
- Only Judges and Flower Committee members are allowed in the Exhibit area during judging.
- "Best in Show" and "Judges Choice" are at the discretion of the Judge.
- Decisions of Judge(s) will be final.
- **Failure to comply with the above rules will result in disqualification.**

HORTICULTURAL DIVISION

- ONLY Exhibitors or Show Committee members may move entries in the Cultural Section for staging purposes.
- All cultural exhibits are to be grown by the entrant and must have been in their possession for 90 days.
- A house plant may be shown in different monthly shows until it wins a First Prize and may not be shown again for one year from that win.
- Classes with a large number of Entries may be subdivided by the Show Chair on the day of the show. Each class should have a minimum of 3 entries.
- Horticultural specimens are exhibited on neutral coloured tables.

DESIGN DIVISION

- Designs can be moved ONLY by the Exhibitor.
- Only Exhibitors and show Chairs and Clerks are allowed in the show area prior to judging.
- No artificial plant material may be used.
- Plant material can be from any source. No soil is permitted in floral design.
- Accessories may be used but should be subordinate to design.
- Designs are exhibited on a neutral coloured table; space allotted is 24" wide x 30" deep. Height is unlimited.
- A "**MINIATURE**" is a small-scale design which does not exceed 5" in any direction including the container, base and accessories.
- A "**SMALL DESIGN**" is from 5.5" and must not exceed 10" in any direction including container, base and accessories.
- **NOVICE** - a member is considered a novice until they have won five (5) firsts in the Novice Design category

Points Awarded Design:

1st 10 points
2nd 6 points
3rd 4 points
Honourable Mention 3 points
Entry 2 points
Best in Show 20 points
Judge's Choice 20 points

Points Awarded Cultural:

1st 5 points
2nd 4 points
3rd 3 points
Honourable Mention 2 points
Entry 1 point
Best in Show 20 points
Judge's Choice 20 points

STREETSVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

2017 FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Class	April 11, 2017
	MEMBERS' CHOICE - Judged by members
	Horticultural
1	Large Houseplant –9 inches in height or greater from soil surface
2	Small Houseplant – 8 inches in height or less from soil surface.
3	Terrarium
4	Dish Garden

Class	May 9, 2017
	HORTICULTURE
1	Apple or Crabapple – 1 branch 36" or less
2	Bleeding Heart (Dicentra) any colour - 1 stem
3	Columbine (Aquilegia)– any colour, 1 spray
4	Hellebore – 1 stem
5	Hyacinth - 1 stem
6	Iris – any variety, 1 stem
7	Lilac - any colour, 1 truss
8	Muscari – 3 stems, same variety
9	Narcissus, any other, - 1 stem
10	Narcissus, double, - 1 scape
11	Narcissus, small cup, - 1 scape
12	Narcissus, trumpet, large cup, - 1 scape
13	Polygonatum (Solomon's Seal) – 1 stem
14	Primrose – any variety, 3 stems
15	Tulip - any other colour, or variety, 1 bloom
16	Tulip – single, red, 1 bloom
17	Tulip – single, yellow, 1 bloom
18	Viola – 3 stems with own foliage
19	Any other Bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber not listed – 1 stem
20	Any other Perennial not listed – 1 stem or bloom
	DESIGN Theme: Spring Forth
21	Greensleeves - a design using leaves
22	Blue Skies - a design
23	Fairies of Spring – MINIATURE Design
24	O Canada! - NOVICE design with Tulips

	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

Class	September 12, 2017
	HORTICULTURE
1	Anemone, Japanese – 1 stem
2	Begonia, tuberous – 1 stem
3	Coreopsis – any cultivar, 2 blooms
4	Dahlia – 1 bloom, over 6"
5	Dahlia – 1 bloom, under 6"
6	Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1 stem
7	Hydrangea – 1 bloom, any cultivar
8	Ornamental Grass -3 stems same cultivar - over 36"
9	Ornamental Grass -3 stems same cultivar - under 36"
10	Phlox – any colour, 1 stem
11	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
12	Sedum – any colour – 1 stem
13	Snapdragon – 1 cultivar, 2 stems
14	Verbena – 2 stems, any cultivar
15	Zinnia – 1 bloom
16	Any perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
17	Any other annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
18	Garlic – 3 specimens
19	Onion – 3 specimens
20	Tomato – 3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
21	Small vegetable (pepper, bean, pea, onion, etc.)– 3 specimens on a plate, same cultivar
22	Large vegetable (eg. Turnip, Squash)– 1 specimen
23	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Fall Bounty
24	Gloryland – a design using fruits and vegetables
25	Dark Eyes - a pave design
26	Bright Star - a design in a basket
27	Roses of Picardy – NOVICE design

Class	October 10, 2017
	HORTICULTURE
1	Aster – perennial – 2 sprays
2	Branch showing fall colour – less than 36" from top of container
3	Calendula – 3 blooms
4	Chrysanthemum – double – 1 spray
5	Chrysanthemum – single – 1 spray
6	Coleus – 1 cultivar, 3 stems
7	Collection of garden flowers, 3 cultivars, may include foliage – 1 entry per exhibitor.
8	Hydrangea – 1 bloom
9	Herbs – 3 stems, one each of 3 different cultivars.
10	Marigold – any variety – 3 blooms
11	Monkshood – 1 stem
12	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
13	Sedum – any cultivar – 3 stems
14	Shrub or tree branch with berries – 1 under 36"
15	Zinnia – 1 bloom
16	Any other perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
17	Any other annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
18	Cabbage, any variety – 1 head
19	Zucchini – 1 specimen
20	Any vegetable – 1 large specimen, or 3 small specimens same cultivar
21	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Indian Summers
22	Red Robin– a design
23	A Little Moonlight – an Ikebana design
24	Petite Fleur - NOVICE design
25	Dip Your Brush – a colourful design
	MEMBERS CHOICE!! A carved pumpkin of any theme. Show your creativity! Entries will be viewed throughout the evening and judged by Members. 1 st , 2 nd and 3rd prizes

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Jobs for the month of March (ZONE 6)

General

- Cut back ornamental grasses to a few inches above ground level.

Trees and shrubs

- Continue to protect plants from frost and drying winds;
- Prune late-flowering climber and deciduous shrubs;
- Plant roses, trees and shrubs weather permitting;
- Check supports for existing climbers.

Lawns

- Rake and brush over lawns once dry;
- Top-dress the lawn with compost if there is no snow.

Fruit

- Continue spraying against pests.

Vegetables

- Start some vegetables, like tomatoes and peppers indoors;

Flowers

- Start slower growing flowers indoors, like zinnias, marigolds, under lights;
- Late in month, transplant pansies outdoors and sow seeds for nasturtiums and sweet peas. ✂