



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2017

Annual General Meeting

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring nut-free dish

Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.



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The President's Message

The 2017 gardening year has been a challenge. It has been one of the wettest and coolest summers on record. Many of us feel that summer didn't really arrive until September, and then we had no rain for 22 days. The unusual heat in September and continuing warm weather even now has had benefits, I'm still picking tomatoes and cucumbers, and if the current weather forecast is accurate no frost forecast for at least two weeks.

There are many tasks that still can be done in the garden, bulbs can be planted until early December or even later if the ground is still workable. Some jobs are very important in the fall, if you have had problems with slugs make sure the plants, probably hostas, that have been hardest hit are trimmed back to the ground, so there are no dead leaves that will provide overwinter homes for slugs. Rake over the soil to disrupt any eggs that have been laid, exposing them to cold temperatures.

What about other perennials? It feels good to get your garden tidied in the fall, certainly any plant that is diseased, infested, or otherwise in poor condition, should be cut back and the stems and leaves disposed of, rather than leaving them to overwinter.

If you have plants that keep their seedheads all winter, consider leaving them as the seeds will feed the birds. Other perennials can be cut back to six inches the stalks will catch snow and provide protection from drying cold winds. Plants that have leaves at the base such as heuchera/ coral bells are best cut back in the spring as the leaves protect the crown of the plant.



This year many of us have seen crabapples with few if any leaves. My crabapples started losing leaves in July and were completely bare by August. This is the result of an apple scab infection. Apple scab is a fungal disease. It is not considered a serious threat to crabapple or apple trees; however, repeated annual apple scab infections can weaken the tree making it more susceptible to other problems. Apple scab makes the trees look dreadful and serious infections like those common this year can reduce new growth, and dramatically reduce harvests. Apple scab is dependent on exactly the cool, wet weather we have had this year to develop.

The apple scab fungus overwinters in infected leaves on the ground from the previous year. In the spring the spores mature and are carried by wind and splashing rain to new

growth on the same tree or others where new infections begin.

So what to do? This fall rake or vacuum up every single crabapple leaf and put them in your yard waste. Do not put them in your home composter and do not use them as mulch as the spores will spread in the spring. Rake over the soil around the tree regularly until the ground is frozen exposing any spores left on the ground should kill them. There are anti-fungals that can be sprayed in the spring, but it is uncommon in this area to have successive years with the same wet conditions. Oddly one of my trees grew new leaves in September and has flowers now!

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on November 14. Please make the effort to be there to hear what we have done over the last year as a Society as well as vote for our new officers. ✂

Monica Ross, President

Potluck Dinner

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to the November meeting.

Bring your own cutlery and plate.



From the Membership Desk

Second straight month in a row and our membership desk was just a-hopping! A flurry of activity with membership renewals and guests responding to our “open house”.

Fifty-six members and nine guests enjoyed an exciting viewing of botanical gardens in Mexico, and an evening of friendship.

We welcome **Maria Sorella** (new member) and **Mary Bernier** and **Heather Tregaskes** (returning members).

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

Thank you **Martha Witney** for your help on the desk!

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.

If you have been away during our September/October membership renewal blitz, we missed seeing you! Exciting times are ahead... November is our Annual General Meeting with a Pot Luck Dinner, and December is the Christmas workshop. Hope to see you soon! ✂

Vivianne Holmes, Membership Chair

October Flower Show Winners



Joyce Rolston was the winner of Class 7, Collection of Garden Flowers, three cultivars. She placed second and won Judge's Choice. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Janet Shaw won first place and Best in Show with her Class 8, Hydrangea. Photo by Grace Nelham.



*Debbie Lemire placed first and won Best in Show for her design, Class 23, **A Little Moonlight**, an Ikebana arrangement. Photo by Grace Nelham.*



*Ursula Evanoff placed first and won Judge's Choice in Class 22, **Red Robin**, a design. Photo by Grace Nelham.*

Pumpkin Carving Contest



Henry Schouten placed first in the pumpkin carving contest with his Cat in the Starlight. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Lynn Sereda tied in second place with a black cat hidden inside a white pumpkin. Photo by Debbie Lemire.



Sue Palmmumeri tied for second place with her exciting version of a carved pumpkin. Photo by Debbie Lemire.

Janet Shaw, Flower Show Chair

From the Raffle Table





Annual General Meeting

Reports

President's Report

As I look back over the past year, I am so impressed with our accomplishments. Last fall we planted two serviceberries at Rotary Park in

memory of Ralph Faustino. We also planted a red maple at the Leslie Log House. The funds for the tree came from the OHA Tree Grant program.

We held an Open House in October 2016; we had eight guests and signed up five new members. At the April 2017 Open House, we had 14 guests and three new members joined the society.

We had a very successful plant sale with after expenses sales about \$335 more than 2016. This result is the direct result of the many volunteer hours donated by our members. Thank you all very much.

Other fundraising programs, Florissa, Vesey's and milkweed provided approximately \$832 profit.

Over the past three years Streetsville Horticultural members have picked up litter at the Leslie Log House in mid-April. Some years we have filled fifteen or more garbage bags. We have cleared most of the accumulated garbage from the front section of the property. Next spring we plan to move on to the areas closer to the river.

Our garden tour was on July 23, twenty-three members visited Gairloch gardens in Oakville, and then enjoyed a pot luck supper at the Leslie Log House.

Monica Ross, President

Plant Sale Report

We are happy to report that the 2017 Plant Sale was the best ever!! We took in \$6,306 and after expenses netted \$5,764.

This year we tried something different; we gathered up some old chairs, cut holes in them, painted them in beautiful colors and potted them up with beautiful arrangements of perennials and annuals. We also received donations from various nurseries, which we sold – some in our containers. Beside the regular perennials for sale, we had planted up chairs, planters, a draw table, a “free” section and houseplants.

Of course all of this could not have taken place without the HUGE effort of the Plant Sale Committee: **Dean Scully, Grace McElhinney, Shirley Boyes** and **Grace Nelham**.

Potting up worked well and we had lots of volunteers show up to lend a hand. Many



thanks to all of those who volunteered and special thanks to Ross and Sarah Pengilley who allowed us to use their property (and green house on rainy days) for potting up.

Dropping off plants to member's houses did not seem to garner any donations except for a couple of drop

offs. We will have to look at a better way to do this next year. After being potted, the plants were taken to various holding sites for loving care until the night before the sale when they

were picked up and held in cars, trucks and trailers until the following morning when bright and early they were delivered to the Leslie Log

House. We had lots of help for the day of the sale and thank all those who took part. Also thanks to those who dropped off refreshments for the volunteers.

The weather was good and sales were brisk. The chairs, planters, and plants literally flew off the floor.

The leftover pots and trays have all been sorted and stored in a secure site ready for next year!! Again, many thanks to all who dug plants, potted plants, stored plants,

watered plants, delivered plants, sold plants and in general did anything and everything to make this years' plant sale a great success!

Carol Ashford and Monica Ross, Plant Sale Co-chairs

Volunteer Hours Report

A huge thank you goes out to all the members who tirelessly contribute his/her time to our Society. The total number of hours that were reported to me for our fiscal year of September 2016 to August 2017 is 1920.5 hours.



I encourage everyone to get involved – please contribute any way you can.

Participation as a volunteer could be as simple as donating goodies at our next general meeting or as involved as being a committee leader or developing a new project. Perhaps you'd like to work at our community gardens. Potting up for our annual plant sale is another way you can contribute. Our organization relies on the efforts of everyone.

I challenge each and every member to think about how you can give back to your Society.

If you're new to volunteering to our society and would like to find out more about how you can contribute, please contact Monica Ross.

Eleonora Roberts, Volunteer Chair

Many members attend our meetings. We average 55 per evening, with a high of 67 members attending in May.

A copy of the membership list has been shared with Alex King to ensure that all members who wish to participate in flower shows have a current membership.

Thanks to **Martha Witney, Shirley Boyes** and **Joan Chin** for helping me on the membership desk. ✂

Vivianne Holmes, Membership Chair

Membership Report



I accepted the position of Membership Chair in March 2017, and I am grateful to Grace McElhinney for helping me start up in a smooth and

seamless transition.

I have kept the procedures set up by Grace for the balance of the year, with some minor tweaks for the coming year.

Our membership at the end of the year totalled 105 members and 18 lifetime members. We had six new members join us during this period, and had a total of 22 guests.

Eighty-five members have updated their memberships for the year 2017-2018; The remaining members who have not renewed will be contacted by e-mail during the coming weeks, and their name tags will be put aside until further advised.

Leslie Log House Report

Even though the summer was wet, the gardens at the Leslie Log House looked great! The white peonies were stunning when they bloomed in June bordered by the purple salvia! The daisies and Irises made an outstanding show when they were blooming. The Echinacea, Cleome and Verbena bonariensis were going full force over the summer. They attracted many Monarch butterflies and the garden was so full we did not need to purchase any annuals except for a couple of flats of portulaca. The garden looked great for the potluck following the garden tour visit to Gairloch Gardens.



Over the course of the summer we emptied the shed, organized the tools, purchased two heavy-duty hoses and a sprinkler and were blessed with a donated wheel barrow!

Thanks to the following volunteers who have made the job of tending these gardens so much easier and fun: **Dean Scully, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross, Christina Anonychuk, Lorena D'Arsie, Joanne Hall, Bonnie Jaakkimainen, Debbie Scully, Janet Shaw and Andrea Vertolli.** Some came once and others volunteered every week. Our last day working on the beds was October 4.

From May 27, 2016 through to Oct. 4, 2017 our volunteers logged a total of 237.25 hours working at the Leslie Log House property.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

Rotary Park Report

We planted two serviceberry trees in the rear of the park in October 2016. These were donated in remembrance of Streetsville Jason. We also planted 75 tulip bulbs commemorating Canada's 150 anniversary and were assisted in this by a group of teenagers from Streetsville library.

During the winter, the parks department planted a Spruce tree where the previous one had died.

In the Spring clean-up we were again assisted by the teenagers from the library and we filled many bags with leaves and debris. For the balance of the year we had a small but regular group of volunteers: **Eleonora Roberts, Nick and Enza Lafratta, Mary Percy Brown** and occasionally **Asoke Bera.** We cleared the



weeds, took out the remaining day lilies, split up the large bunches of iris, and planted various perennials and shrubs, some purchased and some donated from the plant sale. We had difficulty getting mulch from the city but eventually managed with the help of councillor George Carlson. We have asked the city for a water supply for the rear of the park and this has been promised but with no timetable.

We work in the park every other Thursday morning and this seems to work well. For the coming year we want to plant more perennials to provide more colour throughout the season and we will be planting daffodils and grape hyacinth to add to the Spring flowers. There are two or three trees that the city has marked for removal and we hope these will be taken out in the winter months so that we can plant in the empty spaces.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

Fundraising Report

Our profit from the Vesey's spring program and Florissa Bulbs in November 2016 was a total of \$792.00. Vesey's fundraiser was held in April and raised \$366.00. Florissa was a fall fundraiser which brought in \$426.00.

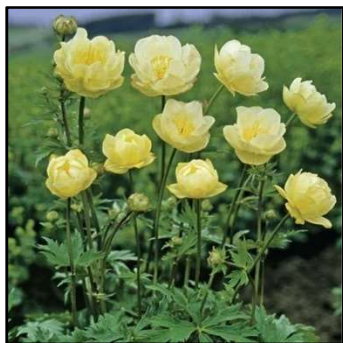


Christina Anonychuk, Fundraising Chair

Premiums Report

Premiums were purchased from NVK Connon Nurseries for the May 2017 meeting totaled 120 plants. The total cost was \$659.09 at an average price of \$5.49 per plant.

At the meeting, 79 premiums were handed out to members in good standing. Of the remaining plants, 17 were sold at the meeting at \$6.00 each for a total of \$162.00. The balance of 14 premiums was sold at the plant sale for \$7.00 each for a total of \$98.00. Final cost of premiums after income from sales at the meeting and plant sale was subtracted was \$399.09



Trollius cultorum, New Moon Globeflower

Christina Anonychuk, Premium Chair

Flower Show Report

There were five flower shows in the 2016-2017 membership year, as well as a December seasonal arrangement workshop. September and October 2016 shows and the workshop were held at our previous meeting venue Meadowvale Community Church, while April, May and June 2017 shows took place at our new meeting location Streetsville United Church which provides a suitable segregated space on the stage for showing and judging.

The April show was a member-judged houseplant show, and it was fun to see what plants members had been nurturing over the winter. All other shows included Horticultural and Design categories which were adjudicated by qualified OHA judges who provided many constructive learning comments to exhibitors and flower show clerks alike.



A huge Thank You to all of our SHS members who exhibited at the flower shows this season, especially those who entered for the first time. Your participation is greatly appreciated! We encourage all SHS members to give it a try.

And of course, many thanks to the loyal Flower Committee volunteers who worked diligently to support running of the shows: **Alex King, Janice Ward, Renate Wust, Debbie Lemire, Wendy Arrighi, Carol Ashford, and Andrea Vertolli.**

I will be stepping down as Chair of the Flower Show Committee at the end of this season, after the June 2018 Show, and I encourage interested members to consider taking on this role.

Janet Shaw, Flower Show Chair

Speaker's Report

Our goal is to provide a diverse group of speakers who will share their horticultural knowledge on a wide range of topics with our members. The purpose is to provide you with new ideas, tools, techniques, and approaches that will improve your gardening experience. This past year, we enjoyed a series of entertaining and informative talks.

We started the 2016-2017 program season in September 2016 with Robert Pavlis who spoke on "*Designing Your Fall Garden*" demonstrating from his own extensive garden features and plants that can provide interest in fall and into winter and added useful facts about their planting.

Our October meeting was scheduled to include a talk on garden bulbs. Unfortunately the speaker was not able to attend. In short order our president, Monica Ross, filled in the gap providing a bulb slideshow and commentary on various bulb varieties.

In November, the society held its AGM. There were no speakers that month. The Christmas workshops were held in December. Lil Taggart from the Georgetown Horticultural Society demonstrated and guided members in how to put together a Christmas arrangement.

Melanie Kramer from Credit Valley Conservation Authority spoke to the society in January 2017. Her topic was "*Native Plants for Sun and Shade*", a talk promoting the use of native plants in our gardens, and supporting the CVCA Green Yard program. Melanie provided us with an extensive list of plants and their sources, and the many reasons why native plants are so valuable to us.

February's talk was planned to expand on native plants. This month's speaker was unable to attend. Once again, Monica Ross filled the gap. She showed photos and reviewed the native plant restoration project at the Vale property in Sheridan park where extensive planting of natural materials over several years replaced the previous lawns. Our planned speaker was responsible for this project.

In March, Edith George provided a passionate talk on what makes a heritage tree and why they should be protected. Edith used a heritage tree in her neighbour's backyard as an example. She wove in the history of the people who lived near the tree over the years, with the efforts now to preserve these trees to make a very interesting talk.

At the April meeting, Ken Brown presented "*Three Tenors + 1*", a talk profiling the main players in a flower garden – Iris, peony, daylily, and lily. Ken's presentation included, in an entertaining way, an overview of these plants, diversity of sizes, colours and textures, as well as methods of propagation and planting, and ongoing care and feeding.

The guest speaker for May 2017 was Jennifer Arnott. Jennifer introduced us to *Garden Walk Buffalo*, the largest garden tour in North America just a few hours' drive from here. She shared with us the whimsy and colour that denotes Buffalo gardens and the enthusiasm of the gardeners that open 400 small urban gardens to the public free of charge.

The last meeting of the series was in June. Cathie Kavassalis speaking on the topic "*Berrylicious – growing berries for fun, food,*



and wild friends.” In an information packed hour, we learned the basics of berry culture, their wild range of form and fruit, and the names of a few trusted varieties. These easy to grow plants make wonderful additions to any landscape.

Two speakers were unable to attend, and this reduced our charges for the series. Cost for the speakers this fiscal year totalled \$1001.

Phil Walker, Speaker Chair

Publicity Report

Our Open houses were promoted on the websites of our local politicians, councillors George Carlson, Pat Saito, Sue McFadden and MPP Bob Delaney.

Other local groups include Gardenmaking.com, Streetsville Village Times, Streetsville Living Facebook page, the Streetsville BIA, Mississauga.com, icangarden.com, Snap’d North community events calendar elocalpost.com/Streetsville, and the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel calendars.



The Plant Sale was advertised on all the previously listed websites, plus Kijiji, and we placed an ad in the Mississauga News that was also copied to all the local Metroland Media newspaper websites. A Snap’d photographer attended the April meeting and the Plant Sale.

We would like to increase the amount of publicity by posting our monthly meetings to the above websites and some others. Our Facebook page will be managed by Carol Ashford.

Monica Ross, Publicity Chair

Newsletter Report

Ten editions of *Streetsville Blooms* newsletters were sent out during the 2016-2017 year to approximately 123 members. Eleven members receive the newsletter by snail mail. Those who receive the newsletter by home delivery pay \$10 per year to help offset the cost of mailing.

Expenses for the newsletter amounted to \$421.26 which was defrayed by the collection of \$110.00 in snail mail premiums. Total expenses for the newsletter were \$311.26.

Information used in the articles are submitted by various committee chairs and readers of the newsletter. All submissions from our members are welcome, including gardening tips, poems, photographs, recipes and timely articles on pruning, seed starting, lawn care etc. Ideas and articles should be submitted to Debbie at debra.lemire@gmail.com.

Debra Lemire, Newsletter Chair

Archive Report



The Archives consist of binders full of pictures and newspaper clippings of events that have taken place since

our re-establishment in 1972. Pictures are taken at various events and meetings and placed in the binders so we may look back and see how our Society has grown and see our members at work in the community or how they participate in our plant sales, flower shows, garden tours, community work and workshops.

The photo albums are usually on display at various functions such as our AGM and Plant Sale. Please take the time to browse through them at the AGM in November to familiarize yourselves with our activities and also put names to the many faces of our volunteers.

Having taken over this responsibility at the AGM October 2013, I have been busy taking pictures and will have 2016 - 17 pictures and clippings on display at the AGM in November. Should you have any photos taken at our events we are happy to include them in our binder; they should be given to me at any general meeting.

Grace Nelham, Archive Chair

Children's Program Report

This year's children's programming initiative took us into a public school, public libraries and a non-profit Literacy Centre.

The goal: to instil the love of gardening in children through hands-on potting up and interactive discussion of gardening and nature, and sharing books. Topics covered: bees, seeds, flowers, fruit and veggies, butterflies and birds.



Our events included an April 22 Earth Day Gardening Programme and Streetsville Library on May 10, May 11, May 12.

Gardening Programmes took place at Plowman's Park P.S. JK, SK and grade 1 students (6 classes), July 6 Gardening Programme at Erin Meadows Library, July 6 Family Storytime: Garden theme at the Story Garden, Sheridan Mall.

Children are the gardeners of the future!

SHS played a role in planting the seed.

Thanks go out to **Heather Walker** for accompanying me to Plowman's Park and to **Nigel Roberts** for helping me with prep work.

Thanks to Plowman's Park P.S. and Mississauga Library System for each of their \$50 donations respectively to SHS for this initiative.

Eleonora Roberts, Children's Programming Chair

Raffle Table Report

The raffle table has done well this year and we raised \$604.05. Members continue to donate wonderful items to the table and I scout estate sales and garage sales for some items as well.

This past December I organized the silent auction table and donated some items from my stash and again we raised a good amount of money. Many members brought in baked goods, preserves and gift items as well to add to the bounty.

During the plant sale I ran a raffle table and the response was wonderful, we raised \$275. We had donated items from Creative Décor and a chair hand painted by one of our members Shirley Boyes.

I would like to thank all the members for their participation throughout the year and hope that everyone continues to spare a toonie going forward!

Cheers,

Grace McElhinney, Raffle Table Chair

Photography Contest Report

Most of our members had a chance to view the photos at the October meeting, and there were many lovely photos. There were 15 people who entered the 2016-2017 photo contest and I hope we will have more entrants for the 2017-

2018 photo contest. The *Photographer of the Year* will be announced at the November AGM meeting.



You do not have to be a professional photographer to take a great picture. Having a camera with you makes you more aware of nature and your surroundings.

The categories again are as follows. There will be hard copies of the categories available at the November meeting to fold up and put in your camera bag.

Class 1 "Glorious Autumn"

Class 2 "First Snow"

Class 3 "Hidden Gem"

Class 4 "Spring Delight"

Class 5 "Summer Giants"

Class 6 "Last of the Summer Glory"

Class 7 "Old and Forgotten"

Class 8 "Critters in the Garden"

Robert McCaw, a professional nature photographer, has been judging our photos for many years. Each year he takes the time to write down comments for the winning photos. Take the time to read these comments when you're viewing the photos at the November meeting.

NOTE:

For the 2016-2017 photo contest, the following scoring applies.

- First-5 points
- Second-4 points
- Third-3 points
- Honorable Mention-2 points
- Entry-1 point
- Judge's choice-no points, ribbon awarded.

Monika Schouten, Photo Contest Chair



Annual Christmas Workshop.

Make an arrangement for your table or mantle or a wreath for the front door

\$15 for Bird house

\$20 for centerpiece

Or refurbish your wreath from last year

Bring your decorations!

Please bring your cash or cheque to the **November AGM meeting** as we need to have the orders placed that night. If you don't pre-order there is no guarantee extra materials will be available.

Let It Bee

The Secret to a Healthier Garden



Dead and decaying plants & seed pods are essential food & habitat for life in your garden.



Winter survival of birds, bees, butterflies, other insects, & microbes depends on them.



Do protect tender perennials and decor.



But, unless diseased, pest-infested, or invasive, leave the rest until late spring.



Let nature do what it does best.

Fall 'mess' nurtures spring life.

Empress of Dirt

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Jobs for the month of November (ZONE 6)

General

- Continue to rake up leaves;
- Dig over earth for new beds;
- Plant trees and shrubs or heel in those if conditions are unsuitable.

Trees and shrubs

- Plant deciduous trees and shrubs;
- Protect tender shrubs from frost;
- Finish taking hardwood cuttings.

Lawns

- Rake up leaves and worm casts;
- Mow, if necessary;
- Clean mower and arrange for repairs or servicing, if necessary.

Vegetables

- Finish lifting root crops;
- Finish lifting herbs for winter use.

Flowers

- Finish planting tulips;
- Cut back late-blooming flowers that have finished flowering;
- Hill up and protect roses for the winter;
- Clear out summer annuals. ✂