



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2018

Annual General Meeting

Streetsville United Church

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 6pm

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring nut-free dish

Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

The President's Message

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on November 13. Please make the effort to attend to hear what we have done over the last year as a Society as well as vote for our new officers.

I'm looking out my window and thinking the weather is getting cooler and I have far too much left to do. The 2018 gardening season is coming to an end, whether I am ready for it or not. I have perennials I bought over the summer that still need to be planted!

So what should be the first priority? What is the minimum you need to do?

1. If you haven't already done so, bring in any tender plants you want to preserve for next year, this list includes geraniums, canna and calla lilies, tropical plants such as hibiscus, brugmansia, oleander; check this website for advice.

<https://www.thespruce.com/tips-for-bringing-outdoor-plants-indoors-1402643>

2. Dispose of dead annuals in the compost, include tender vegetables like tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and flowering annuals. Can be done in the spring

3. Get rid of weeds; be careful, don't let the seeds fall off into the garden, the seeds will germinate in the spring; put them in your green bin or a yard waste bag. Optional but a really good idea

4. Cut back perennials; you don't need to cut them to the ground as the stalks will catch snow and provide some insulation against the cold and winter thaws; they also provide winter habitat for bees, butterfly larvae and other beneficial insects. Some perennials such as echinacea provide food for birds so consider leaving them standing. Other plants, like sedums and ornamental grasses look interesting in the winter. Can be done in the spring

5. Plant spring flowering bulbs; this in my reason for tidying up, I need to know where I have space for more bulbs; you can plant bulbs until the ground freezes. Some bulbs like Asiatic lilies ship late; you can dig planting holes earlier and just pop the bulbs in when they arrive. Must be done in the fall

6. Water your evergreens until the ground is frozen, the main reason why evergreens suffer over the winter is because they dry out, the leaves are out in the cold, dry wind all winter and the roots can't access water in the soil because it's frozen. Must be done in the fall

7. Next, take photos of where you planted the bulbs, so you don't dig them up in the spring; take photos of plants that are too big, so you can split them in the spring and donate them to the plant sale; take photos of unknown plants or maybe they are weeds, so you can attempt

to identify them over the winter. Optional but a really good idea

8. Mulch or not; if you intend to mulch for winter protection around trees, shrubs and other plants wait until the ground is frozen. Why? Because 'critters', like mice and voles, will make their homes in the mulch and then spend the winter eating the bark or stems. Waiting to mulch until the ground is frozen means they have already found a winter home somewhere else. Must be done in the late fall

9. Protect your garden against other critters; in my garden rabbits are enemy number one; for several winters they have stripped the bark off roses, burning bush, blackberries, and eaten the stems on shrubs and evergreen perennials. The result is the



plant that is now much shorter has to start over, and there are no flowers and/or fruit. There are several options for protection; Plantskydd, an awful smelling spray works well, a physical barrier works best; I have tried a fence made with lots of evergreen branches from a cut up Christmas tree; it sometimes works, plastic snow fence is useless as they eat through it; this year I bought chicken wire, if it works I promise to bring blackberry cheesecake to the September 2019 meeting! Optional but a really good idea, especially the cheesecake. ✂

Monica Ross, President

From the Refreshment Coordinator



I want to thank the members who contributed treats to our October meeting. The refreshment table is our opportunity to meet and mingle and enjoy great food. Goodies appear like magic and I'm often not aware of the donor and I greatly appreciate the donations. November is our pot luck meeting where everyone brings a dish to serve approximately eight people. ✂

See you in November.

Refreshment Coordinator, Heather Walker

Milestones

At the OHA District 15 meeting on September 30, District Director Barb O'Malley awarded **Grace Nelham** with the OHA District Service Award for her 18 years of service to the Ontario Horticultural Association as Secretary for District 15.



Grace has been an active member of SHS for 25 years, and among other things, has held the positions of President, newsletter editor, speaker convener, photo competition convener, board member for 11 years, currently a member of the plant sale committee and can usually be seen weeding at the Leslie Log House on Wednesday mornings. Grace is our official photographer and archivist in charge of keeping the club photo archives up to date. ✂



Annual Christmas Workshop.

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

Cost of greens \$20

Bring your wreath

Bring your decorations!

Please bring cash 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.

From the Membership Table

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 seven guests enjoyed an exciting presentation by Dugald Cameron as he walked us through gardening with spring bulbs. How I wish I had more gardening space around my house ... I'd love to give all those varieties a good try.

Please welcome our new member Ruth Wright. We all hope everyone 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 Pot Luck, and December is the Christmas workshop. Hope to see you soon! ✂

Membership Chair, Viv Holmes

Rotary Park

We are getting very close to the end of the season for working in the park. This month we planted 60 daffodils and 40 fall-blooming crocuses. I thought I had marked out where we planted the daffodils last year, but we still kept trying to plant the new ones in the same perfect spots!

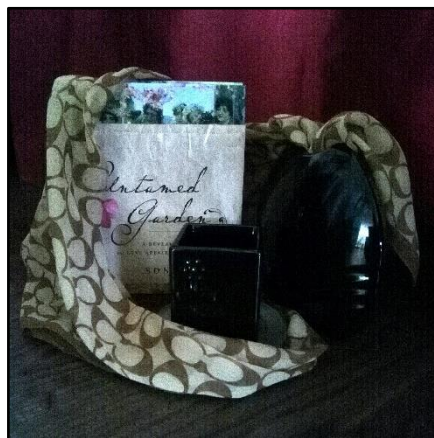
Next work party will probably be the last for this year and will be clean-up time including mulching the leaves that have fallen. I will let our volunteers know when that will be.

I want to thank those that have given me such great help; some come regularly and some come when they're really needed but all are very much appreciated. **Nick and Enza Lafratta, Asoke Bera, Anita and Alex King, Debbie Lemire, Steve Fenech, Eleonora Roberts, Monica Ross.** ✂

Rotary Park Chair, Jon Eldridge

New from the Raffle Table

What can you get for a toonie these days? Scarves, prints, candles and more. Great little gift ideas or just keep them for yourself! Remember, it's a fundraiser so come visit us at the raffle table and help us achieve our goals!





Asma Iftikhar and Franca Ambrozic, Raffle Chairs

Flower Show Results



Judge's Choice and First place goes to Janet Shaw for her Class 9, Collection of Garden Flowers.



Best in Show and First place goes to Janet Shaw for her entry Class 16, Any other perennial not listed.



Ursula Evanoff received Best in Show and First place for her Class 22, Prairie Moon.



Henry Schouten won Member's Choice for Class 23, Carved or decorated pumpkin.



President's Report

Each year at this time, we look back over the previous year and remember everything we have done as a group.

The board of directors reviews all our activities and discusses how we can improve

what we do; it includes events that happen at meetings such as flower shows, the raffle table, meeting time tables and fundraising. It also includes lessons learned from the plant sale, member involvement in community gardening and garden tours.

We want our activities to be appealing to our members and to potential new members. We also want new ideas and input from our members.

Over the past year we held two Open Houses, October 2017 with nine guests and one new member, and April 2018 with 21 guests and eight new members.

We decided, with input from the members, to discontinue formal fundraising programs which rely on members selling product to non-members. Instead, we have focused on sourcing bulbs and plants that our members want for their own gardens; buying wholesale allows us to offer below retail prices to our members and still make a small profit for the society.

Our publicity has been focused on local websites; Open Houses and the Plant Sale were promoted on a total of 21 websites, the Plant sale was also posted on Kijiji and an ad was placed in the Mississauga News print edition.

Our most spectacular success this year was the Plant Sale. Carol Ashford has the final numbers in the Plant Sale report later in this newsletter. This year's plant sale is a wonderful example of what we can do when we all work together. The money we raised allows us to pay the rent, pay speakers, keep membership fees at the current levels, to provide plant premiums to our members even though plant costs continue to increase, and to fund other activities throughout the year. ✂

Monica Ross, President

Plant Sale Report

Back in April 2018, the Plant Sale Committee held its one and only committee meeting. All aspects of the plant sale were discussed and then everyone went away and did their own thing.

The many Potting-up days held at Pengilley Farms were very busy. Labels were being made frantically by our volunteers to keep up with the potted plants. Pots were all labeled and priced before being moved to volunteer plant sitters for safekeeping.



Specialty pots were planted up, chairs painted, and donations from stores/nurseries gathered. Boxes, boxes and more boxes were collected by Heather Walker, so customers could use them to carry their plants, not plastic plant trays. We lucked out again the day of the sale with good weather and volunteers arrived very early to unload and place the plants. Many volunteers stayed for the day to help with sales and carryout, and a new shift arrived at the end of day to clean up.

By 8 a.m. on sale day, there was a line formed in the parking lot of those wanting to get first dibs on the best plants. It was a great event and could not possibly have happened without the many, many hours put in by volunteers. In total there were **720 volunteer hours** recorded (probably more than that if the truth be known)!

Special thanks to the Committee – **Shirley Boyes, Grace McElhinney, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross** and **Dean Scully** for their tireless work and to all those who came out to pot-up, make labels, etc. Many, Many Thanks!! You should be very proud as, after expenses, the Plant Sale netted **\$6,760.52**. A new record! ✂

Plant Sale Chairs, Carol Ashford and Monica Ross

Membership Report

Our membership at the end of the year totaled 98 members and 18 Lifetime members (116). We had 18 new members join us during this period, and a total of 39 guests.

Twenty-two members did not renew their 2017-2018 membership.

We had an average of 50 members attending our meetings, with a high of 65 members attending our May 2018 meeting. ✂

Membership Chair, Vivianne Holmes

Raffle table report

The raffle table income was \$551.00, expenses were \$14.45. Thanks so much to Grace McIlhenny who has run the raffle table very successfully for the past two years.

Premiums report

We purchased 103 premiums from NVK Connon Nurseries for the May 2018 meeting. The total cost was \$559.50 + \$72.74 tax = \$632.24 at an average price per plant of \$6.13 including tax. At the meeting, 79 premiums were handed out to members in good standing. Of the remaining plants, 12 were sold at \$7.00 each for a total of \$84.00. The balance of 12 premiums was sold at the plant sale at \$7.00 each for a total of \$84.00. The final cost of premiums after income from sales at the meeting and the plant sale subtracted was \$464.24 or \$4.51 per plant.

Christina Anonychuk, Premium Chair 2018

Volunteer Report

A big thank you goes out to the Streetsville Horticultural Society members who contributed a total of **2,130.75 hours** from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. ✂

Volunteer Chair, Eleonora Roberts

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 2017-2018 program season in September 2017 with guest speaker Celia Roberts whose presentation encouraged us all to participate in flower shows. With her extensive experience judging shows, she was able to offer valuable information on entering a flower show, and what judges look for.

In October 2017, Wolfe Bonham rode us along his motorcycling tour through Mexico providing fascinating views of the wide variety of gardens there. Part adventure, part garden tour, this was a fascinating presentation.

In November 2017, the society held its AGM. There were no speakers that month. The Christmas workshops were held in December 2017. Sarah Pengilly demonstrated and guided members in how to put together a Christmas arrangement.

Darren Heimbecker, owner of Whistling Gardens, spoke to the society in January 2018. Building this garden has been

an astounding project. Darren described the many additions he has made to his extensive garden since his last visit to the Streetsville society in 2013, including what is now the largest public collection of peonies in North America.

February's talk was given by garden designer Grace Lockwood from Garden Graces Landscapes in Georgetown. Her talk revealed the many steps required to build beautiful and functional garden landscapes. Her talk focussed on small gardens.

In March, multiplication was the name of the game ⁽¹⁾. Jennifer Mark from Sheridan nurseries used a variety of display materials and hands on techniques to teach the many various means for us to propagate plants for our gardens.

At the April meeting, Malcolm Geast introduced us to the many insects that thrive in our gardens. His many photos highlighted the great range of their structure and pattern, and emphasized their usefulness in pest control and pollination.

May - and native wildflowers were blooming. Richard Aaron presented a talk on their secret lives. Each has its own interesting story to tell and these were revealed through Richard's detailed knowledge of wildflowers.

The last meeting of the series was in June. Alice Bur from the Mississauga Master Gardeners was our speaker. Alice provided us with detailed information of how soil is developed, how the soil is improved by plants and they benefit in return, and in the simple actions we can take to maintain this valuable resource. ✂

(1) Bobby Darin, 1961

Speaker Chair, Phil Walker

Rotary Park Report

We've made good progress at Rotary park this year.

In late 2017, we planted 60 daffodils and lots of grape hyacinth. Last week, we added another 60 daffodils and 40 fall blooming crocus.

During the spring and summer, we purchased or were given various shrubs and perennials including lilacs, peony, smoke bush, catalpa tree, etc., and all survived the heat of the summer.

In the spring, we received a load of top-soil for the rear gardens and that really helped to make that area easier to manage. That was followed by a load of mulch that we spread throughout the park.

The city took down two old trees that had died and that gave us more space to plant and more light, so we moved a number of plants into this area.

We had great volunteers this year, some regular and some that come when we need extra help.

Many thanks to **Nick and Enza Lafratta, Asoke Bera, Anita and Alex King, Debbie Lemire, Steve Fenech, Eleonora Roberts and Monica Ross.** ☞

Rotary Park Chair, Jon Eldridge

Leslie Log House Report

Thanks to the efforts of a handful of faithful volunteers, once again the gardens at the Log House were beautiful again this summer!

We started with clean up in the spring and we were on our way! Very little money was spent on annuals this year as the garden was full of self-seeded Cleome and self-seeded Verbena. The peonies were spectacular again in June and by July the garden was full to overflowing.

Plants left over from the plant sale are being over-wintered in the raised bed we built a couple of years ago. This method has proved to be very effective. They will be dug up in the spring to be ready for next years' plant sale.

Huge thank-you's going out to all those who volunteered: **Christina Anonychuck, Brian Ashford, Nury Garzon, Viv Holmes, Debbie Lemire, Grace Nelham, Monica Ross, Marg Rowan, Dean Scully and Heather Walker.** Without their help the job would have been overwhelming. Volunteer hours amounted to over 250 hours. Well done Volunteers! ☞

Leslie Log House Chair, Carol Ashord

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 Annual General Meeting and Plant Sale. Please take the time to browse through them at the AGM in November

to familiarise 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 2017 - 18 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. ✂

Archive Chair, Grace Nelham

Flower Show Report

There were four flower shows in the 2017-2018 membership year. All shows included Horticultural and Design categories which were adjudicated by qualified OHA judges who provided many constructive learning comments. September and October shows were held on the stage in the main meeting room but when that space became unusable, the May and June 2018 shows were held in the Heritage Room. This location proved more spacious for flower shows but the distant location from the main meeting room diminished the number of members viewing entries at the end of the evening.

The following number of members participated in the four shows: September 2017: nine Cultural, one Design; October 2017: 18 Cultural, two Design; May 2018: six Cultural, three Design; June 2018: 12 Cultural, two design.

The practice of announcing winners of "Best in Show" and "Judges Choice" for Cultural and Design categories at the end of monthly

meetings was initiated to recognize participants and their significant efforts.

Flower Show trophy awards announced at the November 2017 AGM for the 2016-2017 season were as follows: Elizabeth Colley Designer of the Year; Ursula Evanoff, Joseph Boles Horticultural Award; Anita King, Highest Points Overall.

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 and makes the running of the flower shows worthwhile. If every member entered just one flower or design we would have outstanding shows.

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

Debbie Lemire is taking over as Flower Show Chair for 2019. Please give her your support by volunteering to assist on her Committee and entering your flowers and designs. ✂

Flower Show Chair, Janet Shaw

Newsletter Report

Ten editions of Streetsville Blooms were published during 2017-2018 year to approximately 120 members. Eleven members receive the newsletter by mail and pay a fee of \$10 per year to offset the cost of mailing. Expenses for the newsletter totaled \$491.23 which was defrayed by the collection of \$50 in

snail mail premiums. Total net expenses for the newsletter were \$441.23. Part of the expenses include a \$250.00 printing prepayment at UPS in Streetsville. Originally, UPS had a Tuesday printing sale for \$0.05 per page. When the sale was finished, SHS purchased a prepaid print card of 5000 pages for \$250.00 or \$0.20 per page.

Information used for the articles is submitted by different 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 collecting, lawn care, propagation, etc.

Streetsville Blooms received a third place ribbon for a newsletter 8-10 pages from the Ontario Horticultural Society, as well as an honorable mention for a newsletter 12 + pages.

Nury Garzon will be taking over the newsletter from Debbie Lemire. It was a great pleasure to write the newsletter for the past four years. I learned a great deal gardening information, a lot of which I was able to use in my own garden. I wish Nury well and I hope she learns a lot. ✂

Newsletter Chair, Debra Lemire

Children's Programming Report

This year's children's programming occurred at Erin Meadows Library on July 5, 2018.



Through hands-on potting up and interactive discussion of gardening and nature, I talked with a group of children and their parents. Topics covered: bees, seeds, flowers, fruit and veggies, butterflies and birds.

Thanks go out to Nigel Roberts for helping me with the prep work. ✂

Children's Programming Chair, Eleonora Roberts



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Refreshment Report

For the 2017-18 year, income from member donations to the refreshment table was \$263.35, our expenses for purchasing tea, coffee, cream, sugar, and napkins were \$123.31, resulting in a profit of \$140.04.

I would like to thank everyone who donated yummy edibles to the refreshment table and for the time it takes to make homemade items. Remember, the time it takes to make homemade goodies counts as volunteer hours. It can be difficult to keep track of the names of all the donors so please put your name on your donation. ✂

Refreshment Chair, Heather Walker

Publicity Report

Our 2017-18 October and April Open houses were promoted on a total of 21 websites, including those 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, Streetsville Hort Facebook, the Streetsville BIA, Mississauga.com, icangarden.com, Churchill Meadows Residents Association, Eventbrite, Snapd 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. ✂

Publicity Chair, Monica Ross
