



Streetsville Blooms

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NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2018

Streetsville United Church

Open House

274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

The Vice-President's Message

October! One of my favourite months! Gardening without the intense heat, enjoying this year's big successes, and noting what didn't do well while putting things to bed for the winter. What a great way to spend a day! And I confess, I'm looking forward to a little rest from all the work, and time to sit back and plan new ideas to try next year. I heard a weather forecast for a slow slide into winter this year, so hopefully, that means lots of time yet to enjoy our autumn gardens.

The October meeting is also our fall **Open House**. Bring a friend to the meeting and introduce them to our community of gardening enthusiasts. There are still some exotic bulbs that were available at the last meeting for sale. And, if you haven't renewed your membership yet, please see Vivianne when you sign in on Tuesday.

The October meeting is also our last meeting of this fiscal year; November will be the **Annual General Meeting**. At the AGM, we elect our Board of Directors to oversee running the activities for the Society over the coming year. If you are interested in perhaps joining the BOD, or just curious, please talk to me or any one of the existing members at any meeting. Being a Board member requires a commitment to attend our monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of the month, and provide input

from your own personal background into the successful operation of the meetings and related SHS activities. Each of us brings different experiences and ideas that combine to make our Society the interesting and welcoming community that it is. We are a volunteer organization, and success depends on the volunteer efforts of each one of us. ✂

Marg Rowan, Vice-President

October's Topic: Planting a spectacular Spring Garden by Dugald Cameron.

My gardening career began at an early age in my English Grandmother's garden where I'd occasionally help out with weeding and digging. I must have "caught the bug" then, because I've been interested in plants and gardens ever since. Lynn Pashleigh, my Father and I started Gardenimport, a mail order nursery in 1983 because we couldn't find the quality or selection of plants we wanted for our gardens. The business was closed in December 2014 after 32 years of business.

Dugald was on the board of directors at The Toronto Botanical Garden from 1996 to 2009. He speaks on many subjects to many Horticultural Societies in Southern Ontario, occasionally sat in for Ed Lawrence on CBC's Ontario Today, was the first president of the Greater Toronto Bulb Society and is a member of numerous horticultural societies (Toronto Botanical Garden, Ontario Rock Garden and Hardy Plant Society, International Clematis Society). His current gardening passions are tuberous Begonias and Clematis, Daffodils, Summer Bulbs and Tulips. ✂

Janet Shaw, Speaker Chair

Speaker's Corner



Trish Symons entertains Debbie Lemire, Dean and Debbie Scully with gardening information on Xeriscaping: Fad or Necessity at the Septemebr meeting.

From the Refreshment Coordinator

I want to thank the members who contributed treats to our September meeting. Thank you to **Mahasen Ibrahim, Louay Qasha and Christina Anonymchuk** who signed up for September 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. I will remind the members by phone or e-mail who have signed up for October. (**Maureen Dodd, Kathleen Hayward, Sue Palummieri and Liz Menard**) . If you donated to the refreshment table please submit your volunteer hours to Eleonora Roberts gattescohouse@rogers.com. ☞

See you in Oct.

Heather Walker, Refreshment Coordinator

From the Membership Table

Welcome back everyone!!!

Fifty members, two guests and two new members enjoyed an exciting presentation on *Xeriscaping* by **Trish Symons**.

We welcome our new members, **Bob Smale** and **Don Pitson**. We hope you enjoyed our speaker, and found the meeting informative and our company pleasant.

A great big thank you to **Martha Witney** for helping at "membership table" - It is truly appreciated.

September/October is the time for your membership renewal in the SHS. Please fill out the attached membership/renewal form that came with your newsletter and bring it along to our meeting in October. Or, mail it in to the address on the form.

Every member is encouraged to complete the survey section on the back of the form. The executive uses this valuable information to make decisions about the future direction of all aspects of the society. Also situations change and you may wish to volunteer for different activities this year.

Please make sure we have your most up-to-date e-mail address which is only used to communicate SHS information.

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 October's meeting ! ☞

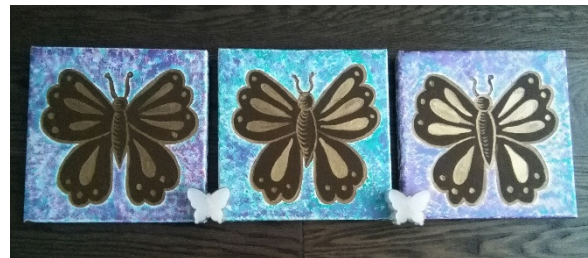
Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

New from the Raffle Table

Thanks to all who have donated items for the raffle table. I'm running out of storage room in my little office at home. A good reason to increase the prizes each month. More chances to WIN!

I received many comments on the addition of perennials; so come and visit us at the raffle table and see what we've added.

We're looking forward to meeting everyone, so please join us at the Raffle Table and buy a ticket or two!





Asma Iftikhar and Franca Ambrozic, Raffle Chairs



Flower Show Results



*First, second and third place of Class 17,
any annual not listed, 1 branch or stem.*



First place goes to Debbie Lemire for her entry Class 10 Hydrangea.



Henry Schouten received a second place finish for his Class 24, Gone Fishing, an underwater design.



Monika Schouten won Judge's Choice and First place for her Class 22, Moonlight Bay,

a floral design. Bob Smale, new member, won Best in Show for his beautiful rose.

Leslie Log House



Thank you goes out to this week's volunteers, **Grace Nelham, Debbie Lemire and Carol Ashford.** The Leslie Log house looks stunning. Many people stop by to photograph the gardens.

Love-lies-bleeding look extraordinary against the split-rail fence.



Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

Photo Contest 2018



Hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to capture some pictures of this beautiful world of ours.

Here are the new categories for 2018/19:

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| Class 1 | "Fall Glory" |
| Class 2 | "Winter in the Woods" |
| Class 3 | "Between a rock and a hard place" - a plant growing among rocks |
| Class 4 | "Spring Finery" |
| Class 5 | "Come fly with me" - bugs, birds, or butterflies |
| Class 6 | "Blooms in the City" |
| Class 7 | "Wildflowers" |
| Class 8 | "Black and White" - a black and white photo |

These are the categories – NATURE RELATED

Photo Contest Rules:

- Closing Date to coincide with September 10, 2019 meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by the competitor and should be nature related.
- Coloured photos, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class per family membership.
- If photo does not meet category it will be rejected.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Pictures to be taken this fiscal year.

We will be submitting our entries at the SHS September 10 meeting.

Write the number of the photo category on the back of the picture applying to that particular category. This way the judge, or judges can't see who the photo belongs to. Please put your photos in an envelope, with your name on the outside.

Photography Chair

Around the City



Marg Rowan discovers her neighbours amaranthus that is more than double her height. Be sure to harvest some seeds for next year Marg.



Some fall-blooming crocuses from the bulbs last year have come back and look beautiful in Marg Rowan's garden. Be sure to pick up some more bulbs from this year's fundraiser.

REMEMBER TO

LUG YOUR MUG



Bulb Sale

There are still some exotic bulbs available as a fundraiser. Bulbs are priced from \$5 to \$8. Last month we ordered daffodils, tulips, camassia, Leucojum, and both spring- and fall-blooming crocus. Fall-blooming crocus must be planted immediately in full sun and well-drained soil. Water after planting if soil is dry.



Tahiti Daffodil

October 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 September show yet.

Class	October 9, 2018
	Horticultural
1	Aconitum (Monkshood) - 1 stem
2	Aster – perennial – 2 sprays
3	Branch showing fall colour – not over 36" from top of container
4	Branch showing fruit - not over 36" from top of container
5	Cactus or Succulent – any variety, 1 pot
6	Chrysanthemum – double – 1 spray
7	Chrysanthemum – single – 1 spray
8	Coleus – 1 cultivar, 3 stems
9	Collection of garden flowers, may include branches and grasses – minimum 5 different cultivars, 1 entry per exhibitor
10	Hydrangea – 1 bloom
11	Herbs – 3 stems, one each of 3 different cultivars
12	Ornamental grass – 1 cultivar – 3 stems
13	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
14	Sedum – any cultivar – 3 stems
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	Any vegetable – 1 large specimen, or 3 small specimens same cultivar, on a plate.
19	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Harvest
22	Prairie Moon– a design
23	MEMBERS CHOICE!! A Carved or Decorated Pumpkin of any theme. Show your creativity! Entries will be viewed throughout the evening and judged by Members. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded.

Seven Fall Gardening Jobs

Prepping your garden beds now can help enrich and hydrate the soil, meaning you won't have as much work to do in the spring. Plus, the soil will be conditioned to encourage healthy spring plant growth.

1. **Hydrate the soil before the weather changes.** Many regions suffered from drought conditions this summer, and soil needs moisture before winter. So be sure to water well – especially anything planted in the last three years – before they go dormant, which starts to happen when the temperature starts to dip.



However, be careful not to over-saturate plants so they are left in a constant pool of standing water which can cause root damage. Water until the soil is damp but doesn't have pools of water on the surface.

2. **Apply mulch.** The region of the country where you live should determine when to apply mulch. Landscaping experts recommend mulching (after it is weeded) once the ground freezes. If you mulch too soon, rain and watering

may not reach the roots, and the plants may not go dormant.

3. **Add compost.** Mix in organic material into the topsoil. Whatever is available in your area will work.



4. **Fertilize only after the plants are dormant.** Don't assume that you have to fertilize your garden as soon as the leaves change colour because the last thing you need to do is encourage new growth when they should be busy growing roots, shutting down and hardening off top growth. After the plants are dormant, perhaps October or November, it's fine to stir in some fertilizers around your woody plants. Applying fertilizer in the early spring has more value for perennials.



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5. **Wait to prune.** Resist the temptation to break out the pruners before the snow starts flying. Don't prune most woody plants in the fall, for the same reason as not fertilizing – it stimulates new growth. Avoiding pruning in the fall also helps protect the plants as they head into winter. "In really cold areas, some marginally hardy sub-shrubs or woody perennials such as buddleias and caryopteris are much better off if you leave the top growth standing to provide a little protection for the crown," she says. Cutting back those plants is best done in the spring.
6. **Plant a tree or shrubs.** If you're looking to increase your plant or tree population, now is the time to do it: before the ground freezes, when roots can expand into the soil. Look at the plants in the garden center. There is still time to plant a tree or shrub if you do it properly and commit to watering it in well and keeping an eye that it doesn't go dry during a January thaw or warm-up period in late winter.
7. **Talk to the experts.** Autumn is the perfect season to talk to the pros and learn more about gardening. Garden store staff are much less busy heading into the winter than they are in the spring and summer. "Now they have time to talk and can think straight.

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