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## Streetsville Blooms



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## Speaker's Corner

Topic: Made for the Shade

Heinke Theissen discusses the special appeal of shade gardens, especially on hot summer days. Shady areas are no more difficult to garden than a sunny spot and need not be the exclusive domain of the hosta. Once you determine the type of shade and learn to work with the cause, you will be able to select a variety of bulbs, perennials, shrubs and conifers that will perform well in your shady space.

Heinke's interest in gardening started as a small child on her parents' dairy farm in the Eastern Townships in Quebec and has never ceased.

She owned and operated Perennial Pleasures Landscape Design, offering design, installation and maintenance services for 20 years and taught in the Horticultural Program at Sheridan College for 14 years until 2012.

Heinke is now enjoying her own garden, as well as exploring gardens around the world. She is also pursuing her interest of floral design.

Heinke is co-president of Credit Valley Horticultural Society; a Horticultural judge accredited by the Royal Botanical Gardens and is currently enrolled in Floral Design Judging School.

#### **NEXT MEETING:** October 13

#### **BRING A FRIEND**

#### **CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH**

#### 2630 Inlake Court

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m

#### President's Message

With the first cool crisp days of autumn upon us, we are reminded that cold weather will soon be here. But that shouldn't stop us from enjoying the clear days of the fall season. As gardeners it is important to regularly take time to stop and enjoy all that our gardens and nature in general have to offer us. Who does not enjoy a brisk walk surrounded by the myriad of coloured leaves of autumn? Who doesn't remember all the sights, sounds and smells of fall that remind us that gardening in Ontario is one of the most rewarding activities one can have.

As we gear up for our next year of activities there are a number of important events coming up on our calendar. Our next meeting is a Friend Day where we encourage you to invite your friends and neighbours to enjoy a great evening of fun, good food and an informative speaker. We will also have prize draws for our guests — all at no cost to them. A growing Society is a healthy one and the more new

members we have join, the more vitality and new ideas we will have.

Our next meeting will also be the day to hand in your Vesey's order forms for fall bulbs such as tulips, daffodils and alliums. The variety of bulbs available is amazing and the prices are great.

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Half of all the proceeds go to our Society to support our programs for the coming year. All bulbs will be available for pick up before the end of October.

On a personal note, these last three months have been challenging for me with quadruple bypass heart surgery and the subsequent recovery. Now that I am walking over 40 minutes a day I have begun to appreciate our garden and the beauty of Mississauga. Sometimes the most spectacular beauty is hidden away from our main thoroughfares but our city has much to offer. To be able to enjoy the natural world around me again has been an amazing gift. I understand what it means to have a new lease on life. Thank you for all your support, cards, phone calls and prayers. They are appreciated beyond what you can imagine. I encourage all of you to get outside as much as you can so you can enjoy the beauty of this amazing season.

Sue and Rob Harshman, Co-presidents

## **Annual General Meeting**

November 10, 2014

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Streetsville Horticultural Society will be held at the Community Christian Reform Church on the 10 day of November 2015 to

- Receive and consider committee reports, the financial statements and report of auditors;
- Elect president, first vice president, second vice president, and replace departing officers
- Appoint Auditor;

- Receive for ratification, proposed amendments to the Society's bylaws;
- Transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

## From the Membership Desk

Many thanks to my helpers Marie Kothari, Diana DiBiase, Elizabeth Sbrocchi, Shirley Boyes, Pat and Mike Salisbury for helping me on the desk in September. Remember, if you would like to help out, come in early there is always something to do to get these meetings set up. We thank you for your help! You can reach me at gracemcelhinney@hotmail.com or text me at 416-433-1148 if you would like to volunteer.

We had 2 new members join our group Fatima Dias and Jennie Cromie along with one guest. Please welcome them into our society and help them to feel comfortable. We have another Bring a Friend night in October, so start thinking now of friends and neighbours that may be interested in joining our group.

When you come back in October, please remember that your fees are due for the 2015-2016 season.

Fees are as follows: Single: \$20.00; Family: \$30.00; Guests: \$5.00

A supplemental \$10.00 to be added should you like your newsletter mailed as opposed to being e-mailed.

The sign-up this year should go much more smoothly than other years as we ask that you fill in your name only with your payment (exact cash or cheque please) unless your information has changed. We will no longer be filling out the questionnaire at this time but doing this in May again to qualify for your premium. For those members who just joined your new name tags and membership cards will be in the lineup for life members as you have already paid for the year. All the returning members please have your monies ready, your form filled in as necessary and line-up in the queue with the first letter of your last name as the directive. Your name tag and membership card for the 2015 -2016 season will be handed out then.

Remember to hand in your nametags at the end of the evening and take a few seconds to **tuck in** the string. There will be a box at the exit to toss in the tags.

Don't forget to check the new memo board for important dates and sign-ups for upcoming activities.

Cheers, Grace McElhinney

## **Helping Hands**

Should you like to add your name to the list please contact me.

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# Ralph Faustino Memorial Fund

The community of Streetsville honours the passing of a local man who will be sadly missed.

Ralph Faustino, better known as Streetsville Jason, passed away July 14, 2015.

A tall man with dreadlocks, Ralph could be found everyday in downtown Streetsville. Passers-by would frequently buy him coffee, food or give him cigarettes. He was



frequently seen pacing in front of the local coffee shops or sitting on benches.

His death created an outpouring of affection on social media. A crowd fund was started to raise \$1000 for a commemorative bench in his name for Streetsville. Over \$8800 was raised. Consequently, Streetsville Horticultural Society is the proud recipient of \$2500 from the Ralph Faustino Memorial Fund to plant trees in his honour.

SHS will be planting trees Saturday, October 24.

## **Backyard Pond for Sale**

One complete preformed pond kit comes with a separate waterfall. The used kit includes a Laguna 2200 Powerjet pond pump with fountain attachment. The hard pond liner measures

3'X7'X2'
with a
ledge. It also
comes with
a mix of
large and
small flat
pieces of



river stone (approx. 50 pieces). Asking \$100. Contact Dean Scully at <a href="mailto:deanscully60@gmail.com">deanscully60@gmail.com</a> for further information.

Dean Scully, Speaker Chair

### **Photo Contest 2015-2016**

Thank you for the photo entries that were submitted at the September meeting.

We had four individuals who submitted category suggestions this year. Many suggestions were for specific things we see in our gardens, parks, fields, farms and forests. All the categories are items that we will see in a natural environment.

Here are the categories for 2015 – 2016.

Class 1 - Fall Leaves

Class 2 – Garden ornament

Class 3 – Tree bark

Class 4 - Wild Flowers

**Class 5** – Our precious pollinators

Class 6 - A bird

Class 7 – Pool ornament

Class 8 - A path

A printout of the categories and rules will be available at the October meeting.



If you have any questions pertaining to the above, please e-mail me at h-schouten@hotmail.com.

Let your camera be your eyes, and have fun snapping pictures.

Henry Schouten, Photo Contest Chair

# Vesey's Fall Fundraising 2015

Please bring your completed Vesey's orders for fall bulbs to the October 13 meeting. Any cheques should be made payable to Streetsville Horticultural Society and all money is due at that time. Please do not seal the envelopes. The order should arrive the week of October 25. An e-mail will be sent out regarding when and where your order can be picked up.

The money from this fundraiser helps to pay for the programs and the speakers that we run during the year.

Amgad Boles, Fundraising Chair

#### **CALLING ALL NOVICE FLOWER DESIGNERS**

**Novice Design Class** 

## Pumpkin Fest

A design using a pie pumpkin

October 13 Flower Show



### **October Garden Show**

**DESIGN THEME** – Fall's Beauty

**CLASS 1** "Frosty Morning" – a design using mostly white flowers

**CLASS 2** "Sun Setting" – a design incorporating sunflowers

#### **MINIATURES**

CLASS 3 "Gone to Seed" - a design

#### **NOVICE**

**CLASS 4** "Pumpkin Fest" - a design using a pie pumpkin as a container

#### **CULTURAL**

**CLASS 5** Any other annual - 1 bloom, spray or stem

**CLASS 6** Any perennial not listed - 1 bloom, spray or stem

**CLASS 7** Aster - perennial - 2 sprays - same cultivar

CLASS 8 Calendula - 3 blooms - same cultivar

**CLASS 9** Chrysanthemum - double - 1 spray

CLASS 10 Chrysanthemum - single - 1 spray

CLASS 11 Dahlia - 8" or more - 1 bloom

**CLASS 12** Dahlia - different cultivars - 3 blooms in a vase

**CLASS 13** Dahlia - pom pom - 2 blooms - same cultivar

**CLASS 14** Marigold - French (small) - 3 blooms - same cultivar

**CLASS 15** Ornamental grasses - 3 stems - same cultivar

**CLASS 16** Pelargonium (Geranium) - 1 bloom - foliage attached

CLASS 17 Salvia - 3 stems - 1 cultivar

**CLASS 18** Shrub or tree branch with berries - 1 branch - under 36"

CLASS 19 Sunflower - AOV - 1 stem

CLASS 20 Zinnia - 2" or less - 1 bloom

CLASS 21 AOV fruit - 1 specimen

CLASS 22 AOV vegetable - 1 specimen

CLASS 23 Cabbage - any variety - 1 head

CLASS 24 Corn - any variety - 1 ear

CLASS 25 Garlic - any variety - 1 bulb

**CLASS 26** Grapes - any variety - 1 bunch on a plate

CLASS 27 Kale - 1 specimen

CLASS 28 Pear - 2 on a plate - 1 cultivar - named

CLASS 29 Squash - any variety - 1 to 3 on a plate

All cultural exhibits to be grown by the entrant and must have been in their possession for 90 days. All exhibits must be on the table by 7:30 p.m.

For further information, consult the Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Horticulture and Floral Design, or the SHS Flower Show Handbook on our website at www.streetsvillehort.ca.

Nicola Hall, Flower Contest Chair

## What's on your bucket list?

For the past five years, Debra Buckler has had the pleasure of dedicating many hours volunteering for the Streetsville Horticultural Society. The time has come for her to move on to other pursuits. She will embark on a 500k bike ride in November through Central America organized by WaterAid Canada. Among her riding partners are Olympic gold medalist Jon Montgomery (now host of The Amazing Race Canada) and his wife. The goal of each rider is to raise \$5000 for WaterAid Canada to supply clean water and proper sanitation to third world countries. As gardeners, we all know how important water is to life and no one should have to go without. Debra is doing the hard work and all she needs is for you to open your



hearts and wallets. Help her reach her goal by donating (tax deductible)

at: <a href="https://www.wateraidcanada.com/get-involved/events/bucket-list-adventures/">https://www.wateraidcanada.com/get-involved/events/bucket-list-adventures/</a>.

## **Best Wishes**

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Jerome Nagy of the Streetsville Horticultural Society. He passed away September 4. He is survived by his wife Jovita, six children, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jerome was a longtime member of the SHS. Jerome loved working in both his flower and vegetable garden.

Also wishes for a speedy recovery to life-time member Mary Gilbert who had surgery this summer.

## **Rotary Park Update**

Rotary Park this summer has been very challenging to say the least. The soil which the landscaper put in is absolutely full of weeds. The weeds were coming up everywhere, in the middle of plants, etc.

There are a lot of different gardens in the new section and they take a lot of work to keep them maintained properly.

I was so overwhelmed this summer that I spoke to Councillor George Carlson. I asked to

have the garden re-mulched by the parks department and to have proper garbage containers installed. George was most willing.

A couple of weeks ago, I met with Parks Manager Stuart Young, Rotary Park Manager John Covello and Parks Designer Irina Polo. They agreed to mulch the gardens, put in the new garbage containers and a cigarette container.



At present the new garbage containers are in and lights are being installed as well.

The landscaper is replacing some plants which have died over the winter, plus the magnolia tree and the large blue spruce tree. The Parks Dept. is also installing a box on the side of the library to hold a watering hose.

The original garden by the Library got extremely dried out as they couldn't seem to get the sprinkler system working. They finally realized the heads had to be raised.

Last Friday, we had a work party to pull out weeds so the Parks Dept. could add the mulch. We all worked very hard for 2 hours.

I would like to thank the ladies who gave up their Friday morning to pull weeds.

The more volunteers that come out to these work parties, the easier it is. It makes less time that we all have to work.

The same volunteers are always volunteering. I think it's time the new members came out. It is a great way to meet new and old friends and get your exercise at the same time.

This garden is the "most used garden in Streetsville." Mothers with children, seniors

with wheelchairs, friends meeting for lunch, and children use this garden.

Many thanks to **Carol Ashford, Grace Nelham, Debbie Parker, Sue Flack, Anita King**and **Alex King.** 

Ruthanne Beehoo, Rotary Park Chair

## FRIEND DAY!

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Bring your Friends and Neighbours

(They get in free)

Draw prizes for Guests and those who bring Friends.

Lots of Refreshments

Flower Show

Start inviting your Friends today!

#### **Nicola Hall**

First in Design

**Best in Show** 

"Rustling Leaves"



#### Nicola Hall

First in Culture

First and Best in Show

Dahlia: Ysuki-Yori-no-Shisha



### **Debra Buckler**

First in Novice

"To the Market we Go"



# September Flower Show Results

Joe Boles

First in Fruit Class

Best in Show





**Greg Sereda** 

Second in Design

**Best in Show** 

"Through the Woods"

#### Streetsville Blooms

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## **Second Annual Native Tree Planting**

The 2014 tree planting was a big success; most of the trees have grown significantly over the past year. We will be holding the Second Streetsville Horticultural Society Native Tree Planting Event on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am at the Pinchin Farm property at 4415 Mississauga Road, also known as the Leslie Log house, located south of Eglinton, and north of the 403. We will be planting trees, staking them, watering them and spreading mulch around the new trees plus the trees planted last year.

What do we need? We need you! Do you have two hours available? Can you dig a 12 inch deep hole, use a sledgehammer, spread mulch, or carry a bucket of water? We need enough garden hoses joined together to stretch from the Log House to the planting area (about 500 feet maybe more) so if you have a hose we can borrow that would be wonderful.

You can bring your kids! your husband, your wife! Bring a shovel, bring a bucket, bring a hose and we'll see you there.

There will be a signup sheet at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, or if you need more information please contact me Monica Ross 905-824-7283 thegardenlady@psstnetwork.ca