



# Streetsville Blooms

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**NEXT MEETING:** October 10, 2017

## Open House

## Streetsville United Church

**274 Queen Street South**

Doors open 7 p.m.

Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.



### Speaker's Corner

**Topic: The Gardens of Mexico**

Wolfe Bonham is an admitted garden addict. He has studied Horticulture and Landscaping Design. He has been a manager of Terra Greenhouses, and now has his own business, Peace, Love and Landscaping. Wolfe travels widely to experience gardens all over the world. The talk he is presenting is The Gardens of Mexico, derived from an exciting two months riding through Mexico on a motorcycle.

### The President's Message

It's fall, I love the crisp mornings, bright blue skies and brilliantly coloured leaves of fall. Our gardens take on a completely different appearance.

Henry David Thoreau said, "October is the month for painted leaves.... As fruits and leaves and the day itself acquire a bright tint just before they fall."

An unknown author wrote, "Just before the death of flowers....And before they are buried in snow.....There comes a festival season when nature is all aglow."

Fall is a good time to divide perennials. If some plants have outgrown their allotted space, split them this fall and plant them in a space in your garden where they can be kept for next year's plant sale. Take some pictures of your garden now and it will help you remember

what tasks you need to do next year.

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When temperatures start to drop and days grow shorter, crops are harvested and we celebrate their bounty in many ways. October means fall fairs, corn mazes, festivals that delight us with the abundance of food and drink, from pumpkins, cranberries and apples, to wine and of course beer.



Many of us have Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family. It is a time to be grateful for what we have and to think of others who need our help. Consider making a donation to your local food bank, or your unwanted furniture can be donated to the Mississauga furniture bank.

Did you know fall is not the end of the gardening year; it is the start of next year's growing season. The mulch you lay down now will protect your perennial plants during the winter and feed the soil. Pull out spent annuals, both flowers and vegetables roots and all and add them to your composter to provide food for next year's planting. Every weed you pull means less seeds to germinate in the spring. Don't put them in the composter; put them in your yard waste.

And if you aren't ready to stop growing for this year, you still have time to plant and harvest romaine, arugula and spinach.

As always happy gardening! ✂

Monica Ross, President

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## One Million Trees Update

I am very pleased to report that the City's One Million Trees program reached a milestone of 250,000 trees planted. As of today that total has reached 254,087 trees! That puts us an entire year ahead of our targets for each year to reach 1,000,000 trees by 2032.

Also, to celebrate Canada 150 and 1 Million Trees Mississauga, the City has created a special Earth Day video, which can be found here <https://youtu.be/Y-mj-cltsMU>. For more information about One Million Trees Mississauga, please visit [www.onemilliontrees.ca](http://www.onemilliontrees.ca). ✂



Contributed by June Samaras

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## Collecting Flower Seeds: How And When To Harvest Garden Seeds

By Susan Patterson, Master Gardener



Collecting flower seeds from your favorite plants is a fun and rewarding pastime. Growing plants from seed is not only easy but also economical. Once you have the method down you will have a cost efficient way of ensuring a garden full of beautiful blooms year after year.

Seed harvesting provides an opportunity to preserve your beautiful garden flowers to replant next year or share with friends and family. Some gardeners also enjoy developing their own seed strains or hybridizing their plants by seed saving.

### When to Harvest Garden Seeds

Knowing when to harvest garden seeds is the first step to saving plants for future use. Once flowers begin to fade at the close of the season, most flower seeds are ripe for picking. Seed harvesting should be done on a dry and sunny day. Once seedpods have changed from green to brown and can be easily split, you can begin collecting flower seeds. Many people choose to gather seeds while deadheading plants in the garden.

### How to Collect Flower Seeds

Always harvest seeds from your best performing plants. When you're ready for seed harvesting, you'll need to know the best method on how to collect flower seeds. Use clean and sharp garden scissors to cut the pods

or seed heads from the plant and place them into a paper collection bag.

Label all of your bags so that you do not forget which seeds are which. It is important to use only paper bags, as seeds can spoil in plastic. Once you have collected your seeds, you can spread them out on a screen or a piece of newspaper and dry them at room temperature for a week.

### How to Store Flower Seeds

So now that your seeds have been harvested, it's time to learn how to store flower seeds to ensure they will be at their optimal best for planting next season. Brown paper bags

or envelopes are great to store dry seeds. Label all envelopes accordingly.

Store seeds in a cool and dark spot for the winter. A temperature around 5 C. (40 F.) is best. Do not crush or damage seeds or allow seeds to freeze or overheat while in

storage. Keep seeds dry at all times.



<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/fgen/harvesting-garden-seeds.htm/?print=1&loc=bot> ↗

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## Rotary Park



Grace Nelham paid us a visit this month and took these pictures. One is taken from the Queen street end, the other from the opposite end.

Unfortunately there is not a lot of colour this time of year; we will have to do something about this next year.



Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

## September Winners



*Sue Harshman was the winner of Class 7, Hydrangea. She placed first and won Best in Show. Photo by Grace Nelham.*



*Monika Schouten won first place and Judge's Choice for her Class 16, any other perennial. Photo by Grace Nelham.*



*Monika Schouten placed first and won Best in Show for her design, Class 26, **Bright Star**, a design in a basket. Photo by Grace Nelham.*



*Monika Schouten placed first and won Judge's Choice in Class 25, **Dark Eyes**, a pave design. Photo by Grace Nelham.*

## Raffle Table

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for our September draw. The prizes were wonderful and those who purchased tickets also had a chance for some houseplants at the end of the evening. Remember this is part of our fundraising for the year and doesn't require any work except to open up your wallet and spend \$2.00. If you win and you don't want the prize you can give it to someone who does or hand it back to me to be used again!

In October, I have four gifts because we may have extra people since it is our Open House so

please step up and buy a ticket! Hope to see you at the draw table! ✂

Cheers,





Grace McElhinney, Raffle Table Chair

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## Membership Desk

Welcome back everyone! It was so nice to see familiar faces and some new ones. It was a busy evening with members stopping by to renew memberships, then off to catch up and share summer experiences.

Fifty-eight members and two new members enjoyed an evening of friendship and swapping garden news. Our two new members are: **Jennifer Costandi** and **Claudine Dawoud**.

Welcome, we hope you enjoyed our speaker, and found the meeting informative and our company pleasant.

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Thank you **Martha Witney** for helping me on the desk this evening ... you definitely made it fun!

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Please remember to wear your name tags 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.

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.

I am looking for one member to help me with registration for October. If you are able to, please message me at: [vivholmes46@gmail.com](mailto:vivholmes46@gmail.com) ... it will be appreciated. ✍

**Viv Holmes, Membership Chair**

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## 2017 October Flower Show Schedule

All members are encouraged to bring at least one entry to the show. Remember, entry forms are available to download from our website. Complete and print your entry form at home for faster registration. Please remember all entries must be in place and tagged before 7:30 p.m.

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



## Streetsville Blooms

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## Jobs for the month of October (ZONE 6)

### General

- Rake up leaves;
- Apply slow-acting fertilizers;
- Provide frost protection to tender plants outdoors;
- Clean out greenhouse.

### Trees and shrubs

- Plant nursery-grown evergreen shrubs;
- Prepare ground for planting deciduous trees and shrubs and hedges;
- Take hardwood cuttings;
- Trim young hedges.

### Lawns

- Rake up leaves and worm casts;
- Finish sowing seed or laying turf;
- Aerate the lawn.

### Vegetables

- Cut down asparagus foliage and mulch beds;
- Finish lifting root crops;
- Finish harvesting summer crops;
- Lift herbs for winter use.
- Clean up and dispose of dead, dying and decayed vegetable plants.

### Flowers

- Lift and store dahlias, gladioli, cut down tuberous begonias and cannas;
- Protect still-flowering chrysanthemums from frost;
- Plant bought perennials and lift and divide existing perennials;
- Clear out summer annuals. ✂