

# Streetsville Blooms

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## **Streetsville United Church**

### 274 Queen Street South

Doors open 7 p.m. Meeting starts 7:30 p.m.

#### The President's Message

How was your summer? I spent three weeks in England and have many pictures of gorgeous gardens and stunning hydrangeas. I will create a slideshow of some of them to share with you, but I can't promise quite when that will be!

September always seems to me to be a beginning and a time of changes. We know that the perhaps lazy days of summer are almost over, kids go back to school and our gardens slowly start

to take on a different look. It's time to think back and evaluate our gardens, what worked and what didn't, especially with so much rain and not enough sun.

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.



### **Speaker's Corner**

**Topic: Entering flower shows** 

Do you take part in our flower shows? Think you'd like to? Look forward to September's speaker, Celia Roberts, whose presentation will offer you valuable information on entering a flower show, and what a judge is looking for. Celia is an award winning floral designer, an accredited floral design judge and horticultural judge, and teaches judging across Ontario. She is involved in many horticultural events such as Canada Blooms and has been an **Ontario Horticultural Association** district director.

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These are just two of many pictures taken on my holiday. Yes, the red flowers are crocosmia and the blue ones are agapanthus.



Our September meeting is time to renew our Streetsville Horticultural Society (SHS) memberships. There will be a renewal form sent with this newsletter that includes a brief survey with some questions that we want you to answer. We really do want to know what you think! We rely on all our members to help with our activities and events so please volunteer some time to help run your society.

Single memberships are still \$20, family memberships \$30, and if you want your newsletter delivered by Canada Post and not by e-mail, an extra \$10 is required. Please pay by cash if possible; and, if you are going to be away, please send a cheque to our Post Office box. Some events to keep in mind our October meeting will be an **Open House**, our November meeting is our **AGM and Potluck**, and our December meeting will be a **Christmas workshop**.

As always, happy gardening. 🕫

Monica Ross, President

### Photo Contest 2017

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

Here are the categories again in case you misplaced them:

Class 1	"Jack Frost"
Class 2	"Riverside Plants (Show Water)"
Class 3	"My Favourite Nature Picture"
Class 4	"A Sunset (Must include Foliage)"
Class 5	"Blooming Colours"
Class 6	"Pink and up Close"
Class 7	"Patriotic"
Class 8	"Come Into the Garden"

These are the categories - NATURE RELATED

#### Photo Contest Rules:

• Closing Date to coincide with September 12, 2017 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 12 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 to whom the photo belongs. Please put your photos in an envelope with your name on the outside.

If there is a category or categories which you would like to see in the 2017-2018 photo contest, please submit it to me at <u>monikaschouten@gmail.com</u>. We will select the best eight categories for the October Photo contest newsletter. **5** 

Monika Schouten, Photography Chair

### **Garden Tour**



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



Colour was everywhere in the extensive rose beds, the many hydrangeas, and clematis. Eye catching displays of annuals are used in many areas of the gardens.



One view stood out for most of us, or perhaps the lack of what has been the view. For many years a wall has stood along on the lakeshore of the property with a large stone terrace with benches for sitting and watching the waves. Most of this wall is now gone, the high-water levels and strong waves have destroyed it, the terrace is underwater and the geese and ducks have moved in.

Monica Ross, President

### **Children's Program**

What a pleasure it was to have a young group of budding artists visit our garden this past August.



A group from the Kaleidoscope Arts Studio right here in Streetsville on Queen Street spent a couple of hours painting in our garden. Inspiration could be found in a sun catcher, Swiss chard, day lilies, phlox, canna lily and others.

For more info on the studio visit <u>http://kaleidoscopeartsstudio.com/</u> **%** 

Eleanora and Nigel Roberts, Children's Program

### Refreshments

Coffee tea and treats are such an enjoyable part of our meetings. I want to thank the many members who volunteered their time and efforts to bring refreshments to our meetings in 2016 – 2017. Vivian Holmes, Janice Ward, Asoke Bera, Christina Anonychuck, Lorena D'Arsie, Anita King, Wendy Arrighi, Cathy and Gary Clipperton, Mahasen Ibrahim, Pat Salisbury, Grace Nelham, Monika Schouten, Eleonora Roberts, Pam Blair, Maureen Dodd, Eleanor Minnes, Ursula Evanoff, Kathleen Hayward, Sue Harshman, Marie Kothari, Enza Lafratta, and June Samaras.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting in September and I'll be in touch with those who volunteered to bring refreshments.

Heather Walker, Refreshment Chair

### **Leslie Log House**



Well the summer proved to be challenging at the Log House what with all the rain and the weeds!! Can't believe from week to week how big the weeds can grow! We get them all (??) pulled out and come back the next week and guess what.... they're all back; big and fat and producing more seed!

Glad we had some help over the summer months, which helped us stay ahead of the weeds, but only just! Thanks to: *Christina Anonychuck, Joanne Hall, Bonnie Jaakkimainen* and *Janet Shaw* who donated a few hours over the summer. But honestly, we would have been overwhelmed with weeds had it not been for our core group of volunteers *Grace Nelham, Monica Ross* and *Dean Scully* who came out on a regular basis to work.

A garden this big near fields of wildflowers and weeds needs many hands to keep it looking good. Consider donating a few hours on a Wednesday morning (9:30 – noon) to keep this project afloat. Remember: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." **5** 

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Garden Chair

### Winners from the June Flower Show



The winner of Class 18 Peony double, any colour or variety, 1 bloom is Anita King. She received a first place and Best in Show in Cultural. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Pat Salisbury was the winner of Class 10, Coral Bells. She placed first and won Judge's Choice Cultural. Photo by Grace Nelham.



Monika Schouten won first place, Best in Show and Judge's Choice for for her Class 24, **Breeze** – a design showing motion. Photo by Grace Nelham.

### **Raffle Table**

I am looking forward to seeing all our members again in September. Another year of exciting things going on in our society! It's been a joy running the raffle table and I think we will have another fun year with some great prizes.

Please remember to bring a toonie to spend on the table whether or not you want anything. If 50 people spend \$2, that's \$100 dollars towards the society each month and \$1000 for the year! Easy peasy fund-raising that's for sure!

I have got some nice gifts already lined up for the year but I am still looking for some quality items for the rest of this year. So, starting in September I will be accepting donations again. Please feel to bring items to the meetings starting in September, if not you can call me and drop them off at my house. **S** 

#### Cheers,







#### Grace McElhinney, Raffle Table Chair

### **Membership Desk**

June 13 was a very exciting evening as we all were looking forward to summer sunshine, summer vacations, and summer drinks on the patio.

Fifty-three members and two guests enjoyed an evening of friendship and swapping garden news.

Please remember to wear your name tags at all times; 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 is the time for your membership renewal in the SHS. Please fill out the attached membership/renewal form and bring it along to our meeting in September. 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-todate e-mail address which is only used to communicate SHS information.

I am looking for two members to help me with registration for September and October. If you are able to assist, please message me at: <u>vivholmes46@gmail.com</u> ... it will be appreciated.

Viv Holmes, Membership Chair

### **2017 September Flower Show Schedule**

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. As a reminder, this year's Flower Show Schedule, from September 2017 to June 2018, Horticultural and Cultural category entrants will be awarded the same number of points as follows:

First	5 points	Second	4 points
Third	3 points	Honourable Mention	2 points
Entry	1 point		
Best in Show	20 points	Judge's Choice	20 points

Streetsville Hort. will no longer pay cash awards for points earned in flower shows.

Class	September 12, 2017
	HORTICULTURE
1	Anemone, Japanese – 1 stem
2	Begonia, tuberous – 1 stem
3	Coreopsis – any cultivar, 2 blooms
4	Dahlia – 1 bloom, over 6"
5	Dahlia –1 bloom, under 6"
6	Echinacea (Coneflower) – 1 stem
7	Hydrangea – 1 bloom, any cultivar
8	Ornamental Grass -3 stems same cultivar - over 36"
9	Ornamental Grass -3 stems same cultivar - under 36"
10	Phlox – any colour, 1 stem
11	Rudbeckia – 1 stem
12	Sedum – any colour – 1 stem
13	Snapdragon – 1 cultivar, 2 stems
14	Verbena – 2 stems, any cultivar
15	Zinnia – 1 bloom
16	Any perennial not listed – 1 bloom or stem
17	Any other annual not listed – 1 bloom or stem
18	Garlic – 3 specimens
19	Onion – 3 specimens
20	Tomato –3 specimens, same variety, calyx on
21	Small vegetable (pepper, bean, pea, onion, etc.)– 3 specimens on a plate, same cultivar
22	Large vegetable (eg. Turnip, Squash)– 1 specimen
23	Any fruit – 3 specimens, same cultivar
	DESIGN Theme: Fall Bounty
24	Gloryland – a design using fruits and vegetables
25	Dark Eyes - a pave design
26	Bright Star - a design in a basket
27	Roses of Picardy – NOVICE design

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

#### General

- Continue watering and weeding;
- Remove spent crops and flowers.

#### **Trees and shrubs**

- Plant nursery-grown evergreen shrubs;
- Water as necessary.

#### Lawns

- Make a new lawn from seed or turf;
- Make repairs to existing lawns;
- Rake and remove fallen leaves;
- Fertilize lawn with fall fertilizer.

#### **Vegetables**

- Thin weed and transplant seedlings;
- Harvest tomatoes and salad crops;
- Harvest root crops, including carrots, onions and beets before frost;
- Lift main crop potatoes;
- Clean up and dispose of dead, dying and decayed vegetable plants.

#### **Flowers**

- Transplant biennials;
- Remove dead or dying annuals;
- Dig out summer bulbs, such as dahlias;
- Empty out flower containers as they pass their prime;
- Consider buying more roses;
- Mulch to conserve moisture and control weeds. 67