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Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Streetsville United Church

In Heritage Hall

274 Queen Street South

Set Up at 6:30 p.m. for Flower Show
Entries

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Rebekah Churchyard
Green Care Farms – Empowering
People with Dementia

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¹ Jack in the Pulpit courtesy of Amarin Tsujimura's garden. Plant purchased at the Plant Sale 2023

Co-Presidents' Message

Summer is just around the corner and will officially arrive on June 20th! And with all of the rain and recently the heat, our gardens (and our lawns) are growing like mad. It's so great to see the peonies starting to bloom and say goodbye to the fragrant lilacs for another year.

It is hard to believe that it has been 6 months since we took office! We are very grateful for the support and encouragement that we have received from everyone – thank you!

Thank you everyone for all of your hard work with the Plant Sale. Whether you helped with donating plants, potting up, plant sitting, delivering plants to LLH, spreading the word about the sale, collecting boxes, soliciting donations, cleaning up LLH, gathering supplies for the garage sale, donating goodies for the volunteers, or spending a rainy Saturday morning at the plant sale (or all of the above) your efforts were very much appreciated and together we pulled off another successful sale despite the wet weather! A special thank you to Monica and Carol for their hard work, leadership, and dedication to making this event so successful! Without all of you, this could not have happened. We would also like to give a special thanks to Sarah and Ross Pengilley of Pengilley's Farm who have so kindly allowed us to use their property for potting up for 21 years! We really appreciate your kindness and patience!



Please remember to return your plant sale lawn signs at the June meeting. This meeting will also have a flower show, so make sure to check out the flower show schedule in this newsletter and on the website!

As we look forward to our last meeting before the summer break, please think about volunteering to help the Board with running our Society. There will be a few vacancies to be filled at our November AGM, so it isn't too early to think about how you can help! We are looking to fill the roles of Treasurer, Raffle Table Chair, and Publicity for the upcoming year. If you would like more information, please speak to Maureen or Shelley. Meanwhile, keep digging and happy gardening!

Maureen Dodd and Shelley Dodd, Co-Presidents

Leslie Log House

On a very hot sticky morning (May 22nd) 9 volunteers came out to work up a sweat digging up weeds in the flower beds at the Leslie Log House. We always like to try and tidy up the gardens before the plant sale so it looks good for those attending the sale!

Thanks for all your hard work Nury Garzon, Judi Kokis, Grace Nelham, Shelley Dodd, Janice Ward, Steve Fenech, Dianne Dunn and MaryAnne Brown. There was a plethora of weeds to be pulled and dug up from the flower beds and our volunteers made short work of them.



Weekly gardening (weeding and watering) will begin at the Log House again commencing **May 29th at 9:30 a.m.**

until approximately noon. It does not matter when you arrive..... if you have a couple of spare hours you can start anytime. We break for coffee and a rest at around 10:30. All are welcome!

Carol Ashford, LLH Chair

Rotary Park



Things are going well so far. We've put a top dressing of triple mix on all the beds and will soon be looking for some new plants to add (possibly some left overs from the plant sale).

We've got a good group of volunteers again, but can always use more. We meet every second Thursday morning and in June that will be the 13th and 27th. I remind our volunteers the day before, so if you think you MIGHT join us sometime, let me know and I'll add your name to the list. Have a great summer!

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

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² Unsplash, picture by Mike Erskine

Native Plants

Tall Meadow Rue - *thalictrum pubescens*

There are 3 Meadow Rues native to Ontario : Tall, early and purple meadow rue. Also there are many cultivars under the name Thalictrum - some are real beauties.



Tall Meadow Rue, also called King of the Meadow, grows around 5ft tall, in sun or part shade, at the edge of woods or in meadows. They like moist soil so if growing in full sun they need frequent watering. The leaves are small, blue-green in colour and they look similar to columbine leaves. The flowers are feathery clusters of numerous white stamens and they bloom from June through August.



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I like them because they rise above most other perennials and are delicate and willowy and a slight breeze will flutter the leaves, just like trembling aspen. They will self seed in the vicinity so you tend to get a clump of them but they can divide quite easily.

Jon Eldridge

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Celebrations



June's birth flowers are the rose which is part of the Rosaceae family and the honeysuckle with is part of the Caprifoliaceae family. Both flowers are at their peak in June! Roses are instantly recognizable and come in a variety of colours, while the honeysuckle is a favourite of hummingbirds who love their tubular flowers.



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Wishing Carol Ashford, Sue Harshman, and Marg Allen who are celebrating a birthday this month, a happy and healthy year ahead.

³ *Thalictrum Aquilegifolium* courtesy of Amarin Tsujimura's garden

⁴ *Thalictrum Pubescens* courtesy of Jon Eldridge's garden

⁵ *Rose & Honeysuckle* courtesy of Pixabay

Premiums 2024

We hope you are enjoying the new premiums in your garden. The heat and moisture are perfect for rapid growth, so be sure to keep your new plants well-watered.

We selected the premiums for various growing conditions. The *Melittis* thrives in part sun/part shade and is a very unusual and fragrant plant. The hardy “Minuteman” hosta has pure white and green leaves and thrives in shade. The “Caramel” heuchera is a popular and hardy plant. It is low maintenance and has large showy leaves that stand out in the garden. Pollinators love the “Rose Marvel” pink salvia. It is a fragrant plant which is also mildew resistant and has a long blooming time.

We want to extend a special thank you to Christina Anonychuk who helped pick up the premiums and distribute them at the meeting.

Enjoy the new addition to your garden. ~**Rob and Sue Harshman**~



Melittis melissophyllum
“Royal Velvet Distinction”

- partial sun/shade; - H 35cm W 35cm
- fragrant, bi-coloured, orchid like flower
- attracts pollinators in late spring

Salvia nemorosa “Rose Marvel”

- full sun - H 30cm W 30cm
- attracts butterflies, deer & rabbit resistant
- rich pink blooms; mildew resistant foliage
- fragrant, long blooming, good in rock gardens



Heuchera “Caramel”

- low maintenance, tolerant of salt
- H 30cm W 40cm
- pale pink flowers late spring to summer
- apricot to caramel coloured foliage

Hosta, “Minuteman”

- low maintenance - H 55cm W 125 cm
- partial sun/shade to full shade
- lavender coloured flowers in summer
- slightly rippled variegated leaves



May Flower Show

We enjoyed the experience as Flower Show Clerks and learned a lot from the Judge, Kathy Faber Rowlands. With flashlight in hand, she pointed out how she graded each entry. Kathy was impressed with the entries and commented that everyone turned in good specimens. She challenged everyone to bring at least one entry to the next flower show. Kathy suggested that in preparation for entering specimens to cut the foliage and flowers the night before the show or in the early morning and store them in a cool dark place. To keep tulips from drooping, she suggested inserting a pin through the stem, just below the flower. The pin should be removed before the show.

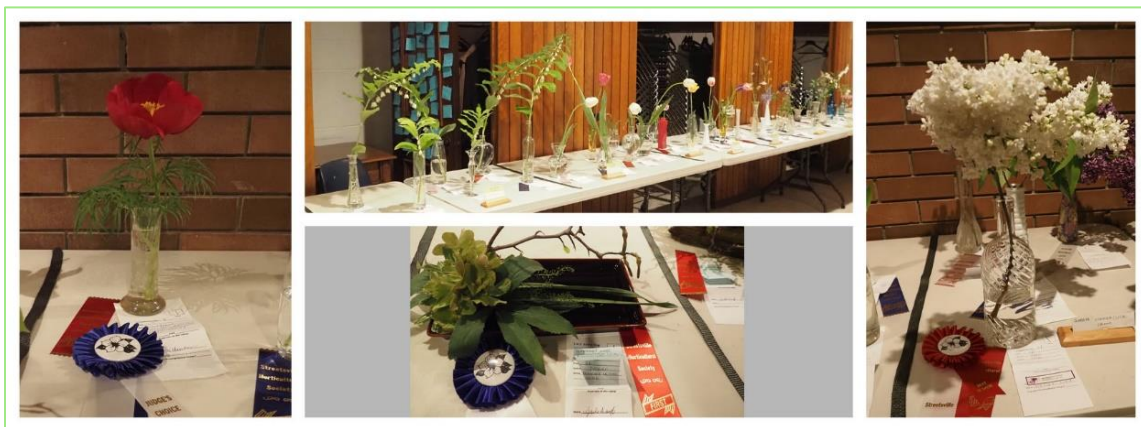
On May 7th, there were 15 competitors with 83 entries. Points were awarded as follows:

Sue Harshman	54 pts
Anita King	45 pts
Anna Raftery	39 pts
Ursula Evanoff	35 pts
Shirley Boyes	24 pts
Mary Gilbert	19 pts
Steve Fenech	18 pts
Shelley Dodd	16 pts
Marg Rowan	15 pts
Carol Zarb	10 pts
Marcia Spear	9 pts
Andrea Vertolli & Rob Harshman	8 pts
Janet Shaw	7 pts
Judi Kokis	3 pts

The "Judge's Choice" awards were won by Ursula Evanoff, for her design 'Blowing in The Wind' and Sue Harshman for her Peony. Anna Raftery was awarded "Best in Show" for her white Lilac. If your entry does not receive a ribbon, you are awarded point for entering the flower show. Congratulations to all who entered!

We should all try to accept the Judge's challenge and bring in at least one entry to the next flower show. Competitors are given a competitor number to complete their entry tag. Check the rules for entries and have fun!

Janice Ward and Liz Menard



2024 Plant Sale Review

At 6.30 am on Saturday May the 25th 2024, potted plants started arriving at the Leslie Log House delivered by 18 SHS members. Some of these people had volunteered to pick up plants and deliver them to the Leslie Log House.

I would especially like to thank these members Rosemarie Bera, Carol Zarb, Marcia Spear, Bev Cay and Jill Davies. They were not part of the group who had originally volunteered to transport plants, but all agreed to help out when it became obvious that we didn't have enough people and cars to move all the plants.

Almost 1400 plants were delivered and set up on the sales field by a team of about 20 people. Many, many customers were lined up at 8.30 am. Many plants were sold, the draw table run by Judy Castellino was very popular. Grace McElhinney organized the garage sale tables, plus painted and decorated several chairs, that had cutouts in the seats for the planted pots which were included.

On Friday the weather forecast was for rain to start on Saturday at about 1pm. By Saturday morning that forecast had changed and by 10am we were all getting wet. By 11.30 it was still raining, and we decided to end the sale early.

We usually put the plants on Buy 1 get 1 free sale about 1pm, this year that happened at 12 noon. By 12.30 it was definitely time to end the sale early, all the remaining plants were moved to the raised bed area behind the shed. These plants are available for sale on Wednesday mornings at the Leslie Log House. All plants are now \$2 each. The plants include irises, Solomon seal, Rose Campion, columbine and many other varieties. I will send the complete list of the plants available on Wednesday.

If you, a friend or a neighbour would like to buy plants, please drop by any Wednesday morning and bring cash, small bills would be great.

There are many members to thank for their contributions of time to our Plant Sale. The people who worked at the sale, the many people who donated plants, spent their time potting plants, digging up plants for people who couldn't, caring for plants before the sale, and transporting plants from the plant sitters to the Leslie Log House at between 6.30 and 7am on May 25th.

These members donated their time making snacks for the hungry workers, Rosemarie Bera, Cathy Clipperton, Lorena D'Arsie, Maureen Dodd, Nury Garzon, Sue Harshman, Anita King, Judi Kokis, Marcia Spear and Martha Witney. Shirley Boyes brought her beautifully painted signs. Mary Ann Brown deposited \$6931.70 to our bank account on Saturday afternoon.

We ordered annuals from Zomer's wholesale nursery, including cell pack annuals and 4 inch pot annuals, 2 varieties of the 4 inch pot annuals were not available, Zomers donated 6 flats of other 4 inch pot annuals. We received donations from several local businesses, including those listed by Grace Nelham.

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Additional thanks go to Ross & Sarah Pengilley who again let us use their property to pot up plants, plus Sarah's donation of many plants from her garden. Many thanks to each and everyone who helped and volunteered, I can't name all those who helped make the Plant Sale a soggy success, but you know who you are, and thank you all so much.

Monica Ross



Plant Sale Donations 2024

We are very grateful for the generous donations from the following local nurseries and businesses that contributed to the success of our plant sale:

Arbor Garden Center, Canadian Tire Meadowvale, Jade Gardens & Greenhouses, Sid's Ponds, Terra Nurseries and Van Dongen's Garden Centre.

A big thank you to Marg Allen, Janice Ward and myself for contacting these merchants and obtaining **\$400** worth of donations!! Be sure to remember them while out shopping!!!

Grace Nelham

Flower Show Schedule – June 11, 2024

Entries will be received between 6:30 and 7:15. No entries will be accepted after 7:15 p.m. Entry forms are available from our website, www.streetsvillehort.ca. Please print and complete your entry forms at home for faster registration. Entry forms will be available at the show if needed.

Division 1 – Horticulture

(1 entry permitted per exhibitor per class unless otherwise stated)

* All cultural exhibits must be grown by the entrant and been in their position for 90 days.

Section A – Flowering Perennials & Biennials

Class 1	<i>Achillea</i> (yarrow)	1 stems
Class 2	<i>Digitalis</i> (foxglove)	1 stem
Class 3	<i>Geranium</i> (cranesbill)	1 stem
Class 4	<i>Hemerocallis</i> (daylily)	1 scape
Class 5	<i>Iris</i> (bearded iris)	1 stalk (stem)
Class 6	<i>Iris siberica</i> (Siberian iris)	1 stalk (stem)
Class 7	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> (lavender)	3 stems
Class 8	<i>Lupinus</i> (lupin)	1 stem
Class 9	<i>Monarda</i> (bee balm)	1 stem
Class 10	<i>Paeonia lactiflora</i> (herbaceous peony)	1 bloom (disbudded)
Class 11	<i>Papaver orientale</i> (oriental poppy)	1 stem
Class 12	<i>Phlox paniculata</i> (garden phlox)	1 stem
Class 13	Any other perennial in bloom	1 stem, spike or spray



Section B – Foliage Perennials

Class 14	Fern	3 fronds, same species / cultivar
Class 15	<i>Heuchera</i> , <i>Heucherella</i> or <i>Tiarella</i> (coral bells, foamy bells or foamflower)	3 leaves, same cultivar
Class 16	<i>Hosta</i> – solid colour	3 leaves, same cultivar
Class 17	<i>Hosta</i> – variegated	3 leaves, same cultivar

Section C – Flowering Shrubs & Vines

Class 18	<i>Clematis</i>	1 bloom
Class 19	<i>Rosa</i> (rose) - hybrid tea or grandiflora	1 specimen bloom
Class 20	<i>Rosa</i> (rose) – floribunda, old garden or shrub	1 spray
Class 21	<i>Rosa</i> (rose) – miniature	1 specimen bloom or spray

Division II – Design Theme: Summer at Last

1 entry permitted per exhibitor per class.

Class 22	Reach for the sun	- a design
Class 23	A Garden Party	- a design that incorporates a hat
Class 24	Celebrating Summer	- a design
Class 25	Canada Day	- a design

Please note there is a Novice Category for any member who has not previously submitted a flower show entry, or who has never won a ribbon (either 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or honourable mention).

Membership Desk



We had a great turnout for our May meeting! 75 members in attendance, with 3 new members signing up, making our total 78 in attendance! Welcome to our new members, Aida C., Lihh H., and Sonja J.! Everyone got a wonderful plant premium, thanks to the organizers!

Word of mouth from current members is a great way to increase our membership. Did you know that guests are welcome to attend one meeting for free, EXCEPT for the November AGM?

If you happened to take your nametag home, please remember to bring it to the next meeting.

Thanks to our helpers at the membership desk, it was a very busy night!

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

Raffle Table

This month's raffle table has some lovely items to adorn your garden, patio or home.

A beautiful teapot planter, wall hanger and hanging tea lights

An original painting along with a set of floral plates

A cute table runner with a lovely vase perfect for some cut flowers from the garden

A bird house with a beautiful platter.

Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. I look forward to seeing you all at the raffle table.



Refreshment Table

Thank you to: Marg Allen, Cathy Clipperton, Jill Davies, Judi Kokis, Pat Salisbury, Martha Witney and Vino Xavier for your contribution(s) to the May refreshment table. We had an excellent variety for "Premium Night".

For the June 11th/24 meeting Rosemarie Bera, Cathy Clipperton and Anita King have signed up to contribute.



Please remember to bring your own cup/mug to the meeting.

Thank you to Jill Davies and Marcia Spear, for your help in setting/cleaning up and arriving early and staying late to help with the refreshment table. Muchly appreciated!

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Co-ordinator

Coffee Club

Are you looking to meet and socialize with fellow gardeners? During the summer months, members gather on the Leslie Log House lawn to share stories about their gardens, travel adventures, and connect with friends.

Drop in any time and bring a beverage to drink or chair to sit on (Picnic tables also available).

Our first coffee club will be held June 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., weather permitting. The summer sessions are tentatively scheduled for July 9th (10-noon), July 30th (10-noon), and August 20th (10-noon).



Photo Corner

Since we will not have a newsletter until September 1st, this is a reminder that the closing date for taking photos for the upcoming photo contest is August 31, 2024.

Please note that the rules and class categories below are also posted on our website.

<https://www.streetsvillehort.ca/flowers-photos/photo-contest-2022/>

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

If you have any questions, contact Christina Anonychuk

Fall Photo Contest 2023 – 2024

Class 1	Fall Harvest
Class 2	Explosion of Colour
Class 3	Cloud & Sky (only)
Class 4	Your Best Photo (not black & white)
Class 5	Spring Blossoms
Class 6	Winter Delight

All categories are **NATURE RELATED**

Suggestion: Keep this list in your camera case, your wallet, or your pocket for reference when you are taking photos.



Photo Contest Rules

- Closing date for photos is August 31, 2024.
- Photos are to be submitted at the September 2024 meeting.
- All pictures must have been taken by a current member
- Photos should be nature related.
- Coloured photos, unless otherwise specified, no larger than 4" x 6".
- One entry per class per single membership.
- Two entries per class, one per person in a family membership.
- The photo will be rejected if it does not meet the category.
- Previously submitted photos not allowed.
- Photos are to be taken between September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024.
- Assign a class # to each photo and put them in an envelope with your name on it and bring them to the September 2024 meeting.
- Winners will be announced at the November AGM 2024 meeting.

June's Speaker Green Care Farms – Empowering People with Dementia

Rebekah Churchyard, BA, BSW, MSW, RSW, PMP is a Registered Social Worker, Project Management Professional, and Psychotherapist specialized in geriatrics and dementia care. She is the CEO and Founder of Green Care Farms Inc., the first nature-based program in Canada for people with dementia on an operational farm. She also works full-time in Specialized Geriatric Services for Home and Community Care Support Services Waterloo Wellington. Prior to this, Rebekah served as President and Vice-President with the Toronto Council on Aging Board of Directors and as an Accountability Table member with the City of Toronto's Seniors Strategy.

Gardening News & Happenings – June 2024:

(If you have items to add to the list next month, please email Maureen Dodd)

- **[Blooming Boulevards 5th Annual Native Plant Sale](#)**: Saturday and Sunday June 01 and 02 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm both days, 1295 Mineola Gardens, Mississauga. BYOB – Bring Your Own Box! Cash, cheque, and e-transfer accepted.
- **[The Riverwood Conservancy](#)**: There is lots happening in June so check out their website for details! [Birding with the Expert](#) June 01, 22, 26, and 29 | 8:30 am – 10:00 am \$5 each session; [Spring Birding](#) June 03 | 9:00 am – 10:30 am \$5 each session; [Workshop: Hummingbird Planter Design](#) June 04 | 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm \$65; [Qi Gong at Riverwood](#) June 06 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, June 15 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm \$10; [Yoga in Nature](#) June 08 | 10:00 – 11:00 \$10; [June Blooms Garden Tour](#) June 12 | 10:00 am – 11:30 am \$5; [Forest Bathing](#) June 14 | 9:00 am – 11:30 am \$15; [Webinar: Beginner's Guide to Identifying Butterflies](#) June 15 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am FREE; [Astronomy Night](#) June 18 | 9:00 pm – 10:30 pm \$5; [Women's Full Moon Ceremony](#) June 20 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm FREE; [Nighttime Nature](#) June 25 | 9:00 pm – 10:30 pm \$10;
- **[Blooming Boulevards 2024 Presentations](#)**: Blooming Boulevards is offering two free 1-hour webinars this month! [Pollinator-Friendly Container Gardens](#) June 08 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Free). [A Beginner's Guide to Butterfly ID](#) June 15 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Free). Sign up online at least two days before the event.
- **[Garden Ontario 50/50 Draw](#)** Garden Ontario is holding a fundraising 50/50 raffle with 50% of the proceeds supporting the Keep Ontario Beautiful program. Tickets prices start at 10 for \$10. Draw #9 takes place on Saturday July 14th. Tickets are available at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ontario-ha>
- **[Credit Valley Conservation](#)**: Offers a number of interesting activities in Brampton, Georgetown, and on the Credit River near Caledon Village. Check out their extensive [list of events](#).
- Mississauga Parks & Rec celebrates **[Mississauga Garden Day 2024](#)** on Saturday June 22, 2024 | 10:00 am – noon (Free) at Hancock Woodlands for free garden tours, tips, and helpful conversations with local horticulture group exhibitors. SHS will have a booth so come out and say hello!