



# Streetsville Blooms



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## Next Meeting

The AGM will be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
Streetsville United Church  
In Heritage Hall  
274 Queen Street South  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Starts at 7:15 p.m.

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## Co-Presidents' Message

November is here and it's time to put the garden to bed! Whether it be cleaning up annuals, pruning and protecting shrubs or roses, adding compost to enrich the soil or straw to prevent wind erosion, there are still ample opportunities to garden. It is also the time to plant bulbs for next spring. There is nothing more uplifting than seeing the first snow drops emerge or a bunch of daffodils blowing in the breeze!



It was great to see so many people in attendance at our October open-house meeting! Members enjoyed participating in the flower show and pumpkin contest, purchasing bulbs, learning about lavender from Grace M., sharing seeds and plant slips, and listening to our informative guest speaker. The left-over bulbs will be sold at the November meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on November 12, 2024 and is our Annual General Meeting. Guests are not allowed at this meeting as we will be sharing what we have done over the last year as a Society and conducting official business, such as voting for our new officers. To approve our records, we require a minimum of 20 members to attend. Asna Black will be joining us as District 15 Representative and will run our elections.

During the meeting, you will be asked to approve a few changes to our Constitution and accept the annual reports included in this newsletter. The details of these changes, along with the finance report will be sent to all members with the AGM agenda.

In addition to the business component of the meeting, it is also a very social and fun meeting! While we share a meal, it also gives us a chance to mingle and socialize. This year, we will be eating at tables but members are reminded to bring plats, cutlery, and mugs. We will also be presenting several awards, certificates, and pins during the meeting to recognize our invaluable volunteers.

We need additional members to join the Board of Directors or volunteer to assist with the open positions of financial reviewer, draw table chair, publicity, and awards. If you or you and a friend, are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please let us know.

Shelley Dodd & Maureen Dodd, Co-Presidents



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## Leslie Log House

October 9th was the last day of gardening at the Log House. Janice Ward, Judi Kokis, Steve Fenech, Grace Nelham and Marg Rowan cut down all the flowers except for those that were still blooming. We retreated to the warmth of the Log House for coffee, tea and cookies for our break.

The gardens were full and lush this summer due to the rainfall we had and the efforts of our volunteers! Now the gardens have gone to bed for the winter and we will wait in anticipation as to what will come up in the spring.

Thanks to all who volunteered over the summer..... your efforts were appreciated and the gardens were beautiful as was indicated by many passers by !

Carol Ashford, LLH Chair

## Rotary Park

It was our last day of work at the park on the 17th October and the sun was shining for us, but a little cool.

We planted some daffodil bulbs as we do most years, plus some alliums and some squills.

We cut back all the remaining plants, just leaving a few with seeds for the birds.



There was a strange box by the car park, that took up a lot of attention. We couldn't guess what it was for or what was in it, try as we might to open it. Anyone any ideas?

On the 4th of October we took a lot of yellow and orange canna lilies out of the Queen Street displays, with permission of course. These were shared between members for over-wintering and some will come back to the park next year, we hope.

That's it for this year, we look forward to doing it again in 2025.

Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair



## October Pumpkin Contest

The winner was Shirley Boyes for her Floral Painted Pumpkin, with Shelley Dodd a very close second with her "Owl Always Love You" carved pumpkin.

*Pumpkin picture taken by Rena Anderson*

## Membership Desk

It was wonderful to see so many more people renewing their memberships at the October Open House meeting! And there was so much to see and do, with a wonderful speaker! We had 1 guest visit, and three new members. Please welcome Jean D, Harinderpal N, and Barb D.! If you have not renewed as of yet, please remember to do so! I am looking forward to welcoming everyone at the next meeting, which will be the AGM!

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 helper at the membership desk, Marg A. It was a very busy night!

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

## October Flower Show

There were 59 entries from 12 members. The Best in Show for Cultural was Shelley Dodd for "any other annual" and for Design was Ursula Evanoff for "Pumpkin Spice Latte". The Judges Choice for Cultural was Monika Schouten for her "collection of garden flowers" and for Design was Shelley Dodd for "Pumpkin Spice Latte".

Alex King



## Native Plants

### Virginia Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum Virginian*

This isn't the most exciting native plant but it does make a good groundcover as long as it's not in full sun. It prefers moist organic soil but will tolerate dry clay soil as well.

It has dark green leaves which sometimes have white blotches on them and these give them the name Waterleaf, but the blotches fade with age. The plant forms a slight mound with clusters of white to light purple flowers extending above the leaves in late May / early June.

It self seeds quite readily, extending the groundcover but also springing up in other parts of the garden. This is not really a problem as they pull up quite easily and can be moved elsewhere if needed. So, this is a good plant to quickly fill bare areas or reduce soil erosion, ideally in some shade.

This is the last of my woodland native plants that were propagated at Riverwood. I hope some might try them out, provided they have some shady areas. They are unlike most other plants and generally flower for only a short time, so you have to keep your eyes on them.

Jon Eldridge



*Flowering Virginia Waterleaf from Amarin Tsujimura's garden*  
*Virginia Waterleaf from Jon Eldridge's garden*

## October Seed Exchange

Members enjoyed choosing seeds and plant slips during the October open house. As guest speaker Maria Kasstan discussed, becoming a seed saver is not difficult but takes time, and patience. By saving seeds, we are protecting our diversity, helping pollinators, and saving money. A wide variety of seeds were available such as dill, poppy, and anise hyssop.

Special thanks to everyone who brought in plant slips. Members were appreciative of the opportunity to take home a slip of plants to expand their collection! A special shout out to the Lafratta's, for the many varieties of coleus slips which they so kindly shared.



## 2024 Bulb Sale

We ordered 1000 bulbs that were packaged into 108 bags of bulbs. We have 19 bags of bulbs left. These bulbs will be available for sale at \$4 per bag at our AGM. The varieties are Tulip Match, Tulip Pretty Woman, Narcissus Easter Born, Narcissus Lucky Number, Narcissus Orange Eye, and Narcissus Dick Wilden.



## Amaryllis

For those of you who pre-ordered amaryllis, they have arrived and will be distributed at the November AGM. There may be a few extra available for sale. Please bring \$15 cash to pay for each.

Monica Ross

*Pictures taken by Grace Nelham*

## Celebrations

November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum! It is a member of the daisy family (Asteraceae) and comes in a variety of colours, each symbolizing something different. Members celebrating a birthday this month are: Klara, Amira, Eleanor, Rena, Mary, Mike, Shelley, Rick, and Grace N.

Happy Anniversary to Henry & Monika!

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Janice Ward and her husband. Yellow roses and violets represent this special milestone because they perfectly complement each other, like the celebrated couple.



## Lemon Shortbread (from Vintage Kitchen Notes website)

### Ingredients:

3/4 cup unsalted butter at room temperature  
1-1/4 cup all purpose or cake flour  
Large pinch of salt 2 tablespoons of lemon zest  
1/8 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 cup icing sugar, sifted  
1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

### Instructions:

1. Have ready a 9 inch by 9 inch square baking pan that has been buttered or sprayed with cooking spray.
2. Line the pan with parchment paper: take a large piece of parchment paper and cut it to 8 inches then place in the bottom of the pan up two sides of the pan. The other two sides will remain buttered and the parchment paper will assist in removing the shortbread from the pan.
3. Using an electric mixer, blend the butter with the lemon zest. You can zest the lemon directly over the butter.
4. Add the sifted icing sugar to the butter. You can sift the icing sugar over the butter to save using another bowl. Continue to beat the icing sugar into the butter until there are no lumps.
5. Add the flour and salt in two parts and beat until there are no dry spots. [Note: Do not beat or mix excessively, just until everything is blended.]
6. Transfer the dough to the prepared pan and lightly pat the dough into the pan making sure it is extended to the edges of the pan.
7. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and then refrigerate for one to 24 hours. You can skip this step but resting in the refrigerator creates a more tender shortbread according to the recipe creator.
8. Pre-heat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
9. Sprinkle the granulated sugar over the top before baking.
10. Bake for about 30 to 35 minutes until the top is dry and has puffed slightly and begun to colour. [Note: length of cooking time will depend on your oven as each oven varies.]
11. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes on a wire rack and then carefully cut in squares, bars or triangles with a smooth-bladed knife.
12. Let cool in the pan on the wire rack completely and then lift the shortbread in the parchment paper and break the shortbread apart along the cut lines.
13. Keep in an airtight container.

## Over-wintering Dahlias

The following tips were provided by Anna Leggatt speaker at the October 2021 General Meeting.

- Dig up dahlias immediately after the first frost - or before if the foliage is dying.
- Label the clumps.
- Cut stems down to 20cm. Carefully remove extra soil.
- Leave in a cool, dry place with the stems sloping down so sap will trickle out. When dry, inspect and remove damaged tubers.
- Clumps can be divided at this point but if you cannot clearly see buds, don't do it.
- Get a cardboard box (plastic may keep extra wet in) and put tubers in a sterile damp, soil mix. Not pure peat moss.
- Cover with several layers of newspaper.
- Place the box in a cool dark room at about 16c.
- Spray the newspaper with water from time to time, checking the tubers.
- Late March, bring into a warmer place and divide tubers as they sprout, potting them up if still cold outside.



## Gardening News & Happenings – November 2024:

- [The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair](#) runs from November 1-10, 2024 at Exhibition Place in Toronto
- [The Riverwood Conservancy](#): has winter wreath making and birding events
- [Credit Valley Conservation](#): Is jointly hosting the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area Open House on Tuesday November 26 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Small Arms Inspection Building, 1352 Lakeshore Rd. East
- [Royal Botanical Gardens](#): is offering a few beginner and intermediate workshops on birding.

## AGM Potluck Dinner

Our annual general meeting once again this year will include a sit-down potluck supper. Members are asked to please bring an appetizer, finger foods (pickles, cheese, olives, etc.), main course, or dessert for 6 to 8 people to enjoy and an appropriate serving utensil. List the name of the dish and any possible allergens, e.g. contains egg and shellfish, keeping in mind that the hall is a nut-free facility.

Please bring your own dinnerware (plate, cutlery, mug/cup) to eat with. Coffee/tea and cold beverages will be provided.



**The following documents are the 2023-2024 Annual Reports which will be discussed at the AGM for member approval.**

## **Co-Presidents' Annual Report**

The 2023/24 year was a busy one for our Society as we amassed 3093 volunteer hours. Members contributed to the community by planting, pruning, and weeding at the Leslie Log House, Rotary Park, and newly added Jon Clipperton Park and participated in the annual Earth Day clean-up.

A new flower show committee was formed, and four successful shows were held in May, June, September, and October. Two photography contests were run, a fall contest judged by a professional photographer, and a member-judged one in the spring.

During the December meeting, there was a members' craft sale, \$373.05 and 90 pounds of non-perishable food was donated to **Eden Food For Change**, and members participated in an amaryllis planting workshop.

We had 7 excellent speakers, several of whom discussed native plants and the fauna, such as bees and birds, that depend on them. There were ten editions of the Streetsville Blooms newsletter which also had a "Native Plant" corner and listing of horticultural events.

At the District 15 AGM in April, we were proud to learn that Streetsville was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in *Class 2: 2023 Newsletter of 10 pages or less* (our December 2023 issue) AND a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in *Class 3: 2023 Newsletter of 11 pages or more* (with our September 2023 issue)! Many thanks to our talented newsletter editor Amarin Tsujimura.

During our April meeting, we were honoured to have Ward 11 Councillor Brad Butt address the members and thank us for the important work we do in the community.

Our annual plant sale in May was a huge success with 58 members contributing to its success, by digging, potting, plant sitting, delivering plants, setting up, soliciting donations, and selling. 1348 plants consisting of 120 varieties were available for sale. The money raised is used to pay for things such as hall rental, speakers, awards, OHA fees, judges, and premiums.

In June, we hosted a table at Mississauga's *Garden Day 2024* event at Hancock Woodlands and joined Riverwood Conservancy, Visual Arts Mississauga, Blooming Boulevards, Mississauga Master Gardeners, and other community garden organizations in promoting gardening opportunities across the city.

At the end of the summer, a volunteer from our club helped staff the Horticultural Show booth at the Canadian National Exhibition. Thank you to Carol Zarb.

All in all, 2023/2024 was a very successful year which saw our membership increase by 17% from 96 to 112 members! Thank you to each and everyone of you who helped us by volunteering your time to make this Society the best it can be.

Shelley Dodd & Maureen Dodd, Co-Presidents



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## Leslie Log House Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Two new additions to the arbor were purchased - a yellow climbing rose called "Golden Showers" and a white Clematis. The rose was mowed down by either deer or rabbits and so now it is protected by chicken wire and we have already had a shoot up through the wire with a rose!

On a very cold April day we did our usual Trash Clean Up on the property with the help of **Steve Fenech, Monica Ross, Robb Dods, Anita & Alex King, Marcia Spear, Grace Nelham, Rick deBenedetti and Judi Kokis.** We packed it in when it started to snow!! Still can't believe so much trash can spring up now that we have gone to covered garbage and recycle cans.

We had a summer with lots of rain and so the Phlox, Echinacea, Sedum Autumn Joy, Peonies, Salvia, Daffodils, Verbena bonariensis, Morning Glories, Amaranthus etc. were full and vibrant. The garden was so full, the only annuals we purchased were a flat of Zinnias and some Cosmos were donated by Ross Pengilley.

Our last day for work at the log house was October 9th when we took the entire garden down to the ground and put all the plant material near the compost bin.

Without the help of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers the gardens at the Log House would not be possible. Those who worked on the gardens this year are: **Grace Nelham, Marg Rowan, Judi Kokis, Nury Garzon, Steve Fenech, MaryAnn Brown, Shirley Boyes, Monica Ross, Janice Ward and Shelley Dodd.** Three cheers for all the hard work they did to make this a beautiful place to visit.

A total of 198.25 volunteer hours (*as at Aug. 26/24*) were accumulated for the year at the Leslie Log House.

Carol Ashford, Leslie Log House Chair

## Membership Desk Annual Report 2023 - 2024

It was a very busy year on the membership desk! Our membership rose from 96 to 112 this year, which was a 17% increase. In-person meetings were well attended, with an average of 52 people per meeting. 20 new members joined throughout the year, and 23 guests participated in the monthly meetings, many from word of mouth, friends of current members, or visiting the membership booth at the plant sale.



Thanks to Karen N., Sandra J., and Marg A. for all their help at the meetings!

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

*Carved bottle gourd picture sent in by Steve Fenech*

## Rotary Park Annual Report 2023 - 2024

We've had a good year, which went very quickly. The weather was great, not too hot or too wet and plants generally did quite well.

We bought very few plants, but we did get some from our volunteers' gardens and moved others around. We also cultivated some areas that were never touched before, and we were able to do this because we had more volunteers. We now have 10, which is more than we've ever had and they have been very frequent helpers, and I can't thank them enough. They are: Nick & Enza Lafratta, Asoke Bera, Marcia Spear, Steve Fenech, Amarin Tsujimura, Martha Witney, Nury Garzon and Shelley Dodd. Not only have they worked hard but they get along so well, it's been a real pleasure.

We had 2 occasions where we visited a total of 5 of our members' gardens and it was great to see the different ways they arranged and managed their own gardens.

We took over Jon Clipperton Park in August. This is a small park on Church St., with one flower bed that was planted by the city and then ignored. We are still working on getting all the weeds out but I'm sure we'll succeed and then do some planting.

Some areas of Rotary Park are in dire need of compost and I'm pleased to say that we have been promised a load by the Region of Peel for next May. We look forward to that!



Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair

## **Flower Show Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

Thank you to the volunteers who made our four flower shows possible: **Alex King, Janice Ward, Liz Menard, Steve Fenech, Marcia Spear, Janet Shaw, and Sue Harshman**. Our O.H.A. judges do an excellent job with our shows and often take time to write a personal note on an entry form.

The purpose of our shows in addition to showcasing what our members are growing is to educate us. This year we had 293 entries in the 4 shows and 26 competitors. We encourage everyone to participate next spring (May & June) and in the fall (Sept. & Oct.). We encourage you to enter an exhibit even if it is only in 1 or 2 categories.

Sue Harshman, Flower Show Chair

## **Newsletter Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

Ten editions of Streetsville Blooms were published for the 2023 – 2024 year. Every month the newsletter is emailed to our active members (approx. 112). Four printed copies are mailed to members who pay a \$10 fee per year to offset the cost of mailing. One printed copy is kept for the archive. Total expenses for the newsletter were \$123.03.

Thanks to all the members who contributed articles, pictures, and stories about gardening and plants. Also, thanks to Shelley and Maureen, our co-presidents, who make sure the newsletter always looks it's best. Monthly issues of the newsletter can also be found on our website.

Amarin Tsujimura, Newsletter

## **Refreshments Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

Thank you to: Christina Anonychuk, Mary Bernier, Mary Ann Brown, Ursula Evanoff, Don Helsdon, Judi Kokis, Suzanne Palummieri, Amarin Tsujimura, Barbara Worthington and Martha Witney for your contribution(s) to the October refreshment table. It was a very good variety, and a recipe for Lemon Shortbread was requested from members and is posted in the November newsletter.

Thank you to Christina Anonychuk, Mary Ann Brown and Sue Harshman for your contributions to the refreshment supplies. And thank you to Marcia Spear, Jill Davis, Carron Palmer, Marg Rowan, Carol Ashford and Jon Eldridge for all your help at various meetings.

Martha J. Witney, Refreshment Chair

## **Archive Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

The Archives consist of binders full of pictures and newspaper clippings of events that have taken place since our re-establishment in 1972. In the past photos have been taken at various events and meetings and placed in the binders so we may look back and see how our Society has grown and see our members at work in the community or how they participate in our plant sales, flower shows, garden tours, community work and workshops.

The photo albums are usually on display at various functions such as our AGM and Plant Sale. Please take the time to browse through them next time they are on display to familiarize yourself with our activities and also put names to the many faces of our volunteers.

At the last AGM a slide show of the past year was shown to members. I have taken photos this year and have been sending some to the Newsletter and will have some 2023-2024 pictures in a binder at the AGM. Should you have any photos taken at our events we are happy to include them in our binder.

Grace Nelham, Archive Chair

## **Volunteer Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

Congratulations to many of our members who answered the call to volunteer this year. Overall, we contributed a total of 3,093 hours between September 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024.

Thank you to Monica Ross, Carol Ashford and all those who volunteered in various ways to the success of the plant sale with 915 hours.

Thank you to Carol Ashford, LLH Chair and Jon Eldridge, Rotary Park Chair and all those volunteers who kept up the garden beds at Leslie Log House and Rotary Park, with 434.5 hours of gardening related duties completed!

A very big thank you to the Co-Presidents, Maureen Dodd and Shelley Dodd, the Executive, Board members and other members who contributed to the administration and running of the Society with more than 1,373 hours.

Each year we reward one of our outstanding volunteers with the Jean Kennedy Memorial Award for Volunteering. At the last AGM, one of our most enthusiastic members Steve Fenech, who was involved in multiple activities, was the recipient of this award.

Thank you to everyone who contributed, and we encourage everyone who is able to volunteer in the coming year – every hour helps.

Grace Nelham, Volunteer Chair

## **Draw Table Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

This year, the raffle table experienced a mix of successes and challenges. Most prizes were generously donated by our members, while the float amount of \$25 remained untouched. Overall, we collected a total of \$766 from raffle ticket sales.

Although certain months showed promising sales, the raffle table did not gain the popularity we had hoped for this year. Notably, the inclement weather on the day of the plant sale significantly impacted ticket sales, despite the presence of attractive donated prizes.

In contrast, December proved to be an exceptional month for ticket sales, largely thanks to beautifully hand-crafted items donated by some of our talented members and Terra Nurseries. This resulted in a total collection of \$249 for the month.

The proceeds from the December sale were donated to the Eden Food Bank, supporting our community during a critical time. The remaining balance of \$517 will be allocated back into the society to fund various activities in the upcoming year.

Judy Castelino, Draw Table Chair

## **Photo Contest Annual Report 2023 – 2024**

We kicked off 2023 – 2024 with the fall photo contest. This contest is judged by a professional nature photographer. All the nature photos must meet the photo contest rules in each of the six categories. Last year there were nine contestants competing for the trophy. Everyone at the AGM enjoyed seeing all the photos displayed with the judges' comments. The overall winner of the Photographer of the Year Award was Grace Nelham.

Our second contest was held at the March 2024 meeting. This was a member judged contest. The two classifications were: my favourite Nature Photo in Colour, and my favourite Nature Photo in Black and White. The winner in the Nature Photo in Colour was Carol Ashford and Carol Ashford and Ursula Evanoff tied in the Nature Black and White.

Many thanks to all who participated.

Christina Anonychuk, Photography Contest Chair

## **Coffee Club Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

Coffee Clubs were held throughout the summer at the Leslie Log House and Erin Mills Town Centre. Members enjoyed socializing, sharing snacks, and discussing gardening successes. On average, 13 members participated, with weather conditions adversely effecting attendance.

Shelley Dodd

## **Plant Sale Annual Report 2024**

Our plant sale was held on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 had a total income of \$7,671.70, for a profit of \$6393.56. This was about \$370 less than the 2023 Plant Sale, due to our early closing. This total includes plants, garden accessories, annuals, tropicals, painted signs, and raffle tickets.

Volunteer hours totaling 915 hours were donated by our members - thank you all so much.

Our expenses were \$1,820.31, this is more than anticipated because we donated \$500 to Sarah and Ross Pengilley for allowing us to use their nursery space for potting up for so many years. Expenses also included a payment of \$100 to cover costs of gas for a volunteer who spent many hours moving plants. It also includes soil for potting, annuals purchased from Zomer's Greenhouse, some of the plants we ordered were sold out so we were given 6 flats of plants at no charge! Other miscellaneous items were purchased such as printer ink for labels, and tape to stick the labels on the plant tags.

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

Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair

## **Publicity Annual Report 2023 – 2024**

Among the highlights of the year were: The attendance at SHS Open House by one of the three invited local alderpersons and the beginning of ongoing communication with Streetsville BIA staff.

Co-presidents, Shelley Dodd and Maureen Dodd, represented SHS at Garden Day, organized by the City of Mississauga. It takes place at different public locations each year. Shelley and Maureen represented SHS at last year's event and indicated interest at that time in hosting the event at the Leslie Log House in 2025, there has been no uptake from the City.

Advertising for the Plant Sale in May consisted of the posting of 50 posters in local libraries, community centres, businesses and churches. The 3 local alderpersons were asked to include a digital flyer and info in their community communications. Two responded affirmatively. As well, digital content was posted to: Streetsville BIA, Gardenmaking, Eventbrite, Riverwood Conservancy, and NextdoorOnline.

Expenses were \$27.12 for colour printing of Plant Sale flyers and \$305.10 for the new SHS banner.

Judi Kokis, Publicity Chair

## **Speakers Annual Report**

### **September 2023 – Garden of Regrets**

Our speaker on the 12th of September was Helen Battersby and in this info- and image-packed presentation we met the plants you'd wish you'd never planted – and learned how to avoid them (before you do) or to live with them and, perhaps, even love them (if you must).

### **October 10/2023 – Caring for the Earth**

Our October speaker was Clement Kent, Vice President at Parkdale and Toronto Hort speaking about "Caring for the Earth" which is more relevant than ever this being the hottest year of the last 100,000.

**January 9/2024** – Speaker was cancelled due to inclement weather

### **February 13/2024 – Birds in Relation to your Garden**

Our February speaker was Melissa Creasey, MSc who works with homeowners, businesses and institutions to promote sustainable landscaping on their properties. She connects people with the plants and animals found in their backyards, while helping them to create healthy, climate-resilient landscapes.

### **March 12/2024 - Honeybees, Native Bees & Urban Gardens**

March's speaker was Stephen Rice who is a beekeeper who operates Steve's Bees Apiaries. His work consists of connecting beekeepers with information from the Ontario Beekeepers Association, or with directives from the province's Apiary program, and in helping novice beekeepers learn the ropes.

### **April 9/2024 – How to Grow Beautiful Roses**

Our April speaker Elizabeth Schleicher's love and interest in gardening certainly influenced her desire to become an accredited Judge of Horticulture and Design with the Royal Botanical Gardens and Garden Clubs of Ontario respectively. Currently Elizabeth is the Chair of the Judges' Committee of the Canadian Rose Society (CRS) and has organized a judging school both virtually and in person.

### **May 13/2024 - Grow Edibles in Pots and Plots**

May's speaker was Diana Westland, who has been with the Mississauga Master Gardeners since 2020 and is currently its coordinator. She is a member of the 'North American Native Plant Society' and 'Blooming Boulevards'. Both organizations promote the use of native plants and connected greenways for pollinators, using private gardens, public parks, and conservation areas.

### **June 11/2024 - Green Care Farms – Empowering People with Dementia**

June's speaker was Rebekah Churchyard, BA, BSW, MSW, RSW, PMP, who 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.



## Premiums Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Premiums were given to all members attending the May meeting (1 per member, 2 per family membership). All premiums were in 1-gallon pots. The plants were from NVK nursery and members got to choose from the following selection:

- 1) Melittis Melissophyllum – “Royal Velvet”, a fragrant orchid like flower that attracts pollinators in late spring
- 2) Salvia Nemorosa – “Rose Marvel”, the rich pink blooms attract butterflies. It is mildew, rabbit and deer resistant.
- 3) Hosta Minuteman – a low maintenance plant with slightly variegated leaves
- 4) Heuchera “Caramel” low maintenance with pink flowers. Apricot to caramel coloured foliage that stays colourful until fall.

We purchased 120 plants for \$833.40 + \$108.34 tax for a total cost of \$941.75. 82 were given away at the meeting, 24 were sold at the meeting for \$8 each (\$192), 12 went to the plant sale and 2 went to Grace McElhinney to be incorporated into the chair designs for the plant sale. The net cost of the premiums was \$637.75. Thanks to Christina Anonychuk and Rob Harshman for their help in transporting plants and distributing them at the meeting.

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. Pollinators love the Rose Marvel pink salvia. It is a fragrant plant which is also mildew resistant and has a long blooming time. 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 a garden.

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.

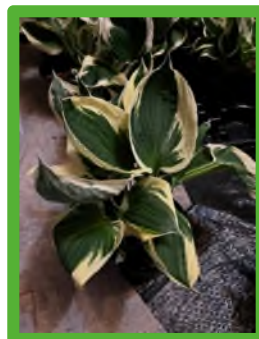
Sue Harshman, Premium Co-ordinator



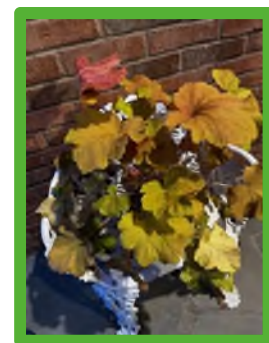
Melittis



Salvia



Hosta



Heuchera



Additional pictures from our October 2024 General Meeting.



## Upcoming Streetsville Horticultural Society Newsletter Content Deadlines

Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date
Dec '24	Dec 20/24	Jan '25	Jan 24/25	Feb '25	Feb 21/25
March '25	March 21/25	April '25	April 18/25	May '25	May 23/25
June '25	June 20/25				

Do you have any Society news, an interesting article of a horticultural nature, or a tasty recipe to share with our members. Please send it in. Articles should be in Word format with or without photos. If a photo is included, it should indicate where taken and by whom.



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## We are thrilled to announce a new fundraiser for the OHA!

Sit back, relax and sip some delicious tea this winter while browsing through those seed catalogues and dreaming about your gardens.

The OHA has teamed up with Sipology – an amazing tea company located right here in Ontario. Experience a range of vibrant and flavourful loose leaf tea blends, leaving behind the limitations of conventional tea bags for an exciting new tea journey. The products are Organic Certified with no added sugar unless stated on the ingredient list, no artificial flavours or colours and no MSG.

A few of the benefits of drinking tea are antioxidants in black teas; the tannins in tea are an aid to digestion; zinc and other minerals in the rooibos teas to help prevent acne and promotes good sleep quality. Plus, a cup of natural organic tea counts towards your daily water requirements.

A very delicious hot chocolate mix is also available and a few tea accessories.



*Sipology<sup>®</sup>*



1 Cup of Steeped  
Tea Spoon –  
Stainless steel  
\$15.00



Berry Mania,  
Fruit Tea  
\$15.00



Bubbly Cherry  
Bomb,  
Bubbly Tea  
\$15.00



Cinnamon Bun,  
Rooibos Tea  
\$15.00



Earl Grey de la  
Crème,  
Black Tea  
\$15.00



Naturally Sweet  
Peach,  
Black Tea  
\$15.00



Perfect Cup  
Infuser  
\$15.00



Raspberry Cream  
Soda, Fruit Tea  
\$15.00



Real Deal  
Hot Chocolate  
\$15.00



Steeping Sacks  
(100)  
\$15.00



Stroons  
\$15.00



Unicorn Kisses,  
Magical Fruit Tea  
\$15.00

Check out the offerings on our dedicated website – each item has a full description:  
<https://fundraise-ca.sipology.com/collections/ontario-horticultural-association-fall-2024>  
Shipping is only \$3 per order, so get together with friends and put your order in soon.

**Fundraiser runs from October 7 to November 30, 2024 – Just in time to get those Christmas gifts!**



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# 50/50 Draw

**Next Draw: December 14, 2024**

## **Ticket Packages**

- A - 10 for \$10.00
- B - 100 for \$20.00
- C - 500 for \$50.00
- D - 800 for \$75.00

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