



# Streetsville Blooms



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*Clover picture from pixabay.com*

## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
Streetsville United Church  
In Heritage Hall  
274 Queen Street South  
Set Up at 6:30 p.m.  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Arlene Hazzan Green  
Topic: Metamorphosis to Urban  
Farming



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## Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members,

As we bid farewell to winter and welcome the promise of spring, March brings a renewed sense of excitement for gardeners. The days grow longer, the snow (hopefully!) begins to melt, and the first signs of life emerge, reminding us of nature's resilience and beauty.

Upcoming Meeting:

Mark your calendars! Our next gathering will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Streetsville United Church, Heritage Hall (274 Queen Street South). Doors open at 7:00 p.m., with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.

March Speaker:

We are excited to welcome our guest speaker, Arlene Hassan Green and the topic is Metamorphosis to Urban Farming

Spring 2025 Photo Contest – Reminder!

Get your cameras ready! Our Spring Photo Contest will be held at the March meeting. This year's theme is "My Favourite Nature Photo", with both colour and black & white categories. Members may submit one 4" x 6" photo per category. Entries will be judged by those in attendance, so don't miss the chance to showcase your creativity! For full contest details, please visit our website.

We look forward to seeing you all in March!

Maureen Dodd & Shelley Dodd  
Co-Presidents, Streetsville Horticultural Society



## How to Grow Clover in a pot

Clover can be grown in pots using a well-draining potting mix and moist soil.

Steps for growing clover in pots:

1. Fill a pot with a well-draining potting mix.
2. Sprinkle clover seeds on the soil.
3. Lightly cover the seeds with more soil.
4. Water the soil thoroughly.
5. Place the pot in a warm, shaded location.
6. After the seeds germinate, remove any plastic wrap and move the pot to a sunny location.
7. When the clover plants have two or three true leaves, fertilize with an all-purpose fertilizer.
8. When roots appear at the bottom of the pot's drainage holes, transplant the clover.



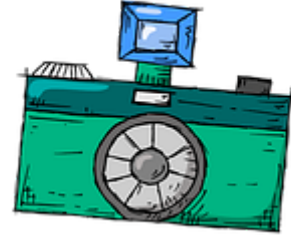
## Spring 2025 Photo Contest Reminder

This is a reminder that our Spring 2025 Photo Contest is happening at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The categories are my favourite nature photo in colour, and my favourite nature photo in black and white. Members attending the meeting will judge the photos entries.

The contest rules are:

- Photo size is 4' x 6".
- Photo is to be taken by competitor.
- Photo can be taken any time, not just the current year.
- Photo may not have been previously entered into a SHS photo contest.
- One entry in each category per membership.
- Two entries per category in a family membership but the photo entries must be taken by each family member.
- Print your name on the back of your photos.



These rules are posted on our website. Looking forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Christina Anonychuk, Photo Coordinator

## Membership Desk



We're thrilled to welcome both new and returning members to another exciting month at Streetsville Horticultural Society. Last month we welcomed one guest, Trang R, who will be joining us in March. In total, we had an attendance of 52!

Your engagement and enthusiasm continue to inspire us, and we're committed to providing you with valuable experiences and resources.

Did you know your membership comes with an array of benefits? From exclusive access to events and workshops, to learning from talented and entertaining speakers, we're dedicated to enriching your journey with us.

Word of mouth from current members is a great way to increase our membership. Guests are welcome to attend one meeting for free, EXCEPT for the November AGM.

Follow us on social media and visit our website ([www.streetsvillehort.ca](http://www.streetsvillehort.ca)) to stay updated on the latest news and events. 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, Karen N. Thank you for being an integral part of our community. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Faulene Hopkins, Membership Chair

## Plant Sale 2025

We will be holding our yearly Plant sale at the Leslie Log House on Saturday May 24, 2025, the weekend after the Victoria Day holiday.



For those of you who are new members and as a reminder for our veteran members, we need every member to make this sale successful! The plant sale is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know other SHS members. We need your time, and we need your plants. Volunteer hours totaling 915 hours were contributed in 2024. The plant sale is SHS's biggest fundraiser of the year; it pays for Speakers, Meeting space rent, Premiums, Community planting and Judges for the Flower Show. Plus, it allows us to keep our membership cost affordable. Our goal is to meet or exceed the profit of \$6393.56 from the 2024 Plant Sale.

Some changes have been made since last year. We have a new location in Meadowvale for potting. It is close to the Meadowvale Go Station. The new space is a large, flat, suburban back yard, with a hot tub, a fire pit and access to toilets, a tea kettle and coffee maker in the house. Potting will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 am. The home owner has a special needs school age child and prefers that potting is done during school hours. The current plan is that potting will start on Monday 28 April. That of course is weather dependant. If necessary we can also pot on Tuesdays and or Thursdays.

What can you do now? As I am writing this most of our gardens are buried under a metre or more of snow. Think back to the summer of 2024. Rewind your mental videotape. Go through your garden pictures and see if there are plants you do not want, or plants (especially hostas) that are so big they need to be split or if you are still waiting for that special plant to earn its keep, maybe it needs a new home!

As your garden comes to life, take note of which plants have grown far too big over the past 2 years. Then in late April to early May dig the plants up and split them, or you can carve a section off the main part of the plant.

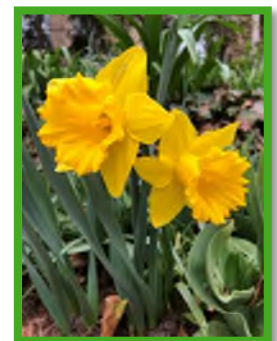
Much more information will be available in early April. If you have any questions, please email me, you all already have my email.

Monica Ross, Plant Sale Chair

## Celebrations



March's birth flowers are the daffodil and the jonquil, which are both part of the Narcissus genus. These early spring bloomers are easy to grow and their bulbs, which are toxic to animals, multiply quickly, giving each gardener many years of joy. Wishing Joanne J., Renee F, and Sandra B., who are celebrating a birthday this month, a happy and healthy year ahead! Special 90th birthday greetings are being sent to member Pat S.



Congratulations to Carol Z. who is celebrating her 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month!

*Daffodil pictures taken by Shelley Dodd*



## Refreshment Table

Thank you to members Cathy Clipperton, Shirley Dawn, Joanne Joel, Judi Kokis and Martha Witney for donating to our January Refreshment table.

Thank you to members Rosemarie Bera, Mary Ann Brown, Maureen Dodd, Judi Kokis and Martha Witney for donating to our February “Valentine” themed Refreshment table.

*Please remember to sign the sheet if you contribute and I will record the amount of time that you used to prepare, etc. as volunteer hours, with Amarin Tsujimura.*

Thank you to Sue Harshman for your contribution of a coffee perk and effortlessly finding the requested (special Raspberry/Lemon} tea by our members.

Members who have signed up for the March “St. Patrick’s” themed Refreshment Table are Sue Harshman, Liz Menard and Monika Schouten.

*Just a reminder the church is a nut-free facility and remember to bring your mug.*

Martha Witney, Refreshment Table Co-Ordinator



## Recipe for Beef Barley Soup

*Submitted by Carol Ashford*

Here’s a great way to warm your family up on some of the cold days in Winter. Simple to make and oh so good!

1 lb	Beef Stew meat, diced small
1 ¼ cups	sliced or chopped carrot
1 ¼ cups	Chopped onion
¾ cup	Chopped celery
5 cups	Water
1 tsp	Parsley flakes
¼ tsp	Pepper
1 tsp	Granulated sugar
2 tbsp	Beef Bouillon powder
½ cup	Pearl Barley
2	7.5 oz cans of Tomato sauce



Place all ingredients in a 5 quart slow cooker. Stir and cover. Cook on Low on Low for 8 - 10 hours or on High for 4 to 5 hours. Makes 10 ¼ cups of soup.

## Making Seed Bombs

When I received an email from a fellow gardener on making seed bombs, I was thinking we wanted to make these seed balls to ensure our feathery friends had nourishment throughout the cold winter. It was a guess as I've not been a bird watcher. The sender explained that these bombs are meant to protect the seeds from being eaten by critters. The bombs are really just a different way of planting seeds—one that may help the seeds to be nourished and grow where we want them in the garden. Apparently many companies offer this as a kit to make. So consider this vendor or another you might prefer and make some Seed Bombs today!

Or perhaps make your own. They are just a small ball of clay and seeds that can be thrown or planted in the ground to grow wildflowers and other plants. Seed bombs are a way to restore biodiversity, encourage wildlife, and create habitats for pollinators. Here's the recipe I found by Googling "how to make Seed Bombs":

1. Mix native clay or clay powder from a garden centre, compost, and seeds in a bowl. Interesting seeds to include: zinnias, poppies, sweet alyssum, black-eyed Susan, or eastern purple coneflower.
2. Add water slowly until the mixture has a paste-like consistency.
3. Roll the mixture into balls. The size of the balls is up to you and the space you are planting them in.
4. Let the balls dry in a warm, dry place.



*Taken from OHA District 15 News You Can Use March April 2025 Edition*

## OHA HOSTS EARTH DAY EVENT



The OHA will be hosting a virtual Earth Day celebration using WebEx. It will held on April 25, 2025 starting at 7:00 pm. Emily Posteraro from the Invasive Species Centre will be our featured speaker for Earth Day 2025. Please mark this important date on your calendar. A link to the Webex will be sent out closer to the date or simply check the "News" page of the GardenOntario site using [this link](#)

Good Info:

- Like Zoom, WebEx allows you to participate using your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Earth Day is a global event that takes place every year on April 22 to raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage people to take action.

## District 15 AGM will be in-person on Saturday April 5th, 2025!

The District 15 AGM will be in-person on Saturday April 5th, 2025! The last in-person District 15 AGM was in 2019. Streetsville Horticultural Society will be sending 4 board members as representatives - 3 voting delegates and 1 non-voting delegate.

## District 15 AGM Photo Contest!

District 15 will be holding a Photography contest at their AGM on April 5, 2025. Although the AGM itself is only open to voting delegates, any member of any society in District 15 (that includes Streetsville Horticultural Society) may enter the online contest. Submissions are due (electronically) by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are the details:

### *Schedule 1: PHOTO CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS* For D15 AGM April 5, 2025

1. **Eligibility** - Any members of a District 15 Society may enter this contest. This contest is done as an informal way to have some fun by sharing our photos with other members and to feel rewarded should we receive a prize. Entries will be anonymous when shown and judged. Names will only be mentioned for the winning photos. This contest is aimed at amateur and other non-professional photographers.

2. **Categories** - There will be only one category.

Casual – photos were taken in a natural environment using smartphones, iPads or similar, point and shoot cameras, or other cameras. Cropping of the photo is allowed. See “Photography limits” for more details.

3. **Class (subject matter)** – There will be four classes in each category, with a maximum of one submission in each class.

Class 1: Vegetable Gardening – photos of your vegetables being planted, growing, harvested, or set up for a display.

Class 2: The Birds and the Bees – primarily focusing on pollinators in the garden.

Class 3: Seasonal Impressions – any photos of trees, shrubs, flowers, veggies, rivers, scenic views, parks, gardens, etc. which are taken and give a recognizable impression of the season in which it was taken.

Class 4: A Single Bloom – self-explanatory.

4. **Photography Limits** – Only digital photos are required for submission. E.g. JPG or PNG files.

- a. Photos must be taken with a non-professional camera. Specifically, you can not use special equipment nor settings for improved results. The photos should reflect what you can see with your eyes. Most people will take the photos with a camera, an iPad or a cell phone. Alteration of the photo by using special camera settings, re-colouring, photo-shopping, adding in or removing photo content after the image is taken, etc. will not be allowed. You may crop the photo to add focus on the subject.
- b. How to Enter. Please email the photo(s) to Doreen Coyne as jpg or png files. (coynedwc@gmail.com). Be sure to name your photos using the required naming convention per file which is: “C” followed by “class number” then \*-” followed by “your title for the photo” then “-” and then your initials. **An example of a photo in class 2 taken by a person with initials “dwc” might be named “C2-yellow bird-dwc”**. The Contest committee will change your initials to an entrant number so that your entries are anonymous when judged.
- c. All entries will be posted on a OneDrive or Google Docs site so they can be reviewed by the judges and contest committee as required.

- d. All entries will be shown during the AGM with winning ribbons added so you know who won in each class.

## 5. Rules

- a. The photos must have been taken between Jan.1 2024 and Dec. 31, 2024.
- b. Entries may be submitted by EOD (end of day) March 15, 2025.
- c. Please, no entries may be copied/plagiarized from the internet or other sources.
- d. Entries must have been taken by the Society member. That member does not have to be an attendee at the event.

## 6. Judges & Judging Process

- a. Judging will be done by a qualified photography judge after the entry submission date and be finalized within one week of that. A PowerPoint presentation will be created and once the winners are known. An image of the various ribbons that your Society members won will be added to the presentation. If you want the actual ribbons to attach to the winning photos (which you'd have to print) for your archives, let Doreen know and they can be sent or given to your Society.

## 7. Recognition Prizes

The prizes will be ribbons for 1st Place, 2nd place, and 3rd place per class. A Judge's Choice ribbon may be awarded for the best photo within each class. A Best in Show ribbon may also be awarded.

## March Speaker - Arlene Hazzan Green

Metamorphosis to Urban Farming

**Synopsis:** Any kind of change is difficult but changing our spending and eating habits can sometimes feel impossible. Transforming from a fortunate consumer who has a world of choice at the grocery store to a city dweller who grows their own food is not easy. But it can be done and it doesn't have to be done alone. Hear how growing your own food at home, school and even the workplace is becoming a game-changing movement and how urban farmers and home gardeners can lead the way.

**Speaker Bio:** After three decades in the motion picture industry, Arlene Hazzan Green and Marc Green co-founded The Backyard Urban Farm Company (BUFCO), an award-winning organic landscaping business in Toronto. BUFCO's mission is to inspire urbanites to grow their own food and reconnect with nature. Arlene is an Organic Master Gardener, Organic Landcare Designer and an Emmy-winning director and writer. Established in 2009, BUFCO designs, builds, installs and maintains organic edible and native pollinator gardens for homes, schools, and businesses, and offer educational programs for all ages.





## Gardening Events – March 2025

- Credit Valley Conservation**: Invites you to enjoy their winter activities!  
**Ignite the Night** – explore a two-kilometer illuminated forest trail at Terra Cotta Conservation Area on March 1 | 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Regular admission rates. Adults \$8. Seniors \$6.50.  
**Maple Syrup in the Park** – celebrate Maple Season at our annual festival and experience the Canadian tradition of maple syrup March 13 – 16 and March 22 – 23 | 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$7.65 to \$15. While you are there, check out **Ancestral Storytelling with Traditional Grandmother Kim Wheatley** – explore traditional Anishinaabe Teachings and storytelling. March 16 | 12:30 to 1:30 pm and 3:30 to 4:30 pm.  
 \*reserve your time slot when you book your **Maple Syrup in the Park** tickets.
- The Riverwood Conservancy**: More events to enjoy this winter!  
**Forest Bathing** at Riverwood Monday March 3 | 3:30 – 5:30 pm. FREE  
**Astronomy Course: Explore the Night Sky** Join the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada for this 4-night course on March 5, 19, 26 and April 2 | 7 – 9 pm. \$100.  
**Birding with the Expert** at J.C. Saddington Park on Saturday March 8 and again on Wednesday March 19 | 8:30 - 10:00 am. \$5.  
**March Break Discovery** various workshops very morning Monday March 10 to Thursday March 13. See website for details.
- Royal Botanical Gardens: Alice in Bloomland Exhibit** - Experience a whimsical floral showcase featuring over 25,000 real orchid blooms. Step into a storybook-inspired world where horticulture meets art, with over 25,000 real orchid blooms! Purchase your time-ticketed experience on Tuesdays to Sundays from Saturday Feb 1 to Sunday March 30 | 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$11.50 to \$19.50 from the RBG website.
- University of Guelph Arboretum**: continues with its virtual and in-person winter workshops.  
**Virtual Composting for Gardeners – Introduction to Composting** Tuesday March 4 | 7-8 pm via Zoom. \$10 +HST per person.  
**Family Bird Watching Hike** – Tuesday March 11 OR Thursday March 13 | 9-11 am in-person at the Arboretum. Cost \$12 +HST per person.  
**Restoring Fruit Trees** – Wednesday March 12 | 1-4 pm in-person at the Arboretum. Cost \$65 + HST per person.  
**The Art and Practice of Pruning** – Tuesday March 18 | 1-4 pm in-person at the Arboretum. Cost \$65 per person.  
**Virtual Bird Sounds Series** – 8 days of a one-hour Zoom session! March 17,19,24,26,31, April 2, 7, and 9. | noon – 1pm. Cost \$70 + HST

## Streetsville Horticultural Society Newsletter Content Deadlines

Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date	Issue	Deadline Date
Dec '24	Nov 22/24	Jan '25	Dec 20/24	Feb '25	Jan 24/25
March '25	Feb 21/25	April '25	March 21/25	May '25	April 18/25
June '25	May 23/25				

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.