



The Year of the Foxglove - photograph by Christiana Carter



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2018 Annual General Meeting

The **2018 District 17 Annual General Meeting**, hosted by the Bowmanville Horticultural Society, will be held Saturday, April 21st in Courtice. The theme for 2018 is "Blossoms and Bees". 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our Club will once again subsidize the fee for the first 25 members who wish to attend. Instead of the \$30.00 fee, it will only cost you \$15.00. Please let **Debbie Watson** know, as soon as possible, if you plan to attend.

Should you wish to enter the Photo Contest, please review the AGM photo contest rules that were distributed by e-mail.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

As we enter into the holiday season, we continue to be blessed with warmer than seasonal temperatures, which is great for those a bit tardy on garden clean-up as well as setting up Christmas decorations and lights.

This year, Uxbridge will celebrate our 10th anniversary of **The Festival of Lights** in Elgin Park, and it is shaping up to be the best yet. **The Festival of Lights** runs from December 9th to January 1st, and this year also celebrates Canada's 150. The entrance is off Elgin Park Drive and there is no cost – but donations are gratefully accepted by the sponsoring Optimist Club of Uxbridge. You can drive through as well as walk through. It is truly magical!!

We encourage you to consider attending the 2018 District 17 Annual General Meeting – details on the left. The speakers are interesting and fun, and it is a great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow Club members better as well.

Thank you to all members for making 2017 a very successful year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in the spring. On behalf of the Executive, I would like to wish you and yours all a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe holiday season, and all the best for 2018!

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Spring Events & Meetings

- Saturday, April 21, 2018: District 17 Annual General Meeting, hosted by the Bowmanville Horticultural Society
- Wednesday, April 11, 2018: Our first Meeting of 2018
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018: May Meeting

Remembering ROBERT (Bob, Robbie) CLARRIDGE

Bob Clarridge was such a big part of the Uxbridge Horticultural Society for many years and with his passing, I asked some of his friends and fellow gardening enthusiasts for their memories and thoughts. Thank you **Rod and Rose Sharrard**, and **Sharon Bognar**, for your remembrances.

“Robbie was a generous gardener who shared his plants with any person who took an interest, and gladly shared his garden with hummingbirds, birds, bees, chipmunks, etc. Robbie had a beautiful pond for guests to view the gorgeous water lilies. Unfortunately, the deer also took a liking to this pond, and Robbie (and Gerald) patiently took on the task to restock the flora each year.

Robbie’s property was highly regarded on horticultural tours he hosted; visitors were inspired by his vision and efforts to make his gardens memorable.

Robbie showed his fruits, vegetables and flowers beautifully in the monthly flower shows, winning many, many awards for many years.

Robbie was a true master of the garden and a devoted friend. His humour and intelligence will always be a cherished memory.” **Rod & Rose Sharrard**

“I knew Bob to be a very knowledgeable horticulturalist. He came from Ontario but had lived in Jamaica so he knew tropical plants as well. His gardens were open to tours but he welcomed anyone who was interested. When he came to our shows he was very competitive. It was his pride and joy to bring in both flowers and vegetables.” **Sharon Bognar**

Results of the November Preserves Contest

1st: **Sharon Bognar** for her **Pear Marmalade**

2nd: **Connie Wells** for her **Rhubarb Strawberry Orange Jam**

3rd: **Marlene Noble** for her **Strawberry Jam**

1st: **Sandra Evans** for her **Strawberry Jelly**

2nd: **Sue Norley** for her **Apple Jelly**

And the recipe for the **Pear Marmalade**, courtesy of **Sharon**:

4 cups of diced pears, peeled
1 lemon, juice and zest
4 cups organic sugar
1 box of pectin

Boil all above ingredients together for 10 minutes. Then turn the heat down and add 1 teaspoon of butter. Simmer 5 minutes and then jar in sterilized jars.



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Left to right: **Rick Causton, Chris Broughton, Agnes Croxford, Nancy Vincent, Chris Page, Marlene Noble, Angie Andruss, Rose Doyle and Joyce Brown.**

Photo by **Jocelyne Wallingford**, also a member of