



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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The Year of the Tulip - photograph by Karen Vanderlee

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July Garden Tour for Members

Our 2018 Garden Tour for Members was once again a tremendous success, despite the heat and humidity. Everyone who attended had a great day and took in some beautiful, unique gardens and lots of good ideas.

Many thanks to **Christine Page, Sue Norley, Rose Sharrard, Stephanie Davidson, Gail Wood and Chris and Yvonne** for their hospitality and allowing us into their beautiful gardens.

The Tour ended at the home of **Christiana, Yvonne and Gerda** where everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck and the company of fellow members.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

I hope that you are all enjoying this beautiful summer that we are having!

A special "thank you" to **Agnes** and all of the garden maintenance volunteers for your great work on the Uxbridge gardens that our Society looks after. The gardens look great and we get a constant stream of compliments and thanks for your work on these gardens.

In speaking with fellow gardeners, I find that many of you, like me, are experiencing some challenging garden and plant experiences this summer, such as normally zone-hardy plants not doing well or dying, strange insects attacking plants, lack of rain, stunted plant growth, and so on. Although these can be discouraging and/or maddening at times, I have decided to try and treat these as mysteries to solve and explore natural alternatives to defeat these challenges. Our weather will no doubt continue to vary and so we will need to adapt and go with the flow. As the Greek philosopher Heraclitus noted "change is the only constant in life."

Our September meeting will feature guest speaker **Lizzie Matheson**. **Lizzie** is extremely talented and knowledgeable in flower design, and you will find her a tremendously personable and entertaining speaker. Not to be missed!

Please take advantage of the abundant, beautiful local produce. There is no better time of the year to support our local economy.

Sandee

Upcoming Events

- **August 8th:** Guest Speaker: **Gini Sage** Topic: **"Invasive Species"**
- **September 7th - 9th:** **Uxbridge Fall Fair**, held in Elgin Park
- **September 12th:** Guest Speaker: **Lizzie Matheson** Topic: **"Fall These Design"**

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Reid

July Flower Show Results

Our first place winner is **Angie Andruss** with 126 points, second place is **Joyce Brown** with 73 points and third place goes to **Cathy Van Hezewijk** with 40 points.

They are followed by **Ena Wassenaar** (30), **Nancy Vincent** (11), **Muriel Tassie** (8), **Heather Bayliss** (6), **Eva Griffin** (4) and **Doris Clarke** (2). **Best Delphinium** goes to **Eva Griffin** and **Muriel Tassie** wins **Best Rose**. Congratulations everyone!

Thank you **Enid Jones** and **Rose Sharrard** for volunteering to go around with the judge.

Yvonne

November Meeting

We are very excited about our November meeting format – a Bazaar Evening! We invite three of our sponsors to do a presentation for our members and we invite all sponsors to set up a table for members to meet them and find out more about their products/services. We also invite members who lovingly produce their crafts, be it quilts, notes, jewellery, paintings, etc., to set up a table to display and sell their crafts. Please advise **Christiana** by the end of September if you would like to set up a table at this November event.

The evening is informal and we invite you to bring a friend, spouse or family member. There is no flower show at this meeting; however finger foods and refreshments will be available.

This is a great opportunity to get a start on your Christmas shopping with some unique gifts, find out more about our sponsors and mingle with other members.

Uxbridge Fall Fair 2018

This year the Uxbridge Fall Fair will run Friday, September 7th through Sunday, September 9th. The theme this year is "Farm Gate to Dinner Plate", celebrating the contributions of our farmers to our healthy daily life.

The Agricultural Division includes a *Flower Section* as well as a *Vegetables, Herbs and Fruit Section*. We encourage you to display the results of all your gardening efforts at the Fair. Details of the categories and rules of display can be found on the Uxbridge Fall Fair website: www.uxbridgefair.ca under the Agricultural Division 2018 tab. You can also speak directly to **Bev Latva** for more information or if you have any questions. There is also a *Junior Flowers and Vegetables Section* for the young gardeners in your family to submit the results of their gardening efforts.

If you have a bit of time to spare on that weekend, we are looking for a few volunteers to staff the Agricultural Building for a few hours sometime over the Fair weekend. It is a lot of fun!

If you are able to help, please contact **Ena Wassenaar** or speak with her at this month's meeting.

Yearbook Cover Photo Contest

The Flower of the Year for 2019 is the **Hydrangea**. At our September meeting, you will be asked to view the Hydrangea photos submitted and vote on your favorite to grace our 2019 Yearbook Cover.

Please submit your photo electronically to Yvonne de Ruiter by August 31st. yr@powergate.ca

- One entry per person
- Hydrangea does not have to be from your garden

Photo Contest

On page 28 of our current Yearbook, you will find the details of the photo classes for this year's **Photo Contest**, along with the Rules for Submission.

Yvonne has looked after the **Photo Contest** for the past number of years but will be stepping back after this year. We are looking for someone to take over the coordination role of the **Photo Contest**. It is a once a year event – please speak to Yvonne for details if you can help out with managing the **Photo Contest**.

Tulip Tips for Spring 2019

I know, I know – don't push the summer season! BUT, it is time to think about what bulbs you want in your garden for next spring. Planting time for tulips (and other bulbs as well) is October/November. But to get the best selection you probably need to purchase your bulbs in late August or early September.

Keep in mind that tulips are eager to grow so if you plant them too soon, they may send up leaves right away. This is not a good thing as this will freeze them when winter comes. When you purchase your bulbs, the best way to store them until planting time is to keep them cool – in a refrigerator crisper drawer if possible. However, **do not put them together with apples or other fruits**, which can give off ethylene gas and kill the flower bud inside of the bulbs.

When buying bulbs, make sure they are fat and firm! Avoid bulbs that are soft, flabby, have mold on them or whose papery cover is missing.

Next month – Tulip Planting Tips

What's in Season in August

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|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| - Tomatoes | - Raspberries | - Onions | - Melons |
| - Squash | - Plums | - Garlic | - Grapes |
| - Potatoes | - Pears | - Lettuce | - Corn |
| - Peppers | - Peaches | - Eggplant | - Cauliflower |
| - Peas | - Nectarines | - Cucumbers | - Cabbage |
| - Celery | - Blueberries | - Broccoli | - Beets |
| - Beans | - Apples | | |



Garden Tour 2018