



# Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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## "Your Local Garden Club News"



*The Year of the Tulip - photograph by Karen Vanderlee*

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### Our December Meeting

The last meeting of the 2018 Season will be on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is our Annual **Potluck Dinner**, followed by the Installation of Officers for 2019 and Annual Awards Presentation.

**Please note that the evening starts at 6:30!!**  
Always a delicious evening! Don't forget to bring one of your favorite dishes, as well as your own place settings. And you are most welcome to bring your significant other or a friend.

### Dear Fellow Gardeners:

As we approach the end of our 2018 gardening season, hopefully you have had a chance to put your gardens to bed for their winter rest. There is still a bit of time left to plant any remaining bulbs but you should get them in as soon as possible. **Sharon Bognar** has shared some garlic bulb planting tips with us on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thank you very much to our members, headed up by **Rick**, that cleaned up our Uxbridge gardens and planted bulbs for a beautiful spring display. **Agnes, Angie, Chris (Broughton), Joyce, Rick and Rose** – your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

This month is our Bazaar evening with Sponsors and some of our many talented artistic members. We will also have a couple of demos by some of our Sponsors. We do this format every couple of years and it is always a lot of fun and well received.

**The 2019 Annual General Meeting** for our District will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Udora Community Hall. Although spring seems like a long way off, it will be here soon enough and we want to make sure that we reserve a place for all of our members that want to attend. Please see details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Stay safe this winter! Don't forget your flu shots and snow tires!

*Sandee*

### Upcoming Events

- **November 14<sup>th</sup>:** Bazaar Evening with our Sponsors and our talented Members
- **December 12<sup>th</sup>:** **6:30 p.m. Christmas Potluck;** Award Presentations; Installation of Officers
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>:** First meeting of the 2019 Season
- **April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Annual General Meeting – District 17

### **In Memorium – Colleen Dunlop**

We are sad to announce that **Colleen Dunlop** passed away in October. **Colleen** was a long-time member of our Horticultural Society, spending many hours volunteering for various horticultural events. **Colleen** also loved showing her flowers and plants, and very much enjoyed our monthly flower and designs shows.

We extend our sympathies to **Colleen's** family and friends.

### **October Flower Show Results**

**Sharon Bognar** captured first place with 126 points, second place went to **Joyce Brown** with 65 points, and third place to **Angie Andruss** with 58 points.

They were followed by **Ena Wassenaar** (42), **Nancy Vincent** (16), **Kathleen Ravitch** (12) , **Denise Minns** (7), and **Louise Saunders** (3). **Angie Andruss** won **Best Chrysanthemum**.

Thank you **Agnes Croxford** and **Paula Smith** for helping with the show. Thank you all for another great season of shows despite the weather. It was wonderful to behold!

**Yvonne**

**And on behalf of all of our members, thank you Yvonne for organizing and overseeing our Flower, Design and Plant Shows throughout the year. It is no small task and we appreciate all you do to ensure we have the amazing shows that we have each month.**

### **Uxbridge Fall Fair – Thank You**

On behalf of **Ena Wassenaar** and **myself**, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help with the **Horticultural Show** at the **Uxbridge Fall Fair**, as well as those of you who participated by showing your flowers, designs and vegetables. The Fair and its many aspects, such as the Horticultural/Agricultural Building, is a significant event in our beautiful town and is visited by literally hundreds of people each fall. We welcome your participation in the **Uxbridge Fall Fair** next year and will be advising you of the many categories in which you can enter early in the year.

**Bev Latva**

### **Planting Garlic**

Although we are somewhat late in the season, there is still time to plant garlic if you can get it planting now.

Make sure that the soil where you are planting your garlic is loose and fertilized. Treat garlic like a fall bulb. Plant it 2 – 3 inches deep and about 4 inches apart. Water well but don't drown it. Cover the bulbs with soil and mulch, much as you would for fall bulbs. Make a note of the area where the garlic is planted, either by photo or markers in the ground.

Make a note in your calendar for spring watering and weeding. Your garlic will be ready for picking between late July and early August. It will deteriorate quickly if not picked at peak time. Dry your garlic with the stalks, roots and leaves attached. Do not wash or rinse the garlic before drying as this could bring on mold. Choose a cool, shaded and well ventilated place to dry your garlic, which can be hung to dry or laid out in a single layer.

Properly dried garlic should keep well up to Christmas time.

**Sharon Bognar**

## **2019 District 17 Annual General Meeting**

The OHA District 17 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Hosted by the Georgina-Brock Garden Club, the meeting will be held at the Udora Community Centre. The theme of the meeting is *"Muddy Boots"*. The agenda includes a Flower and Design Show, Silent Auction, Photography Competition, Two Keynote Speakers – "Your Garden Wakes Up for Spring" and "Sacred Plants – Spiritual and Medicinal Uses", Luncheon and Snacks, and Vendors.

**As in other years, our Club will pay half of the registration cost for the first 25 of our members to sign up for the District 17 AGM. As the registration cost for the day is \$30.00, our Club will pay \$15.00.**

As pre-registration is required, if you would like to attend, please advise ***Debbie Watson*** **by the end of February, 2019**. If you would like to enter the Flower/Design Show or the Photography Competition, you can get the details and rules by e-mail from ***Rose Doyle***.

This is always an interesting and fun event, as well as a great opportunity to meet members of other Horticultural groups in our District.

## **Raking/Bagging or Mulching Leaves**

Fall brings with it much beauty as well as a chance to pull out our favorite sweaters, bring out our favorite fall recipes, enjoy the bounty from our gardens and ..... rake leaves, a chore which many of us don't look forward to. But do we really need to rake and bag all those leaves?

There are two schools of thought but many experts actually recommend, rather than raking and bagging all those leaves, it is better for your garden and lawn, not to mention your back, if you **finely** mulch all those leaves. The mulched leaves can either be left on your lawn to feed it or put on your flowerbeds.

The goal of mulching is to shred the leaves into pieces no larger than a dime. If you plan to leave the mulched leaves on your lawn, this may take a few passes with the lawnmower. Properly mulched, your lawn should look like you have raked it, without the work. If you want to use the mulched leaves for your gardens, make sure you attach a bag to catch the mulched leaves.

It is worth noting that the difference between a regular lawnmower and a mulching mower is that mulching mowers have special blades that cut the grass, then cut the clippings over and over again until they are very small. A regular mower may not cut up the leaves enough for them to be effective, and may in fact, smother your lawn.

The benefits of shredding leaves are many: shredding over raking saves time and your back, as the leaves decompose, they act as both a fertilizer and a weed control agent, it can save money and keep leaves out of landfills.

Whatever you choose to do, it is essential that unmulched leaves do not remain on the lawn. They will block out the sunlight as well as encourage mold sitting wet over the winter, as well as host diseases which may "wake up" on warmer days. They can also provide a safe home to certain pests over the winter.

***"The name 'November' is believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month after March. As part of the seasonal calendar November is the time of the 'Snow Moon' according to Pagan beliefs and the period described as the 'Moon of the Falling Leaves' by Black Elk."***



*Garden Clean-Up & Planting Bulbs, above pictures, clockwise from top right:  
Agnes & Rick; Chris Broughton, Rose & Agnes, Rose  
Below left: Rick  
Below right: October's Gift Table – thank you Angie for putting it together*