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The Year of the Tulip - photograph by Karen Vanderlee

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Many Thanks to the Garden Volunteers

Thanks to the hard work of many dedicated volunteers this summer, the gardens looked terrific all summer long, and I received many compliments throughout the season.

I hope everyone who participated enjoyed themselves. Several new members participated, so I hope it was an opportunity for you to make some new friends.

Thanks again and I hope to see you next year!

Agnes Croxford

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

I hope that you all enjoyed last month's speaker **Lizzie Matheson** as much as I did. With her relaxed but elegant design creation and wonderful personality, she makes it all look so easy. Please make sure you check out our own flower show entries – we also have some very creative designers amongst us. And give some thought to creating and entering your own designs at next year's flower shows.

As **Agnes** thanks the many volunteers who have kept the Uxbridge gardens that we maintain looking beautiful this year, on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank **Agnes** for all her time and effort in organizing and managing the whole process. Really great job!

Next month's meeting is our "**Craft and Sponsor Sale for early Christmas shopping**" and a great opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow members. If you have not already done so, please make sure you sign that you are coming and how many guests you are bringing. We have numerous sponsors and talented members who will have tables at this meeting for you to peruse and hopefully find some gifts (or services) that you have been looking for.

As we view the very early snowfall surprise in the Calgary area from afar, here's hoping we too don't get any early winter weather surprises. Wishing you a beautiful fall season!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

- **October 10th:** Guest Speaker: **Tara Nolan** Topic: "**Raised Bed Revolution**"; Photo Contest
- **November 14th:** **Bazaar Evening with our Sponsors and our talented Members**
- **December 12th:** **6:30 p.m. Christmas Potluck**; Award Presentations; Installation of Officers

90 Years Young

Muriel Tassie will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, October 20th at the Greenbank Church (19991 Highway 12 at Greenbank) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please come by and wish Muriel a Happy Birthday! Light refreshments will be served.

September Flower Show Results

Our first place winner is **Angie Andruss** (131 points), second goes to **Joyce Brown** (130 points) and third goes to **Rose Sharrard** (51 points).

They were followed by **Ena Wassenaar** (48), **Nancy Vincent** (26), **Denise Minns**, **Pam Roycroft** and **Louise Saunders** (4), and **Lyn May** (3). **Joyce Brown** won **Best Cosmos** and **Best Zinnia**, **Angie Andruss** won **Best Dahlia** and **Rose Sharrard** won **Best Tomato**.

Thank you **Mariette Georgiadis** and **Cathy Van Hezewijk** for helping with the show.

Yvonne

Positions Filled and Positions Still Open

Volunteers are the backbone of any successful organization and ours is no exception. Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to run a very enjoyable, interesting, fun and successful garden club.

We are very pleased that a number of our members – **Rose Sharrard**, **Cathy Van Hezewijk**, **Agnes Croxford** and **Lyn May** have graciously stepped up to fill a number of positions we needed filled. Thank you so much and we look forward to working with you!

We are still looking for members to volunteer as Directors, Vice President and President. These are all crucial positions but I want to stress that they have the full, ongoing support and assistance of our Executive Group, many of whom are continuing to work together to ensure we continue having a great garden club. Please give some thought to volunteering your time and talents. The old adage – **Many hands make light work** – still holds strong.



Yearbook 2019 Cover Photo Contest

Thank you to everyone that submitted Hydrangea photos for consideration as the 2019 Yearbook Cover Photo. They were all great and it was a difficult and close choice.

Congratulations to **Sandee Basten-Snell** on the selection of her photo of her **Strawberry Pink Parfait Hydrangea** (*Hydrangea paniculata* 'Vanille Fraise' as the winner.

All of the photos submitted will be displayed, with credits, in/on one or more of our Bookmarks, Website, Yearbook and Twitter Account.

Fall Garden Clean-Up & Bulb Planting

This fall we again will be putting to bed the gardens that our garden club looks after. At the same time we will be planting bulbs for a beautiful spring display. The timing is scheduled for as soon as possible after the first frost. **Rick Causton** is the coordinator for this clean-up event and is looking for some additional volunteers that could help. Please contact **Rick** directly at this month's meeting or at rickcaustonsales@andrewswireless.net.

Rick will be sending out an e-mail with the date(s) right after the first frost so please be sure to let him know you are able to help.

Planting Tulips in Containers for Spring

As the gardening season for 2018 starts to draw to a close, this is my last mini-article on tulips.

Planting tulips in your garden can be a very worthwhile and rewarding endeavour. Sometimes however, Mother Nature throws in curveballs, our little furry friends get to the bulbs, etc. And not everyone has a garden spot for bulbs. That's where planting bulbs in containers comes in. So grab some containers and follow along.

Now is the best time to pot up tulips. Your containers should be at least 18 – 20" high and 15 - 18" wide (although you can plant the bulbs in any container deep enough). Tulips from pretty well any of the groups will work but it is best to choose bulbs that will bloom around the same time (early, mid or late). Decide on the colour scheme and effect you want prior to purchasing your bulbs.

Fill your container with a lightweight, inexpensive potting soil. Ignoring the usual "rules" of planting bulbs so far apart, place the bulbs close together in a circular pattern, planting them at the same depth as you would in the garden, i.e., two to three times the height of the bulb. Cover them with remaining potting soil.

Place your container(s) in an unheated spot such as a garage, or a cold cellar. Once you have placed the pots where you plan to keep them, water them well and then leave them alone until spring. DO NOT water throughout the winter or there's a good chance your bulbs will go mushy.

In early spring, water them sparingly and then keep your eye on them. Once the bulb tips start peeking through the surface, bring them out and place them where you want to show them off. Once they have finished blooming, depending on how thrifty you are and/or your energy level, you can either plant them in the garden or compost them, choosing another colour scheme for next year.



December Meeting

Just an early reminder regarding the format of our December meeting. Starting at 6:30 pm, we invite you to bring a favorite dish for our Potluck Dinner. We always have a great variety of delicious dishes and desserts for all to enjoy! This is followed by the presentation of the 2018 Awards and the Installation of Officers for 2019.

You are most welcome to bring a spouse, partner or friend to the December Pot Luck!



Above and below right : Lizzie Matheson with her beautiful designs

Above and below left: A few other of her designs



Above left: Garden at the front of the Library

Above right: Children's garden at the back of the Library

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

... Albert Camus