



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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The Year of the Hydrangea - photograph by Sandee Basten-Snell

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Events for Gardeners in Ontario

In 2018 Garden Making magazine ceased publication due to increasing preference for on-line information. They have, however, continued with an excellent on-line presence featuring design, plant and general gardening information.

They also have an Events Calendar, which is well worth checking out. The website address is: www.gardenmaking.com. Once there, click on the "Events Calendar" tab, then the "In Ontario" tab, and you will find an extensive listing of gardening related events, festivals and meetings.

Something for everyone!

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

This past month has been such a busy month for our Club that I almost didn't know where to start with this month's newsletter. As usual we had some outstanding designs and flower show submissions at our monthly Flower show; our annual Plant and Bake Sale was a fun and very successful day; and the great work by our garden clean up and planting volunteers is very much appreciated! So I decided to dedicate more space than usual this month to photos.

With the large amount of gardening talent that we have, from beginners to masters, we enjoy one of the very best flower shows in any garden club. This is something we are all very proud of, and it's all thanks to you, our members. On Page 3 of this newsletter, I have written a brief paragraph on the Flower Show at the Uxbridge Fall Fair. Please check out their website and considering entering in the Fair's Flower and Vegetable Show.

We would like to wish all of our Dad members a Very Happy Father's Day, along with all sons, fathers, grandfathers, husbands and partners.

As I write this, the weather seems to be (finally) taking a turn for the better. May your gardens reward you with their beauty as they grow their "summer legs".

Happy June and an early wish for a very Happy Canada Day!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 12th:

Guest speaker: **Suzanne Catty** Topic: "Growing and Making Potions and Lotions from the Garden", Flower Show

Wednesday, July 10th:

Guest speaker: **Carol Pasternak** Topic: "Drama in the Butterfly Garden", Flower Show

Sunday, August 11th:

Garden Tour for Members Only

Plant and Bake Sale

Our Plant and Bake Sale was a tremendous success, particularly given the delayed spring we have been experiencing, which somewhat dented our contributions to the plant sale. However, what we were short on in the Plant area, you came through BIG time on the Bake Sale side. We had the most contributions that we have ever had and what a variety!

Our total earnings: \$1,212.00 (Plant Sale: \$ 765.50; Bake Sale: \$446.50)

Once again this year, the venue proved to be a perfect location. Thank you very much to **H.H. Goode & Son** for their generosity in letting us use their parking lot for the Sale.



May Show Results

Angie Andruss came in first with 118 points, and she also won **Best Spring Flowering Bulb**. Second place goes to **Cathy Van Hezewijk** with 37 points, and third place goes to **Joyce Brown** with 29 points.

They were followed by **Nancy Vincent** (25), **Yvonne de Ruiter** (18), **Rose Sharrard** (15), **Sharon Bognar** (9), **Lyn May** (4), and **Denise Mins** (3).

Thanks to **Heather Bayliss** and **Nancy Vincent** for helping with the judge.

Yvonne



Contact Information

Please check that we have your correct e-mail address and contact information. A number of our members have changed or have a new e-mail address. If the information that we have for you has changed, please advise **Christine Page** at the meeting when you sign in, or let **Rose** and/or **myself** know by e-mail.

We want to be sure to keep in touch!

Uxbridge Farmers' Market

The Uxbridge Farmers' Market is in full swing at the Second Wedge Brewing Company on Victoria Street, every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Although the weather has posed a slow start, things are picking up. Their policy of requiring vendors to produce the majority of what they sell and not purchase from the Ontario Food Terminal for re-sale, is well worth emphasizing. When you purchase at our Uxbridge Market, you are directly supporting a local farmer or business.

You may also want to consider a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Membership. Basically, you sign up for a "basket" a week of whatever is in season – different sizes are usually available depending on the size of your family. My husband and I have participated in this for many years, as have other family members in the areas where they live. There are a number of vendors at the Uxbridge Market who offer these memberships, as well as other farmers in the area.

Uxbridge Fall Fair – Flower Show

You may wonder why I am writing about the Fall Fair in June. The Fair is always looking for new and exciting entries in their Shows, both for adults and children, and as a sponsoring Club of the Flower Show, we would love to see more members (and children/grandchildren) submit entries. This early notice gives you plenty of time to check out the entry categories and decide if and what you might like to enter.

The categories for entry are listed on the Fair's website – www.uxbridgefair.ca – tab "Things to do at the Fair", tab "Agriculture", tabs "Flowers 2019" and "Junior Flowers and Vegetables Section 2019". These sections list the entry categories and rules, and you will see that there are many opportunities for entries from your flower and vegetable gardens, along with design entry categories for those of you who love doing design.

For the youngsters, it is a great learning opportunity and as a volunteer in this area each year, I can attest to the children's excitement when they bring in their parents, grandparents, etc., to see their entries and ribbons won.

This year's Fall Fair will run from Friday, September 6th to Sunday, September 8th. The theme will be "Farm Boots and Country Roots". For more information, you can speak to our own **Bev Latva** who is the Fair Director responsible for this area.

"What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade."

... Gertrude Jekyll

Garden Clean-up and Planting

The Gardens of Uxbridge that our Club looks after got an thorough, excellent clean-up and planting, thanks to the following member volunteers, headed up by **Rick Causton**:

Angie Andruss, Chris Broughton, Joyce Brown, Marg Causton, Agnes Croxford, Kathleen Ravitch and Rose Sharrard.

Many thanks to these folks who came out, despite the weather not willing to cooperate. The Gardens look great!!

As a reminder, **Agnes** still has a few spots to fill for garden maintenance throughout the season, so please let her know if you have a bit of time to help out.



Member Businesses

A number of our members have personal businesses which they would like to make other members aware of. We will include these in the newsletter however, please note that as an organization, we are simply providing a communication vehicle and not an endorsement. Please contact me at sbsnell@sympatico.ca if you would like us to include your business information in the newsletter.

Mirela Lazaroiu

Mirela is an **Independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant**, offering our members a complementary Mary Kay beauty session including Skin Analysis, Lip and Hand treatments, a self-guided anti-aging Facial and Mini Makeover. Additionally, **Mirela** offers a 10% discount to members on any purchases made. All products are 100% guaranteed and if you are not completely satisfied, you can return them for a full refund.

You can contact **Mirela** at (647-990-3616) or by e-mail at: mir_laz@yahoo.ca

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