



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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

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Children's Garden Update

The soil in the Children's Garden has now been replaced with new soil and a new drip irrigation system has been laid down.

Uxbridge Tree Service (now called UTS) will be grinding out any old remaining roots and planting the Red Bud Tree in early October, as well as placing the Rock where it needs to be. Once that is done, some of our volunteers will be replanting some of the plants that came out of the garden – Daylilies, Hostas, Sedum. The remaining trees, shrubs and flowers will be planted in the spring.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Some months, I find myself wishing that I had more photos to share with you. This month I find I have so many photos that I will be splitting them between this month's newsletter and the next one.

Thank you to those of you who shared your butterfly photos and stories. Last month, **Angie's** Black Diamond butterfly was featured. This month, **Shirley Hammond** and **Bev Latva** share their butterfly stories and pictures. These have also been passed on to **Carol Pasternak**, our *Drama in the Butterfly Garden* speaker, who of course is delighted that we all enjoyed her presentation and gifts of chrysalis that some of you took home with you.

We continue to receive great feedback about our Club, meetings and speakers and we thank you! As a result, we have a fair bit of interest expressed in our Club so if you have friends and/or family that would also be interested, please pass our information on to them.

Our Club will be hosting the District 17 AGM in the spring of 2021. We are in the process of putting together a Committee to organize and coordinate this Meeting. Please talk to either Pam, Rose or myself if you would like to participate on this Committee with us. Many hands make lighter work AND produce better ideas!

Wishing you all a beautiful fall!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, October 9th: Topic: **"Herbs Around the World"**; Speakers: **Gini Sage & Elaine Davidson**; Photo Contest; Flower Show
- Wednesday, November 13th: Topic: **"Gardening for the Birds"**; Speaker: **Karen Durnin**
- Wednesday, December 11th: **Christmas Potluck**; Installation of Officers; Award Presentations

September Flower Show Results

Our first place winner goes to **Angie Andruss** (102 points), second goes to **Joyce Brown** (79), and third goes to **Rose Sharrard** (74 points).

They were followed by **Cathy Van Hezewijk** (59), **Sharon Bognar** (40), **Ena Wassenaar** (30), **Debbie Watson** (12), **Pam Roycroft** and **Ruth Tong** (9), **Louise Saunders** and **Nancy Vincent** (8), and **Kathleen Ravitch** (4). **Rose Sharrard** won **Best Cosmos**, **Best Tomato** and **Best Zinnia**, and **Kathleen Ravitch** won **Best Dahlia**.

Thank you **Kathleen Ravitch** and **Nancy Sim** for helping with the Show.

Yvonne

Uxbridge Fall Fair

From **Bev Latva**, Uxbridge Fair President

"A special thank you to all the Horticultural members that supported the Fair this year. Lots of entries as well as Volunteers to help with building security and information, setup and judging of the Horticultural section! Your support was greatly appreciated!"

The Uxbridge Fair also appreciates the Horticultural Society's yearly sponsorship donation!"

This year's design entries were really tremendous! **Angie, Joyce, Ena** and others really outdid themselves in terms of design, originality and presentation. I have included a few pictures from the Fair at the right. Congratulations to **Angie** for taking the overall award for Best Exhibit in Classes 41 – 50.



Bob Shepherd Trail Dedication

Bob Shepherd, former Councillor and Mayor of Uxbridge from 2004 – 2010 and President of the Uxbridge Horticultural Society for 2002 – 2003, was honored on September 24th by the renaming of a trail in the Preserve to "Mayor Bob Shepherd Woodland Trail".

Bob was Mayor when Uxbridge was named The Trail Capital of Canada; a bench and a plaque to honor **Bob** will be installed on the trail.

Congratulations Bob from all of us!



Left to right: Former Mayors **Gerri Lynn O'Connor**, **Bob Shepherd** & Current Mayor **Dave Barton**

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

... L.M. Montgomery

Garden Volunteers Needed

A number of the beautiful gardens we see in Town when we are out and about are planted, maintained throughout the summer and cleaned up in the fall by volunteers from our Club. This tends to almost always fall to the same dedicated volunteers season after season.

Please consider giving a bit of your time to help! At this time of year in particular, we could really use some extra hands in the clean-up of the gardens and planting of spring bulbs. A date for clean-up is selected based on the availability of the volunteers.

If you are able to help, please speak to Rick and/or Agnes at the meeting or contact them by phone or e-mail.

2020 Yearbook Cover Photo

Thank you all for the absolutely beautiful photo submissions for the 2020 Yearbook Cover Photo Contest. What a hard choice it was! The photo of the **Iris** that will grace our 2020 Yearbook was taken by **Stephanie Davidson**. **Congratulations Stephanie!!**

Pictured left to right:

June O'Donnell; Connie Wells, Kathy Van Hezewijk, Sharon Bognar, Christiana Carter, Nancy Vincent, Noreen Gerrish, Bev Tooley, Angie Andruss, Merna Arens and Patricia Aisling.
Absent: Stephanie Davidson



Shirley Hammond's Butterfly

"I was thrilled to have **Buddy** emerge from his cocoon in my kitchen. I put him on my screen door for a few minutes and then I opened the door and he flew out into my garden. I think he is the one that keeps coming back to our yard.

I plan to plant milkweed in my garden this fall. Thanks to Carol Pasternak for the experience."

... Shirley Hammond

Executive Group

We always appreciate the feedback, comments and suggestions from our members. It is the participation of members that makes great organizations better.

Everyone's input is valuable. New members often bring new ideas and perspectives. As we set the wheels in motion for 2020 and future years, we would welcome your participation. If you are interested in being a member of the Executive or have questions, please speak with **Pam** or **myself**. It is not an onerous time commitment - we meet monthly one week before our General Monthly meetings for approximately 2 hours.

Bev Latva's Butterflies

"We had fun this summer and overall raised and released 14 Monarchs! Guess this was a natural fit with the Bees we also raise.

Miracle got his name because we had just finished raising our Monarchs for the season and found him (as a caterpillar) trying to crawl in our back door. We brought him in and put him in our butterfly habitat my husband purchased on Amazon. We said it was a miracle he didn't get stepped on so hence this is how he got his name.

Angel was named for "special" family members in Heaven that brought so much joy into our lives.

Walter, another named after my Dad, wouldn't leave – followed me around the yard.

After that each butterfly was released and named after the special people in our lives that were no longer here. Eventually our friends would even call us and ask us to release and name one after their special family members. Lots of wonderful memories of friends and family passed - a heartwarming experience! "



Miracle



Peter



Angel ? and a friend

October Garden Chores

To some they are chores but to others a wonderful way to spend a morning or afternoon in the garden. Following are a few things to consider as we edge (slowly I hope) towards winter.

- Weed – yes, especially this time of year. Just one weed left to mature will produce hundreds of seeds that will be the first green things you see in the spring.
- Remove any dead/dying plants. Make sure you don't add anything to your compost pile that may have bugs or disease. Get them off your property.
- Unless you have a long-lasting photographic memory, make notes about what you planted where this year, especially vegetables. It is not good to grow plants from the same family in the same place year after year.
- Fertilize your lawn one last time with a good quality winter fertilizer.
- Mulch your gardens well. If you are using leaves from trees around your garden, make sure the leaves are disease-free and really well shredded.
- Plant any remaining spring flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.
- Watch for frost warnings and cover any tender vegetables that you are still growing.
- Clean and disinfect all gardening tools before you put them away for the winter.