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Zoom is our new "medium"

Until such time that we can all be together again, Zoom is and will be, our new "medium". We have had terrific response and feedback on the few things we have offered on Zoom, so if you haven't yet participated, please join us.

Many, many thanks to **Mirela** for all her work and time setting us up on Zoom, coordinating the presentations and meetings, and helping those who are a little (or a lot) Zoom challenged. If you need assistance, please reach out to us and we'll arrange to help you.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Well, life moves on, despite what is going on around us. The virus has substantially impacted our lives for over a year now and unfortunately, as I write this, shows no sign of abating anytime soon.

A few of our members have sadly passed in the last year and we extend our sympathies to their families and friends. Their memoriums are included in this newsletter on page 2.

The Executive has been meeting throughout the pandemic, looking at ways we can all keep in touch and continue enjoyment of our gardening club as best as we can. Who knew this was coming? Who knew it would last so long??

At the risk of repeating myself in this newsletter, I would like to especially express our appreciation to three of our Executive – **President Pam** and **Secretary Rose** for their beautiful cards and notes to our members; and our **Zoom expert Mirela** for all her time organizing our Zoom calls and especially helping members who are less experienced using Zoom.

Thank you as well to many of our members who have provided feedback and notes of appreciation. We are very pleased that you are enjoying and we plan to ramp up with presentations and hopefully some activities together later this year.

Wishing you all health – keep safe!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 10th: **Photography Presentation by Mike Slade** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Zoom
Saturday, April 17th: **District 17 AGM** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

In Memorium – Donna Reeve

Longtime member of the Uxbridge Horticultural Society and a good friend friend to many, ***Donna Reeve***, passed away December 12, 2020. After growing up in Uxbridge, ***Donna*** left to pursue her education and career as a law clerk in Toronto. After moving back to Uxbridge in the early 2000's with her partner Jim, and purchasing and renovating a beautiful historic home on First Avenue, ***Donna*** continued her law career and at the time of her death, was a senior real estate law clerk at the prestigious law firm McCarthy Tetrault in Toronto.

Donna had an incredible sense of style in everything that she did. With a keen and curious mind and a wide variety of interests, ***Donna*** loved learning, playing bridge, music, cooking and reading. She was an avid runner, competing twice in the New York Marathon.

Donna was devoted to Jim, their home, cottage and two dogs. If she wasn't at the cottage on a summer weekend she would be visiting garden centres, collecting the perfect plant for the beautiful gardens she created. She will be missed by many friends, colleagues and acquaintances.

In Memorium – Trevor Bishop

Longtime member and beloved husband of Margaret Bishop, ***Trevor*** passed away December 21, 2020, a number of years after his Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Trevor and Margaret (his lifelong sweetheart) moved to Canada in 1967, settling in Pickering, where they were very active in the community as founding members of the Bay Ridges Soccer Association and East Shore Community Association. ***Trevor*** started his own business, making models and patterns for the aerospace and automotive industries.

Trevor and Margaret moved to Uxbridge in 1985, building a home on a park-like setting on Wagg Road. He enjoyed working on their extensive vegetable and flower gardens, as well as their ponds and walking paths. His fine craftsmanship was evident throughout their property, both inside and out.

We extend our sympathies to Margaret, their children and spouses, grandchildren, great grandson, friends and acquaintances.

Facebook ?

A few years ago we requested feedback on whether our members wanted a Facebook page set up for our Club or not. The overwhelming consensus at that time was that there was insufficient interest and very few members said they would actively use it.

As a number of years have passed, and given the change in our ability to communicate with our membership and each other, we are once again asking for your opinion as to whether you would like **and would use** a Facebook account for the Uxbridge Horticultural Society. As there is a fair bit of time and work involved in maintaining an active and useful page for our members and the community at large, we want to ensure that you would find it useful. Please send me a simple "YES" or "NO" e-mail, along with your comments, if any. sbsnell@sympatico.ca

We will communicate the results in our May newsletter.

Vicki-Taylor Scott Award

Many of our newer members have asked us the background of the scholarship name that our club offers to a graduating student from Uxbridge Secondary School.

Vicki-Taylor Scott was a long-time member and President of the Uxbridge Horticultural Society for 2004-2005. With a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Guelph, she was a Certified Horticulturalist and Certified Landscape Designer. She was also a well-known presenter with humour as a mandatory element of her presentations, which she insisted was a key ingredient that nurtures every gardener.

Vicki worked for Goodwood Gardens, was a regular guest on television and radio programs, wrote articles for magazines and newspapers. Her speaking engagements, including Canada Blooms and the Peterborough Garden Show, took her across the province.

Prior to her death in September of 2016, **Vicki** and her family moved to the Guelph area where she planned on teaching. The Uxbridge Horticultural Society subsequently renamed the scholarship in her honour.



Society Seeds

Many thank to the very talented **Pam** and **Rose** (and their friend **Karen Deering**), for the really beautiful cards you put together and distributed, gifting us all with the Society Seeds.

Thank you **Angie** for selecting, ordering and putting all the seed packets together, and also to **Joyce Brown**! The Gaillardia seeds are courtesy of **Joyce**!

Photo Contest for the 2022 Bookmarks

As a follow up to the notice on the Photo Contest for the 2022 Bookmarks, the categories and specifications are as follows:

1. **A Perfect Rose**
2. **Butterflies or Birds**
3. **Magnolia**
4. **Succulents**
5. **Brook, Stream or River**

- Submit as JPEG images with a resolution of 200 dpi or more
- Photos are to be taken by the member during the last 24 months
- Only one entry per class
- No writing/printing on the photo
- Photos entered in previous competitions cannot be re-entered

Submission deadline date: August 31, 2021

Please submit to Contest Coordinator **Lyn May** at: lynmay4@sympatico.ca

Plant Sale 2021

One of the events we are considering holding is a Plant Sale in June of this year, pending the developments and/or restrictions around Covid and the availability of vaccinations. We are reviewing a number of possibilities where we could hold the Sale, and have appropriate social distancing, and will be contacting those sites over the next month or so.

We will update you further in the May newsletter.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Many businesses have taken a really hard hit as a result of this pandemic. Below is a list of the companies and organizations that support us, a lot of these for many years. It is now our turn to support them as much as we can. *Some of these businesses may have changed hands or shut down their business.

Please buy local whenever possible.

- Alterna Hair & Holistic Beauty
- Anne M. Designs
- Canadian Tire
- Challenger Electric
- Coldwell Banker Real Estate – Gerald Lawrence
- Community Cleaning Limited
- Complete Health – Under One Roof
- Debbi Jefferson Real Estate
- Denture Clinic (Port Perry) – Mary Ann Britt
- Dixon's Barber Shop
- Durham Kubota
- Durham – York Lock & Door Service
- H.H. Goode & Son
- Herrington's Quality Butchers
- Home Watch House Sitting Services
- IG Wealth Management
- Inside-Out Solutions
- Jones Pools
- Kalm Solutions
- Landon's Tree Service
- Mary Kay – Mirela Lazaroiu
- McDonalds
- Mr. Radon
- Oak Ridges Echo Friendly Tree Service
- One Stop Auto Glass
- Otter Greenhouses Limited
- PetValu
- Pooch Palace
- Richters Herbs
- Ridge North Home & Property Services
- Rosario Greco Styles
- Rutledge Jewellers
- Savvy Computer Solutions
- Scugog Equipment Rentals
- Sunderland Landscape Supplies
- The Flooring Barn
- The Passionate Cook's Essentials
- Thee Clean-up Shoppe
- Today's Natural Solutions
- Travel Plus
- Urban Pantry Restaurant
- Uxbridge Motorsports Marine
- Uxbridge Tree Service In.
- Village Cupcakery & Café
- Williamson Uxbridge

A Thought for These Challenging Times

"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

... Michelle Obama