



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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CORRECTION: Cover Photo Contest

My sincere apologies!! I inadvertently advised the subject of the 2023 Yearbook Cover Photo Contest was the Lilac.

In support of the Ukraine and Ukrainian people, the Executive revised the subject to **THE SUNFLOWER**. Specifications on Page 20 of our Handbook remain unchanged

Please print out your entries per the specs and bring them to the September meeting. The entries will be laid out at the September meeting and all members will be asked to vote for their favorite. The winner will be announced at the end of the September meeting.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

So, is everyone enjoying this hot and sunny summer weather? I have to admit that I am, but I don't seem to have the same degree of tolerance for the heat as I did when I was younger.

It was so nice to see so many members out to the meeting last month. I would like to thank **Cheryl Campbell** for the beautiful photos she was kind enough to take for us. Also, a huge thank you to **Mirela** who initially stepped up to volunteer as a Director, but has ended up taking on our Technical Specialist role.

You will see by the box on the left that the Cover Photo Contest flower for next year is the **SUNFLOWER!** My sincere apologies for the error. Sunflowers are now in full bloom so please get out there and take some photos. Choose your best one and submit it to our Yearbook Cover Photo Contest in September.

Bev Latva and the Fall Fair Board have been very busy organizing the Uxbridge Fall Fair for 2022. They have added some exceptional entertainment and activities this year for all family members, in addition to the perennial favorites. Please check out their website (see page 2) for details and how you can participate.

Stay cool everyone and enjoy the glorious summer weather!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 10th: Sherry Dobson
Wednesday, September 14th: Daria Thorpe
Wednesday, October 12th: Carole Ditomaso

Roses for Today's World; Flower Show
Chrysanthemums; Flower Show; Yearbook Cover Photo Contest
How to Get the Most Colour out of Your Perennial Garden;
Flower Show; Photo Contest

August Speaker – Sherry Dobson

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **Pam Love** is unable to make our meeting. Fortunately, **Sherry Dobson, Master Gardener**, will be doing our August presentation on **Roses for Today's World**.

Sherry has been an active member with the Durham Master Gardeners since 2011. She completed the Horticulturalist Certificate from the University of Guelph in 2014 and received her Certificate in Horticultural Therapy from the Toronto Botanical Garden. She is currently a Horticultural Therapist at WindReach Farm in Ashburn, Ontario.

Sherry believes that people and plants are naturally connected, and she is passionate about working with those connections to support people who need help to feel better, move easier and be more physically active, and be more positive in their lives. She is committed to growing plants in harmony with nature, supporting birds, butterflies and other pollinators.

July Flower Show Results

Our first place winner is **Sharon Bognar** with 92 points, second place to **Ann Broughton** with 25 points, and third place is tied at 24 points by **Ena Wassenaar** and **Debbie Watson**.

They are followed by **myself** (21 points), **Denise Minns** and **Pam Roycroft** (10) and **Gill Powers** (3). **Ann Broughton** wins Best Rose. Congratulations everyone !

Thank you **Sally Kotsopoulos** for volunteering to go around with the judge!

Yvonne

UXBRIDGE FALL FAIR

The **Uxbridge Fall Fair Committee** has an incredible Fair planned for all the family September 9 – 11th, 2022.

You are invited to participate in the many activities and contests/exhibitions. Fall Fair flyers are available at the Uxbridge Public Library, Sharpe's, The Bridge Social and Sugar FX. All details and contest entry specifications and deadlines can be found on the Fair's website at:

www.uxbridgefair.ca

The Fair Board is in need of volunteers to staff some of the events during the Fair, including the Horticultural / Agricultural Building. If you or any family members can help, please contact **Bev Latva** at: chalnger@sympatico.ca

July Meeting Photos



Left: *Ann Broughton*

Right: *Sharon Bognar*

Left Below: *Mirela,
Rose and Pam*

Right Below: *Yvonne's
Design*

Directly Below:
*President Pam and
Secretary Rose*

Below Right: *Members
checking out the
flowers*

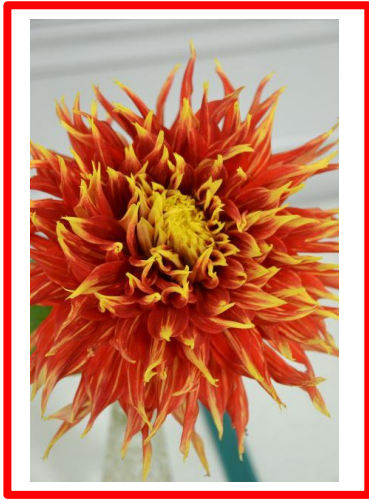


Japanese Beetles in our Gardens

Once again this year, these atrocious little beetles have made their way into our garden. They weren't anywhere to be seen and then boom, they flooded my Zinneas and were stripping them bare. My husband pulled out all the Zinnias because of the amount of beetles they attracted. I hear from a lot of others they are having problem with them as well.

Some of their main predators are Grackles and Starlings, which have left by now. Since spraying them does no good at all, we purchased a **Japanese Beetle Trap** at Canadian Tire. It works very well and you might actually be grossed out by amount of beetles that it catches. If you are having problems with these voracious pests, give the trap a try.

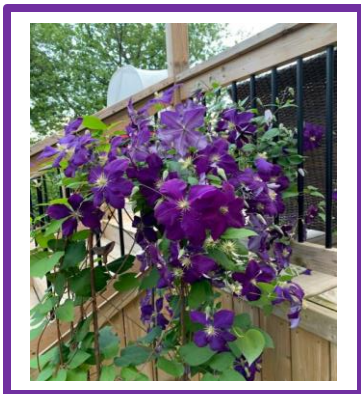
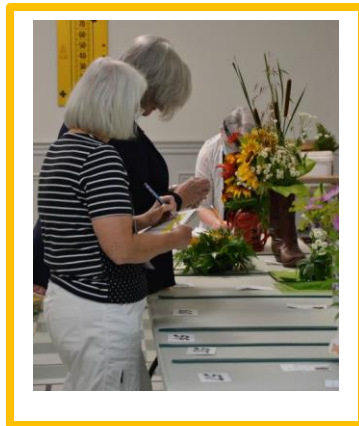
"May your month of August be filled with wonderful blessings of good health, love, peace, happiness and prosperity"



Photos above and below right: **Beautiful flowers and displays from the July meeting**

Photo left: **Rose with Speaker Philip Spring**

Photo below: **Yvonne and Sally** going around with the Judge



Left is a photo of my **Clematis Jackmanii** – a lesson in patience that I am often lacking, but not this time.

It absolutely loved it's previous spot in the garden but when we built a new deck, I had to move it. It was not happy but I talked nicely to it for 2 years, and this year, in it's 3rd year replanted, it bloomed beautifully.

If you have any photos you would like to share with the other members, please feel free to e-mail them to me at: sbsnell@sympatico.ca

While, depending on the volume, I may not be able to include them all, I will do my best.