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# Uxbridge Horticultural Society



"We Bring Gardening Down to Earth"  
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## "Your Local Garden Club News"

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### June Meeting

Starting with this month's meeting, we are removing the mandatory masking requirement. However, out of respect for other members, **we strongly encourage you to continue masking.**

We will also be providing coffee and tea, and cookies. Hopefully we will be able to return to a full snack table later this year.

Due to unforeseen personal issues, we have had to switch this month's scheduled speaker **Carol Ditomaso** with October's Speaker **Diane Tait**, Registered Herbalist, who will be speaking on Healing Salves.

### Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Thank you to everyone who came out to our meeting last month to kick off our 2022 Season. We saw a lot of happy, smiling familiar faces and we also welcomed some new members and guests.

As you are all aware, Uxbridge got hit very badly by the storm on May 21, 2022. While we have all witnessed the devastation around town, we are all extremely grateful that there were no fatalities. Should you wish to contribute to the fund directing monies in support of the community, the Uxbridge Rotary is managing the donations. See Page 2 for further details.

With this coming week's meeting, we kick off our monthly Flower Show. Please see page 15 of the Handbook for the list of flowers to be shown in June, and pages 34 – 37 for the Show Competition Directives. We encourage everyone to participate in the shows, which are always a highlight of the meetings. If you have any questions about showing, please talk to **Yvonne de Ruiter**, our Flower Show Chairperson.

Just a reminder that once the Flower Show Judge commences the judging process, we ask that you refrain from viewing the tables. You will be able to do so in the break after the speaker.

Enjoy the lovely weather that looks to be coming our way!

*Sandee*

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 8th:

*Diane Tait*

Healing Salves (see page 3); Flower Show

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>:

Phil Spring

Horticultural Therapy; Flower Show

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>:

Pam (Love) Clarke

Roses for Today's World; Flower Show

## **Welcome New Members**

Please welcome the following new members to our Club:

Nellie Brouns  
Cheryl Campbell  
Michele Gignac  
Doreen Hilliard  
Bruni Nielson

Dian Paule  
Mary Philpott  
Mike Slade  
Carolyn Thebe  
Wendy Wood

## **Uxbridge Fall Fair**

The **Uxbridge Fall Fair** is a GO this year, with the theme “**Your Country Fair**”!!  
The Fair will be held the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Fair is looking for volunteers to work in 2-hour shifts as follows:

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:           between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:           between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping out, please talk to **Bev Latva** or email her at:  
**chalnger@sympatico.ca**

## **Contributions in Support of the Community**

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is set up to accept and distribute financial donations to the community. All donations over \$20.00 are eligible for a tax receipt if you submit your name, address and e-mail address with your donation.

E-transfers can be sent to:       [uxbridgerotaryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:uxbridgerotaryfoundation@gmail.com)

Cheques can be sent to:           Rotary Club of Uxbridge Charitable Foundation  
121 Second Street  
Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 2A2

The Uxbridge Rotary is a trusted community partner and has taken on this critical project.

## **Garden Maintenance**

Our hardworking group of members maintaining the gardens of Uxbridge is looking for additional help. It is a great way to get some exercise, get to know some of your fellow members better and make a valuable contribution to the community. Please contact **Agnes Croxford** either at the meeting or e-mail [acroxford@gmail.com](mailto:acroxford@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are able to volunteer.

Any amount of time you can make available would be much appreciated!



### **June Speaker – Diane Tait, Registered Herbalist**

In Diane's own words:

"As I walked in the woods that April of 1985, the spring after my father's death, something very important happened. I became aware of the green people, the plants flowering so bounteously and joyfully all around me. They called to me and started my healing and continue to support my health in all its aspects to this day.

We are all of this earth with us humans the last to arrive. The plants have been providing their chemical know-how to all sorts of situations and conditions needing their healing and balancing powers long before we came on the scene. For example, a plant can alter its chemistry in as little as 24 hours in response to being eaten by a specific insect! When used in a knowledgeable way, plant medicine is a therapy that works and that we can trust to be naturally balanced and holistic.

I was trained in Toronto, Ontario, in a 3-year course in clinical herbal therapy offered by Dominion Herbal College. This college, founded in 1926, is the oldest existing herbal college in Canada. As a student I received instruction in anatomy and physiology, pathology, herbal material medica, herbal therapeutics, botany, pharmacology, biochemistry, and nutrition. Each student completed 500 hours of hands-on clinical experience in Dominion's student herbal clinic.

I have been making herbal remedies with attention and love since I began my business, Greenwood Botanicals, in 1993. I either grow the plants organically or harvest them with care in a clean, wild environment. I personally make over 90% of the tinctures (alcoholic extracts), salves and tea blends used in your treatment."

Diane can be reached at: [dianeseuf@rogers.com](mailto:dianeseuf@rogers.com)

### **Celebration of Life – Nancy Vincent**

Just a reminder of the **Celebration of Life** to be held for **Nancy Vincent**. Details as follows:

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Low & Low Funeral Home - Uxbridge Chapel  
23 Main Street South  
Uxbridge, ON L9P 1M8

***"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."***

... L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of the Island*



Photos (above): May meeting  
Photo from left: **Pam Kuiper, Ginny Colling, Rose Doyle, Deborah Pearson**



*Is **President Pam** working or resting?*

Above: **Gillian Iszard** sent me these photos of her very lovely Amaryllis "Strong King" in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of bloom!

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](mailto:sbsnell@sympatico.ca)  
While, depending on the volume, I may not be able to include them all, I will do my best.