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Meetings 2022

Starting May 11th, our meetings will once again be held at the Uxbridge Seniors' Centre, 75 Marietta Street in Uxbridge. Sign-in will be open from 6:45 p.m. and presentations will begin at 7:30 pm. Club business and open discussion, if any, will follow the presentations.

Please note that masks are mandatory for everyone throughout the meeting.

Annual fee is \$20.00 for members, and \$5.00 for guests per meeting.

Unfortunately, for the time being, we are unable to provide refreshments. Please bring your own drinks if you so desire.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to welcome all our members back as well as welcome our new members. We have heard from so many of you how much you have missed the meetings – yes, the presentations and flower shows, but primarily the social aspect of getting together with other gardeners, from beginner to seasoned gardeners.

I am very pleased to advise you that we will once again be meeting in person, starting with our May meeting. Please see the box to the left for details.

We are very sad to advise you that some of our wonderful members have passed in the last year. We would like to extend our deep sympathies to the families and friends of Margaret Barton, Chris Broughton, Doris Clarke and Nancy Vincent. Please see the In Memoriums on page 2 of this newsletter.

I would like to express our appreciation to the following: **President Pam** and **Secretary Rose** for their beautiful cards and notes to our members; **Zoom expert Mirela** for her time organizing and hosting our Zoom calls, **Secretary Rose** for arranging for the speakers for our Zoom calls, **Rose Sharrard** for our beautiful Yearbook Design, and **Yvonne de Ruiter** for the gorgeous 2022 Bookmark Design.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 29th: **PLANT SALE**, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Sharpe Farm Supplies, 125 Brock Street West, Uxbridge
Wednesday, June 8th: **Carole Ditomaso** Perennial Colour Throughout the Season

In Memorium

We are very sorry to advise of the passing of the following members in the past year. Our condolences to their families and friends. We all hold wonderful memories of:

Margaret Barton – **Margaret**, a long-time member of our Club, passed away on September 2, 2021 at the grand old age of 103.

Chris Broughton – **Chris** passed away suddenly on July 16, 2021. We will always remember Chris for his kindness and quiet smile. **Chris** was a great contributor to the maintenance of the gardens of Uxbridge and he and **Ann** greatly enjoyed their beautiful gardens and lawns at their ranch just outside of Uxbridge. **Chris** and **Ann** were frequent contributors to our flower shows.

Doris Clarke – **Doris** passed away on August 13, 2021 at the grand old age of 102. **Doris** was a long-time member of the Brampton Horticultural Club and joined our Club when she moved to Uxbridge in 2017.

Nancy Vincent – **Nancy** passed away on November 10, 2021. There is likely not anyone that doesn't remember her joy of gardening and enthusiasm for life. **Nancy** lit up every room she entered. She was a member of our Executive for a number of years and always was there to help with whatever needed doing. **Nancy** was also a frequent contributor to our flower shows.

Please note that a Celebration of Life will be held for **Nancy** on June 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Low & Low Funeral Home in Uxbridge.

Plant Sale, May 29, 2022

We are planning to hold our **Annual Plant Sale** this year on Sunday, May 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sharpe Farm Supplies, 125 Brock Street West, Uxbridge (parking lot).

As we are unable to hold the Bake Sale part of this day for health and safety reasons, it is very important that we sell as many plants, seedlings, etc., as possible. As you clean up your gardens this spring, please put aside whatever plants you are getting rid of, splitting, thinning out and/or any extra seedlings you have grown. If you have friends or neighbours that are doing the same, please see if they would be willing to donate their plants to a good cause. If possible, please water the plants a few days prior to the sale with diluted fertilizer.

Please bring your donations to the Sharpe parking lot around 8:00 a.m. on the 29th so that we can get them set up in time for the Sale. Please label the plants by common name and variety (if possible). Alternatively, if you are unable to bring them the morning of the sale, you can drop them off at **Joyce Brown's** house prior to that – address: 294 Main Street North, Uxbridge.

If you are willing to stay around and speak with potential buyers about what conditions the plants like and need, please talk to **Angie Andruss** at the meeting on the 11th.

Seedy Saturday at the Library

Uxbridge's first Seedy Saturday was held Saturday, April 9th at the Uxbridge Library. The event consisted of the Library displaying their gardening books for borrowing and distribution of seeds which were kindly donated by the Rotary Club and various individuals. A number of our members volunteered their time to talk to Library visitors about the seeds and how to grow them, as well as about our Garden Club. This year's bookmarks were laid out available to the public and were very quickly scooped up. Hopefully this level of interest will result in numerous new members.

Pictured below are (left) **Rick Causton** and **Sharon Bognar**, and (right) **Agnes Croxford** and **Angie Andruss**. A big thank you to all those that helped!



Keeping Uxbridge Gardens Beautiful

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the Uxbridge garden maintenance of those gardens which our Club looks after – the Library (upper), the Children's Garden (Library lower), the Cenotaph and the Seniors' Centre.

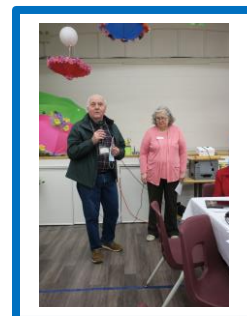
What we are requesting is for members to commit to a two-week stint throughout the summer to go around once a week to some of these gardens and check them for weeds, deadheading, broken stems, etc. The gardens are all irrigated so no watering is usually required.

Agnes Croxford coordinates the garden maintenance so if you can help, please sign up with **Agnes** at the meeting or e-mail her at: acroxford@gmail.com

2022 District 17 AGM

At the April 2022 District AGM, **Rick Causton** was honored and recognized for his years of service. Pictured here receiving his award (right) and with **Angie Andruss** and **Christine Page** (below) from our Club.

Also, congratulations to **Angie** who won a number of awards at the AGM for her photography.



The Butterflyway Project

The Butterflyway Project, coordinated through the David Suzuki Foundation, is a volunteer-led, Canada-wide movement whose mission it is to plant native wildflowers in yards (both individual and community), schoolyards, streets and parks to support bees and butterflies. Pollinators are crucially important to us and our food systems and are unfortunately, negatively affected by loss and destruction of natural habitats, pesticides and other agrochemicals and climate change.

The Coordinator for the Uxbridge area spoke to the Executive and requested we pass along the information to encourage as many people and organizations to plant anywhere from a few plants to full pollinator gardens. As an organization, we have already planned on planting a pollinator garden at the Seniors' Centre. The Project asks that anyone with any size pollinator garden register their location with them, the overriding objective being to create a "pollinator highway" across Canada. Most of us already have pollinators in our gardens – Coneflowers, Sedums, Sunflowers, Milkweed, Yarrow, Lavender and Bluebeard, to name a few. Please check out the following links:

Overall Project: <https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/>

Local Coordinator Contact: Natalie Little nataliejlittle@yahoo.ca 416-832-7727

Registering Your Garden: [ArcGIS Survey123](#) Uxbridge and Neighbours' Butterflyway Project

Yearbook Update

The Yearbooks that you will be receiving at the May meeting are the beautifully designed Yearbooks intended for the 2020 Gardening Year, which was rapidly cut off due to the Covid shutdown. Much of the content remains unchanged. However, the speakers for the next two meetings are as follows. Speakers for the following months will be in next month's newsletter.

May 11th - Deborah Pearson

How can a Green Thumb Help in a Changing Climate

Deborah Pearson and **Ginny Colling** have both enjoyed long careers in education, **Deborah** with Trillium Lakelands District School Board and **Ginny** in the Journalism Program at Durham College.

Since retirement they have been busy in a variety of volunteer activities including serving on the City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee and the Healthy Environment Plan working group that produced a climate action and adaptation plan in 2018 for the City. In addition, **Deborah** is a member of the Bee City Pollinator Action Committee for the City of Kawartha Lakes and **Ginny** is a member of the Suzuki Foundation Blue Dot Movement. They are also part of the Kawartha Climate Hub based in Peterborough.

In 2017 they travelled to the U.S. and took the Climate Reality Project leadership training led by former Vice President and Nobel Laureate, Al Gore. Since then, they have been making Climate Change presentations to community and school groups in the Kawarthas and Durham Region.

June 8th – Carole Ditomaso **Perennial colour throughout the season- how to get the most colour out of your perennial garden.**

Having been a perennial gardener for over 40 years I have an expansive collection of flowering perennials that allows me to have an abundance of colour in my gardens throughout the gardening season. My gardens not only provide me with colour and inspiration, they are my passion. I worked as a health care professional for over 40 years, most recently as the Laboratory Manager of Southlake Regional Hospital in Newmarket. I have been retired for 7 years now and so can devote a lot more time to my garden. I am always happy to share my garden and my gardening experience with other gardeners. I usually host tours of my garden for groups in the summer. I have been asked to speak at several Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies on Perennial Gardening.