



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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"Your Local Garden Club News"

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November Meeting

A reminder that this month's meeting is a Silent **Auction**. We invite you to contribute to the items available for auction as you can. Suggestions include books, crafts of all kinds, Christmas and other home décor, knitted goods, garden artifacts, quilted goods, gift cards, baked goods and food items, beauty gift packs, etc.

If you haven't already advised Mirela of items you are contributing, you can still bring them to the meeting – for 6:30 so that there is time to set them up.

Payment for items is by cheque or cash only please.

Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Isn't it great that our wonderful fall weather continues? Perhaps lulling us into a laid-back expectation of continuing sunny, relatively warm days? We have no weather excuses this fall for our gardens not being ready for a winter rest.

In addition to the Silent Auction, at this month's meeting, a few of our more experienced gardeners have kindly agreed to answer any and all gardening questions you may have. If you have any gardening questions or items you would like to discuss, we invite you to take advantage of their knowledge. You are welcome to bring your family, friends and neighbours.

Next month our December meeting is our annual Potluck! Please note the start time is 6:30. Additional details on page 2.

At the end of next year (2023), a number of our Executive members will be stepping down, after many years of exceptional contribution to our Club. Please give some thought to joining our Executive this coming year so that we can continue to have the excellent garden Club that we have. Our Club, like many others, relies on the contributions of our members.

Over the coming months, we will continue to plan for next year's activities and presentations, and will keep you advised throughout the winter.

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 9th:
Wednesday, December 14th:

SILENT AUCTION; Gardening Advice
Christmas Potluck; Installation of Officers; Award Presentations

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023:

First meeting of 2023

October Flower Show Results

What a year this has been, and we finished the shows with a bang! Thank you so much to all of you who have shown this year, making our meetings so beautiful. A special thank you to all our new members who had the courage to show for the first time.

Sharon Bognar captured first place with 115 points, second place went to **Angie Andruss** with 51 points, and third place to **Carly McDougall** with 41 points. They were followed by **Mikale Pilgrim** (36), **Me** (27), **Ann Broughton** (22), **Ena Wassenaar** (21), **Denise Minns** and **Anna Spencley** (4), and **Louise Saunders** (3). **Denise Minns** won **Best Chrysanthemum** and **Mikale Pilgrim** won **Best Decorative**.

Thank you, **Kathleen Ravitch** and **Anna Spencley** for helping with the show.

Yvonne

December Potluck



Next month is our last meeting of 2022 and it's when we hold our Annual Potluck. Please bring your partner/spouse and one of your favorite dishes for us all to enjoy! If you can please be here for 6:30, we can get started promptly.

Please note you need to also bring your place serving – plates (main course and dessert), cutlery, cup/glass and napkin. Coffee and tea will be available.

Last Chance to Order

The Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary is running a Christmas fundraiser again this year, selling the most beautiful Poinsettias in red, white and tri-colored, as well as two beautiful mixed planters.

Please see their website at:

<http://uxbridgecottagehospitalauxiliary.com/events/2022-poinsettia-fundraiser/>

Poinsettias are \$30.00 each, as is the 11" mixed planter. The 12" mixed planter is \$35.00. Order and payment deadline is this Thursday, November 10th with delivery Thursday, December 1st.

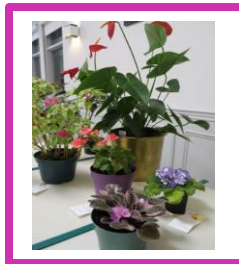
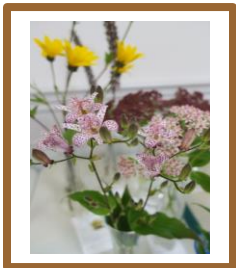
Don't miss out on these – they are really beautiful and great quality, and they support our local hospital!

November Gardening List

A final checklist before the winter:

- Plant spring blooming bulbs
- Plant shrubs, trees, perennials and roses
- Mulch perennials
- Cover any plants that need protection from the winter winds, ice and snow
- Cover your flower and vegetable beds with well-rotted manure / organic material
- Wash and clean all your garden tools and equipment
- Dispose of any old plants in pots and wash the pots with warm, soapy water. Store them to allow for drainage.
- Put out and fill your birdfeeders **

** I have read contradictory recommendations regarding feeding the birds over winter this year. Some ornithologists are recommending not to put out feeders due to the spread of Avian Flu in places (such as birdfeeders) where birds gather.

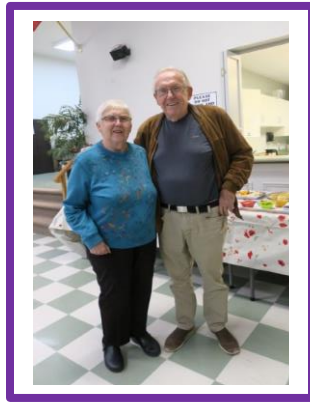


Flowers and Houseplants from the October Flower Show



“In November, the earth is growing quiet. It is making its bed, a winter bed for flowers and small creatures. The bed is white and silent, and much life can hide beneath its blankets.”

... Cynthia Rylant



Clockwise, from above:

Pauline & Mike Slade

Anna Spencley & the Goodie Table

Pumpkins

5 below: Incredible designs from the Flower Show

Merna & Pam

Sharon Bognar's Artichoke

