



Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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November Meeting

A reminder that we will be holding a **Silent Auction** at our November meeting. 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.

Please take a photo of your item(s) and forward to Mirela at the e-mail below, along with a suggested starting bid price. by the end of October, but the earlier the better.

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Dear Fellow Gardeners:

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the beautiful, although somewhat cooler, weather. The colours are amazing this year and seem to be at their peak this week. Lots of reds and oranges gracing the trees! Such a lovely time of year!

Our guest speaker this month is **Carole Ditomaso** who will be speaking to us about "**How to get the most colour out of your perennial garden**", as well as our final Flower Show of 2022. Even if you have never shown before, we encourage you to do so – it's easy and your fellow members will really appreciate the beautiful blooms and vegetables from your gardens.

Please note that we would appreciate donations for our November meeting which will be a Silent Auction. (See my note on the left.) Bring your partners, friends and neighbours and help support our Club.

Construction work is underway in Elgin Park for the Lions' Accessible Playground. We are working with the Lions to assist with plants and planting in the spring. Please keep your eye out for further updates re this wonderful undertaking and how we will be able to contribute to this project through the growing and donation of plants.

For those entering the Photo Contest, don't forget to bring your submissions to this month's meeting.

Sandee

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 12th: Carole Ditomaso

How to Get the Most Colour out of Your Perennial Garden;
Flower Show; Photo Contest

Wednesday, November 9th:

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, December 14th:

Christmas Potluck; Installation of Officers; Award Presentations

Garden Maintenance Thank you

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"Thank you, Volunteers!

Kudos to everyone who helped to maintain the gardens this summer. It was particularly challenging this year with the August drought and irrigation problems, but you all did a stellar job. We are always looking for feedback so if there is any way we can make the experience better for you, please let us know."

Agnes

And to you **Agnes**, on behalf of all of us, thank you so much for all your work and management of the garden maintenance. You, as usual, also did a stellar job!

September Flower Show Results

Our first-place winner is **Angie Andruss** (125 points), second goes to **Ena Wassenaar** (43) and third goes to **Carly McDougall** (21 points). They were followed by **myself** (20), Sally **Kotsopoulos** (16), **Denise Minns** (11), **Chris Page** (9), **Simon Plashkes** (7), **Anna Spencley** (6), **Michelle Gignac** (4) and **Pat Asling** (3). **Angie Andruss** won **Best Cosmos**, **Best Tomato** and **Best Zinnia**, and **Michelle Gignac** won **Best Dahlia**.

How lovely to see so many new members participate in the Show; thank you!

Thank you, **Ann Broughton**, for helping with the Show.

Yvonne

Yearbook Cover Photo Winner

Congratulations, **Sally Kotsopoulos**, for your beautiful sunflower photo which was selected by our members to grace our **2023 Yearbook Cover**!

The **Sunflower** was selected in honour and support of the Ukraine!

Thank you very much to everyone that submitted photos to the contest. Your photos will be used on our 2023 bookmark and on Social Media. Please, if you have not already done so, e-mail your photos to Yvonne and myself!



Universal Accessible Playground – Elgin Park

Work has begun on the Universal Accessible Playground in Elgin Park, sponsored by the Uxbridge Lions' Club and the Township. **Agnes** and **I** have been involved in the preliminary discussions with **Sally Kotsopoulos** regarding the gardens surrounding the playground. Over the course of the fall and winter months, we will be finalizing the selection of plants and the planting design. As a Club, we will be requesting the participation of those of our members who are able to contribute plants grown from seed and/or from plants split from their gardens. A few pictures of the start of construction are below.



Please visit the Lions' website at:

www.uxbridgelions.com

to see the plans for this Playground.



Pictures from left to right - the Fall Fair:

First place: Salute to the Ukraine – vertical design by **Angie Andruss**

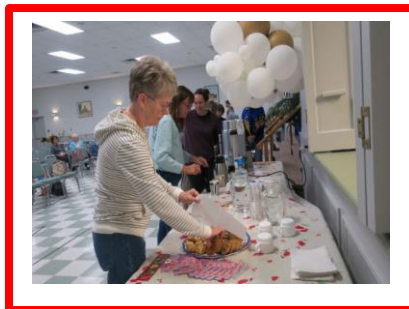
First place: Cozy Fall Design

Agnes, Sandee and guest volunteering in the Agricultural building

September Meeting Photos



Prize Table



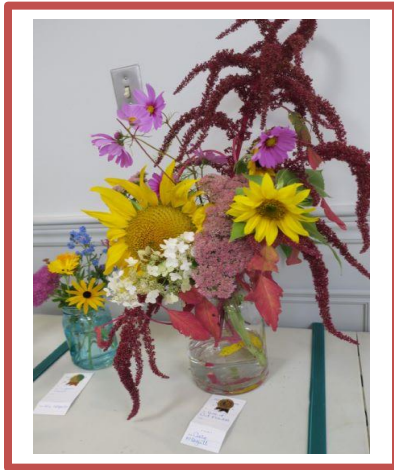
Uncovering the Goodie Table



Sunflowers and Coleus

“Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.”

... Lauren Destefano



Clockwise, from above:

Cosmos

Members enjoying flower display

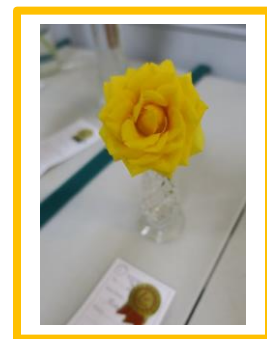
Hydrangea

Rose

Hydrangeas and Hosta flowers

Vase of Cut Flowers by **Carly McDougall**

Flower Show Judge **Marianne** explaining some of the fine points of judging



Should I Cut Back My Perennials in the Fall?

The short answer is that it depends. It depends on the specific perennial, whether or not perennials are diseased or infected, whether they are prone to overwintering pests or diseases, whether they are likely to be damaged by winter winds or ice or whether the perennial will provide food for the birds or winter interest in the garden.

In general, for the plants you are going to cut back in the fall, it is best to wait until after the first few frosts to ensure the plants are dormant.