



# Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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## "Your Local Garden Club News"

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### Cover Photo Contest - Sunflower

Please print out your **Sunflower** photo entries for next year's Cover Photo Contest per the specifications on page 20 of the Yearbook and bring them to the September meeting.

The entries will be laid out on the table on the stage, with a number attached to each. Please go up and vote for your favorite. The votes will be tabulated and the winner announced at the end of the meeting.

**AFTER THE MEETING**, please send a digital copy of your photo to Yvonne at [yderuiter5@gmail.com](mailto:yderuiter5@gmail.com) and myself at [sbsnell@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbsnell@sympatico.ca).

### Dear Fellow Gardeners:

What an interesting presentation we had last month by **Sherry Dobson**. The **Rose** is truly such a beautiful flower in all of its various varieties, and although I love some of the "improvements" many of the new varieties have, I really do miss the beautiful fragrances that many of the original roses gave us. Please see the rose picture **Jane O'Donnell** spoke about at the meeting and sent me for the newsletter.

September is upon us after a truly beautiful summer, with many activities that we look forward to in the fall: The Uxbridge Fall Fair is back after the pandemic pause, the Uxbridge Studio Tour, beautiful fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers' Market and our local family-owned stores, and for some of you, kids back to school. Please take the time and partake in some or all of these activities, and enjoy the beauty of our Region in the fall.

I respectfully ask that you all take care of your health and be respectful of others as things start to return to "normal". The viruses that caused so much illness have not left and continue to plague us, and our health services. Our health care workers continue to go well above and beyond, and we would like to again express our gratitude for their service to the community.

Have a great month!

*Sandee*

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: Daria Thorpe  
 Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: Carole Ditomaso  
 Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:

Chrysanthemums; Flower Show; Yearbook Cover Photo Contest  
 How to Get the Most Colour out of Your Perennial Garden;  
 Flower Show; Photo Contest  
 SILENT AUCTION

### **Fall is a Good Time to Plant Trees & Shrubs**

If you are thinking about planting some new trees or shrubs, fall is a great time to do so. The combination of still warm soil and cooler air is perfect for the newly planted. This gives them time to establish themselves before winter cold settles into the soil. The roots will begin to grow as soon as you plant them and continue to do so as long as the temperature of the soil remains above 0.

There are many resources on the web and at the library on how to best plant, so please take advantage of those. We usually have a lot of rain in the fall but be sure to monitor this, and water your newly planted trees and shrubs well.

The one point of caution that I would like to emphasize is to make sure that the tree or shrub you love will like its new home in your garden AND have the appropriate space to grow. Exposure, type of soil, hours of sun per day, sufficient water, etc., are all very important considerations. Make sure the mature version of your plant will have the room to grow and the roots won't invade any underground piping or foundations, overwhelm and take all the nutrients away from other plants, and that it has appropriate air circulation. In every one of our neighbourhoods, you can find the right plant in the wrong place and often it takes away from its individual beauty. The one example that always comes to mind is the Colorado Blue Spruce. (Even varieties marked "dwarf" grow very tall and large.) Often these are planted close to homes, beside driveways, and in front yards and as they mature, their roots take over and the tree grows very large, obscuring houses. In our neighbourhood alone, at least 5 of these beautiful trees, planted in inappropriate locations, have been cut down.

We now have so many varieties of beautiful trees and shrubs, so a little "homework" and planning will save you potential regret down the road, give all the surrounding plants their space and keep your garden looking beautiful.

### **August Flower Show Results**

**Sharon Bognar** came in first with 114 points, **Angie Andruss** in second place with 109 points, and I came in third place with 23 points.

We were followed by **Sally Kotsopoulos** (13 points), **Anna Spencley** (11), **Denise Minns** and **Chris Page** (10), **Pam Roycroft** (8), and **Louise Saunders** (4).

**Best Gladiolus** and **Best Vegetable** went to **Sharon Bognar** and **Best Daylily** to **Angie Andruss**.

Thank you, **Pauline and Mike Slade**, for going around with the judge to tally the points!

*Yvonne*

**General & August Meeting Photos**



**Left: June's daughter Pamela beside roses grown in Ecuador**

**Right: Roses in Ecuador**

**Left Below: Pam with speaker Sherry Dobson**

**Right: Vegetable Design**

**Directly Below: August Vegetables**

**Bottom: Flowers and Veges**



*“Autumn comes, but summer lingers. Here and there gleams a yellow leaf, but green is still the triumphant color, and the days have all the warmth of summer till the equinoctial winds have blown.”*

Oscar Fay Adams, *September*, 1886



These three pictures are from the Children's' Garden at the Uxbridge Library in August of this year. These plants really love this location – sunny and sheltered.

Photos courtesy of Angie Andruss, Yvonne deRuiter and June O'Donnell

### **Photo Contest**

Just a reminder that the **Photo Contest** subjects are listed on page 29 of our Yearbook. Due to the interruption of the pandemic, the subjects for this year are the ones listed under 2020:

**Winter Wonderland; Magnolia(s); House Guest; Water; Rose(s); Wings in the Garden; Photographer's Choice; End of the Day; Veggie Delight; and Autumn Glory.**

The subjects listed under 2021 will be the ones for next year – 2023.

Please adhere to the rules at the top of page 29 of the Yearbook and bring your photo submissions to the October meeting. **Lyn May** is the Photo Contest Coordinator.

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.