



# Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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## "Your Local Garden Club News"

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### **Reminders**

#### **Food Bank Support**

This month is your last opportunity this year to make a cash donation to the Food Bank. The Club will match all cash donations to a maximum of \$500.00. Help support those in our community who are in need.

#### **Give Away Table**

A reminder that we will NOT be having a Give Away Table at our December meeting.

### **Dear Fellow Gardeners**

Ladies and Gentleman:

Faster than you can say "I love gardening", Christmas is almost here and 2023 will soon be coming to a close. It has been another successful year for the Uxbridge Horticulture Club and we thank you all for that.

We will conclude the year with our Annual Christmas Potluck and AGM this coming week, and welcome in our new Executive for 2024. Details on next week's meeting are on page 2.

Unfortunately due to the weather, last month's meeting – a Silent Auction – had to be postponed due to the weather. We have discussed this at the Executive meeting and at this point, our thoughts are to postpone the Silent Auction and our scheduled speaker until our November 2024 meeting.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to wish you all and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday Season and all the best in health and prosperity for 2024!

And we look forward to seeing you all back here next year at our first meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sandee**

### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, December 13th:	Christmas Potluck; Installation of Officers; Awards Presentation
Wednesday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024:	First meeting of 2024
Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024:	May Meeting – First Flower Show

### **Club Sponsorship 2024**

We are currently in the process of soliciting sponsors for our 2024 Yearbook. If you have a business (or know of a business) that would like to sponsor us, please check with them if they would like to participate. The deadline for sponsorship is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The cost is only \$40.00 and we can provide both an invoice and a receipt if they would like.

Please contact one of the Executive if you have any questions.

### **2024 Bookmarks**

Our beautiful Bookmarks for 2024, designed and produced by **Yvonne DeRuiter**, will be available at our December meeting. Thank you, **Yvonne**, once again, for all your talent and work!

We like to have additional bookmarks available in stores and businesses around town so if an office or business that you frequent is open to having some bookmarks there, please let us know and we will make them available.

### **December Meeting**

For our new members and a reminder for those of us who have been around for a while:

**Our format is a Potluck Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.**

Please bring a dish or a dessert of your choice (we all would like to try your family favorites if possible) & wear your favorite "Ugly Christmas Sweater".

Tables along the side wall will house the salads, main courses, etc., and the table along the back wall is where we put all the goodies.

Find yourself and your partner, friend, etc., a seat at the tables set up around the room, and settle in with your own plates, cups, cutlery and napkins that you have brought with you.

After the Potluck Dinner, the Executive for 2024 will be sworn in and Awards presented.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## **Best Worst Decorated Houseplant**

Decorating houseplants with Christmas bobbles and decorations has become more popular in the past few years. So, if you have a houseplant you have decorated, or want to decorate, please bring it along and we will all vote on the Best "Worst Decorated" Houseplant!



Angie's Winning Photo





***“Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us - a time when we can look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead.”***

*... David Cameron*

***Merry Christmas Everyone!***