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# Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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## "Your Local Garden Club News"

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### 2023 AGM

This year's AGM is being hosted by Cannington on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at St. Paul's Leaskdale Church, just up Main Street in Leaskdale. This is always a very enjoyable day and a great opportunity to interact with fellow gardeners from both our, and other, garden clubs.

The cost is \$30.00. If you are planning on attending, please let Debbie Watson, our Treasurer, know and she will register you and pay on your behalf upfront. Please reimburse Debbie at the April meeting.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Embracing Biodiversity".

### Dear Fellow Gardeners:

A warm welcome to all of our returning members and to new members. We are very pleased that you are joining us for another great year of gardening presentations and speakers, flower shows, mingling with fellow gardening enthusiasts, coffee and goodies.

Our Club, like all organizations, relies on our volunteer members. We encourage you all to participate however you can. In kicking off our 2023 season, I would like to thank the following who have been meeting throughout the winter to ensure our Club is set up for an excellent year. If I have inadvertently missed anyone, my sincere apologies. **President Pam** and **Secretary Rose** for lining up an excellent roster of speakers/presenters and organizing us all; **Agnes, Rick and Angie** for organizing our Club's gardening related activities like garden maintenance and the plant sale; **Debbie** for keeping our finances in check; **Mirela** for managing our technical requirements; **Yvonne** for our beautiful Bookmark and Yearbook, **Bev Latva and Chris Page**; and welcome to our new Executive members **Judy Murray, Cathy Peters** and **Deb Ward**.

Congratulations to members **Mikale Pilgrim** and **Simon Plashkes** on the birth of their son Apollo!

We look forward to an amazing and successful year! Thank you all for joining us!

**Sandee**

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:  
Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:

First meeting of the 2023 season  
"**How to maximize your harvest through succession planting**"; Flower Show  
**PLANT SALE**  
"**Birds**" with Paul Oliver; Flower Show

## **Garden Maintenance**

Want to have fun, meet new people and keep our community looking great?

We're looking for volunteers to keep the gardens at the Library, Cenotaph and Seniors' Centre weeded and deadheaded. If you are to help out for a few hours over a two-week period during the summer, contact:

**Agnes Croxford** at [acroxford@gmail.com](mailto:acroxford@gmail.com) (416-300-5788)

or talk to her at the next meeting.

## **Sponsors**

We would sincerely like to thank all of our sponsors for their support. Please have a good look through the Yearbook at the companies and services that sponsor us, and when you do business with these organizations, please be sure to tell them you saw their ad in our Yearbook.

If you have a business or know a business that would be interested in sponsoring us, please talk to one of the Executive. We will feature them in the newsletter so that all our members are aware of their sponsorship. Sponsorship is only \$40.00 per year.

Please see **Groff Nursery and Market**, below.

## **Groff Nursery and Market**

**Groff Nursery and Market** (formerly Living Off Your Backyard) is located at 23901 Highway #12, Sunderland, Ontario and is one of Durham Region's premier nurseries.

"Same great place and people, just a new name"

Owners **Mark and Amy Groff** have turned their passion for growing and maintaining gardens into a ten-acre facility that sells annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, fresh vegetables and seasonal items such as mums and pumpkins. In addition to these items, we have a country market that offers in-season fresh vegetables, unique gift items, homemade preserves, maple syrup, gardening supplies and more!

**EVERYTHING GROWS BETTER WITH GROFF**

**Groff Nursery is offering our members 15% off regularly prices merchandise starting April 15<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please present your membership card at time of purchase.** Some exclusions (i.e., discounted items, special offers) apply.

## Photo Contest 2022

Following are the results of the 2022 Photo Contest. Congratulations to you all and thank you to everyone who submitted their photographs.

**Best in Show:**                    **Simon Plashkes** for House Guest

**Honorable Mention:**         **June O'Donnell** for Water

### Class 1 – Winter Wonderland

1<sup>st</sup>: Mikale Pilgrim  
2<sup>nd</sup>: June O'Donnell  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Simon Plashkes

### Class 2 – Magnolia

1<sup>st</sup>: -  
2<sup>nd</sup>: -  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Angie Andruss

### Class 3 – House Guest

1<sup>st</sup>: Simon Plashkes  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mikale Pilgrim  
3<sup>rd</sup>: June O'Donnell

### Class 4 – Water

1<sup>st</sup>: June O'Donnell  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bev Tooley  
3<sup>rd</sup>: -

### Class 5 – Rose(s)

1<sup>st</sup>: Angie Andruss  
2<sup>nd</sup>: June O'Donnell  
3<sup>rd</sup>: -

### Class 6 – Wings in the Garden

1<sup>st</sup>: Angie Andruss  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mikale Pilgrim  
3<sup>rd</sup>: June O'Donnell

### Class 7 – Photographer's Choice

1<sup>st</sup>: June O'Donnell  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Simon Plashkes  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Bev Tooley

### Class 8 – End of Day

1<sup>st</sup>: Mikale Pilgrim  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Simon Plashkes  
3<sup>rd</sup>: June O'Donnell

### Class 9 – Veggie Delight

1<sup>st</sup>: June O'Donnell  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bev Tooley  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Angie Andruss

### Class 10 – Autumn Glory

1<sup>st</sup>: Angie Andruss  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Simon Plashkes  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Mikale Pilgrim

***That's the one good thing about this world ... There are always sure to be more springs.***

*... L.M. Montgomery*

## **In Memorium**

Our sincerest condolences to **Agnes Croxford** and her family on the passing of her beloved husband **Ken**.

After his family, Ken's passion was biking. He pioneered many cycling programs in the City of Toronto for disadvantaged kids, school groups, adults, commuters and police. His cycling philosophy guided him through many adventures, some rockier than others. Ken continued to give back to the sport he loved, and to the community, by helping to build/maintain many trails in Uxbridge and volunteering on the Active Transportation Committee.

Ken is dearly missed by his family as well as the many friends and acquaintances that he has made over the years, and his contributions to the community are much appreciated and will be sorely missed.

## **Plant Sale**

Our annual **Plant Sale** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, in the Sharpe Farm Supplies parking lot on Brock Street West.

As you are cleaning up your garden and splitting perennials, please pot up those you aren't planning to keep for our sale. We will provide further details on potting, labelling, drop off, timing, etc. in the May newsletter.



***December Christmas Meeting and Potluck Dinner***