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Uxbridge Horticultural Society



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Dear Fellow Gardeners:

Many thanks to **Sharon Bognar** for stepping in as our speaker last month. It was an excellent presentation and a great opportunity to ask **Sharon** some questions about propagating plants.

Be sure to attend this month's meeting with presenter **Paul Oliver** of The Urban Nature Store speaking on "Birds". Those of you who have seen **Paul** present will remember that he is a most interesting and entertaining speaker, an expert in birds, their housing, feeding and environment, and is more than willing to share his expertise.

Thank you to everyone that donated to, participated in and purchased plants at our Plant Sale. Details of the fund raising results are at the left, and some photos are on page 4.

We will be talking about our Executive Position requirements for upcoming years. Please give this some thought and consider stepping up. Our Club runs as well as it does due to the efforts of volunteers. A number of our Executive have held their positions for numerous years and new ideas and individuals will only benefit the Club!

As we head into summer, wishing you all a happy growing season!

Sandee

Plant Sale

We held our annual Plant Sale on Sunday, May 28th and it was a great success. We raised **\$963.50** for our Club.

Township Grant

The Township of Uxbridge has put forward a motion to grant our Club \$500.00 per year in recognition of all our work in the gardens around Uxbridge. Thank you very much to **Gerri Lynn O'Connor** for your support and recognition of the efforts of our volunteers in helping keep Uxbridge gardens beautiful.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, June 14th: **"Birds"** with Paul Oliver; Flower Show
 Wednesday, July 12th: TBA; Flower Show
 Wednesday, August 9th: **"Fabulous Funghi: Intro to Mycology"** with David Hawke; Flower Show

In Memorium - Margaret Saban

Margaret (Marg) Saban, along with her husband Ernie (predeceased), was a Master Gardener and long-time member of the Uxbridge Horticultural Society.

Margaret passed away May 31st. A Celebration of Life will be open to anyone wanting to pay their respects on June 20th at Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge.

Margaret was a long-time resident of Uxbridge and kept very active knitting for the Uxbridge Hospital Gift Shop, tending her gardens, walking her little dog Abby, volunteering and attending swim exercise at the Uxbridge Pool.

Our sincere condolences to her family and friends!

May Flower Show Results

Angie Andruss came in first with 124 points, second place goes to **Doreen Hilliard** with 23 points and third place goes to **Mikale Pilgram** with 21 points.

They were followed by **Ann Broughton and Debbie Watson** (16), **Marg Causton** (13), **Sally Kotsopoulos and Deb Ward** (12), **Simon Plashkes** (8), **Elizabeth Plashkes** (7), **Kathleen Ravich and Anna Spencley** (4) and **Cheryl Campbell** (3).

Sally Kotsopoulos won **Best Spring Bulb**.

Thank you to **Sandy Evans and Enid Jones** for helping with the judge.

It would be my immense pleasure if someone would take over the Show duties for next year and beyond, as I have been doing this since 2011. I would, of course, guide you along as required. Knowledge of Excel would be an asset.

Vicki Taylor-Scott Award

Every year, our Club sponsors an award to an outstanding high school student who will be pursuing a post-secondary education in an environment-related field. This year's Award recipient is **Elise Alexander**.

Elise is extremely passionate about the environment and will be attending Queen's University in the Fall of 2023 to pursue Environmental Science. For an oral presentation exam, **Elise** chose the topic of plastic use, specializing in the impacts of microplastics, wanting to teach others about the impact their consumption has on the environment.

A quote from **Elise's** application:

"It was the immense interest and passion I had for this topic that encouraged me to want to learn to change our society for the better and improve our environment."

Congratulations **Elise!** With passionate young people like yourself and other students, our future is surely in good hands!



Extra Vegetables from Your Garden

As we head into the summer, some of us gardeners always seem to have an overabundance of produce - think zucchini, tomatoes, beans, squash, etc.

We will be setting up a table for you to bring in and donate your extra vegetables, herbs and fruits. There will also be a donation jar so that whoever would like to take some of the produce can do so and make a monetary donation. Our Treasurer will collect the donations each month and at the end of September, make a donation to the Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes prior to their Thanksgiving food drive on behalf of our Garden Club. Any donations after that time for fall produce, will be collected and donated to same for their Christmas food drive. The only thing we ask is that you be judicious in taking any produce and as generous as your budget will allow. Many out there are not quite as fortunate!

Plant Sale Photos



"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside!"

... Maud Hart Lovelace