

# Your Georgina-Brock Garden Club Newsletter

December 2023



Sharing the Beauty

Hello All,

Our AGM on Monday night wrapped-up garden club activities for 2023. What a fun evening it was! A gathering of three dozen or more enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and entertaining demonstration by Mike Gibbs. The kissing ball, along with numerous door prizes were given away.



Retiring Director Margaret Almack was recognized for 40+ years of service to GBGC by District 17 Director, Debi Foster.

The business portion of the meeting was short, as was the installation of officers and directors conducted by District 17 Director Debi Foster. Two new directors, Deb Banfield and Anisa Ishak, have joined the Board but were unable to attend the AGM so they do not appear in the photo. Debi Foster also awarded a 40-year service pin from the Ontario Horticultural Association to Margaret Almack who has served as a GBGC director for 40 years and is now stepping down. Thank you Margaret for your long and valued contribution to our club.

I was honoured to give a President's Award to Lynne Davidson for outstanding service, and three Life Member pins and certificates to long-standing members: Dorothy Shier and Jan Osborne (both from previous years), and Margaret Almack for 2023. It was no surprise Georgia and George Stojanovic were declared grand champions for Flower Shows for achieving top points in all categories. The Photography Show prize went to Pat Rose. Congratulations to all!

2024 promises to be another fantastic year. I am particularly interested in attracting new residents and folks in their 20s, 30s and 40s to our meetings and to join our gardening community. Please reach out to me with comments about how we can continue to strengthen our club and grow GBGC membership.

Mark your calendars! Our first meeting will be March 11, 2024 followed by Seedy Saturday on the 23rd. I look forward to seeing everyone then!

Happy Holidays!



GBGC Directors for 2024 L-R, Jan Osborne, Denise Sheedy, Ann Winacott, Lynne Davidson, Pam Heise, & Kathie Braid. Absent, Deb Banfield and Anisa Ishak.

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Georgia and George Stojanovic achieved top points in all categories of the 2023 flower shows.



## Caring For Cyclamen Indoors

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Potted cyclamen plants with elaborately marked ivy-like foliage and bright red, purple, pink or white flowers are easy to grow, making long-lasting ornamentals for the winter holiday season.

Cyclamen grow wild in frost-free Mediterranean regions but rely on us to provide the right conditions when making a home indoors. The important factors are a cool location and moderately moist soil. They're happy with bright indirect light, and prefer to avoid the warmth of direct sun. Consequently, a bright north or east window is ideal. Cool air temperature is crucial, and they'll flourish in a location that is 50°F to 60°F (10°C to 15.5°C). The broad range of acceptable temperature is 40°F (4.5°C) at night and 68°F (20°C) during the day. Cyclamen want soil that's consistently moist, but never saturated. (They're vulnerable to fungus diseases when kept too wet.) If allowed to dry out while in active growth, the foliage and flowers will dramatically wilt. I lift the pot every day to judge its water content by the weight of the pot. If it feels light, I set it in a basin of warm water to soak up a good drink and avoid wetting the plump tuber at the soil surface. Then, I allow the pot to drain thoroughly before setting it back in its permanent place.

Cyclamen have a natural dormancy period, starting in spring, when temperatures begin to rise in April. The flower production will slow down, and some leaves begin to yellow. When half the leaves are yellow or bending down, it's time to cut off all the foliage and put the pot in a cool, dark place for a summer rest. Check the pot every week and provide a bit of water to keep it from completely drying out. In August, bring the cyclamen back out into light and begin watering. New foliage will grow and you can expect another winter season of bloom.



**SEEDY SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 23 2024**  
Pefferlaw Lion's Community Hall  
Beaverton, Cannington & Georgina-Brock Horticultural Clubs

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