

Florascope

From the Grapevine~

We're back in the Old Town Hall!!

The lovely old hall has had an update, with several new features added, for both safety and usability. It looks great!



New fire safety exit from basement for staff



All new kitchen cupboards and appliances



New tables & chairs, easy storage units & floor refinish

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our stay at Ancaster Library possible and to all of you who joined us there. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our usual home at the Old Town Hall. Our Program Director has an excellent winter speaker series for you and we've printed the entire year's program on the newsletter insert (p.5). Just a reminder that membership for 2018 is now due. (p.3) Why not join us and bring a friend! Guests are free and always welcome!

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Ancaster Horticultural Society 2018 Executive and Board of Directors

At the recent Annual General Meeting thanks were extended to all of the Directors for their leadership and tireless efforts. AHS has had a very successful year and enjoys great appreciation from the Ancaster community. Last year's Executive Council members have stepped down after many years of leadership on the Board. It's time for a change.

At the fall Board meeting it was decided that, in the absence of a President or Executive Council, that the chair of meetings would rotate among a roster of Board of Director volunteers. Society activities will continue under the experienced and capable leadership of its Directors.

We welcome Mary Roussel, who stepped up after the AGM, and agreed to co-direct the Social Committee. If you are interested in sharing your time on any Board committee, speak to any of the Directors—you'd be most welcome.

HONOURARY OFFICERS

Honorary Vice-President	Bob Wade
Honorary Vice-President	Murray Ferguson
Honorary Vice-President	Lloyd Ferguson
Honorary Vice-President	Michael Simone

EXECUTIVE

Past Executive Council: Lorraine Held, Dorothy Macintyre
Donna Parker, Bob Wilt

President Elect: **Vacant**

Treasurer: Bob Wilt

Secretary: Lorraine Held

SPECIAL AREAS

Fieldcote Representative	Mavis Baker
Auditors	Ed Bryja, Lorraine Cooper
Photographer	David Puskas
District 6 Asst. Director	Susan Reeder

DIRECTORS

Awards	Bob Wilt
Fieldcote Plantings	Mavis Baker,
Florascape/NEWS FLASH	Donna Parker
Flower & Photo Show	Lorraine Held, Betty Howitt
Membership	Dorothy Macintyre
Membership Archivist	Sheila Oddy
Municipal Plantings	Sue Groleau
Plant Sale	Sue Freshwater, Donna Parker
Program	Betty Howitt
Properties	Don Grant, Anthony Vallentin
Publicity	Christine DeMarco
Web site	Dorothy Macintyre, Donna Parker
Twitter	Donna Parker
Social	Wendy Spangenberg, Mary Roussel
Trillium Awards	Carol Anne Howe, Kelley Gowland
Youth	Vacant



Thanks to the Fieldcote Gardening Team by Mavis Baker

Thanks to the gardening team members for all their hard work at Fieldcote this year. We always end the year on a happy note by decorating the house and grounds for the Christmas season.

I wish to thank AHS for the generous donations throughout the year, enabling us to enhance the grounds with native trees for the benefit of all those who visit. We look forward to seeing these trees blossom in a few years. This year two beautiful Balsam Christmas trees were also donated and duly decorated.



On November 18th, a new public art piece was unveiled in the grounds, at the junction of the Wilson St. path and the Rotary Trail. It is bronze, directly cast from a tree section, showing growth rings. An inscription tells the story of Fieldcote and a list of the flora and fauna to be found within the area.



We hope you'll give some thought to coming to join our team next season. *Mavis*

Photos: David Puskas

Ancaster Horticultural Society 2018 Membership Dues

\$10.00 Single Membership \$15.00 Family Membership New Member

Date: _____ cheque cash

Payable to: Ancaster Horticultural Society. Payments may be made by cash or cheque at each meeting or cheques may be mailed to P.O. Box 81056, Ancaster, On. L9G 4X1

Name: (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

(The quarterly newsletter, **Florascap**, may be received by mail or e-mail. Please check box to receive by e-mail:)

Your information is used solely for the administrative purposes of the Ancaster Horticultural Society.
e-mail: _____

The Ancaster Horticultural Society is a duly incorporated, non-profit, charitable organization whose registration number is 88925 5462 RR0001. Contributions to the Society are always greatly appreciated. Official Tax Receipts will be issued.

AHS 2017 Award Winners

with information submitted by Bob Wilt

Photos by David Puskas

The **Ontario Volunteer Service Awards** will be presented next April as follows:

- Claire Aitkin 30 Years
- Ed Bryja 30 Years
- Jack Cranston (posthumously) 10Years

Life Memberships were presented to Tonie Wilt, Bob Wilt, Sheila Finnimore

President's Awards (for significant volunteer contribution over the last one or more years) were awarded to: Laurel Gallea, Marilyn Burjan, Mary Roussel

Ancaster Blue Ruffle Award (for significant volunteer service for three or more years) was presented to Sue Groleau.

Mayor's Award (Our highest award and for significant service for five or more years) was presented to two recipients this year: Carol Ann Howe and Kelley Gowland



Note: Many of our Award recipients were not able to attend the AGM. Awards will be presented at the January meeting.

Nomination for an Award at the OHA District 6 level was also made as follows:

OHA Service Certificate: **Wendy Spangenberg**

OHA Award of Merit Nominee: **Donna Foster** (This is a nomination. Only one award is given by the OHA for notable contributions to the Association or Society over many years)

2018 AHS Speaker Program
Betty Howitt, Director

- January 16, 2018** 'The Owl Foundation—Not a Fly-by-Night Org.'
Rescuing & Rehabilitating Owls with Peter Thoen
- February 20, 2018** 'Pine Needle Basketry' with Marilyn Sutor
- March 20, 2018** 'Growing Hops and Brewing Beer' & Tasting!!
with Cindy Blair & Harold Kuret, Steel City Hop Farm
- April 17, 2018** 'Transforming your Health with Nutrient-Dense Produce' with Jasmine Loftman, Paradise Fields
- May 15, 2018** 'Water Wise Gardening' with Leanne Knuckle,
Environmental Services, City of Brantford
- June 19, 2018** 'What Makes an Award-Winning Garden'
with Jim Lounsbery, Vineland Nursery
- September 18, 2018** 'Garden Design 102—Overcoming Landscape Problems & Mistakes' with Wolfgang Bonham,
from Peace, Love, and Landscaping
- October 16, 2018** 'Hawthorn Farm Organic Seeds and Living in a Straw Bale House' with Kim Delaney
- November 20, 2018** Potluck Dinner and Annual General Meeting

Coming Events

Monthly meetings of the Society are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from January to June and September to November. Meetings are held in the Ancaster Old Town Hall beginning with a Social Time at 7:30 followed by the meeting at 7:45 pm.

January

16th Monthly Meeting



February

6th AHS Board Meeting

at Fieldcote Museum 7:15pm

20th Monthly Meeting



March

1-4 Stratford Garden Festival

lungontario.ca

9-18 Canada Blooms

canadablooms.com

(See ad opposite)

20th Monthly Meeting

There will be tasting!



Decorating Day at the Old Town Hall

Photos: Donna Parker

We gathered at the newly-updated Old Town Hall on December 6th to give it some Christmas trimmings. Thanks to Rosemary for the treats and to everyone who participated! It was fun!



A BIG THANKS to everyone who participated and to the following for their donations:
-Cranston Farms
-Our Members
-City of Hamilton Works Dept.



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