

Florascape



From the Executive Council's Grapevine



Whew!—a soggy spring and rain, on and off, for the last 3 months but our gardens don't seem to mind one little bit! This summer has continued our very successful year. Betty Howitt, our program director, has planned outstanding speakers and, despite last minute cancellations, has an excellent speaker for our fall line up that I think you'll enjoy.

We held the Flower & Photo Show in July and we had record attendance at the Trillium Award Ceremony in August. There were so many fabulous gardens to choose from but our judges rose to the challenge. (p.5)

Talking of fabulous gardens, have you taken a good look recently at the Municipal and Fieldcote gardens. These are areas well kept by our volunteers and they do a wonderful job!

Just a reminder that reconstruction is being done at the Old Town Hall and our September, October & November meetings will be held in the Murray Ferguson Room of the Ancaster Library. Enter from the back of the library at the lower level. The Murray Ferguson room is on the left-hand side past the display case.

We hope to see you all at our October 17th meeting when our speaker will be Cindy Cartright for 'The Ontario Hummingbird Project'. In November we'll have a 'Seasonal Surprise' for you prior to our AGM and Awards.

Join us,
Dorothy Macintyre
 For the Executive Council



**A WARM WELCOME
 TO OUR NEW AHS MEMBERS**

Douglas & Theresa Ward

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‘Canada 150 Years’ Flower and Photo Show

by Lorraine Held, Co-Director

‘Canada 150 Years’ was the title of our Annual Flower and Photo Show and Afternoon Tea on Saturday July 22. We had **145 excellent entries**, even more than last year! We had made a few changes to the show this year, including moving it from August to July; eliminating the vegetable division (and awards associated with it); and having demonstration speakers in floral design and photography; but, unfortunately, the changes did not translate into an increase in attendance. Where was everybody??

Betty Howitt and her committee received donations of **34 door prizes and 8 raffle prizes** from 29 donors in the community and we thank them for their generosity. (See p. 3) Rosemary Anstey and Wendy Spangenberg and their team prepared the tea and did a great job of serving our guests.

Many thanks also go to all the volunteers as we prepared for the show, set up the hall and helped with take-down and to Dorothy Macintyre for emcee duties.

Special thanks to all who entered specimens in the show. **You “are” the show!**



Photos: David Puskas

The Award Winners

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| Oddy Award | Runner up-Best in Show-Floral | Tracy & Jerry Dmetrichuk |
| Horace King Cup | Best in Show-Floral | Lorraine Held |
| Mrs. Horace King Cup | Best in Show-Rose | Tracy & Jerry Dmetrichuk |
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| Murray Ferguson Award | Best in Show-Design | Mabel Ward |
| Lil Arno/Donna Hills Award | Peoples’ Choice-Design | Mabel Ward |
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| Wilt Award | Best in Show -Photographic | Douglas Ward |
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| Certificate | Runner up- Highest Total Pts. Overall | Lorraine Held |
| B.A. Harper Award | Highest Total Pts. Overall | Betty Howitt |

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
WISHES TO THANK
THE FOLLOWING DONORS:**



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Volunteering for your Horticultural Society

By Rosemary Anstey, Co-Chair Social Cte.

There are many opportunities for you to assist your Society, to make new friends and to learn about plants and nature.

One way to volunteer is socially by offering to 'Meet & Greet' or helping to serve refreshments. For this to happen we need **3 volunteers for each meeting**. An important role is as a 'greeter' at the door—an opportunity to make sure that new visitors are made welcome, assisted in obtaining a name tag, are offered the refreshments, introduced to at least one regular member and are aware of restroom locations.

Two other volunteers need to arrive 30 minutes before the meeting to prepare tea & coffee, set out the mugs (or paper cups while we're away from the Town Hall) and replenish the supplies as needed. The Society provides all the supplies for refreshments except milk and any cold drink you may choose to supply. **We will no longer be asking you to bring food**. Reimbursement for any costs may be claimed from our treasurer. Following the meeting volunteers clean up and put away supplies and take home unused perishable items.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering are available at each meeting. Volunteers always receive a reminder email or call a week prior to the meeting. **Why not volunteer and get to know your fellow members even better!**

Some Other Ways to Volunteer

- ~Judging for Trillium Awards
- ~Gardening at Fieldcote or Municipal Beds
- ~Decorating the Old Town Hall at Christmas
- ~Potting plants, selling etc. for Plant Sale
- ~Assisting with Flower & Photo Show
- ~Sharing your unique skills on the Board

Municipal Gardens submitted by Sue Groleau

Thanks to our crews of gardeners that kept our gardens going in this summer. Garden clean-up will take place on a day at the beginning of October. If you can help please contact Sue Groleau at **905-648-2964**



photo: S. Oddy

Award Winners
Flower & Photo Show
 Photos: David Puskas



Coming Events

Monthly meetings of the Society are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Our September, October & November meetings this year will be held at the Ancaster Library, lower level, in the Murray Ferguson Room. To accommodate library closing times, our meetings will start at 7:30 pm sharp and end by 8:45pm

October

1st Ont. Region Lily Society Bulb Sale 1pm RBG
orls.ca

17th. Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
 'Ont. Hummingbird Project'
 with Cindy Cartright

20-29 Hamilton Mum Show at
Gage Park

November

4th OHA Dist. 6 Fall Dinner 6pm
 Delhi Hungarian Hall, Delhi
 Tickets \$30 (See Bob Wilt)

21st. AHS Annual General Mtg. & Awards 7:30pm

"A Seasonal Surprise"
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(There will be **NO POTLUCK DINNER** this year due to space limitations at the library.)

December

6th Town Hall Decorating 9:30am

This is tentative depending on Town Hall renovations.
 Stay tuned!

No Meeting in December

Happy Holidays

Next Meeting: Jan. 16, 2018

Trillium Awards 2017

by Carol Howe, Chair Trillium Award Committee

The gardens were exceptionally beautiful, this year, probably due to the weather. The 42 judges visited 292 gardens. The standard gets higher every year and, this year, in order to win a Trillium, a score of 93% was required! Of the 125 awards given, 4 were Diamond (15 times) (see side bar) 2 were Ruby (10 times); and 13 were Gold (5 times).

The Awards Ceremony was held in the lovely grounds of Fieldcote Museum on August 15th with the largest turn-out ever! Bob Wade, former Mayor, and Councillor Lloyd Ferguson presented to the Diamond Trillium winners: Mr. & Mrs. F. Leathley; Christina & Richard Wilson; Leslie & Larry Adoranti; and St. John's Anglican Church. Diamond Trillium winners will be honoured by the City of Hamilton at the Citywide Trillium awards on October 19th.

Thanks go to the Trillium Committee: Kelley Gowland and Marilyn Burjan; the 'Property Brothers' Don Grant and Anthony Vallentin; Emcees Bob Wilt and Donna Parker; resource person, Sheila Oddy and to all of the 42 judges and 292 property owners for their efforts. This was the committee members' first year to run the Trilliums and we look forward to next year. Well done everyone!

Diamond Trillium Award Winners



46 Norma Cres.



341 English Pl.



76 Springfield Blvd.



Commercial Winner:
St. John's Anglican Church



The Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society (HDCDS) is a non-profit organization that has celebrated over fifty years of growing dahlias!

Our mandate is to stimulate interest in, disseminate information about, and to promote the culture and development of these amazing plants.

Dahlia GARDEN TOUR

Sunday October 1st, 2017
10am — 4pm

Tickets \$15
or 2 for \$25

Please visit our website for ticket sales information and additional details as the date draws near.

www.hamilton-mum-dahlia.com

Dahlia GARDEN TOUR

Featuring gardens of award-winning dahlia growers in Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton, Dundas, and Beamsville.

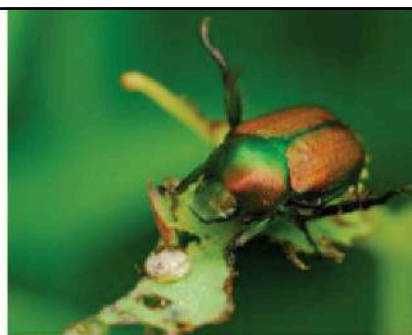
SUNDAY OCT 1, 2017
10am — 4pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Photos by: C-A Howe

Dealing with Japanese Beetles

This summer's abundance of rain will likely lead to next year's overabundance of the dreaded Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*). Not known to be a picky eater, it has a voracious appetite for virtually everything in your garden, leaving behind only the skeletonized remains of your prized plants.



We've often been told the only reliable method of dealing with them is to hunt them down and destroy them manually. Strathroy's **Empress of Dirt**, Melissa Will, discusses the pros and (mostly) cons of pheromone traps, then offers her best advice for dealing with the pests. Difficulties arise because they congregate in groups, so even if you're successful in killing 1 or 2, many others have dropped to the ground or flown away to resume their meals on neighbouring plants.

Melissa recommends a two-pronged approach, starting with duct tape wrapped around the fingers for trapping beetles, and ending with dunking them into soapy water before discarding. She has even made YouTube video to demonstrate:

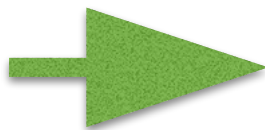
<https://youtu.be/hTC-IC3oXHk>

While you're there, you can subscribe to her YouTube channel, or visit her blog at: empressofdirt.net. She currently has some great advice on how to take fall hardwood cuttings of ornamental shrubs — a great way to stretch your gardening dollar!

by Howard Cole, Halton Master Gardeners, excerpted and used with permission from 'Cross Pollination'. If interested, entire newsletter can be viewed at www.haltonmastergardeners.wordpress.com OR subscribe to this newsletter by sending an email to: haltonmastergardeners@gmail.com

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www.ancasterhort.org



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