

# Florascape



## From the Grapevine~

Welcome to 2022 and what we hope for all of us will be a happy, healthy year. We will continue to meet via Zoom, likely throughout the winter, until the City gives us clearance to use the Old Town Hall and we feel comfortable with in-person meetings. While Zoom has allowed us connect with members near and far, we miss being able to see everyone.



Photo: D. Puskas

Our program director, Betty Howitt, has once again created an interesting roster of speakers. (see p. 3). In this issue we take a photo trip through early winter happenings (p. 2) and some of your fond memories of this past summer and autumn. (p. 4) There's nothing like growing flowering bulbs indoors during the cold days of winter to give spirits a life. We have some tips for growing many of them on p. 5. It's also time to renew memberships and you'll find the form and addresses on page 6.

Until we can meet in person we wish you all Happy New Year! Stay well.

~Your Executive Council

Donna, Bob, Lorraine



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# Winter Happenings...



## A first snow in the Village

Photos: David Puskas



## Making the wreaths for the Old Town Hall doors

Wendy Spangenberg & Laurel Gallea (along with Mavis Baker)  
Photo: M. Baker



## Garden ornaments survive the first winter snow

Photos: Bob Wilt



Photo: D. Parker

## Our Speaker Program for 2022

Program Director, Betty Howitt, has put together an exciting group of speakers.

All speakers are available for either in-person or Zoom meetings.

Our January meeting will be via Zoom. It is quite possible that our winter meetings will all be Zoom meetings. As rules change we will keep you posted.

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>January 18, 2022</b>   | <b>‘Beyond the Trees—A Journey Alone Across the Arctic’</b><br>with Adam Shoalts, Canadian writer & adventurer   |
| <b>February 15, 2022</b>  | <b>‘Mother Nature’s Humour’</b> with Catherine McGill  |
| <b>March 15, 2022</b>     | <b>‘How to Build a Rain Garden’</b><br>with Janet Mackey, Halton Master Gardeners  |
| <b>April 19, 2022</b>     | <b>‘What’s New at Whistling Gardens’</b><br>with Darren Heimbecker, Whistling Gardens<br>(June 1, 2022 Tentative date for a tour of Whistling Gardens) |
| <b>May 17, 2022</b>       | <b>‘How to Grow and Care for Roses’</b><br>with Marie Decker, President of Hamilton/Burlington Rose Society  |
| <b>June 21, 2022</b>      | <b>‘Tour and Sampling at Shawn &amp; Ed Brewery’</b><br>with Mark Bowden, Shawn & Ed Brewery   |
| <b>September 20, 2022</b> | <b>‘The Imperfect Garden—Falling in Love with our Dots and Spots’</b> Back by popular demand—<br>Lorraine Roy, Art Textiles                            |
| <b>October 18, 2022</b>   | <b>‘Dreamers, Schemers, and Builders: An Introductions to the History of RBG’</b> with<br>Dr. David Galbraith, Head of Science, RBG                    |

I remember...



“This was my first summer with a Butterfly Bush and it was a huge success!” Lorraine Held



“This is my Casablanca Lily. It’s majestic-looking & has a heavenly scent. I look forward to growing it each year.” Marilyn Burjan



“ I enjoyed seeing the many creatively carved pumpkins while Trick or Treating with my granddaughter.” Sue Freshwater



“This is one of the Aliums in our garden. I can’t wait to see them back next spring.” Jill Macaulay



“This is an experiment my grandson & I started 3 years ago. We rooted a pineapple top in water & then potted it up. It spends every summer outside & inside in the winter. We are hoping for fruit next year.” Betty Howitt



“Last year I used a Cold Frame for the first time. In March I planted salad green seeds & in April we began the harvest. Can’t wait to use it again.” Donna Parker



“A favourite plant is this hibiscus. It has grown in leaps & bounds over the last few years. I plant it out in the spring & bring it in for the winter. Dorothy Macintyre



# Tips for your Winter Gardening!

Becky Fox shows you several options in this Garden Making blog:

<https://gardenmaking.com/suffering-floral-withdrawal/>



Photo: Hyacinth Bulbs by Jodi DeLong in GardenMaking

**Missing Your Garden?**  
Why not try 'forcing' spring bulbs!



Photo: Paperwhites (Narcissi) by member Rhu Sherrard

How to care for your **Christmas Cactus** after it blooms...

<https://savvygardening.com/christmas-cactus->



Photo: Savvy Gardening

**Worth Repeating!**



Photo: D. Parker

**So, you got an Amaryllis to bloom over the holidays. Now what do you do with it?**

- Clip the flowers as they die
- Cut the flower stems back to 2-3" after blooming is done
- Place the plant in a sunny window
- Water only when dry

**To see what to do over the summer to get it to rebloom see page 7 of Halton Master Gardeners newsletter:**

<https://haltonmastergardeners.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/cross-pollination-2020-12-final.pdf>

**Coming Events**

Our meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Zoom links will be emailed one week prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome at no charge.

**January 18 7:30 pm Via Zoom**

**“Beyond the Trees—A Journey Alone Across Canada’s Arctic”** with

**Adam Shoalts**

Canadian author and professional explorer, Adam describes his 4000 km solo trip across the Arctic mapping & tracking endangered species. He is Canada’s Indiana Jones. You don’t want to miss this one!

**February—Every Saturday, Green Venture**

**“Seedy Saturdays”** -Virtual & In-Person

Seeds will be available for exchange & purchase every Saturday in February. To register go to:

<https://sites.google.com/greenventure.ca/seedysaturdayhamont/seed-swap>

**February 15 7:30**

**“Mother Nature’s Humour”** with **Catherine McGill, Dist. 6 Director**

*Mother Nature must have been in a crazy mood when she made some of her plants. Some of names we gave them are just plain silly & some are brilliant. Enjoy Catherine’s take on these wonderful blooms that will make you smile when you see them & say their names.*

**March 15 7:30**

**“How to Build a Rain Garden”** with **Janet Mackey, Halton Master Gardeners**

*Rain gardens are an effective way to manage run-off from rainfall and snow melt around our homes. Janet has created a beautiful rain garden on her suburban property and will show how to build your own rain garden.*



**Ancaster Horticultural Society**

**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

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