

Florascape

61 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

'Tis Autumn! Welcome back to our season of regular meetings. It was so great to connect with everyone who attended our September meeting!

Photo: D. Parker



Throughout the summer our volunteers have been busy. Thanks to the gardening crews at Fieldcote and in the Municipal gardens that have thrived in spite of excessive heat and drought. Our Trillium Awards involved 40 volunteer judges who judged 265 properties. Thank you. Winners were thrilled to return to an in-person presentation at Fieldcote. (see p.2)

In order to continue our programs and community work, the Society needs your help. You'll see (p.4) a reminder to look at your fall garden and to mark those plants that can be divided and donated to our sale in the spring. We'd also like to make use of the skills among our membership to fill several administrative needs (p.4 and p. 8). New people bring new ideas and contributions. If you'd like to be more involved, give some thought to joining a garden crew, a committee, the Board or helping with an event.

Our Annual General Meeting will be a little different this year. We're not quite ready to host a pot luck dinner but, instead, we hope you'll join us for dessert, coffee & tea and a re-cap of a busy year. **We hope to see you at our next meeting.** ~Your Executive Council, Betty, Lorraine, Bob, Donna

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A Warm Welcome to New Members:

- Sonia Baldassi Marg Bickerton
- Maria Melo
- Maria Ingrosso (welcome back)

**Diamond Trillium Award Winning Gardens
(15 years of Trillium Awards) **Congratulations!****



**Diamond Award Winner—the gardens at
154 Crestview Drive** Photo: C. Howe



**Proud owner of Diamond Award
Rod Frank** Photo: D. Puskas

Ancaster Trillium Awards

In spite of the dry conditions, this summer, Ancaster once again had beautiful gardens. I would like to thank our 40 volunteer judges who looked at 265 properties. The winning 125 gardens had scores over 93/100. Congratulations to all. Carol Howe, Co-Director, Trillium Awards



The 2022 Trillium Awards Ceremony at Fieldcote Park

Trillium Award Committee:

Carol Howe, Marilyn Burjan, Carolyn Bondarenko, Kelley Gowland,

Photo: D. Puskas

Members' Page



Presenting Sue Groleau with the Garden Hero Award with Bob Wilt & Donna Parker

Photo: Tonie Wilt



Meeting up with long-time member, Dorothy Bolf at Taylor Rd. street party. Contributed by Bob Wilt



Blue Star Fern—first time growing on my balcony. A great success!

Contributed by Sheila Oddy



Teddy Bear's Wagon Garden at Beth Powell's Open Garden. Photo: Bob Wilt



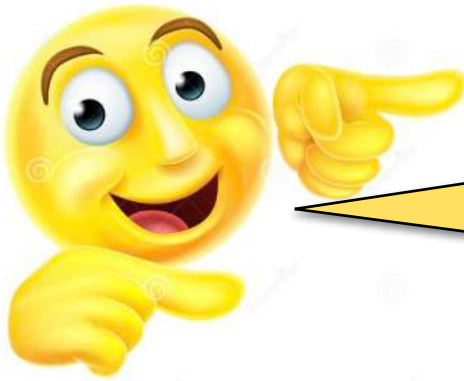
Feeding Pollinators in the Fieldcote Garden. Swallowtail Butterfly caterpillar by David Puskas



Succulent Arrangement by Lorraine Held "I didn't know it would flower!"



Ruby Trillium Award Winners at Fieldcote Awards Presentation Presented by Donna Parker and Carol Howe. Photos: David Puskas



We need your help...
 If you have a little time we have some opportunities for you to share your experience and skills to support the Society!

Support the Plant Sale—Our signature fundraiser supports our speaker program and our community activities.

You can help NOW by marking those plants, in your garden, that can be divided and donated to the sale next spring. (See list of plants p. 5)

Take photos of the plants and/or record names and send to ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

We need help to make plant signs, DURING THE WINTER, in preparation for the sale. Contact Sharon Lee through the above email address.

Are you a retired accountant?
 We are looking for a second accountant to review our year-end Financial Statements in preparation for our Annual General Meeting. Contact Bob Wilt bob.wilt47@gmail.com

Do you have administrative skills? We are looking for someone with good record-keeping and organizational skills to become the new SECRETARY on our Board. Our retiring secretary, Lorraine Held, will work with this person to familiarize them with the role. Speak to a Board member or contact by email at: ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

Do you love to garden?
 It's not too late to join our gardening groups! **Fieldcote Gardeners** meet Thurs. mornings at Fieldcote Park. Refreshments & fun included! Contact Bob Wilt (see p. 1) OR join our gardeners who volunteer at the **Municipal gardens.** Contact Jill or Allan Macaulay at: al1973jill@gmail.com

Do you have Website management experience?
 We're looking for someone to co-manage our new website with Donna Parker. Contact us through ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

2023 AHS Plant Sale

Plant donations from our members form the backbone of our sale. *Fall is a good time to mark those garden plants that will need dividing in the spring. Here's a guide to plants that help to support our sale.*

Perennials Needed

(Especially named varieties)

Anemone—spring or fall varieties
Astilbe
Balloon Flower (Platycodon)
Bee Balm (Monarda-esp. named varieties)
Beard Tongue (Penstemon)
Bear's Breeches (Acanthus)
Bell Flower (Campanula-tall & short)
Bergenia
Blanket Flower (Gaillardia)
Brunnera
Columbine (Aquilegia)
Cone Flowers (Echinacea-Native & named)
Coral Bells (Heuchera)
Coreopsis
Cranesbill (Perennial Geranium)
False Sunflower (Heliopsis)
Ferns-all varieties
Gayfeather (Liatris)
Globe Thistle (Echinops)
Globe Flower (Trollius)
Goatsbeard (Aruncus)
Grasses & Sedges (named varieties only)
Hellebores
Hens & Chicks (Sempervivum)
Iris-Bearded, Miniature, Siberian, Japanese
Jacob's Ladder (Polemonium)
Lady's Mantle (Alchemella)
Lavender
Ligularia
Lily-Asiatic, Oriental
Lobelia
Peonies
Phlox-creeping & tall
Pinks (Dianthus)
Poppy (Papaver)
Rose Campion (Lychnis)
Russian Sage (Perovskia)
Sage (Salvia)
Sea Holly (Eryngium)
Sedum-creeping & tall
Sneezeweed (Helenium)
Speedwell (Veronica)
Spiderwort (Tradescantia)
Spurge (Euphorbia)
Thrift (Armeria)
Yarrow 5

Native Plants Needed

Asters
Blue False Indigo (Baptisia)
Cardinal Flower (Lobelia)
Foam Flower (Tiarella)
Gentian
Grasses & Sedges (named varieties only)
Hyssop (Agastache)
Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Joe Pye Weed (Eupatorium)
Milkweed plants (Asclepias)
Wild Ginger (Asarum)

Limited Need

Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)
Corn Flower (Centaurea)
Daylilies-coloured & named varieties only
Dahlia
Hosta-variegated, blue, named varieties only
Obedient Plant (Physostegia)
Solomon's Seal

Shrubs and Trees Needed

Dogwood (Cornus)
Flowering Shrubs -that can be divided
e.g. Forsythia, Lilac, Hydrangeas
Holly (Ilex)
Japanese Maples (Acer)

Please Don't Donate These Plants!

(They do not sell well & we can't store them)
Daylilies -Orange & Yellow
Hostas-Plain Green Varieties
Lamium
Lily of the Valley
Lungwort-(Pulmonaria)
Periwinkle (Vinca)
Prickly Pear Cactus
Shasta Daisies (Leucanthemum)



Fall Gardening Tips



When night time temperatures begin to reach 10 degrees celsius, it's time to move!



- Lightly prune back any damaged or unruly stems and branches.
- Remove flower buds to encourage plant to slow down its growth.
- Reduce your fertilizing routine by at least half to encourage the plant to slow down.



- Inspect all leaves and stems for insects; look carefully at the undersides of leaves and at the crotches in stems. Remove any unwanted pests, but do keep ladybugs and even a garden spider on the plants for winter as they keep other insects at bay.



- Submerge the potted plant (with its soil) in a larger container of water for 20+ minutes. Any insects hiding in the soil will come up for air and can be removed from the surface of the water.
- Apply an approved insecticide if insects are evident or suspected.



- Repot if necessary, or replenish soil in the pot for the winter.
- Acclimate plants to their new lighting situation. Full sun plants should be placed in an outdoor, partially shaded area for two weeks prior to moving to indoor conditions.



- Prepare your indoor space and know the lighting conditions that each plant is moving into.



- Be sure to have adequately sized saucers for beneath potted plants. Check for water retention to ensure furniture and floors are protected.
- Prepare a water reservoir for plants that prefer humidity; a deep saucer with pea gravel placed beneath the plant works well.
- Invest in a leak proof indoor watering can.

Collecting Seeds from your Garden by Savvy Gardening



See entire article at:

<https://savvygardening.com/collecting-seeds-from-your-garden/>



When a plant, like these annual poppies, shows potential for interesting improvements, I mark it with a labelled bread tag. That way when it's time to collect the seed, I'll remember why I was intrigued.

Coming Events

Meetings are held at Ancaster Old Town Hall, 210 Wilson St. E, Ancaster, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to June.

Meeting format:

- 7:30 Informal Chat & Refreshments
- 7:45 Brief business meeting
- 8:00 Speaker Presentation & Questions

October

18th **Montly Meeting** 7:30pm

‘Dreamers, Schemers and Builders: An Introduction to the History of the RBG’ with Dr. David Galbraith, Head of Science at Royal Botanical Gardens

November

15th **Montly Meeting** 7:30pm

Our Annual General Meeting
Join us for Dessert and Coffee/Tea. See our Annual Report and help to Confirm 2023 Board of Directors

January and February 2023

Our January & February meetings will be held **via ZOOM**. Look for our exciting new program of speakers in the Winter edition of Florascope issued at the end of December 2022.



District 6 Fall Dinner

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GUEST SPEAKER
PAUL KNOWLES

tickets
\$40.

hosted by
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HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

Saturday November 12, 2022

doors open at 5:00 pm
MEAL: Catered by SHELLY'S FAMILY DINING
dinner served at 6:30 pm

and a bit about "Beetles "




pre purchase tickets by E transfer to ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com
Please put names of attending and society in the message section of the E transfer or mail cheque to:
OHA District 6
56 Glen Cannon Dr
Stoney Creek, On. L8G 4E1



Caledonia Lions Community Centre
100 Haddington Street,
Caledonia



Cash Bar

Fall Garden & Mum Show


MUMS in SPACE



Gage Park Hamilton Ontario
Friday October 14 – Sunday October 23

OHA Dist. 6 has opportunities to volunteer at their desk during the MUM SHOW. Volunteers also have free entry to enjoy the show. If you would like to volunteer for a time slot (weekend or weekday), please contact Bob Wilt bob.wilt47@gmail.com 905-648-3369

Membership Reminder—2023 membership is due in January. Dues can be paid in person, at meetings this fall, or mailed in. If any of your contact information has changed, please use form to update our files. Thanks



Ancaster Horticultural Society

Membership Dues Year 20__

\$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, **Florascape**, may be received by mail or e-mail. Please check box to receive by e-mail.)
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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.

“Many Hands Make Light Work!”
 “Do you have some skills or interests that could help make the Society’s projects even better?”

♦ *Ancaster Horticultural Society~Beautifying Ancaster; Learning; Sharing a love of Plants*

Your attendance at meetings and events is welcome regardless of your knowledge of plants. Our monthly meetings and annual events are great opportunities to learn something new and to share ideas. However, if you have some skills and experience to share with us, we'd love to hear about them. By working together we help our Society to better meet the needs of our members and the Community.

Please indicate below which projects or events you might be interested in:

- Plant Sale (potting, selling, identifying, sign making, advertising, transporting)
- Trillium Awards (Judging, Admin.)
- Record Keeping (minutes, archives)
- Maintaining Gardens (Municipal & Fieldcote Museum)
(weeding, watering, clean up)
- Annual Pot Luck Dinner
- Decorating the Old Town Hall (Xmas)
- Social Cte. (organizing refreshments)
- Arranging Programs
- Set Up for Meetings & Events
- Transportation (e.g. Plant Sale)

We're not only about horticulture.
 If you have any of the following skills & some time we'd love to hear from you.

- Financial (accounting, bookkeeping)
- Publicity (local news & on-line media)
- Marketing (Social media, contacts)
- Website Management
- Flower Arranging
- Computer (Excel, photo, text)
- Landscaping, Horticulture
- Event Co-ordination
- Photography
- Making a Presentation
- Other (please specify) _____