

Florascope

62 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

It's Spring!

Can the flowers be far behind?!



With our March meeting we are back to meeting **in person!**
It is great to get together again!

Our activities now move into high gear as we prepare for our volunteer gardening crews to begin work at Fieldcote Park and in the Municipal Gardens. **We are in need of a volunteer to organize the planting and to co-ordinate with the City in the Municipal Gardens.** If this is something you think you would like to do, please contact one of us listed at the side.

Our **Annual Plant Sale** takes place **Sat. May 20th** at Food Basics Plaza and we begin potting on April 28th at Whiteside Farm. We need your help and there are lots of ways you can do that. (See p. 3). **Tomato Pre-Orders** are going well but to get your favourites, before they run out, order now! (see p. 2)

We have some great speakers coming up in our Spring series, thanks to Betty Howitt, our program director. We hope you'll join us.

~ Your Executive Council
Bob, Betty, Donna

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We are pleased to announce—

**Jill Macaulay has agreed to take on the role of Secretary.
Thank you, Jill!**



Pre-Order now at our Giant Sale of~~ Heirloom Tomato Plants!

There are tomatoes for pots and garden plots.
There's still lots of choice but...

Don't wait!

Pre-order now for pick up in Mid-May

Order at: ahsorderplants@gmail.com

OR

Mail to: Ancaster Horticultural Society
P.O. Box 81056, Ancaster, ON
L9G 4X1

Include: Chosen Varieties & number of each
Name, Address, Phone #, email (if you have)

Tomato variety descriptions and all ordering
details are on our website:

ancasterhort.org

**Tried & True
Varieties**



'Black Krim'



'Costoluto Fiorentino'



'Black Beauty'



'Sunsugar Hybrid'

**Try
Something
Different!**



'Snow White'



Ancaster Horticultural Society's
Plant Sale!
Saturday May 20, 2023
 Food Basics Plaza, Wilson St. Ancaster
 8am—1pm

We need volunteers. Here's how you can help:

Potting Days begin at Whiteside Farms:
 (1160 Jerseyville Rd. then down lane on left to barns)
 Friday April 28, 9:30 to Noon (ish) and
 continues every Wed., Fri., Sat. until the sale.
Join us for some or all of the potting days.
 Bring a coffee mug and join the fun!
 Bring your divided or unwanted perennials.
 Include PLANT NAMES with plants if possible.

**You don't have to be a
 Plant Expert to help!**
 -we need lifters, diggers,
 transportation, potters,
 sellers. We'll show you!
We have a lot of fun. Join us!

Your plant contributions are important for the sale!
 As you do your spring clean up consider which plants would benefit from being split
 or shared with another garden. (Be careful with invasive plants)
 You can drop them off at the farm at 1160 Jerseyville Rd. (lower level near the barns)
 starting **Monday May 1st.** (See also item on Jumping Worms, p. 5)

Need help to dig up plants? Contact:
 Donna Parker (905-304-6110) ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com OR
 Bob Wilt (905-648-3369) bob.wilt47@gmail.com
 Sue Freshwater (905-979-6733) after April 28th
suemfreshwater@gmail.com



**Fieldcote Clean Up Day has been
scheduled for Sat. April 29th
9:00am to Noon**
Contact: Bob Wilt 905-648-3369
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Fieldcote Clean Up Day is the kickoff to 6 months of gardening at Fieldcote. A very dedicated group of volunteers make up the garden crew. Our only pay is Costco snacks and Daryl's corny jokes!

Over the years, we have taken care of several rough spots in those 2 1/2 acres that we tend. The goal of the clean up, though, is to get the grounds in good shape so that the weekly crew can focus on planting and weeding in the gardens. With the help of the local Scouts group and our volunteers, many hands make light work.

If you would like to help out, bring your garden gloves, a rake and, if you have one, a wheelbarrow. And if you'd like to be part of the weekly garden crew, contact me, Bob Wilt, (see above).

Here are some photos from our huge clean up in 2019. *Bob Wilt*



Members' Page



Hello from Mexico!

Bougainvillea by Marilyn Burjan



Ancaster's Icy Maiden

by Bob Wilt



Stormy Days in March

by David Puskas

Worth Repeating!
contributed by Wendy Spangenberger



How to Clean & Sharpen Old Pruners

from *Garden Gate* and shared by Bob Wilt

<https://tinyurl.com/44dejjab>

Be on the Lookout for Jumping Worms



Yes, they are real! They are prevalent in the USA and come in soil with nursery plants. The concern is that they appear to change the soil chemistry and make difficult growing conditions for some plants. For full description see: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/canada-invasive-jumping-worms-1.6385624>
Please check the soil of all plants donated to our Plant Sale.
AND Be sure to attend our Sept. meeting when the topic will be Jumping Worms.

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

April

- 18th** Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
 'A Victory Garden for Trying Times'
 with Debi Goodwin
- 28th** Potting Days Begin at
 Whiteside Farm, 9:30-12
 1160 Jerseyville Rd.
- 29th** Cleanup Day at Fieldcote Museum

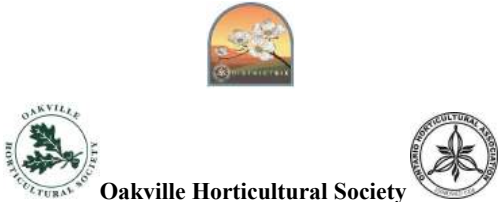
May

- 16th** Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
 'Horticultural Therapy' with
 Nancy Lee Colibaba, RBG
- 6th** Dist. 6 AGM & Flower Show
 Speaker: Cathy Kavassalis,
 'Invasive Plants'
- 20th** AHS Plant Sale 8am -1pm
 Food Basics Plaza Parking Lot




June

- 20th** Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
 'Harrogate Show in England &
 Demonstration of How Flowers are
 Grown in England' with Roland Craig



Oakville Horticultural Society
Presents
"We Lived the Garden Life!"
 OHA District 6 AGM and Flower Show

Saturday, May 6, 2023
 Doors open at 8 am for flower show entries
 Business meeting: 9:15 am



Sir John Colborne Centre
 Southeast Corner of Lakeshore Blvd. and Third Line
 1565 Old Lakeshore Rd., Oakville L6K 1S8

Speaker - Catherine Kavassalis
"The serious impact of invasive plants in gardens and flower shows"

Tickets - \$20 and prepaid - space is limited so purchase early
 Cheques made to "Ontario Horticultural Association District 6" and mailed to:
 Bob Heil at 56 Glen Cannon Dr., Stoney Creek L8G 4E1
 Etransfer to ohadistrict6treasurer@gmail.com stating name, society and email address



Plant Purple in 2023!

We are pleased to collaborate with **Communities in Bloom** to invite you and all of your network and followers to plant PURPLE, the official colour theme for 2023.

Why PURPLE? Purple has a variety of effects on the mind and body, including uplifting spirits, calming the mind, enhanced feelings of spirituality and encouraging imagination and creativity. From lilacs to coneflowers, from coast to coast, let's paint the country purple!