Florascape

From the Grapevine~

Happy 2023!

We're looking forward to an eventful year and we hope you'll join us! For January and February you won't even have to leave the comfort of your chair for our meetings via ZOOM.

Photo: D. Puskas

Once again our Program Director, Betty Howitt, has planned a variety of informative and engaging speakers. (see full list on p. 3)

While you're planning your 2023 garden, think about the plants that you want to divide in the spring to add to our Plant Sale. We'd love to have a 'heads up' of the plant names so that we can prepare signage for the sale. Drop us an email or phone call.

We wish you a happy and healthy winter season and look forward to seeing you via ZOOM and back, in person, in March.

Happy New Year from your Executive Council,

Bob, Betty, Donna

A Warm Welcome to New Members:

Sandi James
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Highlights from the AGM

Photos by David Puskas

Michelle Varlese-Fox, of Yearn to Urn, demonstrated 3 different styles of seasonal urn inserts.

3 beautiful inserts were raffled and won by: Mavis Baker, Joyce Radford & Carrie Browne

Delcious Desserts! Thanks to Wendy Spangenberger & team

Presidents' Awards were awarded to: Ingrid Davitsky, Sharon Lee and Carolyn Bondarenko Presented by Bob Wilt

Mavis Baker was presented with the **Mayor's Award** for her long-time service.

Blue Ruffle Awards were awarded to: Jill Macaulay, Alan Macaulay and Tonie Wilt

Life Memberships were awarded to Betty and Dave Howitt (abs.)

Bob Wilt presented a **special award** to **Lorraine Held** for her 18 years of service as the Secretary for the Society.

Our Speaker Program for 2023

Program Director, Betty Howitt, has put together an exciting group of speakers. Our January and February meetings will be held via Zoom. Zoom links will be sent, by email, one week prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome at no charge. (Guests may contact ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com to request a Zoom link.)

January 17, 2023 ZOOM	"Drama in the Butterfly Garden" with Carol Pasternak
February 21, 2023 ZOOM	"Succulent Gardening for Beginners" with Molly Shannon from Canadian Succulents
March 21, 2023 IN PERSON	"Heirloom Tomatoes" with Linda Crago of Tree and Twig Farms and supplier of plants to our Plant Sale
April 18, 2023 IN PERSON	"A Victory Garden for Trying Times" with Debi Goodwin
May 16, 2023 IN PERSON	"Horticultural Therapy" with Nancy Lee-Colibaba, Horticultural Therapy & Program Co-Ordinator, RBG
June 20, 2023 IN PERSON	"Harrogate Show—England and a demonstration of how flowers are grown in England" with Roland Craig
September 19, 2023 IN PERSON	"Jumping Worms—Community Outreach and Monitoring" with Michael McTavish, Post Doctoral Research Fellow
October 17, 2023 IN PERSON	"Demonstration & Learning about Dahlias" with Mike Parrish, President of Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

Apologies to Jill & Alan Macaulay and the Municipal garden team. This report was accidently omitted from the annual report.

MUNICIPAL GARDENS

Submitted by Jill and Alan Macaulay

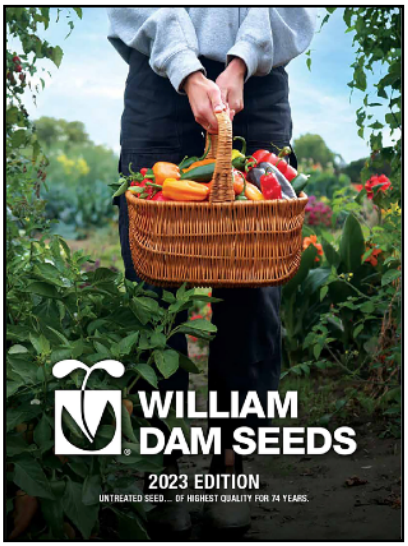
The Municipal Gardens had a difficult start this year but ended up being very pretty. The Millennium and Brandon gardens were challenged with road construction projects. Lots of heavy vehicles trampled plants and storage of construction materials made access difficult. Through the summer, though, they looked really beautiful.

At the Ancaster Square, we faced a change in staffing at the City of Hamilton which led to confusion about what we were permitted to do at the gardens. With everything finally clarified, we could get the planting done.

We followed the Year of the Garden directive to plant the garden in reds and, with the red roses in place, it made for an eye-catching display. The chrysanthemums blooms will lead us through the fall.

Thanks to the many volunteers that help all through the season.

Use the Winter to Plan Next Year's Garden~



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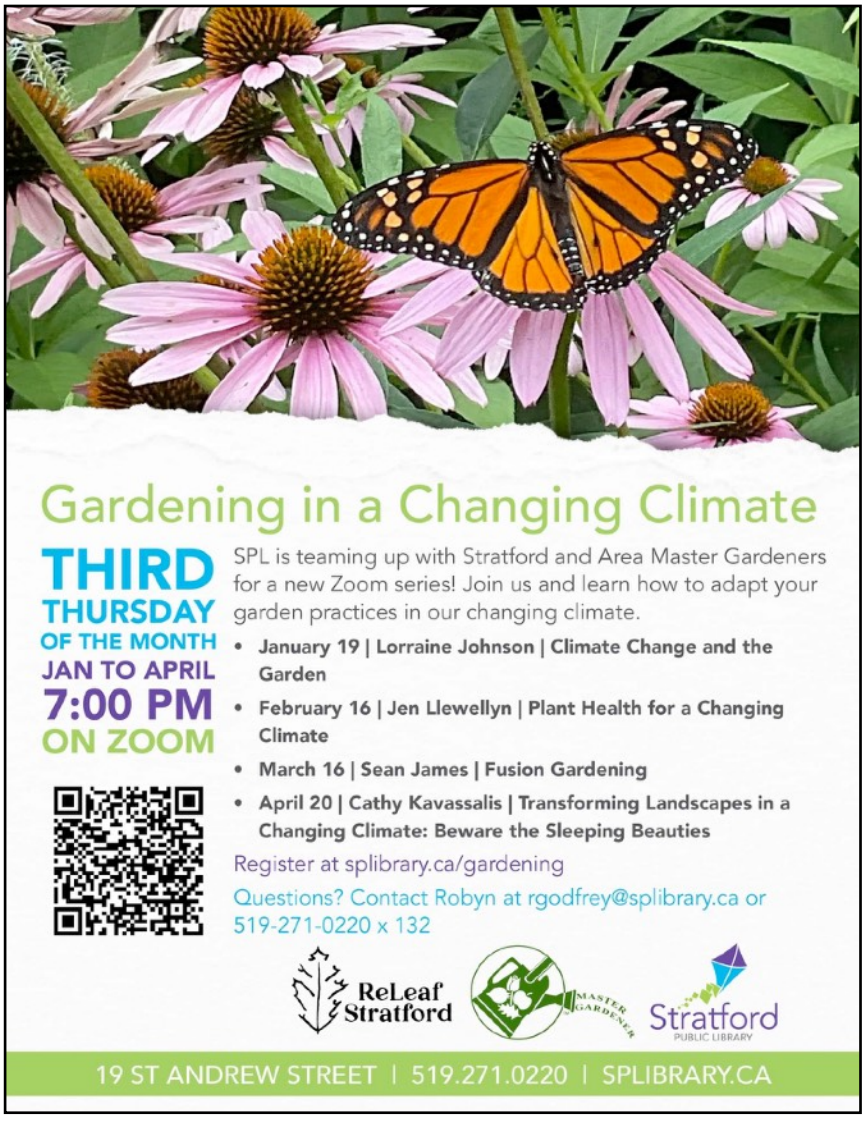
Think Gardening all Winter Long

Take a Zoom Lecture~



We finished the year with more Fun Activities!

Mavis Baker was presented with a gift, by the Fieldcote garden crew, in recognition of her long service as Fieldcote rep & garden director

Decorating the Old Town Hall

We made window and door arrangements, urns and swags. Good fun and good food—thanks Wendy!

Left: Door Swag by Ingrid Davitsky

Right: Window arrangement by Mary MacLean

Right: Urn by Sandi James & Ruth Queroub

Photos by David Puskas

Coming Events

Our meetings will be held via Zoom for January & February. Zoom links will be emailed one week prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome at no charge.

January 17 (Zoom)	"Drama in the Butterfly Garden" with Carol Pasternak
February 7 (In Person)	AHS Board Meeting 7:15pm Fieldcote Museum
February 21 (Zoom)	"Succulent Gardening for Beginners" with Molly Shannon, Canadian Succulents
March 21 (In person)	"Heirloom Tomatoes" with Linda Crago, Tree & Twig Farms

Watch for our Heirloom Tomato Pre-Ordering!

Coming to our website in late February

DISTRICT SIX SPRING BREAKFAST MEETING

HOSTED BY
BRANTFORD GARDEN CLUB
(BRANTFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY)
171 years and growing!

FAIRVIEW UNITED CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
49 WAYNE DRIVE, BRANTFORD, ON
1 block north & east of Highway 403 & King George Rd (Hwy 24)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Doors open at 8AM for breakfast refreshments.
Meeting starts at 9AM 'til approx 12 noon
Limited seating: email your RSVP by Feb 1 to robin.brennan234@gmail.com

GUEST SPEAKER: DIANE HUTCHINSON
of Walter's Greenhouse & Garden Centre

Ancaster Horticultural Society

Membership Dues

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

Date:_____ ☐ cheque ☐ cash

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