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62 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

Summertime and even though our monthly meetings take a pause, our volunteers are busy. The judging for the Ancaster Trillium Awards begins with 42 members visiting and judging approx. 252 front gardens. This culminates with a presentation ceremony at Fieldcote Park on Tues. August 15th.

The three municipal garden areas and the gardens at Fieldcote can always use more help. We welcome our newest members; if you have some free time and would like to help with garden maintenance, contact us (see side panel) and we'll connect you with the appropriate director.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Plant Sale (see report p. 2). Whatever your plans for the summer, we wish you…

At our June meeting, former Fieldcote Rep & Director of Fieldcote Gardeners, MAVIS BAKER, was presented with a gift in honour of her long service. Sharon Lee, Fieldcote Rep & Bob Wilt presented.

Happy Summer! See you again soon!

Welcome New Members

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2023 Plant Sale Report

Compiled from reports by Sue Freshwater, Bob Wilt, Marilyn Burjan, Sharon Lee, Donna Parker

This year brought a new challenge to the Plant Sale in the form of a totally unexpected, last minute closure of 1/2 the parking lot! In spite of this, our wonderful volunteers worked hard to adapt to the reduced sale space. In the end, the sale was quite successful. Our final profit was a healthy $5148 which supports our community activities and educational speakers.

Here are some of the statistics:

Heritage Tomatoes

-Sold with pre-orders 51%
-Sold on sale day 24.5%
-Sold at roadside after sale 10%
Remainder donated to a Community Garden

Herbs & Vegetables

-Approx. 74% sold on sale day
-Remainder sold at cost to local vegetable stand

Donated Plants

-Most were sold on sale day. This forms the main part of our sale and we are grateful for your donations.
-Remaining plants have been used at Fieldcote & in community gardens.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who loaded, set up, took down, potted plants, made signs, organized, donated, publicized and sold.

Thank you, also, to some of 2022 Trillium winners who hosted signs on their front properties. Your efforts make our sale possible.

Photos: David Puskas & others

Summer Gardening Tips

Now that you've bought Tomato Plants, here are some tips from Savvy Gardening to keep them productive and disease-free all summer.
https://savvygardening.com/tomato-garden/

If you own Boxwood Plants you may have noticed that something is turning the leaves brown. Here are some possible culprits to be on the lookout for:
Courtesy of Connon Nurseries

Boxwood Leaf Miner
https://connon.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/RW-Boxwood-Leafminer-vMay23.pdf

Boxwood Psyllids
https://connon.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/RW-Boxwood-Psyllids-vMay23.pdf

Box Tree Moth
https://connon.ca/the-box-tree-moth-in-southern-ontario-a-growing-threat-to-ornamental-landscapes/

Our group of volunteer gardeners, led by Sharon Lee, meet Thursday mornings 9:30-12 to keep the gardens and natural areas looking their best. (I've heard they have great treats for coffee break too!)
Many members and area residents have confessed that they've never visited Fieldcote Park and Museum, SO~

Why not plan to visit this quiet oasis in the midst of Ancaster. It's a great place for a stroll, a picnic, enjoying gardens or simply spending a quite moment.

Here's a taste of what you might see on a visit...

Photos: by David Puskas

Members' Page

Ancaster Heritage Days Parade

David Puskas shares his experience of being Parade Marshall

I had a wonderful time being the 2023 Ancaster Heritage Days Parade Marshall. We had a good crowd turn out on a clear Saturday morning for the parade. This was the first time that I was ever IN the Heritage parade and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the people along the parade route and plenty of them waiving or clapping their hands and giving the thumbs up and the peace sign.

Some took pictures while others came right up to the car for selfies!

The parade did have some funny moments—when greeting people on both sides of the street simultaneously meant I needed to have my head on a swivel! I hope I got to see everyone. Dave Molner, the owner and driver of the car, and I were on the Heritage Days committee back in 2000-2006.

After the parade I received hugs, handshakes and congratulations from others. I felt very moved and honoured to be asked to be Parade Marshall. When some people thanked me for my service to Ancaster I felt very humbled. I have never felt so moved in all my life. It was a moment I will never forget.

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(Parade Marshall cont'd.)

Thank you for all the excellent comments on the different Facebook pages. A few people commented, "Your parents would be very proud". Thank you for such wonderful words.

Sincerely, David Puskas

(David's article also appeared in Ancaster News & the e-edition of Toronto Star local pages.)

Favourite Garden Views

Photos: Bob Wilt

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

July

2-16 Ancaster Trillium Awards Judging

August

15 Ancaster Trillium Awards Ceremony
7pm Fieldcote Park
(rain alternative: Ancaster Old Town Hall)

September

5 AHS Board Meeting 7:15pm
Fieldcote Museum

19 AHS Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
'Jumping Worms—Community Outreach & Monitoring Initiative'
with Michael McTavish, Post Doctoral Research Fellow

University of Guelph
ARBORETUM
2023 Workshops

Workshops: Tree Identification, Dragonflies, Nature Sketching, Insects Up Close, Butterflies etc.
https://tinyurl.com/4ybcz72j

Royal Botanical Gardens CANADA

Plan a visit to RBG's Rose Garden!
The Roses are in their first flush along with the companion plants. There's always something in bloom!

Photos: rbg.ca

Veggie Fun!
Shared by Bob Wilt