

Florascope

62 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

Welcome Back to our season of regular meetings. Our September speaker gave an excellent outline of the issues around a new invasive species called ‘Jumping Worms’. You’ll find a summary chart of the information on p. 6.

We are pleased to be planning a return to our full **Pot Luck Dinner**, along with our AGM, in November. More details about this fun evening will be coming in October. Director, Wendy Spangenberg, will be looking for volunteers to help with set up, decorations and take down.

There will be several other opportunities for volunteers, both short and longer term, coming up. We’re offering to help members to identify plants in their gardens and, in the spring, to help dig and divide plants. (See p. 5). We’d also like to make use of the skills among our membership to fill several positions on our Board. (See P. 3)

If you’d like to be more involved, give some thought to becoming a “Co-Director”, joining a committee or helping with an event.

We’ve had a record number of new members this year. We welcome you and hope you’ll join us regularly. New people bring new ideas and contributions and can gain from being part of our friendly group.

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

~Your Executive Council: Betty, Bob, Donna

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Welcome New Members



Rod Frank
 Georgina Miller
 Rosalie Penny
 Ilona Stewart
 Ross Wigle

Natasha McLaren-Doerr
 Alison Osterman
 Gloria Pizio
 Gloria Wade

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

by Carol Howe, Co-Director of Trillium Awards

In spite of the rain, a lovely Trillium ceremony was held inside the Ancaster Old Town Hall. There was standing room only, as the home owners who were receiving a Trillium, came to celebrate.

Ward 12 counsellor Craig Cassar presented 6 Diamond awards (15th trillium), 7 ruby awards (10th trillium) and 12 gold awards (5th trillium). In addition to these special awards, white trilliums were handed out to 100 other homeowners.

Thanks must go to the volunteer judges who evaluated over 280 front gardens this year and to our Trillium Awards Committee.



Special Thanks to Anthony Vallentin for creating the display board of historic Trillium Awards. Shown with Carol Howe.

Photo: D. Puskas

Diamond Trillium Winners
(More on Page 3)



105 Oneida Blvd.



264 Cornwallis

Photos: C. Howe

348 Mapledene



680 Highvalley Rd.



710 Woodhaven

More Diamond Trillium Winners



118 Garden Ave.

Photos: C. Howe

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!

Do you have accounting experience?
We're looking for a **Co-Director Treasurer** to help keep financial records and to help prepare year-end statements.
Contact Treasurer, Bob Wilt at: bob.wilt47@gmail.com

Are you knowledgeable about PLANTS and have some time to give in late April/early May?
We're looking for a **Co-Director** for our **Plant Sale**. Contact a Board member or email us at: ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

Do you love plants and planning gardens?
We're looking for a **Director(s)** for our **Municipal Garden plantings**. You get to plan, along with the City, the garden beds in front of the library/Ancaster offices.
Contact us at: ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

Members' Page



Happy 90th Birthday to Sheila Oddy (shown with Donna Foster). So good to see you both again!

Photo: Wilt Family



WOW! This Hydrangea tree is 100 years old! Growing well at Shirley Cranston's farm.

Photo: Bob Wilt



My favourite garden view!

Photo: Wendy Spangenberg



Blooming on the Pond.

Photo: Lorraine Held



My Favourite Garden Photo!

Photo: Sharon Ciralo



Poppies and Aliums—beautiful combination!

Photo: Gail Moffat



My Favourite view of Fieldcote!

Photo: David Puskas



A Shade of Mystery as you Approach

Photo: Dennis & Lynda Norsworthy



A Shady Stroll in Edwards Gardens

Photo: Sheila Oddy

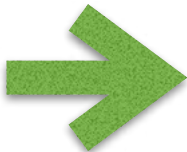
Fall Gardening Tips

Fall is a great time to assess your garden. You can easily see what plant combinations are working well and which plants might need some attention. Fall is also a great time to divide some perennials e.g. daisies and hostas.



Clump-forming plants like daisies can be separated with a fork or spade. Photo: Farmers Almanac <https://www.almanac.com/when-and-how-divide-perennials>

Fall is the ONLY time to divide Peonies It's also the best time to divide Irises.



When dividing and re-planting peonies, care must be taken to plant the 'eyes' no deeper than 1" below the soil surface. Here's a link to a YouTube video that will demonstrate:

https://youtu.be/GOEfBK9qeh4?si=uovM-Jb8CH5JfH_D

Have you tried saving seeds? Saving seeds from Zinnias is an easy way to start...

<https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-save-zinnia-seeds-2539566>



We need your help... Your plant donations form the major portion of the sales at our annual **Plant Sale**. You can help by marking or photographing those plants in your garden, now, that could be divided in the spring and donated to our sale.
We can also help you



Would you like some **help, now**, with **identifying some of your plants**? Do you need **help digging up and dividing plants next spring**? We can help!
Contact us at:
ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com
OR 905-304-6110

Jumping Worms—an Invasive Species Becoming More Prevalent in S. Ontario. Here’s the handout from our September Speaker.

ATTENTION: Invasive jumping worms in Ontario

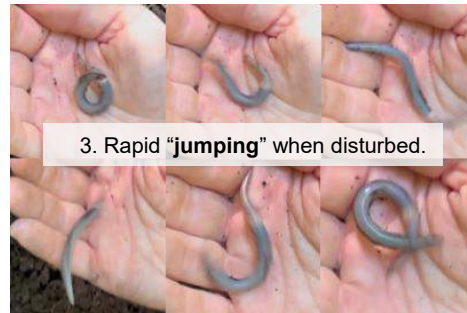
(Prepared August 2023 by Dr. Michael McTavish, University of Toronto)

- **Jumping worms** include several species of non-native, invasive earthworms that have recently been found in Canada and can spread quickly into new habitats.
- Jumping worms rapidly deplete organic matter near the surface, exposing soils to **desiccation, erosion and nutrient loss** and **harming plant biodiversity**.

What am I looking for?



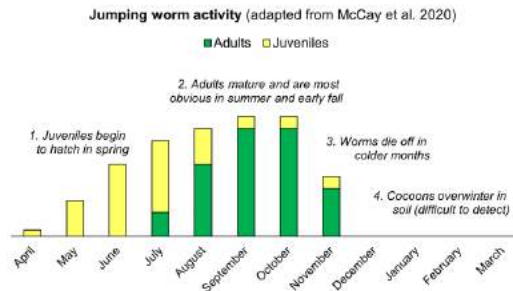
1. **Loose, crumbly castings** like coffee grounds spread across the soil, 1-10+ cm deep. Jumping worms live in the castings.



3. Rapid “**jumping**” when disturbed.



2. **Smooth, shiny body**. Colour **pale grey to grey-brown**. Adults have a **milky white band** in a complete ring near the head.



What should I do?

1. **Inspect** new soil amendments and plants for jumping worms and their casts and **watch** for invasion in local parks and natural areas.
2. **Report sightings** to EDDMapS (<https://www.eddmaps.org/>). Collect photos and video of casts and earthworms and upload to *Report sightings > Wildlife > Ontario > jumping worms*.
3. **Limit the spread** by not sharing plants or soil amendments from infested locations and clean off all footwear and tools when working in or walking through an infested area.
4. **Eradicate** small populations (when practical) by euthanizing jumping worms in alcohol and solarizing soil under dark plastic, aiming to achieve at least 40°C for 3 days.

Where can I find more information?

- Invasive Species Centre profile on jumping worms (<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/>).
- Contact Dr. Michael McTavish at the University of Toronto (michael.mctavish@alum.utoronto.ca).

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

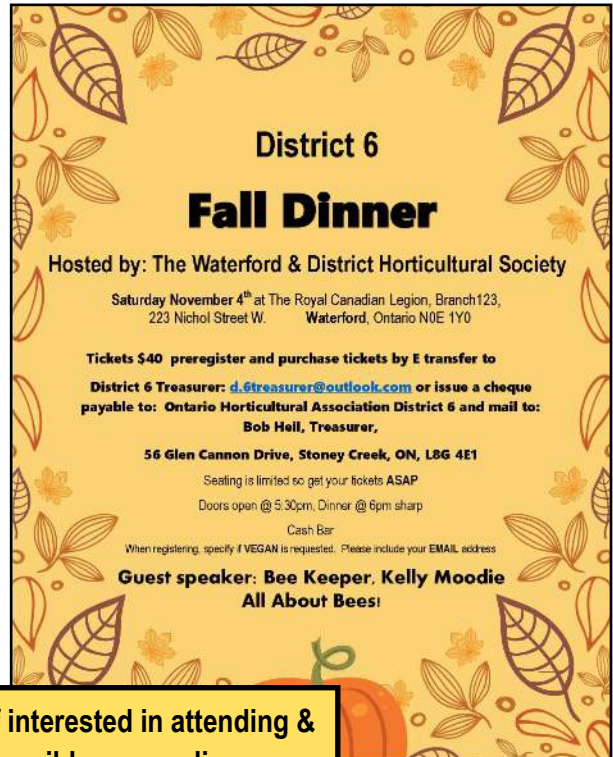
- 17 AHS Monthly Meeting 7:30pm**
Change of Speaker
 'Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge'
 with Chantal Theijn
- 20-29 Fall Garden & Mum Show**
 (See poster at left)

November

- 4 District 6 Fall Dinner** hosted by Waterford & Dist. Horticultural Society (see poster at side.)
- 21 AHS Potluck Dinner & AGM**
 Bring your favourite side dish or dessert, your own plates & utensils & join us. It's fun and it's free.
6:30pm Ancaster Old Town Hall

December

- 6 AHS Decorate Old Town Hall**
 9:30 am - Noon Join us as we decorate the Old Town Hall for the holiday season.



If interested in attending & possible car-pooling, contact Bob Wilt. (See p. 1)



Hamilton Fall Garden & Mum Show

Volunteer 2 hours at the Hort. Societies desk & get in free!



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, **Florascap**e, 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) _____