

Florascape



From the Grapevine~ Happy 2024!

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 and activities**. In-person meetings resume in March as we prepare for the gardening season and our annual Plant Sale in May. Get your walking shoes ready! Our June meeting is a walking tour with a field botanist. (And there's more—full list on p. 3) Follow us on—

Watch for our **Heirloom Tomato ordering** coming in late February. Lists and descriptions will be available on our website.

We've welcome many new members this year. We're glad you've joined us and we hope you'll enjoy getting involved in our activities. Thanks to all of our members for your support and the many volunteer hours that you donate.



**We wish everyone a Happy,
Healthy New Year!**

Betty, Jill, Bob, Donna
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Presenting our **2023 Volunteer Award Winners**

Awards were presented at our recent AGM by Bob Wilt, Chair of the Awards Committee. Photos: David Puskas



The **Mayor's Award** is awarded annually to the member who has shown exceptional volunteer service for 10 or more years. This year's winner is:
Anthony Vallentin

The **Ancaster Blue Ruffle Award** is awarded to those members who have shown outstanding volunteer service for at least 5 years. This year's winners are:
Marilyn Burjan, Carol Howe and Joyce Radford (absent)



The **President's Award** is given to newer members who have shown outstanding service. This year's winners are: **Carrie Browne, Marda Jeffrey & Rhu Sherrard**

Life Memberships are awarded for 15 or more years of volunteer service. This year's awards go to: **Anthony Vallentin and Dianne Vlahovich**

Our Speaker Program for 2024

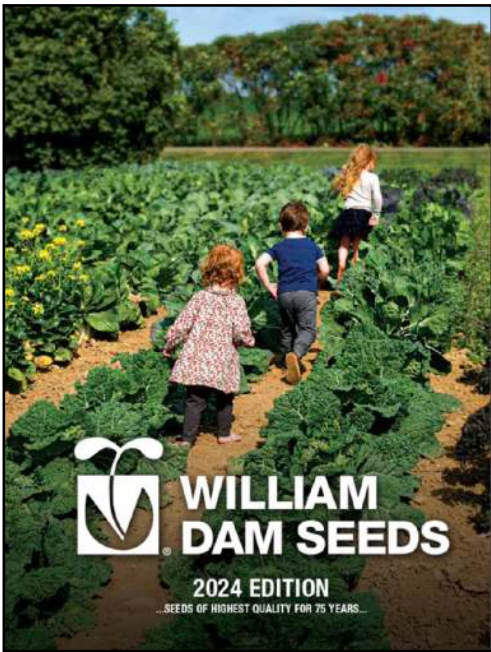
Program Director, Betty Howitt, has put together an exciting group of speakers. Our January and February meetings will be held via ZOOM. ZOOM links will be sent, by email, one week prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome at no charge. (Guests may contact ancasterhort.soc@gmail.com to request a ZOOM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

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| January 16/24 | Gardening for Birds (via ZOOM) with
Dr. Gregor Beck, Wildlife Biologist, Birds Canada |
| February 20/24 | Drama in the Butterfly Garden (via ZOOM) with
Carol Pasternak, the Monarch Crusader |
| March 19/24 | Let's Talk Permaculture (In Person) with
Adrian Hodgson, Regenerative Landscape Design |
| April 16/24 | The Natural History of Bats (In Person) with
Paul Faure, Bat Lab, McMaster University |
| May 21/24 | Soil Health, Worm Health: Cultivating a Greener World
(In Person) with Helen Stailos, Pure Life Soil |
| June 18/24 | Walking Tour—Starting behind Lower Lions Club Rd. Pool
(on site) with Paul O'Hara, Field Botanist |
| September 17/24 | Tour of Summit Station Dairy (on site)
with Jen Howe |
| October 15/24 | Demonstration and Learning About Dahlias (In Person)
with Mike Parrish, President of HDCDS |
| November 19/24 | Potluck Dinner and AGM (In Person) |

Gardening Tips



Savvy Gardening recommends 15 Best Plants for Apartment Living
<https://savvygardening.com/apartment-plants/>



damseeds.com



onplants.ca

On-line catalogues are open!
 Pre-order seeds or order some Native Plants to add to your garden!



Photo taken by a friend 2007

Remembering Barbara

by Bob Wilt

This is a photo of one of the long-time leaders of our Society taken before she retired to live in Texas eight years ago. **Barbara Waddell** joined us 1982, and by her own admission, was a more talented administrator than a gardener. She enjoyed getting teams together as editor of Florascape, heading the Plant Sale, President, Secretary, assisting the Flower & Vegetable Show, as well as Awards Committee and Program Director. She also authored the AHS Constitution and Bylaws. As other members of our Society followed her lead in those an areas, she became very active in the operations of OHA District 6. She was first an Assistant Director (1996-2003) and then Director (2004-7) where she also authored the District 6 Constitution and Bylaws. Barbara passed away peacefully, in late September, after a wonderful 90 years. We'll miss her as a friend as well as for her many efforts in support of our Society.

Also Remembering these long-time members of our Society who passed away this year. We are grateful for their many contributions to the Society

Ed Bryja
Andy Macintyre
Joyce Pett
Bob Wade

Clarke Groleau
Mary MacLean
Dawn Suter

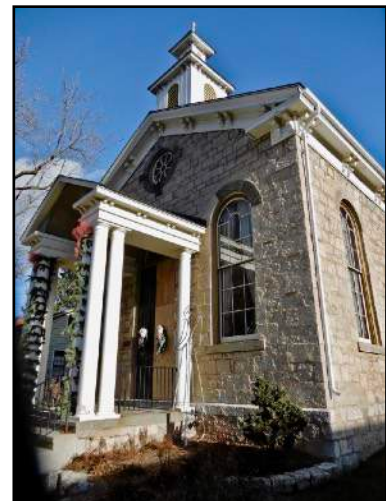


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Coming Events

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 3, 2024 Take Down Decorations at at the Old Town Hall 9:30am

January 16 **Gardening for Birds** 7:30pm
 ZOOM with Dr. Gregor Beck,
 Birds Canada

February 20 **Drama in the Butterfly**
 ZOOM **Garden** with
 Carol Pasternak 7:30pm

March 19 **Let's Talk Permaculture**
 IN PERSON with Adrian Hodgson,
 7:30pm Regenerative Landscape Des.

Watch for our Heirloom

Tomato Pre-Ordering!

Coming to our website in late February



SOUTHERN ONTARIO ORCHID SOCIETY
ORCHID SHOW & SALE
 Toronto Botanical Garden
 FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024 SATURDAY - NOON TO 5 PM • SUNDAY - 11 AM TO 4 PM

General Admission:
 \$10.00

Be my Valentine

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Ancaster Horticultural Society

Membership Dues

\$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

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