

# Florascope

## 63 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

### It's Spring!

...and with it comes our busy season! We begin in-person meetings. It's so good to see everyone again! Our **program** director, Betty Howitt, has lined up some interesting speakers and has topped it off in June with a walking tour. (See p. 8)



Signs of Spring  
Photo: D. Puskas

Our **Heirloom Tomato** Pre-Ordering is well underway. If you plan to order, do it soon for best selection. All the details are on the **website** (Note: Many members receiving printed newsletters will find tomato descriptions enclosed.) Our **Annual Plant Sale** is May 18th. Your contributions of perennials are vital so please look around your gardens to see what could be divided and donated. (P. 3)

Our **Fieldcote gardeners** hold their annual cleanup on April 20th and would love your help. (P. 5) There are lots of ways to be active with our Society. **Join us—we're a friendly group!**

Your Executive Council~Jill, Betty, Bob, Donna

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### Welcome New Members

Yasmeen Minocher  
Carol Elliot (Welcome back!)



# 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](mailto: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](http://ancasterhort.org)

**Tried & True  
Varieties**



'Black Krim'



'Mountain Princess'



'Sunsugar Hybrid'

**Try  
Something  
Different!**

**Both compact  
& suitable for  
Container growing**



'Worry'



Ancaster Horticultural Society's  
**Plant Sale!**  
**Saturday May 18, 2024**  
 Food Basics Plaza, Wilson St. Ancaster  
 8am—1pm

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

**Potting Days at Whiteside Farms Start Soon**  
 (1160 Jerseyville Rd. then down lane on left to barns)  
 Watch our News FLASH for start of Potting Days  
Join us for some or all of the potting days.  
 Wed. Fri. Sat. 9:30-noon  
 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 April 22nd.** (See also item on Jumping Worms, p. 7)

**Need help to dig up plants? Contact:**  
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 Bob Wilt (905-648-3369) [bob.wilt47@gmail.com](mailto:bob.wilt47@gmail.com)  
 Sue Freshwater (905-979-6733) after April 14th  
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## 2024 AHS Plant Sale

*Plant donations from our members form the backbone of our sale. Here's a guide to the type of plants that help to support our sale.*



### Perennials Needed

(Especially named varieties)

Anemone—spring or fall varieties  
 Astilbe  
 Balloon Flower (Platycodon)  
 Bee Balm (Monarda-esp. named varieties)  
 Beard Tongue (Penstemon)  
 Bear's Breeches (Acanthus)  
 Bell Flower (Campanula-tall & short)  
 Bergenia  
 Blanket Flower (Gaillardia)  
 Brunnera  
 Columbine (Aquilegia)  
 Cone Flowers (Echinacea-Native & named)  
 Coral Bells (Heuchera)  
 Coreopsis  
 Cranesbill (Perennial Geranium)  
 False Sunflower (Heliopsis)  
 Ferns-all varieties  
 Gayfeather (Liatris)  
 Globe Thistle (Echinops)  
 Globe Flower (Trollius)  
 Goatsbeard (Aruncus)  
 Grasses & Sedges (named varieties only)  
 Hellebores  
 Hens & Chicks (Sempervivum)  
 Iris-Bearded, Miniature, Siberian, Japanese  
 Jacob's Ladder (Polemonium)  
 Lady's Mantle (Alchemella)  
 Lavender  
 Ligularia  
 Lily-Asiatic, Oriental  
 Lobelia  
 Peonies  
 Phlox-creeping & tall  
 Pinks (Dianthus)  
 Poppy (Papaver)  
 Rose Campion (Lychnis)  
 Russian Sage (Perovskia)  
 Sage (Salvia)  
 Sea Holly (Eryngium)  
 Sedum-creeping & tall  
 Sneezeweed (Helenium)  
 Speedwell (Veronica)  
 Spiderwort (Tradescantia)  
 Spurge (Euphorbia)  
 Thrift (Armeria)  
 Yarrow

### Native Plants Needed

Asters  
 Blue False Indigo (Baptisia)  
 Cardinal Flower (Lobelia)  
 Foam Flower (Tiarella)  
 Gentian  
 Grasses & Sedges (named varieties only)  
 Hyssop (Agastache)  
 Jack-in-the-Pulpit  
 Joe Pye Weed (Eupatorium)  
 Milkweed plants (Asclepias)  
 Wild Ginger (Asarum)

### Limited Need

Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)  
 Corn Flower (Centaurea)  
 Daylilies-coloured & named varieties only  
 Dahlia  
 Hosta-variegated, blue, named varieties only  
 Obedient Plant (Physostegia)  
 Solomon's Seal

### Shrubs and Trees Needed

Dogwood (Cornus)  
 Flowering Shrubs -that can be divided  
 e.g. Forsythia, Lilac, Hydrangeas  
 Holly (Ilex)  
 Japanese Maples (Acer)

### Please Don't Donate These Plants!

(They do not sell well & we can't store them)  
 Daylilies -Orange & Yellow  
 Hostas-Plain Green Varieties  
 Lamium  
 Lily of the Valley  
 Lungwort-(Pulmonaria)  
 Periwinkle (Vinca)  
 Prickly Pear Cactus  
 Shasta Daisies (Leucanthemum)



**Fieldcote Clean Up Day** has been scheduled for **Sat. April 20th, 2024**  
**9:00am to 1:00pm**  
 at Fieldcote Park & Museum  
 64 Sulphur Springs Rd. Ancaster

The Ancaster Gardeners will be doing their annual Spring Clean Up of the beautiful Fieldcote Memorial Gardens on **Sat. April 20th 9:00am to 1:00pm**. It is hoped that we will again be assisted by the Ancaster Scouts group.

The total Fieldcote property is 7 1/2 acres but we focus on the front 2 acres. Our regular Thursday morning maintenance will begin the following week.

Our 2024 clean up goal is to focus on the highly invasive Garlic Mustard as well as the removal of the excessive leaves, litter and fallen limbs. In appreciation, the Fieldcote staff even provide a light lunch for the volunteers at the end of a fun morning. Grab your gloves and a rake and join us!

( For more information Contact: Bob Wilt 905-648-3369 [bob.wilt47@gmail.com](mailto:bob.wilt47@gmail.com) )

**WANTED DEAD**



**Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)**  
 See more photos with descriptions here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/invasivegarlic>

It is usually found in the undergrowth of disturbed woodlots and forest edges but can also grow in pristine areas. Can successfully invade forest understories and become the dominant plant--reducing the diversity of all species.

Garlic mustard produces siliques, seedpods that contain small dark seeds. A robust plant may produce thousands of seeds although the average is more likely to be around 600. The seeds generally germinate within one to two years, but may remain viable for five years or more.

[www.facebook.com/RemoveInvasives](http://www.facebook.com/RemoveInvasives)



Photos: B. Wilt & Archives

# Members' Page



**Representing AHS at the Spring Bulb Show OHA booth. Tonie & Bob Wilt**

Photo: Contributed by the Wilts



**A New Variety of Bee?**

**Bob Wilt at the Spring Bulb Show** Photo: T. Wilt



**Our Booth at the Ancaster Home and Garden Show: Kelley Gowland & Betty Howitt**

Photo: B. Wilt

**Thanks to Everyone who volunteered.**

**Hello from Mexico!**

Bougainvillea by M. Burjan



**Ancaster Sunrise**

Photo: D. Parker



**Strolling through Fieldcote**

Photos: D. Puskas



**Worth Repeating!**

contributed by Wendy Spangenberg

**Be on the Lookout for Jumping Worms**



Yes, they are real! They can come in soil with nursery plants and they are here. 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. Also remove any weeds and invasive plants that may be attached to plant root systems.**

**Spongy Moth** (formerly known as European Gypsy Moth)

**This is a good time of year to check the bark of trees and any outdoor equipment for the egg sacs of the moth. Remove them by scraping**

(see method at right).

For further information check:

<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Spongy-Moth-Factsheet.pdf>

**How to: Scrape *Lymantria dispar* Egg Masses**



*Ldd* (previously referred to as European gypsy moth) egg masses are tan-coloured and can be found on tree trunks, bark, or other hard surfaces. Egg masses are about 4 cm and contain 100-1,000 eggs.

- Use a scraper (i.e. a butter knife or paint scraper) to carefully remove the masses off of tree trunks, branches, and outdoor equipment throughout all seasons into a container
- After removal, dispose of masses in a bucket of dish soap and water mixture
- Leave eggs in water for 48 hours then dispose



Karla Salp, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

Egg masses should be removed from trees after June and prior to spring the following year to reduce infestations in forthcoming years.

Egg masses may be located high in the tree, always take caution if scraping from a ladder and wear gloves and protective glasses.

# 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

- 7th** Haldimand Hort. Seedy Saturday 10am-4pm (See Poster at side)
- 16th** **AHS Monthly Meeting** 7:30pm 'The Natural History of Bats' with Paul Faure, McMaster Bat Lab
- 20th** **OHA District 6 AGM/Workshop** Lion's Hall, Caledonia 8am-See Poster
- 20th** **AHS Cleanup Day at Fieldcote** 9:00-1:00
- TBA** **Potting Days for our Plant Sale** Whiteside Farms, 1160 Jerseyville Rd. 9:30-12

## May

- 18th** **AHS Plant Sale** 8:00-1:00 Food Basics Plaza Parking Lot
- 21st** **AHS Monthly Meeting** 7:30pm "Soil Health, Worm Wealth: Cultivating a Greener World" with Helen Stailos, Pure Life Soil



## June

- 18th** **AHS Monthly Meeting** Walking Tour with Field Botanist Paul O'Hara—Wear comfortable shoes. Tour starts behind Lions Club Road Pool. (more info to come)

Haldimand Horticultural Society  
 Invites you to Come Celebrate our  
 40th Ruby Anniversary

### District 6 AGM



Saturday April 20th 2024  
 Doors open at 8am  
 \$20 to register by April 12th 2024 e-transfer  
 Bob Heil d.6treasurer@outlook.com  
 Lion's Hall 100 Haddington St.Caledonia

Lorraine Johnson  
 Native Plants for Beauty & Diversity



For details or questions about  
 flower show email Catherine McGill  
 catm@rogers.com

The Seedy Event of The Year  
 April 7th 2024 10am to 4pm  
 Riverside Exhibition Centre 151  
 Caithness St. E. Caledonia

50+ VENDORS INCLUDING  
 SEED EXCHANGE TABLE  
 COMMUNITY GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS  
 CERTIFIED ARBORIST & TREE RISK ASSESSOR  
 GRAND ERIE MASTER GARDENERS  
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