Florascape

63 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

Dahlias—our Oct. meeting Mike Parrish

Welcome Back to our season of regular meetings. It was great to see so many members and guests at our September tour of Summit Station Dairy. We return to the Old Town Hall for **October**. Our **speaker**, Mike Parrish, will give us lots of tips for growing and keeping **Dahlias** at their best.

The annual **Pot Luck Dinner and Annual General Meeting** takes place on **November 19th**. Mark this date on your calendar. It's a great opportunity to meet and to catch up with people. (More to come about food.)

The Annual General Meeting is a chance for you to know how your Board of Directors has worked for you this year. You will also have the opportunity to vote on a by-law proposal (see p. 6). Our treasurer, Bob Wilt, is looking for a 'Co-Treasurer'. If you have some experience with bookkeeping or accounting we'd like to hear from you. (see p. 6)

The Municipal and Fieldcote gardens flourished this summer thanks to the weather and our volunteer garden crews. And thanks to the Trillium Awards Committee, the judges, the set up and sound crew and everyone who helped to make the Awards so successful once again.

Come and join us and get involved. We'd love to see you!

Your Executive Council~Betty, Jill, Bob & Donna

Welcome New Members

Marg Bickerton
Marguerite Kelley

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

by Carol Howe, Co-Director of Trillium Awards

The Trillium Award Ceremony was held under ideal weather conditions at Fieldcote Park & Museum on August 20th. Our one Diamond Award winner this year, Maria Ingrosso, was presented with her award by members of the executive. Twenty-four Ruby (10 yr.) and Gold (5 yr.) winners were also presented. Among the 100 continuing winners were many thrilled first-time winners. Congratulations to all of our winners!
Many thanks, once again, to all of our volunteer judges and the committee for their time and commitment. We couldn't do it without you!

Maria Ingrosso receiving the Diamond Award
Carol Howe, Donna Parker, Bob Wilt
Photo: D Puskas

Diamond Award Garden

Photos: C. Howe

Members' Page

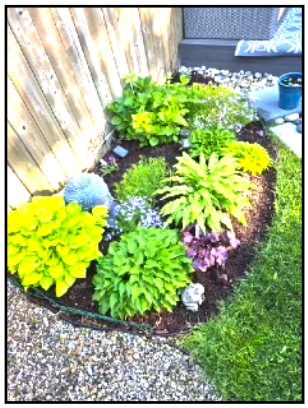
How Did Your Gardens Grow?

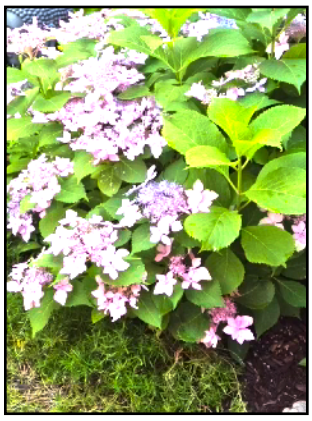
"Fuscias have done well in my window boxes on the balcony" Sheila Oddy

"I love the colour of Rudbeckias—they remind me of the Ti-Cats!" Betty Howitt

"My Roses" Carol Howe

"Rhubarb, beets, beans, peppers and tomatoes" Greg Kraatz





"My Townhouse Garden" Donna Fraser

Fieldcote Garden beginning its fall show David Puskas

More Members' Page...

"A great summer for phlox and beebalm and the pollinators loved them"
Donna Parker Bob Parker

"If you have to stop for traffic it might as well be beside a garden!" AHS garden at Brandon (Rousseax & Wilson Sts.)
Donna Parker

In Memorium

David McMullen~ David passed away after a long illness. He was a leader and commited volunteer for Myeloma research and support for those undergoing treatment. Our thoughts are with his wife, Erika, and their families.

Don Grant~ A LIfe Member and very active presence in our Society. Don, along with Don Foster and later Anthony Vallentin, was one of our volunteers affectionately known as "The Property Brothers". Don was always on hand to set up, take down, help where needed and to make a quip to lighten the mood.

photos: donated by Bob Wilt

HOW TO SAVE SEEDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN: 5 SIMPLE STEPS

You've often thought it would be fun to try saving seeds but…

Epicgardening shows you how to save vegetable and flower seeds.

https://www.epicgardening.com/save-seeds/

Photo: Epic Gardening

Photo: Epic Gardening

Photo: D. Parker

Fall Gardening Tips

Editor's Note:

"I found Zinnias an easy flower to start with and easy to grow. Bonus—the pollinator's love them"~Donna

Be on the Lookout for Dog Strangling Vine

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources says the dog-strangling vine can produce up to 2,400 seeds per square metre. (Submitted by Invasive Species Centre)

No, it doesn't strangle dogs! But

It grows aggressively up to two metres high by wrapping itself around trees and other plants, or trailing along the ground. Dense patches of the vine can "strangle" plants and small trees. The plant can produce up to 28,000 seeds per square metre. The seeds are easily spread by the wind, and new plants can grow from root fragments, making it difficult to destroy.

To learn more about this species and how to manage it check out:

https://www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/plants/dog-strangling-vine-2/

NOTICE OF VOTE

The Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) requires that each local Society have a Code of Conduct for its Members and Officials. The Ancaster Horticultural Society's Board of Directors has proposed the following Code of Conduct for its members and officers. As required, 30 days notice of the vote is given. The vote will take place at our Annual General Meeting on Tues. Nov. 19, 2024

Proposed Code of Conduct

Members of the Ancaster Horticultural Society shall act to promote public confidence within the community and/or Society through fair and conscientious dealing, and shall refrain from fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, dishonest non-disclosure, undue influence or other mischievous practices. The relationship of our members is one of trust and confidence calling for the highest degree of good faith in all transactions.

We need your help...

If you have a little time we have an opportunity 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

Reminder for Board of Directors

Please have your year-end reports and volunteer hours handed in to Jill by the end of October.
(Oct. Nov. Dec. hours can be estimated.)

Don't forget...

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.

September in the AHS Municipal Gardens
Photos: D. Puskas

Our New Logo and Banner

Our logo has always been designed around our own 'Ancaster Blue Ruffle' Iris (developed in 1993 by McMillan Iris Garden and AHS President, David Waddell).

However, the need to use the logo in larger digital formats, e.g. banners and signs and for the website, meant that we needed photos with high resolution.

Jill Macaulay and her daughter, graphic designer Leigh Dubay, came to the rescue. Betty Howitt provided the flowers, Jill took the photos and Leigh designed our beautiful new logo and banner. Thank You!

Photos by: Jill Macaulay
Iris grown by: Betty Howitt
Banner design: Leigh Dubay

Ancaster Horticultural Society
Membership Dues

☐ **$10 Single Membership** ☐ **$15 Family Membership** ☐ **New Member**

Date: _____ ☐ **Cheque** ☐ **Cash**

Payments can be made in cash or by cheque or e-transfer payable to Ancaster Horticultural Society
Cheques can be mailed to: P.O. Box 81056, Ancaster ON L9G4X1

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(Our newsletters may be received, quarterly, by mail or monthly by email. Please check box to receive by e-mail. ☐
Your information is used solely for administrative purposes of Ancaster Horticultural Society.

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 appreciated. Official Tax receipts will be issued.

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

4-13 Fall Garden & Mum Show
(See poster at right)

15 AHS Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
'All About Dahlias' with
Michael Parrish, President of Hamilton & Dist. Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

14 District 6 Fall Dinner hosted by **Winona Hort. Society** (See Poster)
winhortprez@gmail.com

November

19 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

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

Mum Show Tickets at the door or in advance:
https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/