

Florascape

64 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

Welcome Summer!

As we begin our summer break we look back on a very busy and successful spring season. Big thanks to everyone who donated their time and considerable efforts, to the gardens we maintain, the Plant Sale, our meetings, the awards and all the many things that contribute to the Society.

A very special milestone was reached by one of our life members who turned 100 years old! And we presented a Special Achievement award. (p. 2) Your garden photo donations poured in and our Members' Pages are brimming with photos (pages 4 & 5).

A warm welcome to our many new members. We hope you'll enjoy getting involved in our activities and we look forward to getting to know you.

The Trillium Awards committee is hard at work preparing for the upcoming judging June 28-July 13 with our Awards Ceremony on August 19 at Fieldcote Park. **We wish everyone a great summer!**

~Your Executive Council



Photo: C. Howe

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Welcome New Members

Donna Grey Mae Louie
Pamela Marler Zelda Middleton
Rose Zang

Congratulations!



Sue Freshwater was presented with a **Special Service Award** by Bob Wilt. Sue was honoured for her long service as Director of the Plant Sale and her many roles on the executive of the Society, including President..

Photo: R. Sherrard



Presidents Awards were given last fall to **Liz Martin** and **Donna Fraser**. A rhizome of the 'Ancaster Blue Ruffle' Iris (our emblem) was presented to both winners at the May meeting.

Photo: D. Parker



Happy 100th Birthday Mabel Ward!

What a milestone for Life Member, Mabel Ward! Her family and friends recently celebrated with a party. Mabel is a talented floral designer and won many awards at our past Flower & Vegetable Shows.

Photo: S. Lee

Outstanding Plant Sale!



Loading the Plants to Take to the Sale —Photo: B. Wilt



After the Sale—Tonie & Bob Wilt sorting and cleaning the aprons.—Photo: B. Wilt

Thank you to all the members who donated plants from their gardens and those of friends, families and neighbours' gardens. With your support **we sold 90%** of the **850 perennials donated!** We also sold **800 heirloom tomato plants.** The quality and variety of the plants were outstanding!

We also acknowledge and thank Property Tech Management, who provide the location for the annual sale, Harpers Garden Centre who provide potting soil and Whiteside Farm for our potting location. A particular thanks to Liz Martin who headed up the tomato sales.

Thank you for **700 volunteer hours** that members, friends and family donated. With all of these efforts and the support of the community we have raised the funds that allow us to continue with our Trillium Awards, our bursury to Mohawk College, our speakers and socials and all of our community garden work.

Special Note: 2026 will be our final year that we pot at Whiteside Farm. We are in need of a location where we can pot plants prior to the sale. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome.

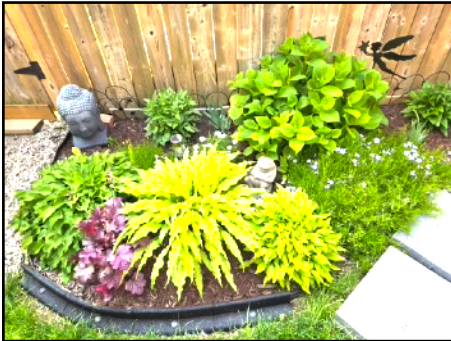
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Members' Page

Loving our
Gardens!



A Favourite Spot!—D. Fraser



**Itoh Peony 'Julia' & Baptisia
—J. Robertson**



**Peony and Weigela are Stars this Year!
—M. Baker**



**Peonies are Abundant this Year!
—C. Howe**

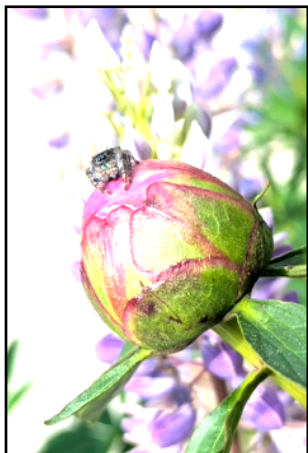


**The Municipal Gardens Mermaid
—D. Puskas**



**"Our Favourite Way to Enjoy the
Garden" —L. Held**

More Members' Page



Bold Jumping Spider
—T. Brookfield



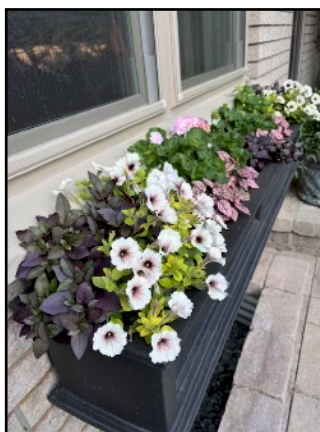
A Grey Tree Frog Sang Awhile in our Garden. —L. Held



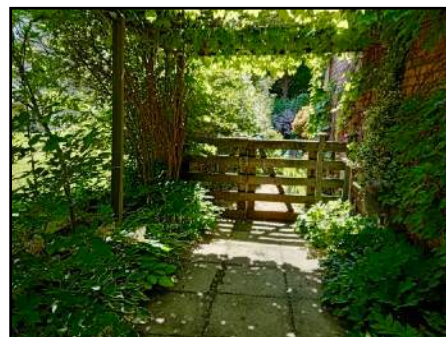
Salad Bar among the Weigelas
—D. Parker



A Peaceful Garden Space
—C. Bondarenko



Window Box—J. Macaulay



Through the Garden Gate
—B. Dawson

In Memory of Life Member Julia Aitchison
With funds donated by the Aitchison family and the co-operation of St. Johns Anglican Church, a memorial bench was placed in St. Johns Cemetery. Julia was a dedicated volunteer of both the church and our Society.

Photo: B. 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

June 28-July 13 Trillium Awards Judging

August

Tues. Aug. 19 Trillium Awards Ceremony
7:00pm Fieldcote Park

Thurs. Aug. 21 AHS Tour Dundern Castle
& Gardens 10am-1pm
Tour includes cooking in the
Castle kitchen \$41 each

Contact: davemhowitt@outlook.com

September

Tues. Sept. 16 AHS Monthly Meeting
'The Past, the Present, the Future of Trees'
Nick Winkelmolen of Winkelmolen Nursery,
Lyndon



June at
Fieldcote

Photo:
D. Puskas

The Municipal Gardens are planted and on
their way for another season. Our volunteers are
working hard to keep them looking good.
In front of the library/municipal offices, the
boxwoods did not fare well against the blight



Photo:
J. Macaulay

They have now been removed and new, more
hardy plants have been installed. I chose
shades of pink annuals this year and noticed
while driving through Ancaster this week that the
City planters and boulevards are also in shades
of pink. They look lovely together.

Thanks to all the volunteers.

Submitted by: Jill Macaulay

Fieldcote Park & Museum Cleanup Crew!

Thanks to everyone for the spring cleanup and
your weekly maintenance.

Photo: Museum Staff

