

# Florascope

## 65 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

### Welcome Summer!

Ancaster Horticultural Society has reached its 65th Anniversary. Organized by a group of community-minded individuals, it was officially recognized as a Society on June 26, 1961. We have a special event planned in November. (More details page 6)




Photo: from the archives

Our Plant Sale was a huge success thanks to all who volunteered and to everyone who donated plants. It was a record year for donations! (P. 2) And now the Ancaster Trillium Awards are underway with judging and the Awards Ceremony this summer. (P.6) Our Best Blooms Competition has been a great success and will continue in September. Start thinking about those late summer blooms! And we have one more Road Trip on July 14th. It's not too late to come along. (Sign Up details p. 6).

As we celebrate our anniversary year we'll have more photos from the archives in the fall edition of Florascope. We hope you have a wonderful summer. Take time to enjoy a garden!

~Your Executive Council



**Welcome New Members**

**Lynne Bulger      Lisa Olson**

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## Fieldcote Park & Museum News

Our group of enthusiastic garden volunteers meet every Thursday morning through the summer to keep the gardens in Fieldcote Park a welcoming place for all. The hill garden was recently the focus of a special installation of a new statue as a companion to the little girl statue that resides in the garden. A public art exhibit is also available in the museum. So come for a wander or a picnic and enjoy this hidden Ancaster gem. AND...

### Live Music in the Jim Green Bandshell returns!

We are so excited to see the return of music to Fieldcote's Jim Green Bandshell this summer, thanks to the efforts of the [Tune In Foundation](#) and City Staff. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the full program in Fieldcote park.

**July 11 Country Legends 5-7pm**

**July 25 Kings of Soul 5-7pm**

**August 1 Reggae Legends 4-7pm**

For more details please see:

<https://hamiltoncivicmuseums.ca/fieldcote-memorial-park-museum/>

(Compiled with files from Sharon Lee & Mara Benjamin, Fieldcote Site Supervisor)



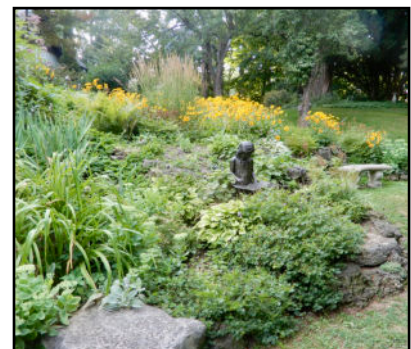
Jim Green Bandshell, Fieldcote



Lovely Shady Spots to Stroll or Picnic



Ancaster Blue Ruffle Iris Blooms in June



The Hill Garden, Fieldcote in Late Summer

All Photos: D Puskas

# Outstanding Plant Sale!



Potting in the Rain—Photo D. Fraser



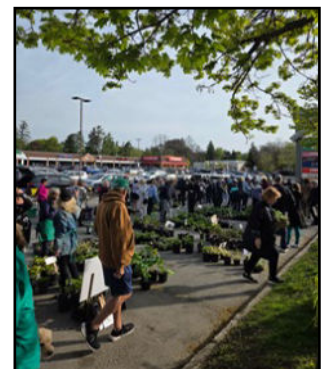
Loading the Plants to Take to the Sale —Photo: B Howitt



All Ready to Go!—Photo: D Puskas



Tomato Pick Up Day—Photo: D Puskas



Opening LineUp—Photo: B Howitt

**A Beautiful Day for our Plant Sale on May 16th!**

Sales and profit were up from previous years, in spite of the fact that we purposely priced our plants lower than previously in recognition of the difficult economic times. We made enough profit to continue funding our speakers, horticultural grants and community activities.

Our members contributed an outstanding number of quality perennials from their gardens which resulted in our sale being sold out by 11:30!

We sold over 1000 perennials in 160 varieties, and 900 tomato and pepper plants. We had a dedicated Native Plant section which was well received and a Toonie Table of bare root, seedlings, books and garden supplies. It was great fun!

Thirty dedicated volunteers contributed a total of 745 hours of potting, loading, selling and laughing. Thank you for an outstanding Plant Sale!

(Contributed by Jeanne Robertson,  
Plant Sale Co-Director)

# Members' Page



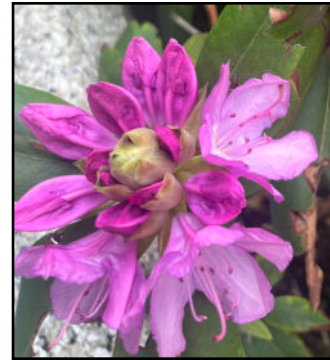
**Look carefully—Can you spot him?** This little guy sang us to sleep for a few nights when it was warm. We are not sure where he has gone now. He spent the day here on our back railing and disappeared at dusk. I must have walked past him 20 times that day.

Lorraine Held



**A Great Year for Iris!**

Donna Parker



**It Finally Bloomed!**

So nice to see my 3 year old rhododendron blooming for the first time! Especially as I'm moving this summer, it is the only time I'll see it in bloom.

Sharon Ciralo

## *In Memorium*

### Helen Denton



Helen at the Potting Barn for the Plant Sale 2015

Photo: B Wilt

Helen passed away in her 89th year after a full and busy life. Her family remembers her for her adventurous and generous spirit, love of learning and a lifetime of love and laughter.

Helen, long time member of the Society, is remembered as someone who volunteered willingly and cheerfully in many aspects of the Horticultural Society. Helen was a pleasure to work with.

**Our condolences are extended to the family.**

With contributions from members

## Garden Tip

**Would You Like to Assist  
Butterflies in Your Garden?**

You can easily create a **Butterfly Puddler** with a few ingredients, but first, why do it? A Puddler supports pollinator health, aids in reproduction and increases butterfly activity in your garden. The Puddler provides a convenient source of water and essential nutrients that help the species to thrive.

### So how do you make one?

- ~ Fill a shallow dish with soil and sand, and add a few rocks and pebbles to provide perching spots
- ~ Pour enough water into the container to moisten the soil and create a few puddles
- ~ Sprinkle some sea salt, kosher or pickling salt (not table salt) on the surface
- ~ Keep the soil moist and, depending on how hot the day is, add more water as needed
- ~ Place the puddler in your garden, raised off the ground, for example, on top of an overturned terra cotta pot.



Photo: M Burjan

**I hope you see more butterflies this summer. Enjoy!**

Contributed by Marilyn Burjan

## Municipal Gardens

The 3 garden areas maintained by our Society volunteers have all been tidied and planted. Thanks to the volunteer gardeners who will help to maintain the beds over the summer. They are looking great! (AHS gardens at Millennium Park, Brandon and Municipal areas)



**Municipal Garden Beds  
in Front of Ancaster Library  
and Municipal Offices.**  
Photos: D Puskas



# 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 27 -July 12 Trillium Awards Judging

July 14 AHS Road Trip 6:30-8:00pm  
Creek View Acres, Brantford  
Guided Tour & Browsing in  
the Gardens (Car pooling)

If you're interested, & haven't signed up yet contact Betty at:  
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## August

Tues. Aug. 18 Trillium Awards Ceremony  
at Ancaster Old Town Hall  
Timed pickups—winners will be notified

## September

Tues. Sept. 15 AHS Monthly Meeting 7:15  
'The Contribution of Plants in Supporting Life in Space' with Dr. Mike Dixon, Univ. of Guelph  
+ Best Blooms Competition Returns



OHA District 6 is looking for volunteers to be at their information booths at 2 events.

**CNE** —especially dates Aug.27-Sept. 7

**Royal Winter Fair** —Nov. 6-15

Volunteer slots are for 4 & 6 hours and give you free admission to the events. If interested contact us at:

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and we'll put you in touch with the schedule.

## AHS Celebrates 65 Year Anniversary!

In recognition of this milestone we are planning a special dinner at our AGM on Nov. 16th. Instead of our usual Potluck dinner we are catering a dinner as a treat for our members and guests. More details to come. Plan to join us!



June Best Bloom Winner  
Wendy Spangenberg  
Photo: D Puskas & from Instagram