

Florascap

65 Years of Beautifying Ancaster

Suddenly it's Autumn! After a busy summer of Trillium Awards, a garden tour and volunteer gardening we enjoyed speakers from Dundas Turtle Conservation at our September meeting. We thank them for stepping in at short notice after a schedule change. Our 'Best Blooms' contest, at our spring and September meetings, proved to be very popular. Thanks to all our participants for sharing a bloom from your garden.

Our Annual Dinner and Meeting takes place November 17th. In honour of our 65th Birthday year we are providing a Free Catered meal. We do need to have some idea of the number of people attending. Please follow the instructions below and let us know.

Thanks to all our members who volunteered, over the summer, doing weekly garden maintenance and to our Trillium Awards committee & judges for another successful year. **We hope you can join us this fall!**

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Help us to Celebrate our 65th Birthday!

Join us for a **Catered Dinner**

Tues. November 17, 2026 6PM

Ancaster Old Town Hall

(This is a FREE catered meal for our Members.)

Our AGM will follow the meal

-Bring your own plates, cutlery & mug

-**Please respond by October 31st to:**

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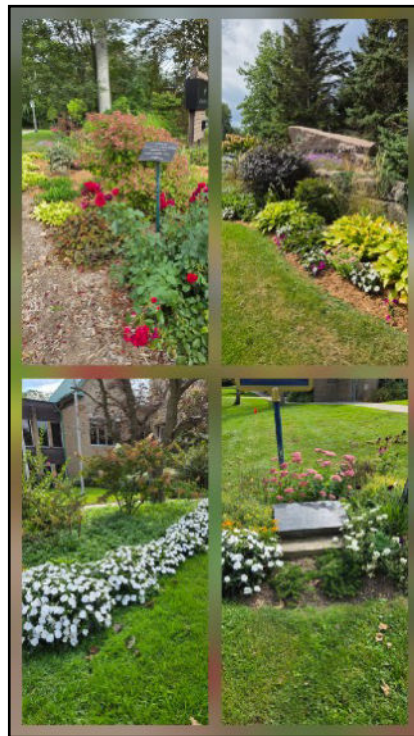
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Volunteering at the Municipal Gardens

By Donna Fraser

2026 was my first year organizing the planting and maintaining of the 3 Municipal Gardens. With wonderful volunteers, the gardens look fabulous even as summer slowly creeps into fall.

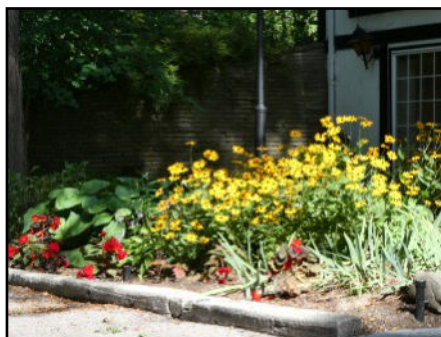
I hope all members of the AHS had a chance to enjoy these vibrant gardens. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who expertly made them beautiful.'



Photos: D. Fraser

September at Fieldcote Park

Thank you to our Crew of Weekly Garden Volunteers.



Photos: D. Puskas

Ancaster Trillium Awards

Once again, the front gardens of the residents of Ward 12 were beautiful! Our 28 judges looked at 200 front gardens and awarded **125 Trilliums this year**. The cut-off score was 91/100 . Several gardens were awarded special Trilliums— **3 residents received Diamond Trilliums** for achieving 15 years of awards, **6 residents received Ruby Trilliums** for 10 years of winning awards and **10 residents received Gold trilliums** for achieving 5 years of awards.

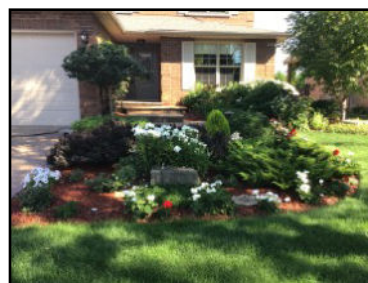
The special awards and the yearly winners of Trilliums were feted at the Ancaster Old Town Hall and congratulated by the Trillium committee members.

A big THANK YOU is extended to our Trillium Award Committee and to all the volunteer judges!

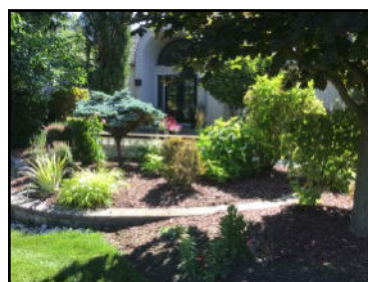
by Carol Howe, Co-Director Trillium Awards



1204 Jerseyville Rd.



43 Norma Cres.



34 Harrington Cres.

Membership Fees for the next Fiscal Year are now Due

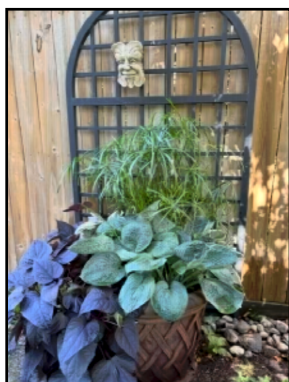
Single Membership \$10

Family Membership \$15

We accept e-transfers, through your bank. ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com
(Please include your Name in the Note)

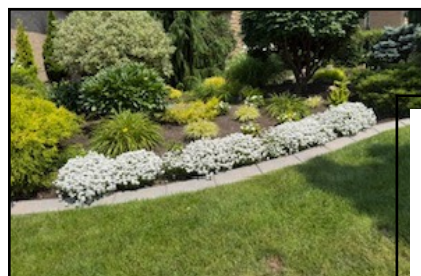
We also accept cash at meetings and cheques mailed to address below.

Members' Page



A Great Year for the Pot Arrangements!

Contributed by Jill Macaulay



In May I planted 'Summer Snowdrift' a Candytuft Iberia hybrid. I planted them around the border of our front island garden bed. They are still now showing the beautiful white blooms.

Contributed by Rose Blackwood



Artistic Webs at St. Andrews Church

Contributed by David Puskas

The Big Dig!

We dug up a huge garden in Dundas. We had 7 volunteers digging and another 8 potting. Here's a photo showing lots of plants & potters.

Contributed by Jeanne Robertson

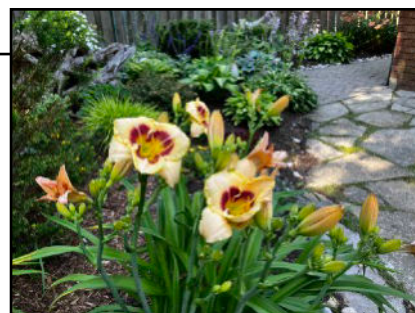


Sept. 'Best Blooms' Winner
Carol Howe

The 'Ancaster Golden Jubilee' Daylily is still Blooming Long and Strong!

(This daylily was hybridized & grown to recognize AHS 50th Anniversary year thanks to the idea & efforts of Sheila Oddy)

Contributed by Bob Parker



Fall is a Great Time to Assess Your Garden Plants~~

~Are there some plants that could be divided?

~Did some plants fade in the heat and drought?

We have a place for them! Why not donate them to our 2027 Plant Sale.

We can over-winter them in a holding garden on Lower Lions Club Road

Bring your potted plants to our October meeting. If you need help digging contact us at: ancasterhort.socy@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Brian Lee Brian, husband of executive member Sharon Lee, passed away suddenly in June. He is remembered as a loving husband, father and friend who built relationships on loyalty and respect in all aspects of his life. He was an engineer and an avid sportsman. Our thoughts and condolences are with Sharon and her family.

Rosemary Davis

Rosemary passed away in her 89th year. Many of our long-time members will remember Rosemary as an early President of Ancaster Hort. Society and also as an active volunteer at Fieldcote Museum. She compiled a history of volunteers at Fieldcote and worked with a group of volunteers in developing the gardens at Fieldcote. The archives quote her, "We've taken tremendous pride in developing the gardens and set a high standard for ourselves." She was also known as the 'Muffin Lady' for her weekly treats for fellow volunteers. That tradition and the gardens continue. Our condolences are extended to her family.



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

Mid-Oct. Reminder to all Directors
Send volunteer hours & reports to
Betty for AGM reports.

20 **AHS Monthly Meeting** 7:30pm
'Growing with Hemp' with
Irene Kicak & Veronica Tunzi of
Fancy Farmerettes.

25 **OHA District 6 Fall Meeting**
10am-3pm, Winona Vine Estates
(See panel to the right)

31 **Deadline to RSVP for AGM Dinner**

November

17 **AHS 65th Anniversary Dinner/AGM**
6pm Ancaster Old Town Hall
Join us for this free catered meal (p.1)

December

2 **AHS Decorate Ancaster Old Town Hall**
9:00am-12 noon (date subject to be
confirmed/City schedule)
Join us for decorating fun!

OHA District 6 Fall Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Hosted by Stoney Creek Garden
Club & Horticultural Society

celebrating 100 Years

10:00 am TO 3:00 pm (doors open at 9:00 am)

Winona Vine Estates, 267 Glover Road, Stoney Creek

OCTOBER 15 is the DEADLINE for

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$50.00 each

FEATURED SPEAKER

- Morning refreshments,
- Delicious luncheon,
- Live caricaturist - complimentary portraits,
- 100 Years of our Society - historical displays,
- OHA District 6 Updates, News, Changes,
- OHA District 6 Share-the-Wealth & Penny Sale,
- Special Prize Draws hosted by Stoney Creek,
- SWAG gift for every attendee,
- Bring cash



Paul LaPorte,

Owner Ephemeral Ark Nursery.

One of Ontario's leading advocates for native
plants and ecological gardening, Paul's
presentations on Ontario's native woodland
plants, biodiversity, and ecological
restoration are engaging, informative, and
inspiring.

EACH register and pay by Oct 15

**Click this LINK to Register each
one or use the QR Code below**



QR Code to Register

MENU: coffee, tea, juices; muffins; Danish; croissants; rolls;
salad; penne; chicken; sausage; potatoes; pastries; soft drinks.

QUESTIONS: Contact
Bob Heil, bobheil56@outlook.com
905-246-3933

Can You Help?

We have some vacancies on our Board.
You may have some ideas to contribute
or some skills to offer.

We're in need of:

* **Someone to co-ordinate next year's
Annual Pot Luck Dinner** (Wendy will
there to support)

* **Secretary to attend meetings, record
minutes & compile the year-end report**
Let us know if you can help. Jobs could
be shared and there are lots of people
to support your efforts.