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Ancaster Gardeners' News

Welcome to our busy Fall Season.

The Ancaster Gardeners have been very busy over the summer maintaining the beautiful Municipal and Fieldcote gardens (p.3,5) and running the Trillium Awards (p.2). The Trillium Awards, once again, recorded the highest marks ever. And for the first time you can view the Top 10 garden photos (taken by Ancaster News) on our web site (see details on p. 2). The Members and Friends Garden Tour was another great success. Thanks to all our volunteers!

This fall our program continues with Tips on Caring for our Garden Tools and, of course, our Annual Potluck Dinner/AGM. On p. 6 we give you a sneak peek of our 2020 program organized by Program Director, Betty Howitt. Watch for the full program description in the Winter 2020 edition of Florascape.

Welcome back! We hope you'll find some topics to interest you and join us regularly. Bring a friend!

Donna Parker, Editor



Bob Wilt, winner of 2019 OHA Honour Roll Award, poses with previous winners Pearl Wade & Barbara Waddell this summer.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Janet Fraser
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Trillium Awards

with reports from Carol Howe, Co-Chair, Trillium Award Committee and Betty Howitt, Publicity Director

The Trillium Awards are one of the ways the Society fulfils its mandate to 'Beautify Ancaster'. This year we had **284 front gardens** to judge for the **125 awards**. Luckily we had **40** members step up to judge these properties. The competition is always stiff and, this year, out of a possible score of 100, the cut-off score was 92!

More than 100 people attended the Trillium Awards Ceremony at Fieldcote Park.

Three gardens received Diamond Awards for 15 years. Two received Ruby Awards for 10 years. Nine received Gold Awards for 5 years. Councillor Lloyd Ferguson was on hand to give out the 'milestone' awards with Executive member, Bob Wilt, distributing the remaining awards.

The Trillium Awards committee is made up of Co-Chairs, Carol Howe and Marilyn Burjan, and Kelley Gowland who handles the extensive data management.

One change the committee instituted this year was to have the addresses of the Diamond winners, and those properties that received a score of 100, published (with permission) so that their gardens could be viewed by driving by on the street. We thank the Ancaster News for their publicity and support. *(The addresses and Ancaster News photos are available on our web site at:)*

<https://www.ancasterhort.org/index.php/meeting-and-events>

Running the Trillium Awards program each year is a huge task. Thank you to Carol, Marilyn & Kelley for your leadership. Thank you to all of our judges and to all who strive to 'Beautify Ancaster'.



Photos: Betty Howitt



David Puskas

Fieldcote Gardening News



The long-awaited garden shed arrived this summer! A donation from Ancaster Hort and the tireless efforts of the Fieldcote Gardeners, led by Bob Wilt, made the addition of a much-needed shed possible. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by cake, was held in August. (Shown left are: Mavis Baker, Bob Wilt, and Gerry Lynes) Photo: D. Parker

A New Paperbark Maple has been planted at Fieldcote Park thanks to a generous donation from long-time members and Fieldcote gardeners, Colin and Arpine Morris. Photo: B. Wilt



Fieldcote garden beds still looking lush in late summer! Thanks garden crew!

Photos: D. Parker

Happenings!

An Evening with Lawrence Hill presented by Griffin House National Historic Site.
 Join renowned author as he speaks about 'The Book of Negroes' and 'The Illegal'. **Wed. Oct. 9th 7-9pm**
Ancaster Old Town Hall. Tickets \$25
 For Tickets: Call 905-648-8144 or email:
fieldcote@hamilton.ca

Oct 6 Ontario Lily Society Bulb Sale at RBG
 for details: ontariolilysociety.ca

Oct 7,8,9 Burlington Photo Workshops with Paul Sparrow
 begin: beginner to expert level
<https://burlingphotoworkshops.com>

Oct 'Know and Grow' Workshops at Connon Nursery, Waterdown. Schedule at:
<https://connon.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/KnowGrow-Fall-Schedule.png>

Harvest Home Breakfast

Presented by Fieldcote Park and Museum
 Sat. Oct. 26th 9-11 am at:
 Ancaster Old Town Hall 310 Wilson St. E.
 Adults: \$16
 Children: \$8
 Advanced tickets only
 905-648-8144 or
fieldcote@hamilton.ca



Coming Events

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tues. of the month (except Dec. July, Aug) at The Ancaster Old Town Hall on Wilson St. Ancaster.
 Meetings begin with social time at **7:30** and meeting at **7:45**

October

- 15 AHS Monthly Meeting**
 'Care & Maintenance of Garden Tools' with Jon Peter Curator & Plant Mgr. RBG
- 15 All Board member reports due to Secretary, Lorraine Held**

November

- 19 AHS Pot Luck Dinner**
 6:00 PM
 Good food, Entertainment, Good times (and a very short AGM & installation of the Board—we promise!!)
- 23 OHA Dist.6 Fall Dinner**

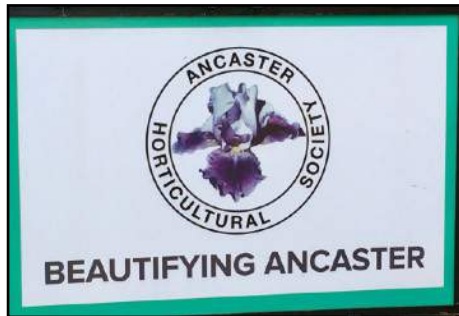
December

- 4 Decorate Old Town Hall**
 9:30 am
 Bring your pruners & any evergreen and dried materials or just yourself & join in the fun as we decorate OTH for the season. Refreshments!

Ancaster's Municipal Garden Beds Top Notch this Summer. Thanks to our dedicated volunteer garden crews!



Municipal Offices



Brandon Park (Wilson St. & Rousseau St.)



Millennium Park (Wilson St. & Montgomery Dr.)



Thanks to the dedicated gardening crews who beautify the Municipal & Fieldcote gardens!

Photos: D. Parker

Some things to watch for...

This fall: **Our fun Pot Luck Dinner is returning!** We're supplying the meat entree and guests will bring the rest. Entertainment will be quiet background music. Details at meetings & in News FLASH to RSVP See you Nov. 19th!

In 2020: **"9 Things I Learned in Other People's Gardens"** (Rob Howard); **Orchids, Pollinator Gardens, Bees, a British Garden story** and more!

Next June: **Our Members & Friends Garden Tour is Returning by Popular Demand!** We'll be looking for approx. 6 new hosts to share their gardens in Mid-June. As you put your garden 'to bed' think about sharing it with us next year.

Do you have a question about how to care for your Hydrangea? Here are some common questions...



Do you have questions about how to care for your Hydrangea?

For example:

- Why isn't my Hydrangea blooming?
- When should I prune it?
- Are Hydrangeas good for pollinators?
- What type of Hydrangea would be good for my garden?
- How can get my Hydrangea to produce blue flowers?

You'll find a handy fact sheet on Hydrangeas, prepared by Halton Master Gardeners by clicking on this link:

<https://haltonmastergardeners.files.wordpress.com/2019/08/hydrangeas-1.pdf>

Do you have more gardening questions? You can send them, at any time, to: haltonmastergardeners@gmail.com