

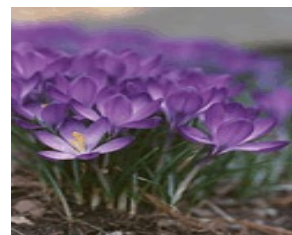
# The West Carleton Garden Club - Ready, Set, Grow

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## NEWSLETTER May 2007

Spring is Here!!



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker: **Michael Runtz**

"The 'Devious World of Wild Flowers'

Location : Carp Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

**Michael Runtz** is one of Canada's most highly respected naturalists, nature photographers, and natural history authors. A birdwatcher since the age of five, he has lived, breathed and worked with nature all his life. Professionally, Michael has worked as a naturalist in Canada's national and provincial parks, and has performed numerous biological surveys, including one on the rare Peregrine Falcon

A dynamic communicator, Michael Runtz is equally at home in the television or radio studio, lecture hall or classroom. Over 2000 people sign up every year for Michael's Natural History course. Televised from Carleton University, this is the most popular course of its type in Canada. This popularity arises largely from Michael's infectious and enthusiastic teaching style, for which he has received excellence in teaching awards from students and peers alike. He is also in great demand as a speaker for groups as diverse as outdoor educators, professional biologists, schoolchildren, and naturalists' clubs. As well, Michael is a popular guest on numerous television and radio shows, and regularly co-hosts phone-ins on CBC Radio Noon.

2. Six best-sellers all bear the stamp of author Michael Runtz's passion, knowledge and stunning photography. ***Moose Country, Algonquin Seasons, The Explorer's Guide to Algonquin Park, Beauty and the Beasts: The Hidden World of Wildflowers, Wild Things: The Hidden World of Animals and Wild Wings: The Hidden World of Birds.*** His seventh book, ***The Howls of August: Encounters with Algonquin Wolves,*** chronicles Michael's intimate experiences with one of the wild's most elusive inhabitants. In addition to his highly-acclaimed books, Michael's award-winning photographs and natural history columns grace the pages of a number of Canadian magazines and newspapers.

COME ON OUT FOR THE EVENING & ENJOY !!!

May 8<sup>th</sup> **Michael Runtz**

### Look for these exciting upcoming events:

May 8<sup>th</sup> **Michael Runtz, Well-known Naturalist**  
June 12<sup>th</sup> **Helen Halpenny, Groundcovers for your Garden**

*Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library is pleased to announce its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please join past and present staff and volunteers in celebrating this milestone at our*

### **Open House**

*Wednesday, June 20, 2007*

*3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*3911 Carp Rd Refreshments to follow the official cutting of the cake.*

*RSVP by Friday, June 15, 2007*

*613-839-5412*

Michael Runtz is also well-known for his educational and conservation efforts, for which he has received numerous awards, including an *Outstanding Service Award* from the *Federation of Ontario Naturalists*.

But nowhere else is Michael more in his element than in the natural world itself - howling with the elusive wolf, digging out salamanders from under a rotting log, luring in rutting moose with his skillful calls, or capturing speeding dragonflies with his butterfly net. His intimate familiarity with this world makes Michael the perfect ambassador for nature.

We hope to see you all on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May for this exciting presentation.

Patty has the plant sale at the Carp Farmers Market scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Weed & Chat is May 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Janet will be organizing the spring flower show May 8<sup>th</sup>

Tickets for this year's Bus Trip (Second Annual) to Perth & Area.

They will be available for sale to West Carleton Hort. Soc. members next week AFTER our Tues. April 17th Meeting. 1st come first serve.

No payment - No Ticket - No Reservations  
PERTH & AREA BUS TRIP - Wed. June 20, 2007

Departure 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Rockwell Gardens, Perth Downtown - Stewart Park, & Kiwi Gardens - Bring a lunch or purchase in Perth.

Bus leaves from Stittsville (Old) Arena (Rideau Bus Lines) Warner-Colpitts Drive, Stittsville \$15. person/seat (Hort. Society Membership included if required)

People can call me at 836-2045 @

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or Vivian McLean at 831-0878.

The Annual **Plant Sale** at the Carp Market will be held on June 2nd, two weeks after the long weekend. Patti Morrison requested the move to see if we could get some better weather this time, and the members seemed supportive of it.

Special Thanks to Christina for the lovely **yearbook** again.

Snacks and door prizes for S-Z