

The West Carleton Garden Club - Ready, Set, Grow

Mailing address: Box 326 Carp, On K0A 1L0

March 2008 Newsletter



Next Meeting: March 11th “Grasses”

Speaker: Phil Reilly of Reilly's Country Gardens rcgardens.ca

7:30 p.m. Carp Memorial Hall

Snacks & door prizes M-R

New Membership Initiative

Attend a special 'think tank' meeting for recruiting new members to our club, to be held at the Library in mid to late May (date to be confirmed). We have decided that May would be a good month given the other activities around the OHA AGM which we are focusing on now. Ted Barnicoat (Treasurer) has offered to lead the initiative and to provide the framework for the meeting and I will facilitate it.

We will soon have a sign-up sheet available for all those of you who would like to participate. In the meantime, please start thinking about fresh ideas about WCGC renewal, what kind of garden club we want, and new membership marketing initiatives.

We desperately need all current members to pay their dues as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you may send a cheque to our mailing address. If you have any friends, family members or neighbours who would be interested in joining, please invite them to our next meeting. We feel confident that working together, we can renew and reinvigorate our Club

Upcoming AGM April - Sighting of First Sign of Spring

District 2 AGM

sat., Apr. 26, Kinburn Community Centre

9 am- 4 pm

If you haven't yet signed up to register please do so at the next meeting or call someone on the executive. We're hoping the whole club will turn out.

1. <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2/news/online/791>

http://www.ottawahort.org/district2public/d2_2008_AGM_4_documents.pdf

Thanks to the many of you who have already indicated that you'll help out. The sign-up sheet goes up on the wall at every meeting or you can contact Donna at posreinf@xplornet.com

District 2 Flower show

Check out the attachment for the upcoming District 2 Spring show on April 18-20, 2008 at the Nepean Sportsplex

1. <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2/news/online/810>

2. <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/district2>

Entry deadline is March 31st 2008

Chairperson: Owen Munn

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The Annual Herbfest is scheduled for Sunday July 27th 2008. The theme will be Spice up your life! www.herbfest.ca

Roses, Roses, Roses Galetta Nurseries

Thanks to all who ordered the roses, we will keep you updated on their arrival time.

Huntley Historical Society Seeking Input on Garden

The Huntley Historical Society is hoping to install a small, low maintenance heritage garden in front of their Research Centre which is located on the grounds of the Carp Airport. If any members are interested in giving them some design advice &/or advice about plant materials, soil prep or even help with the actual gardening they'd love to hear from you. Please give their president, Joan Caldwell, a call at (613) 831-2501 or give your name to Donna Christie and a group of us could meet with them sometime in early spring.

More Upcoming Events

April 8	“Shade Gardens” Mary Anne VanBerlo Master Gardener
April 12	Annual General Meeting (AGM) for District 2
May 13	“Perennial Beds & Borders” Creation & maintenance Susan Patry
June 10	IKEBANA demonstration Mary Reynolds

WCGC Executive Committee	
Anne Gadbois - President	256-7161
Cathy Hutt - Vice President	839-2909
Ted Barnicoat - Treasurer	839-0615
Christina Zehulak - Programs	832-3526
Adeline Alkan & Anne Crosley Membership	839-0611, 832-2696
Sharry Featherston - Secretary	839-9944
Janet Wright - Flower Show Chairman	623-5596
Patti Morrison - Plant Sale	
Mary Reynolds - Hospitality	832-0408
Barbara Vilé - Newsletter	836-6274

Stuart Robertson
has been
answering

gardening questions on CBC Radio and TV for nearly three decades. He has been the gardening columnist for the *Montreal Gazette* and a freelance gardening writer for over 25 years.

The gardening techniques in

1. *Stuart Robertson's Tips on Organic Gardening* are based on sustainable organic principles. He explains how to plant and maintain a garden in ways that are easy to understand and put into practice—using products and techniques that have a positive influence on the environment. This is a gardening book that is basic enough for the novice and yet detailed enough for the experienced gardener. Robertson takes the mystery out of the organic approach to gardening because he believes that in the long run, it's a healthier and more successful way to garden.

