

# THE WATERING CAN



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB - 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

APRIL, 2009

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## WCGC Executive Committee

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April 14, 2009



### Designing Summer Outdoor Containers

with

**Anne Lamb**

Come out to see expert outdoor planter designer Anne Lamb of the **Garden Gate Greenhouse** in Kinburn demonstrate her talents and share tips and ideas on putting together unique floral designs for your outdoor summer planters. **Two planters will be raffled off. Guests welcome!**

June 9, 2009

### Annual Spring Flower Show

and

### Vines of All Kinds

With

**Mary Shearman Reid, CLP**  
**Green Thumb**

### Local Summer Garden Tours

To continue To growing our knowledge of gardening throughout the summer months we will be running a series of tours.

#### **Tour #1 – May 23**

**Almonte Alvar**  
with Joan McNab

#### **Tour 2 – June 13 – Ken Farr** **The Arboretum**

**Tour 3 – July 18**  
**Edible Wilds**  
with Martha Webber

**Tour 4 – Aug 8 or 15**  
**Wild Medicinal Plants**  
with Katherine Willow  
Carp Ridge Eco Wellness Centre

(details to follow)

**Members - \$10.00 for the series**  
**Non- Members - \$25.00 (includes 1 membership fee)**

### Urgent Message from your Executive Committee

After being dedicated to the post as President for the past 5 years, Anne Gadbois is stepping down. Ted Barnicoat is also resigning his position as Treasurer. Please consider joining our team starting in the fall. We are a fun bunch, meet only briefly once a month (usually fourth Tuesday of the month at the Library from 7 to 8:30) and get all our work and organization done at that time! If you are interested in any of the roles listed above, please contact any member of the executive for more information.

### Future Events

May 12 2009

#### **Mini Spring Flower Show**

(see page 3 of newsletter)

#### **South African Cape Floral Kingdom**

with

**Christina Zehaluk**

It has been suggested that any other members who would like to share some of their travel discoveries would be welcome to join in on the slideshow.

### Words of Wisdom

A pound of words and not deeds  
is like a garden full of weeds.

Saturday, June 6  
**Annual WCGC Plant Sale**  
Carp Farmers Market

Goodies and door-prizes for the April meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting O to S

## Plant of the Month



### Helleborus orientalis: Lenten rose

#### Description

The subtly spectacular Lenten rose is a herbaceous perennial garden plant that is evergreen in warmer climates and much admired for this trait. Like other members of the *Helleborus* genus, the Lenten rose blooms in winter, sometimes even pushing through a blanket of snow. The distinctive foliage is dark green and leathery and is one of the plant's most appealing features. The large compound leaves are up to 18 in (46 cm) long and 16 in (41 cm) wide. Each is composed of from 5 to 11 lance-shaped leaflets with sawtooth edges. This plant grows slowly to form a neatly rounded mound up to 16-20 in (41-51 cm) high that is punctuated in winter or early spring by fresh new foliage and attractive flowers. The shy flowers resemble single roses and nod their pretty faces toward the ground. The 2-3 in (5-8cm) blossoms are held above the foliage in loose clusters and are white or greenish white, often have a pink or purplish blush. There are pink, rose and purple varieties as well as white with solid splotches of color with this species being a parent of many beautiful hybrids

#### Culture

Plant Lenten rose in rich, loose, woody soil and fertilize in early spring. This is a slow growing plant that dislikes being disturbed and will be slow to recover when moved.

**Light:** Heavy to light shade

**Moisture:** Prefers moist well-drained soil but is adaptable to drier situations.

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 4-9. Lenten rose is evergreen from about Zone 6 to 9.

**Propagation:** By division in late summer or autumn. Can also be grown from seed but seedlings take three years to bloom.

#### Usage

Lenten rose is perfect for shady patios or courtyard gardens. It is especially suited for small spaces where its subtle beauty can be noticed and appreciated. Lenten rose provides pleasant textural diversion in a bed of hostas and is perfect for moist areas near ponds and water features. Use it in a mixed borders and combine with ferns and other shade lovers in woodland gardens.



### Fern Walk with Lis Allison – Pine Ridge Studio

Lis is planning a couple of Fern Walks this summer and would like to invite WCGC members. They are free and just meant to be an enjoyable way to view ferns both in the wild and in the garden.

The dates are **May 18 and August 3**, and the walks start at 1pm. She asks that people to let her know if they are coming as she can only manage a small group - narrow paths! And if there are more than about 8 people she will try to have two walks at different times. People should also be prepared for walking in the woods, that is, boots and long pants are best.

### Photo Op

If you're looking for a way to help out the club and make a contribution without having to attend extra meetings how about considering the role of our club photographer? We have a club bag of photo albums from our early years and we ask that you be the "keeper" of the photo archives as well as update these archives with photos that you and/or others take of our events, tours, shows and meetings. Please let us know at the next meeting or contact Donna Christie at 839-2263 or [posreinf@xplornet.com](mailto:posreinf@xplornet.com).

### A Spring Botany Course with Martha Webber

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2009

Includes 6 sessions include 5 field trips, banquet and recipes  
Recognize and harvest wild vegetables, fruits, teas and mushrooms where they grow  
Dress for weather conditions, Expect rain, mud and mosquitoes

Registration \$100.00 Call Martha at (613)839-5217 to register



**10th Annual Kanata Garden & Landscape Show**  
**Eastern Ontario's Biggest and Best Garden Show**

**May 1-3, 2009** at the Kanata Recreation Complex

We are hoping to participate in this event along with the Kanata and Stittsville clubs. If you would be interested in helping to man the booth for an hour or two, please contact one Anne Gadbois. **There will be a signup sheet at the April meeting.**

# 2009 Mini Spring Flower Show

May 12, 2009

Carp Memorial Hall

Entries to be placed between 6:45 PM and 7:15 PM

Judging to take place during the *General Meeting*

**Show Director:** Anne Crosley (613-832-2969)

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>SPECIMENS</b>	<b>Number of Specimens per Class</b>
1.	TULIPS, any colour	5 blooms
2.	TULIPS, red	3 blooms
3.	TULIPS, yellow	3 blooms
4.	TULIPS, purple	3 blooms
5.	TULIPS, bi-colour	3 blooms
6.	FLOWERING BRANCH, not to exceed 24 inches (61 cm)	1 branch
7.	IRIS, yellow	1 stem
8.	IRIS, purple	1 stem
9.	IRIS, white	1 stem
10.	IRIS, blue	1 stem
11.	SIBERIAN IRIS, any colour	1 stem
12.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, trumpet, single colour	2 stalks
13.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, trumpet, multi colour	2 stalks
14.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, large cup	2 stalks
15.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, small cup	2 stalks
16.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, double, single colour	2 stalks
17.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, double, multi colour	2 stalks
18.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, miniature	2 stalks
19.	NARCISSUS/DAFFODIL, multiflora	2 stalks
20.	Other small spring bulbs	3 / 1 kind
21.	Any other spring flower not mentioned above	1 stalk

