

THE WATERING CAN



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB - 20TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE, 2009

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June 9, 2009

Annual Spring Flower Show



Vines of All Kinds

with

Mary Shearman Reid, CLP

Mary Shearman Reid, owner of Green Thumb Garden Centre, made a transition from banking to horticulture in 1996. Mary grew up in a family of gardeners, worked as a gardener during her summers at university, and continues to garden at home. She uses those practical skills and knowledge as well as her business and retail skills at Green Thumb. Mary is a member of Landscape Ontario, a CLP (Certified Landscape Professional) and a Master Gardener. When the garden centre is open, Mary is usually there. She also speaks for many Horticultural Societies and garden clubs as well as teaching for the Continuing Education department of the Ottawa-Carleton School Board.

Goodies and door-prizes for the May meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting A to G. In keeping with our desire to be greener, consider bringing your own mug for tea and coffee to the next meeting.

Summer Garden Tours

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

Tour #1 – May 30
Almonte Alvar
Joost (“Yoast”) Harwig

Tour #2-June 13
The Arboretum
Ken Farr

Tour #3 – July 18
Edible Wilds
with Martha Webber

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

(details in flyer)

Elections in June for Executive Committee

We will have a list of potential new executive members for the consideration of our members - including current executive members who can continue in their posts, and potential new executive members. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting for any of the positions.

For the posts for which there is no contest, the person will be appointed. For positions where there is more than one person interested, there will be an election. (The only position which cannot be elected is the Treasurer which must be appointed.)

If anyone would like information or to make their interest known before the meeting, please call Anne Gadbois (agadbois@explornet.ca or 256-7161).

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

The plant sale is our most important fund raiser, please donate and come out in droves.

Please bring your donated plants to our booth, outside at the back of the barn by about 7:30 a.m. so that there is time to price them. If you can't drop them off please call Mary Reynolds and she will arrange to have someone pick them up.

Make sure you pot up your plants early in the week so that they have time to recover by Saturday. Happy Shopping!

Plant of the Month



Cobaea scandens

The **cup-and-saucer vine** makes a splendid summer screen. It grows quickly, soon becoming sturdy and lush -- even dense. The flowers come at you from all sides in wonderfully cooling colors, just right to counter the excesses of summer. Blossoms start off cream or greenish-white and proceed to a strong purple, with the vine blooming from midsummer to frost. (A pure white cultivar also exists, as does a fairly rare variegated form.) In most locales, the warm-loving *Cobaea* is considered an annual and is a good subject to start from seed indoors. Soak the seeds overnight in warm water set on a heat vent or atop the fridge. Plant the seeds on edge, with a bit of the top edge exposed. Outdoors, place in a warm but fairly sheltered location



The Reading Garden

Celebrating Volunteers

Volunteer Picnic – June 17 2009
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Rain or Shine
RSVP by June 10
Lori or Mary: 839-5412
BYOC (Bring your own chair)

The Library is hosting a Picnic for the Volunteers on June 17. It would be great to have the gardens looking in tip top shape for the event. The City has donated enough interlocking brick to expand the patio area under the picnic table. Ted Barnicoat has initiated an afternoon work bee to be start at 12:00 on **June 10** at which time we will also conduct our **Annual Spring Cleanup**. Please consider joining the work team for an afternoon.

Upcoming Events

September 8, 2009

"Falling Head over Heels

...Autumn designs you'll love to make for your home" : by club members and design enthusiasts
 Donna Christie and Christina Zehaluk.

Watch for the next Newsletter for suggestions of materials to collect and bring if you'd like to attempt a design yourself at this "Hands-on" workshop. Please know that you're still welcome to attend and observe if you're not ready or able to be prepared to participate actively.

October 13, 2009

"Lost Gardens of Heligan" with John Soar

November 10, 2009

"Birds in Winter" with Tony Beck

December 8, 2009

Annual Christmas Pot-Luck and holiday floral arrangements

WCGC May 2009 Flower Show Winners

| ENTRANT | FIRSTS | SECONDS | THIRDS |
|---------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Mary Reynolds | 4 | 2 | - |
| Roy Reynolds | 1 | 1 | - |
| Adeline Alkan | 1 | 3 | - |
| Nancy Argue | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Christina Zehaluk | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Sharry Featherstone | - | 1 | - |
| Ted Barnicoat | - | 1 | - |
| Donna Christie | 2 | 6 | 1 |
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2009 Plant Show

June 9, 2009

Carp Memorial Hall

Entries to be placed between 6:30 PM and 7:15 PM

Only one entry permitted per person per class

Judging to take place during the General Meeting

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

SECTION 1 - CUT SPECIMENS CLASS SPECIMENS

1. FLOWERING BULB, 1 stalk
2. LILY, any variety and colour, 1 stem with foliage
3. LUPINE, any colour, 3 stalks
4. DAYLILY, 1 scape, named if possible
5. LILY OF THE VALLEY, 5 stems with foliage
6. PANSY, 5 blooms, all one colour
7. VIOLA, 5 blooms, any colour (note: violas have no face)
8. PEONY, 1 bloom, any colour
9. ORIENTAL POPPY, 2 blooms, same colour
10. ROSE, 1 bloom
11. ROSE, miniature, hybrid tea form, 1 bloom
12. ROSE, shrub, 1 spray
13. IRIS, 3 stalks, any colour and variety
14. COLUMBINE, any colour, 2 stems
15. COLLECTION of perennial garden flowers, excluding those named above, 3 kinds (one of each kind), must be named
16. FLOWERING BRANCH, not to exceed 22 inches above the rim of the container, must be named
17. GERANIUM, perennial, 1 stem with blooms Narcissus/ Daffodil, double, multi colour
18. PERENNIAL, variety not listed above, 3 stems, blooms or stalks, named if possible

SECTION 2 - DECORATIVE CLASS

“SUMMER SHOWERS” CLASS DESCRIPTION

19. **“Afternoon Mist”**
- a cup and saucer arrangement with your choice of flowers
20. **“Over the Rainbow”**
- a living room arrangement in a vase using six colours; not to exceed 24 inches in height, including the container
21. **“Thunder and Lightning”**
- a foliage arrangement using only variegated material; not to exceed 18 inches in any direction, including the container

22. **“Refreshing Sprinkles”**

- a small bouquet of assorted flowers tied with a raffia or ribbon and displayed in a glass container

23. **“Pot of Gold”**

- a triangular arrangement, suitable for a coffee table using yellow, gold and/or orange flowers; in a low container; to be seen from all sides

SECTION 3 - VEGETABLES CLASS SPECIMENS

24. Rhubarb, 5 stalks, leaves removed except for 2 inch fan
25. Asparagus, 3 spears
26. Garlic, with full length of leaves, cleaned and roots clipped; if scape present leave on
27. Collection of herbs, 3 varieties shown in water; must be Named

SECTION 4 - POTTED PLANTS CLASS SPECIMENS

28. Cactus, one plant, any size
29. Succulent, one plant, any size
30. Flowering house plant, one plant, any size; must be named
31. Any other foliage house plant, one plant, any size; must be named

SECTION 5 - SPECIAL CATEGORY CLASS DESCRIPTION

32. A design by children ages 5 to 12 - their choice of size and arrangement; not to exceed 18 inches

