

# THE WATERING CAN



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

MAY, 2009

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Goodies and door-prizes for the May meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting T to Z

## Elections in June for Executive Committee

Its that time of year again and we, the executive, have all enjoyed working together to plan our year. Each and every person in our club has the potential to bring something unique to the board. Please consider joining our team starting in the fall. We 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!

May 12, 2009

## Mini Spring Flower Show and



## South African Cape Floral Kingdom

with

**Christina Zehaluk**

The Cape Floral Kingdom or Floristic Region is the smallest of the six such natural areas in the world, and is the only one contained within the borders of a single country. It is not merely its botanical diversity and richness that is significant. Almost 70% of its species are found nowhere else on earth. Cristina will educate us about the region with pictures she took on her recent trip to Africa.

## Coming Events

June 9, 2009

## Annual Spring Flower Show and

## Vines of All Kinds

With

**Mary Shearman Reid, CLP**

## Words of Wisdom

When gardeners garden, it is not just plants that grow, but the gardeners themselves.

- Ken Druse

## Local Summer Garden Tours

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

**Tour #1 – June 13**

**Ken Farr**

**The Arboretum**

**Tour 2- Almonte Alvar**

**Tour 3 – July 18**

**Edible Wilds**

with Martha Webber

**Tour 4 – Aug 8**

**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)*

Saturday, June 6

## Annual WCGC Plant Sale

Carp Farmers Market

Time to get the old pots out of the shed and divide those perennials to make room for all of the exciting new plants that will be going into your beds this year. We will also be needing volunteers for the event so come on out. It is a lot of fun, a good time to get to know other members and a great fund raiser for our club.

## Plant of the Month



### King Protea (*Proteacynaroide*) *South Africa's National Flower*

In the fynbos of South Africa, the nectar-eating Cape sugarbird (*Promerops cafer*) has coevolved with the king protea (*Protea cynaroides*). The sugarbird derives sustenance from the flowers of the protea, and the plant depends on the birds for pollination. Birds begin nesting as soon as the proteas begin to bloom. The flowers provide nectar for the adult birds and also attract insects, which adults capture and feed to their chicks. As a sugarbird sips nectar from the blooms, the feathers on its forehead are dusted with pollen, some of which is dislodged when the bird visits the next inflorescence.

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### The Reading Garden

#### *Volunteer Picnic – June 17 2009*

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 a work bee to be held in early June at which time we will also conduct our Annual Spring Cleanup. Please consider joining the work team for an afternoon. Many hands make light work!

### Flower Show Guidelines – (See Year Book)

2009 Mini Spring Flower Show - May 12, 2009

and

2009 Annual Spring Garden Show – June 9, 2009

The following will clarify cup size:

Trumpet – cup is at least as long as the petals

Large Cup – 1/3 longer than petals

Small Cup – cup not more than 1/3 the length of petals

### **BEAN Site is Active**



BEAN is a collaborative network of groups and individuals representing private industry, formal and non-formal education, government, the environment and conservation. BEAN was set up to implement Action Items 1 and 2 of Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy, which calls for an increased awareness and understanding of biodiversity, its benefits and threats, and what each of us can do to support it. BEAN is a working group of Ontario's Biodiversity Council, and the Education Alliance for a Sustainable Ontario

## Trillium Newsletter



The Spring 2009 edition of the Association Newsletter is now available

This issue contains articles on:

- Free Software for Societies
- Fine Art of Seed Swapping
- Pretty but Dangerous
- Convention News
- ..and more..



### 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 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. To contact call 613 832-2156 or lis@pineridge.ca.