

# 20th Anniversary

## THE WATERING CAN



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB  
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West Carleton Garden Club On line

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**Have you remembered to renew your membership?**

Goodies and door-prizes for the November meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting with H to N.



November 11, 2008

### Floral Arts Interactive Workshop

Helen Halpenny, a talented floral designer and a very articulate presenter, will demonstrate a number of fast and easy floral designs for your home. They will use foliage and minimal flowers.

Following her demonstration, Helen will guide us through the construction of a "modern mass design" suitable for a coffee table or counter top.

Workshoppers should bring :

- a plate or shallow bowl,
- 4 straight sticks (2 of them two times the diameter of the plate & 2 of them app. 1 1/2 times the diameter of the plate); these could be bamboo, catails, etc.
- clippers and a pin holder if they have one or oasis
- Any large houseplant leaves you can find.

*The Garden Club will provide the flowery plant material and some greenery for the arrangements.*

*It will be great fun to see what we all come up with!*

*Also, the financial report will be reviewed for your approval.*

### Future Events

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2008

### 20th Anniversary Reunion

#### Christmas Pot-Luck & Social

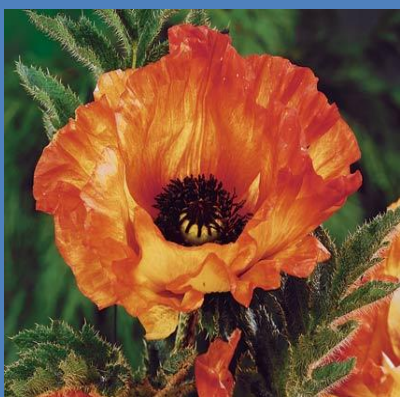
We would like to extend a warm welcome to our old and new members to join us for this fun and social evening. Come and enjoy great food, mingling with friends and 20 years worth of memorabilia and photos. If you know of anyone who was a previous WCGC member, please invite them to join our celebration.

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

#### Magnolias, Japanese Maples and Rare Trees for Ottawa

President Anne Gadbois attended the semi-annual advisory committee meeting of OHA District 2 held in Carleton Place on Sunday Oct. 26th. Attending the meeting were District Director Sheila King, special guest OHA President Ken Fink, and other District 2 executives. Anne will have a brief summary of what's new and planned at the District level at our next general meeting

## Plant of the Month The Poppy



**Papaver orientale Orange Glow**  
Deer-Resistant

For dramatic brilliance, few flowers even come close to the flamboyant Prince of Orange Oriental Poppy. Big 4-8" ruffled flowers atop 2-4' stems create garden enchantment for weeks as they sway to and fro in the breezes of late spring and early summer.

Today's Oriental Poppies come in many intriguing color combinations. Their iridescent petals have the texture of crinkled silk, and the vibrantly colored blossoms are enhanced by fluffy dark stamens and black splotches in the center of each bloom. They'll create eye-catching effects in both gardens and bouquets. Oriental poppies are very hardy and easy to establish. They grow in clumps that can spread to 18-36" wide. They flourish in almost any soil, with stout taproots that make them drought resistant. And they're nearly immune to disease and insects.

Grow them from seed and group with later blooming plants to mask summer dormant period.

Poppies do not do like to be transplanted.

The poppy of wartime remembrance is the red corn poppy . *Papaver rhoeas*



### The Reading Garden

Thanks goes to Adeline Alken who has kindly been filling in the spaces in the peony beds. Also, thanks to Lee Boltwood who has donated some from her garden.

The proposed circle of pavers to accommodate the picnic table will now be done in the spring. It seems to be a larger and more costly job than originally expected. If several members could volunteer their time, it would keep the cost down. Alternatively, we could pay someone by the hour to do the job

## TRILLIUM FALL 2008 edition

by Linda Hugli, editor

Download the current issue of OHA's **Trillium** newsletter which includes articles about:

- Awards Ceremony
- Tree Dedication at OHA Oak Grove
- Convention 2008 Competition Results
- OHA Seeks New Secretary
- Winterizing Your Garden \*
- In Search of the Blue Poppy
- Invitation to Convention 2009
- Thanking Our Volunteers

### Those Pesky Grubs

Here are some tips from last month's meeting on dealing with lawn grubs.

Lee Boltwoods' solution is to plant alternative perennial ground cover such as:

Ajuga (Bugle Weed) Green or Purple  
Violets  
Yarrow  
Heal All (Prunella)  
Pearly everlasting  
Pussytoes (Antennaria)  
Wild Strawberry  
Creeping Thyme  
Veronica  
Oregano  
Creeping Charlie  
Creeping Jenny – (yellow green)  
Hawkweed

These plants are all mowable. If you have any questions about these choices, give Lee a call at (613) 836-1491.

Kevin Didsburys' approach is to sprinkle dry coffee grounds over the entire lawn area. This has an added benefit of fertilizing your lawn although it should not be done more than twice a year as it will raise the acidity in the soil. The ratio is 1 large tin to about 900 sq. feet.

## \* A Checklist for Winterizing Your Garden

The best time to prepare your garden for spring is in the fall. Just a single weekend of winter preparation will make a huge difference next growing season. Not only that, but the more you do now the less there is to do in the spring. So here is a check list to guide you...modify it to suit your individual needs.

- Plant spring bulbs for colour.
- Plant new perennials...they're on sale now!! Water until freeze-up.
- Divide perennials like peonies, daylilies, and early spring bloomers.
- Apply a layer of compost to your beds.
- Before the snow flies, cut back perennials to 10 – 15 cm.
- Water conifers and broadleaf evergreens until freeze-up.
- Where able, burlap exposed evergreens to prevent desiccation during the winter.
- Don't forget to wrap upright junipers and shrubs that may suffer under the snow weight.
- Install tree guards so that mice, voles, etc can't girdle them.
- Remove and dispose of any diseased foliage...**not in the compost!**
- Burlap or mulch tender perennials, rhododendrons, azaleas, etc.
- Dig up and store dahlia, canna, glads, etc. (tubers/corms/rhizomes).
- Protect roses by mulching, or by wrapping with burlap or with commercially available wraps.
- Start cutting the grass shorter, and collecting the clippings and leaves for next years compost.
- Bring in clay pots.

The list could go on and on. It's time to get started...the F.R.O.S.T. is coming ...

**Freezing  
Rain  
Or  
Snow  
Tonight!**

**Phil Kennedy,  
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