

# THE WATERING CAN



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB

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**Goodies and door-prizes for the October meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting H to M.**

In keeping with environmental concerns, we are looking at purchasing mugs with our logo as a fundraiser. In the meantime, please consider bringing your own mug to the next meeting.

## Words of Wisdom

**Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription ...  
And no limit on dosage.**

**Author unknown**

*October 13, 2009*

## Lost Gardens of Heligan



with  
**John Soar**

John Soar is the Past president of both the Ottawa and Stittsville-Goulbourn Horticultural Societies and Past District Director, but according to John he is not past sharing enthusiasm for the remarkable history, loss and recovery of the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Otherwise, he is a long time amateur gardener who is prone to planting more than he can tend and is continually being surprised by unexpected results.

The Lost Gardens of Heligan are Europe's largest garden restoration project. The lost garden of the Tremaynes, was neglected and forgotten when in 1991 Tim Smit and John Nelson started to restore it.

The Gardens are set in 80 acres and includes a 2 acre working kitchen garden, a walled garden full of exotic fruit houses, 22 acres of sub tropical jungle, a small Italian themed garden and a 35 acre lost valley.

## Future Events

*November 10, 2009*

### " Winter Birds"

**Tony Beck "The Bird Man"**

Tony Beck is a freelance naturalist based in Ottawa. His award winning photography appears in many books, websites, magazines & calendars. He teaches Birdwatching and Nature Photography courses both independently and through a variety of institutions. As a Freelance Tour Guide, he leads groups to many exciting destinations, including: All Corners of Canada, Tropical Pacific, American Southwest, and Neotropical America.

*December 8, 2009*



**Pot Luck**  
**Member Slide Show**  
**Silent Auction**

*January 12, 2010*

**" Couriers and Sex Slaves"**  
Various Roles Wildflowers  
Make Animals Play

Michael Runtz

## Plant of the Month

### Winter King Hawthorn



As the winter months approach for many of us, we often look for that last spot of color to brighten our days and yards. Something with interesting bark, persisting fruit, or beautiful branching and stem coloration.

We don't have to look any further. The aptly named Winter King Hawthorn truly looks regal in its frosty home, bedecked with brilliant red fruit upon its silvery frame. Its summer months can be equally effective when clusters of white flowers form against the lustrous green leaves. And as if all of these features weren't enough, the tree goes one step further to prove its excellence by turning gold with traces of red and purple in autumn. When the leaves fall, the beautiful exfoliating bark is exposed. The beige-gray outer layer on larger branches and the trunk peel or flake off to expose a warm copper-cinnamon beneath. Younger branches tend to be more silvery-green (hence then name *viridis*, which means green), but provide an equally startling contrast.

Unlike most other hawthorns, it remains relatively free of pests and diseases such as scab and rust.



### The Reading Garden

Two trees are generously being donated by the former owner of the Herb Garden, Sharon Channer in memory of her husband Gerry and son Mike. Trevor Cole, the designer of the Reading Garden, suggested either the Winter King Hawthorn (as featured above) or the Japanese Lilac. A dedication ceremony is planned in October.

Plans are still moving ahead for the garden sculpture which is being donated by the City. It will feature a life size adult and child sitting and enjoying a book together. More details will follow.

## Results of the June Flower Show

Best in Show - Nancy Argue

Member	1st	2nd	3rd
Nancy Argue	7	6	1
Donna Caldwell	4	3	
Sharry Featherston		1	
Anne Gadbois		1	
David Hinks		5	
Cathy Hutt	3		
Pat Moxham			1
Mary Reynolds	2	1	



## Garden Activities for October

- Plant spring flowering bulbs (tulips, crocus, daffodils, etc.)
- Dig and store summer bulbs (dahlias, gladiolus, tuberous begonias, canna lilies, calla lilies etc.)
- Plant amaryllis for Christmas blooms
- Clean up garden for fall but leave some seed heads for birds
- Allow a layer of leaves to settle on garden beds for winter protection
- Gather leaves from lawn areas and driveway and add to compost pile
- Put shelters around 1<sup>st</sup> year evergreen transplants to protect from winter's drying wind and sun
- Do the same for broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons and daphne

### Floral Arts Workshop - Saturday, October 17

Steve's Independent Grocer, McNeeley Ave., Carleton Place  
10:00 a.m. to noon - Cost \$10.00

Lori and Madeline will be running a 2 part workshop. Firstly there will be a talk on Still Life. For the second part please come equipped to produce a synergistic design in which several containers are used to make a unified whole. If you are interested in joining please email [loriray@storm.ca](mailto:loriray@storm.ca).



## Come and Join the Parade

The club will be participating in the West Carleton Santa Clause Parade. It is being held on Saturday afternoon on December 12. We have designed a Woodland Garden Theme featuring club members as Gnomes. This will be a great advertisement for our group. If anyone has any green or brown carpet they are disposing of, it would be very useful for the float. If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Nancy Argue.

