

The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB
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JANUARY, 2011

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Garden Tour

Due to the fact that Stittsville and Richmond Garden Clubs are both having tours this summer, we have decided to postpone our Garden Tour to 2012. This will be a major fundraising project for the club and will involve a lot of advertising and effort from all of our members. Our new Memorial Garden will also have had one year to get established and it would be nice to include it in the event.

Would there be any members who would volunteer to do some nice signage? We had signs several years ago but they have gone missing over the years. If anyone knows their whereabouts please let us know.

Goodies and door-prizes for the January meeting are kindly requested from members with **Surnames starting with T to Z**

January 11, 2011



Environmental Effects on and Care of House Plants

Mary Anne Jackson-Hughes has both a degree in Botany and in Physical Geography, as well as a diploma as a Horticulture Landscape Designer. She has over two decades of teaching experience and more than twenty five years working on a variety of horticultural projects in the industry.

Over the years, Mary Anne has worked with the City of Ottawa on the successful Pesticide Reduction Campaign to increase public awareness, and worked with the City of Kanata to design and instruct public courses on pesticide free gardening and commercial / private sustainable gardening. Mary Anne is currently a part-time instructor and coordinator of the program at the Horticulture Department at Algonquin College

Coming Events

February 8, 2011

Container Gardening

with Carol Onion



March 8, 2011

Rock Garden Construction

with Paul Peitsch



April 12, 2011

In Search of the Elusive Double Trillium

with Brian Carson



May 10, 2011

Attracting Wildlife at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden

with Isabelle Nicol



June 14, 2011

Flowering Shrubs and Trees in our Region Turf Management

with Dale Henderson

Plant of the Month



Tillandsia – Air Plant

LIGHT

Lighting for Tillandsias should be bright but filtered (April - October). They should not be left in the direct sun in the summer months (this will cause the plant to become sunburned). Tillandsias love direct sun (November - March). Tillandsias may be grown in the house directly in front of a window. Fresh moving air is advisable, but remember, the most important care need is bright filtered light.

BEWARE: Trees, overhangs and window tinting can rob your plants of needed light. Place plants no further away than 3 feet in front of a bright window.

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

Full spectrum artificial light (fluorescent) is best. Plant should be no further than 36" from the fluorescent tubes and can be as close as 6". A four-tube 48" fixture works well. Bulbs can be any full spectrum type Gro-Lux, Repta-Sun, Vita-Lite, etc. Light should be set with a timer, 12 hours per day.

WATER

Thoroughly wet your Tillandsia 2-3 times per week; more often in a hot, dry environment; less often in a cool, humid one. Plants should be given enough light and air circulation to dry in no longer than 4 hours after watering. Spray misting is insufficient as the sole means of watering but may be beneficial between regular waterings in dry climates to increase the humidity.

If the plant is in a shell, be sure to empty the water out.

Tillandsias will not survive in standing water.

Under-watering is evidenced by an exaggerating of the natural concave curve of each leaf.

AIR CIRCULATION

Following each watering, Tillandsias should be given enough light and air circulation to dry in 4 hours or less. Do not keep plants constantly wet or moist.

TEMPERATURE

Optimum temperature range for tillandsias is 50 - 90 degrees FF.

OHA District 2 Photo Competition 2011

The District 2 competition will take place at the 2011 District 2 Annual General Meeting.

The rules are basic:

- Color print from film or digital to be 4" x 6"
- Un matted
- Write your name and society on the back
- Only one entry per competitor per class

Display and prize giving will be at the District AGM.

Prizes for each class (if warranted)
) 1st: \$3.00, 2nd: \$2.00, 3rd: \$1.00.

Classes 2011

1. As the plot thickens - photo of a garden in full growth or bloom
2. Drama on a small scale - photo of a vibrant container garden
3. Mysterious dark side - photo of dark coloured bloom(s) or foliage
4. Riddle of the rockery - photo of a rock garden
5. Under House Arrest - photo of a house plant
6. A Veiled Clue - photo of a flowering vine
7. The Witness(es) - photo of wildlife in the garden
8. The Good Guys - photo including a pollinator
9. Green evidence - photo of foliage
10. Inscrutable bulbs - photo of early spring bulbs

Judging Points Scale: Horticultural Value 40%,
Photographic Value 40% and Appearance & Impact 20%.

Send your entries to:

*Chairperson: Owen Munn
9 Thorncliff Place, Nepean, ON K2H 6L4
Phone 613-262-1566*

Entry deadline is March 31st 2011
Please call 613-262-1566 or e-mail emunn(-at-)
gamma.ca with any questions.

Ontario Horticultural Association Photo Competition.

For information on Photographic Competitions at the OHA convention see:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/pho.php>