

The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB
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2011 District 2 AGM

District 2 Director Jeff Blackadar, the Almonte Horticultural Society and the Pakenham Horticultural Society extend to you an invitation to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting for District 2 on Saturday April 16th, 2011 in Pakenham. The meeting will be held at the Stewart Community Centre, 112 MacFarlane St. Speakers are as follows:

Dr. Paul Keddy – ecologist and author of Earth, Water and Fire

– a demonstration of container gardening by **Joanne Smith** from Brantrim Country Garden Centre

–**Dr. Michael Runtz** speaking on “The Seductive World of Wildflowers”.

\$20 per person for a full day of gardening presentations with a hot lunch, that's a great deal!

March 8, 2011



Rock Garden Construction

with
Paul Peitsch

Master Gardener (Lanark), President of the Carleton Place Horticulture Society, Landscaping instructor, Humber College (22 years)

Paul will be instructing us on some of the do's and don'ts of what goes in to starting a rock garden. His presentation will be supported by visuals of various plant materials.

Seed Tip

Line a jar with coarse sandpaper, drop in seeds, seal and shake. This scoring will help speed up germination

Goodies and door-prizes for the March meeting are kindly requested from members with **Surnames starting with C and D**

Coming Events

April 12, 2011

In Search of the Elusive Double Trillium

with Brian Carson



May 10, 2011

Annual Bulb Show

and

Attracting Wildlife at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden

with Isabelle Nicol



June 14, 2011

Annual Spring Flower Show

and

Flowering Shrubs and Trees in our Region Turf Management

with Dale Henderson



Rain Barrels

What are the Benefits?

- Rain barrels drastically reduce runoff with low costs and minimal maintenance.
- Simple to install, suitable for virtually any household property size or location
- Stores relatively clean (and unchlorinated) water for use on lawns and gardens.
- Can reduce domestic water use, lowering water bills and demands on city water system, especially during peak summer periods.
- If used and maintained properly there can be a reduction of 65–70 % of runoff.

A few Tips:

- Select a barrel that can hold most of the rain that comes off your roof. In some cases, you may have to buy one for each downspout or connect more than one together.
- Install the rain barrel on a strong, level surface as it can weigh up to 1200 lbs when full -- a patio or paving stone is ideal.
- If the barrel is slightly elevated, a hose can use gravity to feed water to a garden or lawn.
- To limit mosquito-breeding, ensure that your barrel is vector/mosquito proof. Most manufactured rain barrels come with this feature.
- Rain water collected in your barrel is ideal for watering your garden, but not recommended as drinking water.

Trillium

Download your copy of the Spring 2011 Trillium!

The Trillium Newsletter contains a number of important updates and forms. These forms are not being mailed in order to save money and paper.

Please see:

<http://www.gardenontario.org/abo/forms.php#inserts>

2011 Allium Fundraiser



Brighten up your garden and help raise some funds for your society/garden club and the Ontario Horticultural Association.

ALLIUM - A colourful naturalizer! This is an opportunity for you to buy premium, high quality bulbs at an excellent price, while at the same time raising a little money for your society/club. You have a choice of four different Allium varieties.

The cost per package is \$5.00. Your society receives 50 cents on every \$5 package sold. The fundraising sale extends from February to May 2011. Your order must be received by your society/garden club complete with payment. Bulbs will be distributed in early/mid September to your Society.

These are suitable for fall planting through to heavy frost in your area.

for more information see the Spring Trillium. Order forms will be available at upcoming meetings.