

The Watering Can



West Carleton Garden Club
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**Goodies and door-prizes for the April meeting are kindly requested from members with Surnames starting with M to R
May - S to Z
June – Strawberry Social**

**Greeter is Ted Barnicoat
Thanker is Mary Reynolds**

Handy Tip of the Month

For those of you starting seeds indoors, the plastic containers that fruit and salad greens come in make great mini greenhouses.

April 10, 2012

A Naturalist's Garden Maximizing Minibeast Diversity *with* **Jeff Skevington**



Jeff Skevington is a long time Ontario Naturalist who currently resides in Ottawa. Although he is interested in all aspects of natural history, he spends most of his time studying insects at his job in the Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes (<http://www.canacoll.org/Diptera/Staff/Skevington/Skevington.htm>).

Jeff and his family have morphed part of their property into a naturalized prairie that is alive with insects and associated birds and mammals. His talk will provide an overview of some of the things that you can do to naturalize your yard and follow this up with a discussion of some of the fantastic insects that you are likely to attract as a result. One of the great impediments for anyone interested in insects is identification and Jeff will also give us tips on resources that will let us learn more about the bulk of biodiversity surrounding us.

Coming Events

May 8, 2012

Landscape Design

with

Janice Iffe

and

Annual Bulb Show



June 12, 2012

Annual Spring Flower Show

and

Strawberry Social



Annual Plant Sale

June 2, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Carp Farmers Market



Carp Garden Tour

**Sunday, July 8
Rain or Shine**

Looking Forward to Spring in the Memorial Hall Garden



Amelanchier X grandiflora 'Robin Hill'

(Photo courtesy of Northscaping.com)

Height: 20 feet
Spread: 15 feet
Sunlight: ☉ ☾
Hardiness Zone: 4a

Ornamental Features:

Robin Hill Serviceberry is bathed in stunning clusters of shell pink flowers rising above the foliage in early spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green foliage throughout the season. The oval leaves turn an outstanding tomato-orange in the fall. It produces blue berries in late spring. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes:

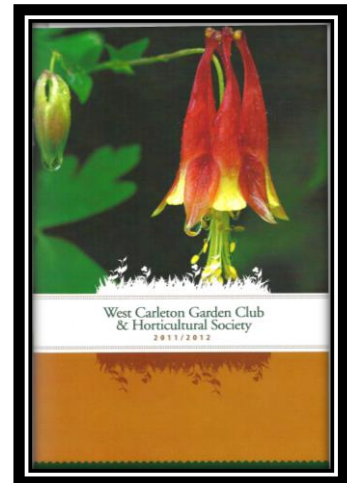
Robin Hill Serviceberry is an open multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics

We are happy to announce that we were successful in getting the Special Projects Grant - \$500.00 and the \$100.00 Tree Grant from the OHA.

2012 Garden Tour

The Garden Tour committee is very busy getting ready for the tour on July 8th. Please consider selling tickets to friends, family and neighbours. This is a huge fundraiser and will increase our exposure in the Ottawa area considerably. Volunteers are needed to help with the ticket sales. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Don't forget to pick up your new yearbook from the membership desk.

A big thank you goes to Lorraine Jeffrey for a wonderful job.



We are looking for a club photographer who would be responsible for taking pictures of flower shows, the Annual Plant Sale, Christmas Social, Santa Claus Parade and any other special events.

