

The Watering Can



West Carleton Garden Club

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Executive Committee

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Goodies and door-prizes for the February meeting are kindly requested from members with Surnames starting with E to G

The greeter is Anne Crosley and the thanker is Brigid Vandermeij



Veseys Spring Fundraiser

Pamphlets will be handed out at the February meeting and collected in March for April Delivery. Please encourage friends and family to take part in this event. It is a great fundraiser and the club makes 50% of sales.

February 14, 2012

Dahlias, Dahlias, Dahlias!



Owned by Olly Chuchryk, *Charing House Gardens* specializes in dahlias. All of her varieties are grown successfully in Ottawa Valley's heavy clay, without the help of greenhouses. Fresh cut flowers have been sold seasonally to Ottawa area florists and markets since 2005, and now dahlia tubers are available through the internet across Canada.

Over the years, Charing House initiatives have included market stands at the Ottawa Farmers' Market at Lansdowne Park, the outdoor market in the Little Italy area of Ottawa, and at Shouldice Berry Farms. An old fashioned self-serve flower cart at the end of her driveway also provides bouquets at reasonable prices for friends and neighbors.

Two interviews with the CBC can be heard on her web site, and 'Gardenmaking', a Canadian gardening magazine, interviewed Olly for their article 'Dazzling Dahlias' in the Fall 2010 issue.

Ollie will be joining us for the February meeting and will cover everything about growing dahlias, from planting, growing, picking, to the harvesting, storing, and dividing of tubers. She'll make references to her own garden - what has worked for her and what hasn't, and she welcomes any questions that you may have.

Coming Events

March 13, 2012

Spring Bulbs

with Kenneth C. Brown



April 10, 2012

Rambling Woodland Gardens



May 8, 2012

Prairie Gardens and Annual Bulb Show



June 12, 2012

Annual Spring Flower Show and Strawberry Social

Members! Please check your 2010-2011 yearbook and inform Lorraine if any info needs to be updated.

Lorraine has arranged to have the executive group photo taken for the Year Book

District 2 AGM 2012

Date: March 31, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Party on the Patio!

Place: Hellenic Meeting & Reception Centre, 1315 Prince of Wales Dr., Ottawa, ON (Maps available at meeting)

Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch). Please pay at Feb. meeting We have 10 members signed up as of January.

Speakers

Astrid Muschalla

Astrid Muschalla is a garden designer, horticulture teacher, Communities in Bloom judge, and Master Gardener who promotes the conservation of indigenous plants in the home landscape and in public spaces. She takes a holistic approach to gardening, promoting sustainable and organic practices. Her gardens have been featured on the Doors Open Tour and on CTV's Garden of the Month. Astrid is a passionate speaker who has presented at Canada Blooms and at the Garden and Florist Expo.

Astrid will be presenting a talk on the subject of "Using power perennials in low maintenance design."

Welwyn Wong

Welwyn Wong has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph. She has worked in Toronto, Thunder Bay, Newfoundland, United States, Hong Kong and Ottawa, creating high-end residential designs.

Welwyn is principal designer and owner of the award-winning company Welwyn Wong Landscape Design, which has been providing landscape inspiration in the Ottawa valley for 12 years. Her company specializes in unique and beautifully functional landscapes that evoke a strong sense of place, and was recently awarded its 6th provincial design award for one of its suburban projects.

Welwyn will be speaking on the topic of landscape design for backyard gardens.

OHA District 2 Photo Competition 2012

The District 2 competition will take place at the **2012 District 2 Annual General Meeting**.

The rules are basic:

Colour 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.

Send your entries to:

Chairperson: Owen Munn

9 Thorncliff Place, Nepean, ON K2H 6L4

Please call 613-262-1566

or e-mail emunn@gamma.ca with any questions

Classes 2012

Class 1 - District #2's Floral Emblem - A Photo of a Bloodroot in Bloom

Class 2 - Here We Go Again - Your Favourite Perennial Bed

Class 3 -The Squirrel Missed This One - A Close Up of a Tulip Bloom

Class 4 - Don't Curb Your Enthusiasm - A Picture of Your Front Garden

Class 5 - Up Close and Perennial - Your Favorite Perennial Blossom, Spray or Cluster

Class 6 - Who is Resting in My Garden - A Photo of an Animal. Insect or Bird in your Garden.

Class 7 - Flowering Woodies - A Photo of a Flowering Shrub

Class 8 -I Could Have Had a V-8 - Your Vegetable Garden

Class 9 - Limited Space - A Pocket Garden

Class 10 - This one is All Wet - A Photo of a Garden Water Feature

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

Entry deadline is March 16th 2012