

The Watering Can



West Carleton Garden Club

P.O. Box 326, Carp, Ont, K0A 1L0

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West Carleton Garden Club On line <http://sites.google.com/site/westcarletongardenclub>

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

**This month's Greeter is
Brenda Baird
and the Thanker is
Margaret Storey**

Seedy Saturdays

If you are interested in
obtaining some heritage
seeds, consider attending:

Sat. March 3, 2012,
10:00 – 3:00
at the **Kolbus Lakeside Centre**

Contact: greta@seeds-organic.com Tel: 613-521-8648

January 10, 2012



Upper Canada Cranberries

with Lyle Slater

Upper Canada Cranberries is the only commercial cranberry grower in Eastern Ontario. The farm is located right in the City of Ottawa, just a twelve minute drive south of the Ottawa International airport.

In addition, *Upper Canada Cranberries* is one of just three commercial cranberry producers in the province of Ontario. The other two cranberry growers are located in the Muskoka area, north of Toronto.

Upper Canada Cranberries came into being as a result of one of those rare, inspirational "Ah ha!" moments and many people are interested in hearing about that, so Lyle will be visiting us in January to tell his story, give us some interesting information on the history of cranberries and their health benefits and maybe even provide us with some of his easy-to-follow recipes for a yummy Canadian Cranberry Sauce and another for a delicious cranberry cornmeal porridge that's very comforting on a cold winter's morning.

Coming Events

February 14, 2012

Dahlias, Dahlias, Dahlias!

with

Charing House Gardens

March 13, 2012

Spring Bulbs

with

Kenneth C. Brown

District 2 Annual General Meeting

Date: March 31st 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, Ontario

Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

More details about the upcoming AGM at the January meeting.

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:

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.

Classes 2012

1. Class 1 Distict #2's Floral Emblem - A Photo of a Bloodroot in Bloom
2. Class 2 Here We Go Again - Your Favourite Perennial Bed
3. Class 3 The Squirrel Missed This One - A Close Up of a Tulip Bloom
4. Class 4 Don't Curb Your Enthusiasm - A Picture of Your Front Garden
5. Class 5 Up Close and Perennial - Your Favorite Perennial Blossom, Spray or Cluster
6. Class 6 Who is Resting in My Garden - A Photo of an Animal. Insect or Bird in your Garden.
7. Class 7 Flowering Woodies - A Photo of a Flowering Shrub
8. Class 8 I Could Have Had a V-8 - Your Vegetable Garden
9. Class 9 Limited Space - A Pocket Garden
10. Class 10 This one is All Wet - A Photo of a Garden Water Feature

Entry deadline is March **16th** 2012

Please call 613-262-1566 or e-mail [emunn\(-at-\)magma.ca](mailto:emunn(-at-)magma.ca) with any questions.



The Ontario Horticultural Association brings you

Roadsides and Pollinator Patches

Roadsides is a program that encourages you to create habitat for native bees and other pollinators along roadsides, on cloverleaves, on unused urban land and in your garden. The little habitats created by volunteers like you are called Pollinator Patches.

Our native bees need our help.

Just as we're about to turn to our native bees for pollination needs because of the problems with European Honey bees, we find that our native bees may be in trouble, too. They have been pushed until their backs are against the wall by pesticide use, diseases and habitat loss.

You and I can improve the situation.

Roadsides is about pitching in and doing something for our native bees. By planting Pollinator Patches along our roads and in our unused land, we can provide spaces for our native pollinators to live and breed.

Now...one Pollinator Patch won't make a big difference, but just imagine if we planted hundreds and even thousands of patches across our province. What an impact we could make!

Start with a patch about 3m and 6m (10 x20 feet) in an unused portion of land beside a road, in town, on a boulevard or even in your garden. Prepare it and plant it with bee-friendly plants. Provide nesting spots and give it minimum maintenance for a year or two. That's it!

For more information about this initiative go to <http://roadsides.caroldunk.com/>