

The Watering Can



West Carleton Garden Club

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Goodies and door-prizes for the March meeting are kindly requested from members with Surnames starting with H to L
April - M to R
May - S to Z
June – Strawberry Social
Greeter is Anne Crosley
Thanker is Brigid Vandermeij



Veseys
Bulb
Fundraiser

Please bring your completed forms and money collected to the March meeting.

March 13, 2012

Spring Bulbs

With Kenneth C. Brown



We all admire a hillside filled, in the spring, with a host of waving daffodils. We all yearn for a tiny crocus to bloom through the snow to indicate that winter is finally leaving the land. There is a tremendous range of spring flowers that grow from fall planted bulbs and Ken walks you through the springtime calendar revealing how his garden blazes with four months of colour from a couple of autumn weekends spent Dallying in the Dirt. Ken's back remembers planting several thousand bulbs in his gardens over the years and he humorously infects all of his audience with his enthusiasm for this amazing group of flowers.

(see bio next page)

Coming Events

April 10, 2012

Prairie and Wildflower Gardens

with

Jeff Skevington



May 8, 2012

Landscape Design

with

Janice Iffe.

and

Annual Bulb Show



June 12, 2012

Annual Spring Flower Show and Strawberry Social

District 2 AGM

March 31 2012

We now have 16 members attending. See the February newsletter for details. Please consider car pooling. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting. Should be a fun day.

Plant of the Month



Spring snowflake
(*Leucojum vernum*)

Spring snowflakes are among the easiest bulbs to grow.

Drooping, bell-shaped flowers are dainty and cheerful! Flowers are white, except for small, green spots on the petal ends. Leaves are dark green, glossy, and strap shaped.

They are best planted in clumps in naturalized areas. The lovely snowflake survives being buried in snow; look for blooms as early as February. Excellent for a border, near water or naturalized in grass.

No special care is necessary for these bulbs, and they flower best if left undisturbed for several years at a time.

Bloom Time: Feb - Mar
Hardiness Zone: 3 - 9
Height: 6 - 12 inches (15 to 30 cm)
Planting Depth: 4 inches (10 cm)
Bulb Spacing: 4 inches (10 cm)
Light Requirements: Sun to partial shade

Biography

Ken Brown is a horticultural consultant, writer and photographer. He received his bachelor's degree in horticulture from the University of Guelph. Ken worked as the Superintendent of Horticulture at the Toronto Zoo when it was being planned and built, where he was responsible for the planning and planting of all the indoor gardens and the overseeing of the outdoor landscaping contractors. He owned and operated "The Plant Manager" an interior landscaping company for 20 years where he built and maintained a wide variety of public and private interior gardens. He also has a horticulture teaching degree from the University of Toronto.

Ken is a certified horticultural judge and he is a frequent speaker at horticultural meetings and seminars. Ken's writing and photography continue to be published in several magazines and newspapers. www.Gardening-enjoyed.com, his web page, is a great source of advice, tips and updates, all done with Ken's usual enthusiasm and humour.



West Carleton Garden Tour

Our Garden Tour is going to be held on Sunday, July 8. Please consider helping out at one of the sites. A private tour will be held for participants so that everyone can see the featured gardens.

2012 OHA Convention

Letter from Sheila King

The 2012 OHA Convention will be in beautiful **Niagara on the Lake, August 16th - 19th**, taking place at Niagara Glendale College Campus. A number of Horticultural Society members have shown interest in attending but are concerned about the long drive

On behalf of District 2 I have been doing research into a Bus trip to the convention. The bus would leave our region on Thursday morning August 16th and travel to Niagara stopping en route for meals. Pick up points would be arranged according to passenger needs and numbers. Recommended accommodation is at the residence of the college.

Cost Per Person: \$270.00

At our D2 AGM day on March 31st full details and sign up sheets will be available for the transport to the OHA Convention in Niagara.

So far only 5 members have shown interest. **We need at least 35 for this to be viable.** As the trip I had planned for the Sunday afternoon to the Botanical gardens and the Butterflies will be part of the convention offered trips during Friday or Saturday I have asked the bus company for a lower price so we could return on the Sunday afternoon to Ottawa. We would use our own bus for the trips during the convention at no extra charge.