



## FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Mother Nature has been in a particularly trying mood lately. The ups and downs of winter are particularly acute this year. It leaves us to wonder what kind of summer we gardeners will be faced with this year. The [Old Farmers' almanac](#) predicts that April and May will be slightly warmer and rainier than usual and that summer will be warmer than normal, with the hottest temperatures in early to mid-July and early to mid-August. They also predict a near normal rainfall in southeast Ontario, but below normal elsewhere.

We have lined up two speakers over the next two months to help stimulate the planning of our gardens for 2014. Their hard and soft scaping ideas might just encourage us to try out some new feature or other to enliven our own gardens this year. Come on out in the frosty air to our upcoming monthly meetings for some fresh ideas and the warm company of fellow gardeners in the West Carleton community.



**February Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Trevor Cullen, [Cullen Landscaping](#)**

From Plants to Hardscaping - It All Starts with a Solid Design

Whether you have an established garden or are just starting out, get tips, ideas and a new way of looking at your outdoor spaces from the president of Cullen Landscaping, a design, build and maintenance company.

Hardscaping, creating interest in all seasons, adding accents or working in a destination, he will cover it all.

Maybe you know your plants, but do you know what goes around the plants very well and how to work things together?

Trevor will talk about things he learned along the way, some of his favourites and even give a bit of family history (yes, he is related to gardening guru Mark Cullen, and may have a book or two to give away.)



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### **Goodies and donations**

Members whose family names start with R to V are kindly asked to bring along cookies or squares, and/ or donations of gardening related items for the door prizes at the upcoming meeting.

Greeter for the meeting is **Pat Jones**, and thanker for the Speaker is **Anne Gadbois**.



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### **Past Newsletters - Archive**

As you may have noticed on our [WCCG website](#) our Webmaster Ken Sala is in the process of posting as many past newsletters as possible. In an effort to complete the archive, he would appreciate our help in finding missing editions.

Ken is looking for missing PDF versions for Feb 2007 and Jan 2008, and for any paper versions prior to 2007 which he will scan and post. Please bring any hard copy newsletters you find for Ken to our January or any subsequent meeting.

### **[WCGC Facebook Page](#)**

Speaking of Internet sites, do check out our Facebook page, "like it" and ask your friends to "like it" too. That's how our readership and hopefully membership grows, with your help.

Note: Should anyone have a gardening-related event they would like to bring to the attention of the members, please do not hesitate to contact me at [agadbois@xplornet.com](mailto:agadbois@xplornet.com) before February 26th.