



JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

As usual, this is one of the busiest times of year. Nature is exploding with beauty and requiring lots of work in our gardens. Farmers' markets are open and competing for our patronage, church socials are beckoning, Victorian teas are back in style. We have a very busy month ahead as you will see below, starting with our upcoming meeting. Let's enjoy this active season; we deserve it after the long, long winter.

Our plant sale was a success because of your support. Many thanks go to Brenda Baird, who organized the event, and who writes:

"Dear Friends:

On behalf of the WCGC, I would like to thank you for all of your help on Saturday May 24th at our annual plant sale. To those who dropped off plants and came to help, thank you for everything. Our sale was a success-- we cleared \$666 after expenses. Last year, we cleared \$647 so this year our sales were up by \$19. We were fortunate to have a nice sunny day and as usual had lots of fun. Cheers, Brenda "



June 10th Meeting

Plant and Vegetable Show

The annual Plant and Vegetable Show will be held at the June meeting. Please come early to place your entries, and fill in your Entry Tags at home before coming, in order to save time. These can be found on the website (www.wcgc.ca) in the Resources section. Show rules and classes are detailed in the 2013-14 WCGC Yearbook as well as also available in Resources on our website. **Entries are to be placed between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m.**

Strawberry Social Potluck

Even though our gardens might not be providing the heavenly fruit quite yet, there are plenty around commercially. Our Strawberry Social at the June meeting gives us an opportunity to revel in delicious desserts which we can all bring in to share - cobblers, muffins, squares, shortcake, mousse....surprise us! Punch, coffee and tea will round out the social.

Election of Executive Members

Over the years, our June meeting has also provided us with the opportunity to source and elect new recruits to the club's executive committee. A number of our current executive are stepping down after long and much appreciated steadfast service, including our Secretary and our President.

A volunteer organization such as ours can only be successful and vibrant if we all band together and step up to help out. We always need and want new executive members for their enthusiasm, energy and new ideas. Please do consider joining the executive. It's a lot of fun. Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Carp branch of the Ottawa Public Library, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Meetings are short and friendly.

Many members of the executive started out as 'members at large', i.e., without a specific portfolio, which gave them an opportunity to see how the Club works and allowed them to contribute where their interests lay. This might be good for you.

Photography Contest

"PEONY POWER" is the topic for the June meeting's photo contest. Don't forget that entries have to be 4"x 6", with no mats or frames. All photos must be taken in Ontario during the previous 24 months. Members will be asked to vote for the favourite snap of their choice and the winner will participate in the season's final overall competition.

Other themes to come so you can take pictures over the summer: CREEPY CRAWLIES AND CREATURES IN THE GARDEN, GARDEN GUARDIANS, WOODLAND WONDERS, OUTDOOR WINTER WONDERLAND

(Note: We will all be greeters at the June meeting as it is a social meeting, and of course, we should all bring in a strawberry -themed contribution to the potluck.)



Important Coming Events

WCGC 25th Anniversary - Saturday, June 14th

Our very special 25th anniversary will be marked by a Victorian Tea in the Reading Garden of the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library on Saturday, June 14th, from 2-4 pm. The event will be held in the Carp Memorial Hall in the event of rain. Separate emails have been sent and reminders will be forwarded later. **We hope and expect that all current members will make time for this celebration.** Tickets (\$10) will be available at the June Meeting.

Memorial Tree Dedication - Saturday, June 21st

A separate invitation will be sent out to members by email for the dedication of a memorial tree to honour the memory of a dear departed member, Geoff Colley. Geoff passed away in 2012 and is greatly missed by his spouse, member Adeline Colley, and by fellow members of the WCGC Club and executive. The dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 21st.

D2 2014 Annual Flower and Edibles Show

Saturday, August 16, 2014 Carp Agricultural Hall

All Societies of OHA District 2 are invited to attend and participate in the 2014 Annual Flower and Edibles Show jointly hosted by the West Carleton and Kanata-March Horticultural Societies. The Theme of the show will be "Just Beyond the Fringe" with the show competition schedule available and published recently. The deadline to pre-register for design and special exhibit classes will be July 1st, 2014. Donna Caldwell will be requesting the help of members for various duties in support of this event. More information at the June meeting.



Time to enjoy nature

Have a wonderful summer in your gardens, dear members. See you at our June meeting and at the various other activities as mentioned above. Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, 7:30 p.m., Carp Memorial Hall. Over the summer, check in to our Website and facebook pages for continuing information about the Club.