



MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

Okay, this winter is interminable. Just when the air starts warming up a smidge and the snow starts to melt, we head down for another deep freeze again. At least there is a good healthy cover of snow to protect our perennials from the lethal freeze-thaw menace. But, really, **spring is coming** and brighter longer days are on their way. Hints of spring I have picked up around me: more birds at my feeders, more little critters around my yard, birdsong in the morning, more garden related events being planned and advertised. Let's not despair! Do come on out to our March meeting to prepare for Spring with kindred spirits.



WCGC March Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Carp Memorial Hall, Carp

Members free, guests \$5

Speaker: **Phil Tuba, Endless Summer Landscaping**

Topic: **'Garden Design to Suit Your Personality'**

What's your personality: Are you blue, gold, green or orange? The hues represent personality styles identified decades ago as True Colors and they are used by retired horticulture professor Phil Tuba to offer guidance in landscape and garden design.

Originally incorporated into a course for his second-year students as a fun way to encourage designing for client preferences rather than their own, Phil now brings his "colourful" talk to garden clubs and the like.

The West Carleton resident taught various courses on design, construction, arboriculture and more over a 32-year career. He still does some landscaping with his son through their company, Endless Summer Landscaping.

Goodies/Doorprizes: members whose family names start with W to Z, and A to C are kindly invited to bring along cookies or squares, and/or donations of gardening related items for the doorprize draw.

Greeter/thanker: Susan Dowler/Anne Gadbois



Garden Shutterbugs Take Note

Starting with our April meeting, we will be having a **photo contest**, so take note of our monthly theme and bring your photos in! Photos will be numbered by the organizers to keep identities of members hidden. Winners will be determined by people's choice. All members/guests attending the meeting will get one ballot to vote for their favourite photo.

Photo's must be 4" x 6", photo only. No frame or mat. All photos must be taken in Ontario within the last 24 months. Photos can only be entered once. There will be an individual winner at each meeting and an overall Annual Winner. (complete details to be communicated).

Start looking through your photos or get snapping!!!

Here are our upcoming themes:

April Meeting – WISHING FOR SPRING

May Meeting – SPRING BULBS OR BLOSSOMS

June Meeting – PEONY POWER

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...



Upcoming Events

DISTRICT 2 AGM

This year, The Ontario Horticulture Association District 2 AGM is being held in Perth on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. The overall theme is Gardens Growing Forward.

It starts at 8:00 am, ends at 3:45 pm and costs \$20.

Speakers are Marilyn Simmons: 'Growing with your Garden' and Mary Shearman Reid: ' Gardens Growing Forward'.

Donna Caldwell will be collecting registrations and money at our next meeting. If members cannot come to the meeting, you can call and arrange with Donna. Fees have to be given to her before the end of March.

WCGC ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Please take note that there is a change of date this year for our annual fundraising plant sale at the Carp Farmers' Market:

Saturday, May 24, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. (This is not the long weekend.)

As usual, we will need lots of donations, help on the day and enthusiasm!