



MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Spring is here, finally. Gardening activities are ramping up, the soil is warming up and our activities and events are shaping up. Lots to do at this time of the year and it is only going to get busier.



May Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th, 2014
7:30 p.m., Carp Memorial Hall

"Zenscaping: Bringing Principles of Japanese Garden Design to Ottawa Gardens"

with **Rebecca Cragg**

Members free, Guests \$5

Rebecca Cragg, founder of Camellia Teas of Ottawa, attained a high level of mastery in Ikebana of the Saga Goryu Way of Flower Arranging, an ancient School of Ikebana dating to the ninth Century, during the seven years she lived and taught in Japan. She has been a Research Fellow at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan since 2005. Her B.A. in Anthropology-Cultural Studies and M.A. in Museology-Art History are from Trent University. She has a degree in Education from McGill University and has sat on the Board of Ikebana International Chapter #120 in Ottawa.

The garden surrounding Camellia House, known to many as 'little Japan', is a cultural oasis tucked into a quiet neighbourhood in the Mooney's Bay area of Ottawa. All the design and garden work was created and executed by Rebecca Cragg.

Spring Flower Show at May meeting

Long time members know that the May meeting means our mini flower show of spring blooms. Under separate cover, you will receive the flower show instructions and entry tag forms which you are asked to fill in at home and bring with you to the meeting. Numbers will be assigned at the hall. Please come in early with your entries as **flowers can be placed between 6:45 pm and 7:15 pm.**

Photo Contest

"SPRING BULBS OR BLOSSOMS" is the topic for the May 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.

June meeting photo subject - 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

Other matters

May meeting GREETER is Lorraine Jeffrey and THANKER Is Carole Reilly. Sweets and door prizes are kindly requested from members whose last names begin with the letters L to P inclusively. Thanks in advance to all.



Victorian Tea

Celebrating our **25th Anniversary** in fine style, the members of the West Carleton Garden Club invite everyone to a Victorian Tea on the afternoon of **Saturday, June 14th (rain or shine) in the Reading Garden of the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library** (adjacent to the Diefenbunker site) at 3911 Carp Road from 2 to 4 p.m. Those dressed in Victorian attire qualify for prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be bought at Bonnie Jane's Scones in Arnprior, The Hive/Bumble Bee Blooms in Carp or by calling Donna Christie: 613-839-2263, Nancy Argue: 613-622-1122, or Brenda Baird: 613-839-3094.

No doubt there will also be tickets on hand at the upcoming May and June meetings. (Remember to bring in any fine china teacups and saucers you would like to donate to the event.)

WCGC Executive

Calling all interested members who would like to help out for next year! As President Donna Caldwell mentioned at the last meeting, June is traditionally our election meeting. Several members of the current board who have served tirelessly for many years are going to step down from their posts and so we are looking for some replacements. Don't be shy! If you would like to help out in any capacity, we would love to hear from you. Just ask any member of the current executive for information. We want our Club to thrive for another 25 years, at least!

JUNE Meeting

Our June meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, June 10th**, is our **Strawberry Social and June Flower Show**. More information about the event will be in our June newsletter. Flower show instructions are published in the WCGC yearbook which will be distributed to members at the May meeting.



Looking ahead

WCGC Plant Sale

Our primary fundraiser, the annual plant sale, will be held at the Carp Farmers' market, this year on **Saturday May 24th** (not the long weekend), rain or shine. Please start planning to divide your perennials and shrubs for donation to this important fundraising activity. Label your plants please, for easy identification.

WCGC 25th Anniversary

As mentioned above, our 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.**

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 in early 2014. The deadline to pre-register for design and special exhibit classes will be July 1st, 2014.

On the day of the show there are lots of things to see and do in the Carp area - the Carp farmers market, restaurants, shops and boutiques. The Flower and Edibles Show will be complimented by a District 2 book sale, silent auction and a "Tea room" offering refreshments and home-baked goods.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate! (More information about this event will be forthcoming in the next issue of the newsletter.)

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