



## WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB

### February 2015 Newsletter

The good news is that we only have a few months left of this cold weather. In anticipation of spring, our program director, Anita Murray, has arranged a most needed outing for our February get-together.



#### **A Sneak Peek at Aquatopia**

Exciting news! We are changing locales for our February meeting, just in time to take a break from this cold, cold weather, at least for a few hours.

Nicholas Bott is close to opening a “massive” expansion of his Pond Clinic water garden installation business just outside of Carp. Called Aquatopia, the European-style glass-enclosed conservatory garden centre will include an events venue, on-site café, immersive aquatic garden retail experience and what he says is the largest indoor water garden open to the public.

Many of the plants may not yet be installed in time for the club’s visit, but all of the structural elements, including a 10- by 20-foot living wall and all of the water features should be.

“I bill this as a sneak preview of what’s to come this spring,” says Bott. “It’s still going to be a really cool experience for you to see what it’s about.”

Although it’s still a work in progress, Bott is welcoming the West Carleton Garden Club for a tour and explanation of the 10,000-square-foot space as part of the club’s monthly meeting. Aside from a few prospective brides who have stopped by for a look while making wedding plans, the club will be the first members of the public to get a look.

The club meeting (regular format), and tour takes place at

**7:30 p.m. , Tuesday, Feb. 10**

**At Aquatopia,**

**2710 March Rd. (corner of Diamondview, just east of Highway 417)**

Ample parking on the grounds.

Non-members are welcome (there is a nominal fee of \$5 for non-members).

Greeter for the meeting is Anne Crosley and thanker is Anita Murray. Would members whose family names begin with letters M to R inclusively, please bring in some sweets and/or doorprizes. Thank you.

(Note: Pictures above and opposite were provided by the Pond Centre. Location shot is of the Michigan Planterra venue, similar to what is under construction in Carp.)



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## Upcoming events

At their last meeting, our Executive discussed some upcoming events which are in the planning stages, as follows:

- the annual Plant Sale at the Carp farmers' Market will be held on May 23rd, on the Saturday morning of the weekend after the long weekend. Brenda Baird will be organizing this, our main fundraiser, and will have instructions for us closer to the event;
- our May meeting will feature three of our most talented floral designers, the Three D's - Donna Christie, Donna Caldwell and Denise Burnham - who will offer three designs each which will then be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the club;
- this year's flower show rules have been finalized and will be published in the upcoming Club Yearbook currently being worked on by Pat Buchanan and to be distributed to paid up members at a later meeting.



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## Membership

Speaking of paid up members, it seems at last look that our membership is a little low. What a good time of year (and especially in anticipation of the exciting February meeting) to recruit new members from friends and neighbours in our community. Please help with this informal recruitment effort.

All club memberships ebb and flow over time. Constant efforts must be expended to lure in the uninitiated and/or to entice former members to return. Let's buddy up and together build up our membership.

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