



West Carleton Garden Club October 2014 Newsletter

Well, the last days of September and early October have certainly turned out to be a surprise. Would it be the summer we should have had? Even with the first hard frost a few weeks ago, I have become complacent and am not tackling my fall gardening duties with as much despatch as I should. Those front porch plants still have to be brought in, those perennials still have to be divided and moved, those leaves will have to be raked and mulched.

Every season brings its chores, and it is not too early to start planning for next year's garden especially since we still can see the species, varieties and colours of plants in our garden beds. Once the snow falls, all is a mystery., at least to me.

Our October meeting guest speaker will provide some food for thought in helping us plan for next year... See you at the meeting!



October General Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
7:30 p.m., Carp Memorial Hall

Certified SFG teacher, **Carolyn Klickermann** who lives in Almonte will enlighten us on the **foundations, fundamentals and techniques of the Square Foot Gardening** method created by Mel Bartholemew and described in his best-selling gardening book 'All New Square Foot Gardening'. This type of gardening is a simple, unique and versatile system that adapts to all levels of experience, physical ability and geographical location.

Grow all the flowers and vegetables you want and need in only 20 per cent of the space of a conventional row garden. SFG takes less space, less work and less water and can be done on patios or decks as well. No more digging, rototilling, fertilizing and weeds are 90 per cent reduced. That sounds intriguing!

Please note: Greeter for the meeting is **Donna Christie** and Thanker is **Margaret Storey**. Would members whose family names begin with **letters A to C** inclusively please bring in some sweets and/or doorprizes?



Carp Fair

A huge thank you is in order for those kind members who helped out with various aspects of our participation in the recent Carp Fair. The Carp Fair is a venerable institution and a lovely venue for our members to display our creative skills and to demonstrate our affection and commitment to this community. Thanks so much to all those who helped decorate the booth - Denise Burnham, your topiary Bumble Bee was a crowd pleaser and an ice breaker, and Donna Christie, your whimsical tall arrangement was elegant and eye catching.

Thanks also to our members who volunteered their time to man the booth and to converse with fellow members, friends, local Carp residents, and visitors from further afield. The Executive will be discussing whether it is worthwhile to continue on with this venue in future years. The major impediment is trying to find volunteers who will dedicate time to participate in this event. Wouldn't it be a shame to forsake the opportunity to participate as a group, because the benefits are many. There seems to be consensus that we will start to plan this event earlier next year.



Upcoming meetings

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 , 7:30 p.m.
"Christmas Décor and Holiday Flowers Demonstration"
with Catherine Disley, Master Gardener
plus Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2014
"Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction"
6:30 pm

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