



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB - SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all new and returning members to a new garden club season full of interesting speakers, flower shows, and festive encounters. It is generally just a great chance of catching up with and making new friends with a passion for gardening.



September Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 7:30 p.m.
Carp Memorial Hall

"A Judge's Tips for Showing Flowers and Vegetables" with Ken Fink, Ontario Horticultural Association Judge & **Fall Flower and Vegetable Show**

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 the Schedule section on our website. **Entries are to be placed between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m.**

September is the time to renew your club memberships. \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Please let us know of any changes you have made to address, phone # and e-mail.

A sign up sheet for volunteers as 'Greeters and Thankers' for the new season will be circulated at the meeting. Sweets and door prizes are kindly requested from members whose last names begin with the letters R to V inclusively.

Photography Competition

"CREEPY CRAWLIES AND CREATURES IN THE GARDEN" is the topic for the September 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 coming months are: GARDEN GUARDIANS, WOODLAND WONDERS, OUTDOOR WINTER WONDERLAND.



Our new Executive Committee

David Hinks, President
(Vacant), Vice-president
Lorraine Jeffrey, Treasurer
(Vacant), Secretary
Donna Caldwell, Past President & Flower Shows
Denise Burnham, Co-Flower Shows
Anita Murray, Program
Brenda Baird, Membership & Plant Sale
Mary and Roy Reynolds, Hospitality
Pat Buchanan, Yearbook
Anne Gadbois, Newsletter & Facebook
Ken Sala, Internet site
Members at Large: Laurie Lord (Publicity) Ted Barnicoat (Reading Garden),
Ann Crosley, Wendy Good and Susan Dowler

As you can see, we are looking for a **Secretary** to document meetings and to attend OHA District 2 meetings twice a year with the President. Minutes are distributed by email. (If this would be of interest to you, departing Secretary Denise Burnham has all the files and will be pleased to provide background information for the job.) The Secretary position is important as we cannot operate as a Club in the OHA without one.

We are also looking for a **Vice President** who would normally eventually be in line for President in the future. The VP takes over in the absence of the President in chairing meetings, etc. Ideally, the VP would have past experience on the board of this or another horticulture group or similar organization.

Finally, we are also always looking for more **Members at large**. These are members who take on various roles and responsibilities of interest to them, in support of other executive members or alone. They need not attend all executive meetings but are welcome anytime. This is perfect for someone who wants to get acquainted with the group and help out, but who does not want to head a particular committee. We need lots of volunteers to make the club vibrant and to assist in not exhausting the already very active executive volunteers. Members at large are so very much appreciated!

The executive committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and everybody is welcome to sit in. We have fun.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the current executive if you would like information on any of these vacancies. Contact numbers and emails are listed in the yearbook, or contact Brenda Baird, Membership, in person at our monthly meeting or through our Internet page.



Generous plant donations:

Member Lee Boltwood would like to donate a number of bare-root tree seedlings- Crabapples (*Malus*), Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), and Hop trees (*Ptelea trifoliata*), to name a few. She is also donating perennials - False Solomon Seal, Solomon Seal, and natives, Wild Ginger and Bloodroot, as well as assorted other trees and shrubs. **Please call Lee at 613-836-1491 before the upcoming meeting** so she can get an idea of how many plants to bring along with her. Thank you, Lee.

Friendly reminder:

A friendly reminder that you are receiving this email because you are a member of WCGC and/or you have expressed an interest in the garden club's activities and events, flower shows, guest speakers, gardening opportunities and resources, and more. You may unsubscribe anytime if you no longer wish to receive our monthly newsletter or periodic emails, by contacting agadbois@xplornet.com. Don't forget to visit our website (wgc.ca) and Facebook page.