

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC April 2016 Newsletter

April General Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Carp Memorial Hall

7:30 p.m.

Members free; Guests \$5

Reviving a Tired Garden

With

Mary Reid, Master Gardener



It's hard to believe that spring is around the corner but, all of a sudden, the grass will start to grow, bulbs will start to peek out and all those gardening chores will suddenly appear. Last fall, when you took your last walks around before the winter enveloped the garden in snow, did your garden feel like it was in need of a makeover?

Just in time to give us some serious inspiration, Mary Reid will be sharing her wisdom with us about how to renovate our gardens.

Mary is a Master Gardener and the longtime owner of Green Thumb Garden Centre in Nepean. She has been counselling homeowners on how to revive a tired garden for years.

Assessing and then planning are key, she says. With the help of lots of visuals, Mary will inspire us with new ideas and guide us through a step-by-step approach to making our garden more pleasing and manageable, in whatever way that works for us.

Greeter for the evening is Anne Gadbois and Thanker is David Hinks. As usual, would members whose family names start with A to F please bring in goodies to eat, or garden-related doorprizes to win. We will continue to have our book sale but it will be winding up, so no new donations for now please.

Mark Cullen special event

Please don't miss out on our special evening of May 17th at the Carp Agricultural Hall with gardening celebrity Mark Cullen. Proceeds will be donated to two worthy charities and a book signing will take place. Tickets will be available for members at our April meeting. Buy them now so as not to be disappointed later on, space is limited.

Rain Gardens

At our last meeting, NCC Landscape Architect Carole Crossan introduced us to how a rain garden can be a beautiful way to manage stormwater runoff. She has kindly made her set of website links available here – <http://www.wcgc.ca/schedule>. Look under the March meeting entry.

Planning for 2016-17 Season

In June, as usual, we will be holding our executive elections. If you feel like joining an active and committed executive team, please do consider speaking with any member of the current executive about how fulfilling the relationship can be. We normally meet at the Carp branch of the Ottawa Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of the month for an hour and a half, not an onerous time commitment. We would welcome new members! We love new ideas! Every executive committee needs continual renewal, please think about serving for a year or two or try it out as a member-at-large (with no particular portfolio). It's a great way of getting to know people in your community.

Volunteering

Even if you don't have the time or inclination to serve on the executive, there are also many other opportunities to contribute. For example, upcoming events like the Plant Sale (our most important fundraiser) will need plant donations and people to help on the day, and the garden tour will need some assistance as well. Please consider pitching in!

Next season – Photo Challenge

We are thinking of reinstating the popular photo challenge segment at our monthly meetings and we need someone to head it up. David Hinks will be mentioning this at our April meeting and asking for support.

Upcoming events

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

“Standouts for your garden”

New and underused perennials, grasses and shrubs,
with Suzanne Patry of Whitehouse Perennials

Plus: Mini spring flower show

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Spring plant sale

(Our main fundraiser)

Carp Farmers Market –

Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

A special Evening with Mark Cullen
Carp Agricultural Hall, 3790 Carp Rd
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Spring flower show and social evening
Theme: Finger Foods – “Finger-lickin good”
Plus: Election of Garden Club executive
(Last general meeting until September)

Saturday June 18, 2016

Informal tour of West Carleton Gardens
More information coming soon!

Reminders

More information about our club can be accessed online at <http://www.wcgc.ca/home> We also have a Facebook page – please take the time to like and share – and you can see this newsletter on WordPress at <https://annegadbois.wordpress.com>

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