

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC February 2016 Newsletter

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 9th, 2016

7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall

Carp, Ontario

Members: Free; Guests: \$5

My Big, Fat Hoop House Adventure

with

David Hinks

Club President and Master Gardener



In the dead of winter when the days are still short, it can be hard to imagine a vegetable growing season that could last nine months. But that's exactly what David Hinks and a group of 16 gardeners did when they took over a 1,500-square-foot hoop greenhouse that was not being used. Calling it his great hoop house adventure, the Almonte resident will talk about the project at our upcoming meeting.

A lifelong vegetable gardener, David created the group of both experienced and novice gardeners as a way of

sharing knowledge, broadening their experience and building a team with a shared vision. Over the growing season, they harvested more than 1,000 pounds of food for the food bank.

For those of you who don't know, David regularly writes a very interesting column on gardening in The Millstone, an online magazine centred in neighbouring Mississippi Mills. Here is a link to a recent column – <http://millstonenews.com/2015/12/gardening-in-almonte-a-very-unusual-december.html>

Book/Magazine Exchange

Remember that we will have a table with gardening books and magazines. You are all hereby invited to participate – to bring in your surplus gardening books and magazines, to take any items that strike your fancy and to donate to the fundraising effort in the Book Donation Jar.

Would members whose family names begin with K to R bring the usual door prizes and /or sweets. Many thanks. As no one has signed up to be Greeter and Thanker, we will enlist volunteers at the meeting.

Our Club's Garden Tour 2016 SAVE THE DATE

A tour committee (Denise, Karen, Wendy, Kathleen, Nancy, Donna, Donna, and Brenda) has been struck and has had two planning meetings so far. Please set aside **Saturday June 18th** for an informal tour of West Carleton Gardens from 10 am to 4 pm with a tea at the Township Offices. The Committee have decided to feature Kinburn/Dunrobin area gardens this time and are seeking participants. One does not need to be a club member to have their garden on the tour. If you have a garden in this area or know of one you think we should include, please let us know at the upcoming meeting or contact our club secretary, Donna Christie at 613-839-2263; posreinf@xplornet.ca.

The committee will be seeking volunteers to help at some gardens or the tea on the day of the event. We hope you will help run the tour with us or come visit the gardens with family and friends. More details to follow of course as we get closer to the date. The priority now is to establish whose gardens will be on the tour.

Ontario Horticulture Association

District 2 news was listed at length in our last newsletter and can be accessed here: <https://annegadbois.wordpress.com> . (Just scroll down to our January meeting.)

Upcoming WCGC Meetings

March 8, 2016

“Weathering the storm”

How a rain garden makes a beautiful way to manage stormwater runoff
with NCC landscape architect Carole Crossan

April 12, 2016

“Reviving a tired garden”

with master gardener Mary Reid of Green Thumb Garden Centre

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

May 14, 2016

Spring plant sale

Carp Farmers Market – Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 14, 2016

Spring flower show and social

Plus: Election of Garden Club executive

Reminders

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

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