

West Carleton Garden Club

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June 2016 Newsletter

June Meeting:

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

7:30 pm

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

Social evening and Flower show

The June meeting has traditionally been our social evening and Flower Show. That means no speaker and plenty of mingling and conversation. We will also be holding our election for the executive for the coming year. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we welcome your participation. There will be a number of executive members stepping down this year, so if you are interested, please make sure you come on out to the meeting and make your interest known.

Please also bring in some finger food to share. The theme is "Finger licking good!", so savoury or sweet, all food donations are to be placed, along with flower show entries, before the meeting starts, i.e., at between 6:30 and 7:15 pm.

Flower Show rules and specs can be found in our 2014-15 yearbook and/or in the resources section of our website. Please come early to place entries and use the tags entry tags provided on the website, pre-filled to save time.

It is fine if your design submission does not look like the one below, which by the way is from the Chelsea Flower Show! We encourage everyone to participate by bringing specimens and/or arrangements from flowers grown in your gardens. Please read the rules twice in the rules section as disqualifications can happen for small infractions!

We are looking forward to your creative efforts, and it is so much more satisfying to see lots of entries. If this is your first time, just try and you will quickly develop a taste for exhibiting which will be hard to curb...so enter!



<http://www.mirror.co.uk/money/chelsea-flower-show-2016-how-8011025>

WCGC Garden Tour, June 18th, 2016, 10am – 4pm

If you have not bought your tickets yet, please do so at our upcoming meeting. Tickets are \$15 each for a full day's entertainment and inspiration as you visit 8 varied and wonderful gardens in the Kinburn/Dunrobin area with a tea/luncheon included in the price of the ticket. Three gardens have requested volunteers to greet guests and initial their tickets: The Reynolds, The Gales and the Addison/Richardsons. Please let Donna Christie know if you can volunteer on the 18th (613-839-2263; posreinf@xplornet.ca). Those who volunteer can tour the gardens on the Sunday free of charge, just meet at the township offices at 10 am on the 19th and we will tour them in succession as a group.

Mark Cullen event

Kudos to our organizing committee headed by Anita Murray for the well attended and received Mark Cullen event at the Carp Agricultural Hall. Two for the price of one: Mark Cullen and Ed Lawrence on stage at one time! That was a surprise...Anita reported that she received many positive comments about the event. The treats were appreciated. Denise Burnham did a fabulous decorating job in the Hall, and special thanks go to Lorraine Jeffrey for having organized the ticket sales. A profit of \$1265.15 was raised so \$632.57 will go to each targeted charity: The Highway for Heroes and the Carp Cenotaph. Thank you to all who participated in and attended the event.

WCGC Plant Sale

Many thanks go out to Brenda Baird and all our members who came out in great numbers to support this fundraiser with their time, effort and with many healthy, well-labelled and interesting plant donations. The early date at the Carp Farmers' Market was good and buyers were plentiful. Together with the proceeds of plant sales at the Trillium tour the week before, we made a total of \$1461, a record breaker thanks to you all.

A word of appreciation

I am sure you will agree that our Club has had an outstanding year this year. We have grown in membership and we have presented interesting and varied meetings with notable speakers. All this takes time and organization. So a special thank you to our hard working executive members and to all of you who have helped out on various

committees, plant sales, flower shows, garden tours, weeding bees, etc. We could not have done it without you.

Next season

Anita, our Program director, is working on our speaker lineup for next season and would appreciate input if you have any ideas about topics, speakers, activities and events. As usual, there will be no general meetings or newsletters for the months of July or August, but activities will resume at the September meeting. You will receive a newsletter near the end of August announcing our first meeting. You can also keep your eyes on our website and/or Facebook page.

Have a wonderful summer in your gardens, dear Members. Wishing you just the right amount of sunshine and rain to nourish your lovely plants. See you at our next meeting, on Tuesday, September 13th, 7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall. In the meantime, take care...

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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