

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC May 2016 Newsletter

May General Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:30 pm

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

Members free, guests \$5

Standouts for your Garden

**New and underused perennials,
grasses and shrubs**

with

Suzanne Patry

of Whitehouse Perennials

Plus : **Mini Spring Flower Show**

Suzanne Patry of Whitehouse Perennials is no stranger to the west of Ottawa gardening scene and our Club in particular. She has come to present at our meetings many times and each time, has inspired us with her expert suggestions. If you have not taken a stroll yet around her impressive display gardens on Rae Sideroad, just outside of Almonte, you are in for a treat.



From the WP website: "For the last 29 years Whitehouse Nursery and Display Gardens has been a destination for Ottawa area gardeners. Whether you are a beginner or a plant collector you will find a great selection of top quality plants here. We carry the cutting edge perennials that have just hit the market as well as the old fashioned ones that your Grandmother grew. Beautiful, easy care shrubs, small trees and conifers suitable for residential landscapes and Ornamental Grasses all share the space on our well stocked benches."

WCGC Aprons For sale: only 12 aprons left at the next meeting. \$35, fine workmanship, great to wear for special Club events like the Mark Cullen evening, or the annual plant sale.

Greeter for the evening is **Nancy Argue** and Thanker is **Donna Christie**. As usual, would members whose family names start with G to K please bring in goodies to eat, or garden-related doorprizes to win.

May and June Flower Shows

At the May meeting it has been our tradition to have members display their blooming bulbs and floral designs, and at the June meeting and social, we have our annual Vegetable and Flower show which highlights individual specimens as well as floral designs.

A separate email is being sent out to give those of you who want to participate (and we encourage everyone to bring in a specimen and/or a floral design) the show guidelines and rules. These will also be listed on our website, and are reproduced in the club's yearbook which will be distributed at the May meeting.

Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will take place at the Carp Farmers Market from 8am to 1pm. This is our major fundraiser of the year and as such, it is important that all members participate inasmuch as possible, either by donating perennials/trees/shrubs/vegetables from your gardens, or serving the public on the day, or both!

Plant donations can be brought to the May meeting, or by 8 am to the Farmers Market the morning of the Sale. A signup sheet to help during the sale will be circulated at the May meeting. Anyone needing assistance or having questions, please contact organizer Brenda Baird at creeksidefarm@xplornet.com.

Mark Cullen evening

We are excited about the upcoming Fundraiser on Tuesday may 17th featuring gardening great, Mark Cullen. The tickets which have been reserved for members have sold out during the past few meetings. However, should you have friends who want to attend, tickets can always be bought at the local Home Hardware destinations for the advance price of \$10, or if you as a member have missed your opportunity, there might be a chance to purchase at member price at the door. (This is not guaranteed though, as seating is of course limited at the Carp Agricultural Hall venue and tickets may have been completely sold out before then.)

Invitation

At our general meeting in June, we will hold our annual election of officers for the executive committee who run our garden club. Several members will be stepping down and a regular influx of new members is healthy and adds life and vigour to our society. Please consider putting your name forward, be it for a specific position or as a member at large. The chair of our nominating committee, Past President Donna Caldwell is currently accepting nominations. She can be reached at 613-839-2079; wcgardenclub@gmail.com or speak to her at the next meeting. It is a cooperative and congenial group and we meet the 3rd Tues. of the month at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library from 7 to 8:30 pm. We'd love to have you join our group.

June garden tour

Our June 18th garden tour tickets are on sale now at the next 2 meetings, and at Dunrobin Grocery, Darvesh in Kinburn and The Hive. \$15 entitles you to a tea luncheon and the opportunity to visit 8 gardens in the Kinburn, Dunrobin area. The descriptions of the gardens to be featured are included in a separate email. The Garden Tour poster is included herewith.

OHA District 2 AGM

A number of our members attended the recent annual general meeting held in Smiths Falls recently. Kudos to **Nancy Argue** who won a second in the flower design event with this lovely arrangement.



Other gardening event of interest

Red Trillium Tour. May 7-8

Among other artist studios and venues in west carleton, the following gardens on the tour will be of special interest to Club members:

“At Studio 7 in the gardens of Phil and Carole Reilly on Diamondview Road, enjoy the spring beauty of 23 mature perennial beds on a one-acre property;

At Studio 9 on Old Coach Road, visit Donna Christie’s garden and delight in the rustic charm of mature perennials and beautiful vistas surrounding a heritage home (gardening advice will be offered by local gardening club members) and discover Denise Burnham’s miniature faery garden accents made of nature’s bounty.”

(In the case of Donna’s garden, WCGC will have a table set up to sell some perennials. If you are able to contribute

any plant donations, it would be appreciated.)
(Source: <http://www.ottawacommunitynews.com>)
More info at <http://www.redtrilliumst.com>

Dates at a glance

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 in a separate email

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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