

West Carleton Garden Club

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November 2015 Newsletter

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Meeting of November 10, 2015

7:30 p.m., Carp Memorial Hall

Members- free; Guests \$5

Robin Lee

“The Lee Valley Story”

The son of company founder Leonard Lee and one of its first two employees when he was a teenager, Robin Lee loves to work with his hands, relishing his involvement in the research and development of new and innovative woodworking, gardening and other tools for which Lee Valley Tools has built a worldwide reputation over more than 30 years.

Lee, now President, will bring his thoughts on the value of manual labour and running the company, along with some cool tool prototypes, to his talk at our next meeting on November 10th.

While the company has spread to include stores across the country — the 16th one just opened in Kingston and a 17th is planned for next year in Kelowna, B.C. — and exports to more than 100 countries, its roots are still firmly planted in the Valley. Lee’s parents and brother still live in Almonte, where the quaint L.G. Lee & Sons opened recently in a heritage building, throwing back to the building’s early days as a small-town hardware store, old-style cash register and all.

Interviewed by our **Program Director Anita Murray** recently, Robin said: “I’m not going to pretend that I know anywhere near as much about horticulture as this particular group... What I can do is tell stories and answer questions.”

This should be a very interesting evening. Please bring yourselves and anyone you know who is fascinated by this iconic Canadian company and its founding family.

Annual General Meeting

In June, we elected our current year executive, and it is now the time to approve them, our 2014-15 financial statements and budget for 2015-16. This will be done in the business component of our upcoming November meeting.

Greeter for the meeting will be **Donna Christie** and Thanker is **Mary Reynolds**. Would members whose family names begin with F to J kindly bring the usual doorprizes and / or sweets.

Memorial Hall Garden

Thanks go out to our members who helped this past week at Memorial Hall in the centre of Carp. The garden was put to bed and bulbs planted in one hour. “Many hands...”




Committees

The executive have struck a number of committees and would like to solicit help. This will be brought up at the upcoming meeting, but for now, know that the following events/activities/committees will be requiring assistance. So if you have any time to spare, please feel free to volunteer. Speak to or contact Membership Director Brenda Baird or any member of the executive, and they will put you in touch with the right people.


Carp Santa Claus Parade – December 12th – WCGC Float

Next Summer's Garden Tour – First meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov.3rd

Ottawa Public Library, Carp Branch – Reading Garden renovation for 2016



Executive committee – we are still looking to fill the Vice-President role



Auditor – we are looking for auditors (2) for next year’s financials. No need for accreditation but a familiarity with accounting/bookkeeping principles desired. (Non remunerated volunteer position.)

Ontario Horticulture Association

President **David Hinks** and Secretary **Donna Christie** attended the OHA District 2 Advisory in Barry’s Bay recently. A new Awards & Grants Booklet has been published and we received a copy.

The photo contest entries and yearbook entries are both due next March 31st. Heatherington & Associates plan a bus trip to Canada Blooms March 13-15th, please see Donna Christie for details.

Perth is holding District 2 Flower & Vegetable Show on August 6th next year, in conjunction with celebrations of 200 years as a settlement. All societies are asked to sell raffle tickets in support. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Prizes: \$500 Canadian Tire Gift Certificate and a Painting by a local artist. These tickets would be good stocking stuffers and will be available at the upcoming meeting.

Volunteer Hours

As part of our responsibilities as members of District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association, we are required to complete an annual report which includes the number of volunteer hours our executive and other members of the club put in. (This is a requirement of the provincial Ministry of Agriculture (OMAFRA) and on an aggregate level, can influence the overall funding of the OHA.) If you have worked on any of the club’s activities during the past year, we ask that you complete the form, sent under separate cover and which is also included at the back of your yearbook. Bring it along with you to the meeting where you can give it to **Kathleen Teahen** or send it to her at (Kathleen@storm.ca). Kathleen is compiling the numbers for inclusion into our annual report to the OHA.

Next meeting

The December meeting, our holiday social, will be held on December 8th at Carp Memorial Hall. The usual format will be our seasonal potluck and silent auction of Christmas table decorations and wreaths, as has been very popular in past years. More information in the next newsletter.

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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