

West Carleton Garden Club

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September 2015 Newsletter

September Meeting – A Special Event

We are very excited to host a very special event at the **Carp Agricultural Hall on Tuesday, September 8th**, the date of our regular September meeting. Gardening guru and well-known CBC garden commentator **Ed Lawrence** will address us, primarily about pruning practices and techniques, but he will also entertain questions from the floor about any gardening subject. The event poster, aimed at the general public is included below, and you will also have seen it posted in many local establishments, on our website and on our Facebook page. Please tell your neighbours and friends about this great opportunity to meet Ed and to get some of your gardening questions answered.

Gardening Expert

Ed Lawrence

is coming to Carp...



WHEN: Tuesday, September 8, 2015
TIME: 7 p.m. sharp — doors open at 6:30
WHERE: Carp Agricultural Hall,
Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd
TOPIC: Pruning Practices and Techniques,
followed by audience Q&A

ADMISSION: \$10 — cash only, at the door
PARKING: Free — on the grounds
EXTRAS: ~Refreshments will be served
~Door prize draw with admission
~Enjoy viewing the club's flower and vegetable show entries

Signed Copies of Ed Lawrence's Book
~ GARDENING GRIEF & GLORY ~
Will Be Available For Sale — \$20 Cash Only

*Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet Ed Lawrence of
CBC Radio and retired head gardener for Ottawa's official residences —
and bring your gardening questions!*



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Our new executive have been busy over the summer months organizing this event, distributing flyers and weeding the gardens at the Ag Hall in exchange for consideration in holding the event at this venue. The general public will be able to access this event for \$10 at the door. Members are being asked to pay \$5 to help the club offset the unusual expenses associated with this scale of event. We are hoping for a very large turnout, but we can't be guaranteed and must therefore make sure our costs are covered.

Our usual **Fall Flower and Vegetable Show** will also take place at the same time and same place as this special event. Classes and rules are listed on our website. Entries can be placed between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. So please come early to place your entries, and fill in your Entry Tags at home before coming, in order to save time.

These can also be found on the website (www.wcgc.ca) in the Resources section.

September is also the time to **renew your annual club membership**. You can do so at this event. \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Please let us know of any changes you have made to address, phone # and e-mail.

Again, **doors will open at the Carp Agricultural Hall at 6 p.m. for club members**, but not until 6:30 p.m. for the public, so be sure to arrive early to get a good seat. And you can help to make our Fall Flower & Vegetable Show look spectacular by bringing lots of entries.

2015-16 WCGC Program

Apart from recruiting our first speaker and organizing the event, our Program director Anita Murray, has been hard at work putting together an interesting and thought-provoking lineup of topics for the coming season. A program poster is being worked on and will be circulated and posted shortly.

Our season kicks off with Ed Lawrence of course, and is followed by a lively panel of Master Gardeners on a subject close to most of our hearts – lawns and alternatives. Further into our season, we will be able to take a flight of gardening fancy to New York to see how a city has reclaimed an old railway line to become a garden; we will learn how to revive an old garden, how to select new and underused perennials to liven up our gardens, and how to weather a storm – using water runoff to help create gardens...Enough said, more news on our lineup very soon...it promises to be a great year.

Rideau Woodland Ramble

Recently, thanks to organization by Donna Christie, a group of WCGC members carpoled to this lovely destination garden centre located in the Burritt's Rapids area. The RWR has been designated as this year's Canadian garden destination, and it was just that. Despite a few raindrops, we marvelled at the variety of plant material and the beauty of the layout of this garden, its garden art and ponds. As per their brochure "The gardens at Rideau Woodland Ramble are the result of years of evolution, experimentation and discovery. They fall into several main zones, almost all in some context of shade and woodland." It was well worth the drive.

The group of happy WCGC gardeners left the Ramble with many plants and lovely memories of a most beautiful experience, to do a little shopping and to have lunch in neighbouring Merrickville. What an enjoyable outing!



WCGC 2015-16 Executive Committee

Below is the listing of the Executive Committee as appointed by the membership at the June meeting. Thank you to all who accepted to continue on in their previous roles, and to those who stepped up to join the ranks. Thanks also to those who retired last season for all your hard work. As you can see below, we are still interested in hearing from you if you would like to fill the VP vacancy!

President – David Hinks

Secretary – Donna Christie

Treasurer – Lorraine Jeffrey

Past President – Donna Caldwell

Program – Anita Murray

Membership & Plant Sale – Brenda Baird

Yearbook – Patricia Buchanan

Newsletter & Facebook – Anne Gadbois

Hospitality – Mary & Roy Reynolds

Flower Shows – Donna Caldwell & Denise Burnham

Website – Ken Sala

Members at Large – Nancy Argue, Karen Buckley, Susan Dowler, Wendy Good, Kathleen Teahen

WCGC at the Carp Fair

The 152nd Annual Carp Fair is around the corner. The Fair will run from September 24 to 27. We will have a booth again this year, shared with the Master Gardeners. The Fair is an exciting time with its agricultural shows and exhibits, live music, a midway, tons of great food and many vendors. We often recruit new garden club members at the Fair and we feel it is a good way of demonstrating our community presence. Denise Burnham is our booth coordinator.

This year, in order to encourage youth interest in gardening, we are going to display Miniature Fairy Gardens. If anyone has a contribution they would like to include please let Denise know. Also, please note that the booth will be in a new location – Exhibit Hall.

News from the OHA

The OHA, District 2, held the annual District Flower and Vegetable Show on Aug. 15th at the Cityview United Church Hall in Nepean. From our society, Kathleen Teahen and Donna Christie entered some classes and Margaret Storey volunteered at the tea.

District 2 will be holding their annual “Fun Day” in Manotick this year on the Labour Day Saturday, Sept. 5th. Check out the District website for details such as garden visits, painting in the park, picnic and Manotick’s street fair. It promises to be a fun day for all.

Our District won the Judy Fine trophy for having the greatest overall increase in membership in 2015 in the Province and it was presented at the Convention hosted by District 6 in Ancaster, On. at the Convention in July. Donna Christie and Kathleen Teahen represented our club at the Convention. One of the main business items was the passing of a motion to change our name from The Ontario Horticultural Association to Gardens Ontario. Stay tuned for more about the process. Check out the OHA (www.gardenontario.ca) for information about next year’s convention in Kitchener, On. The conventions are 4 days long and include bus trips, demonstrations, workshops, speakers, flower show, vendors, displays, exhibits in art, photography, youth and printed material competitions, and the organization’s AGM. Why not consider going and meet other gardeners from around the province?

The **OHA bulb order bulbs** are due in this fall, hopefully arriving for pick-up by our Sept. meeting. If not, then we expect them for sure by the Oct. meeting.

Carp Gardens

Thanks goes out to all members who helped weed and maintain the fairground gardens, to Adeline Colley and Ted and Jill Barnicoat for maintaining the Reading Garden and to Denise Burnham for maintaining the Memorial Hall Garden.

Friendly reminder:

A friendly reminder that you are receiving this email because you are a member of WCGC and/or you have expressed an interest in the garden club’s activities and events, flower shows, guest speakers, gardening opportunities and resources, and more. You may unsubscribe anytime if you no longer wish to receive our monthly newsletter or periodic emails, by contacting agadbois@xplornet.com.

Don’t forget to visit our website (www.WCGC.ca) and Facebook page.