

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Warmer than usual

At time of writing, we have had several days of above five-degree weather. Thoughts turn to spring and to sowing flower and veggie seeds indoors. I am told to hold off till mid-April for tomatoes and to end March for cold weather crops. Patience is a virtue they say.

Out and About

Want to know what's happening in other garden clubs across the city? There is a handy reference spot online now which outlines gardening events:

<https://gardeningcalendar.ca>

Our April Meeting

"Natural Pest Control by Focusing on Growing Healthy Plants" with WCGC past president and Master Gardener, **David Hinks**.
Tuesday, April 10th, 7:30 p.m.,
Carp Memorial Hall, Carp.

Members: free, Guests: \$5.

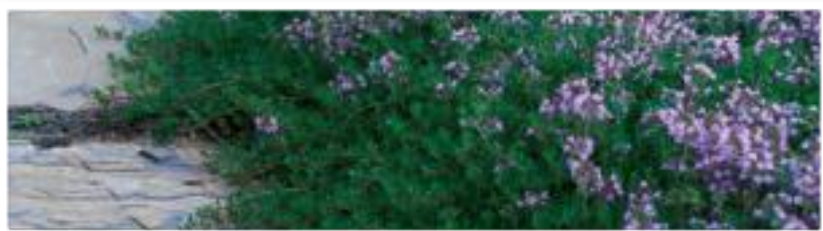
Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 7:30 pm
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

"LAWNS & ALTERNATIVES ... CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS"
with panelists: **Judith Cox & Susan Bicket**, Master Gardeners, and
Ian Frei
Moderator : **Anne Gadbois**

Our turf challenges...

Very few of us enjoy the luxury of having pristine weed-free lawns, especially out here in the rural developments, with its acreages and larger properties. Even if we are on smaller domains, keeping a lawn healthy and green - at least as seen from a distance - should not require Herculean effort nor contribute to adding toxins to our environment. Two of our members, **Judith Cox** and **Susan Bicket**, both Master Gardeners, will be teaming up with a neighbouring horticultural society member, **Ian Frei**, president of the Stittsville Goulbourn H.S., to shed some light on these topics, just in time for spring.





THE OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY 37th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Need a spring pickup? The Ottawa Orchid Society invites the THE OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY 37th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE to its 37th annual orchid show on April 21 & 22, 2018 featuring many spectacular, blooming orchids in stunning, colourful displays, an art gallery of local orchid paintings, photographs and crafts, and many orchid vendors selling outstanding orchid plants and orchid supplies. Society members provide growing tips and educational displays and tours for the visiting public. Free parking.

Saturday April 21: noon to 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 22: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The RA centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K2J 2H9.

General admission: \$12, Seniors (60+) and Children (8-12) \$10. With discount coupon, save \$2 off the ticketed price.. Visit their website at: www.ottawaorchidsociety.com

Some reading to keep us sane until spring comes and gardening starts 😊

http://www.mgottawa.ca/media/TEG_February-18.pdf

The Edible Garden, a monthly newsletter from the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton and the Master Gardeners of Lanark County (link above), offers interesting topical advice about fruit and vegetable gardening for our area.

<http://www.mgottawa.ca/media/TT3-February-18.pdf>

Above is the link to Trowel Talk, the monthly general newsletter from the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton on a variety of gardening subjects.

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As a follow up to our upcoming meeting , here is an interesting how-to article about low maintenance lawns from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation CMHC - below:

https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/grho/grho_005.cfm

