

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

AGM Notes

Traditionally, we conduct our AGM at our November meeting. This consists mainly of approval of the minutes of last year's AGM and financial reports. These will be sent to members under separate copy before the meeting. Board members have already been elected at our June meeting.

Flow Hive Info

Jacqui Ehninger-Cuervo provided us with a lively and informative presentation on this new kind of beekeeping at our last meeting. She has drawn up a list of references for anyone who would be interested in further reading. Interested? Contact us at newsletter@wgcg.ca

November 2017 Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:30 pm

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd

**"Bloomers are the Craze: The Gardens at
Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm"**

with author Richard Hinchcliff

Plus WCGC Annual General Meeting

Richard Hinchcliff has been an active volunteer with the Friends of the Farm for many years. He has been communications director and editor of their newsletter, and has spent five years working on a superb book, "Blooms...", which is a tribute to the Farm, established in 1886, and for Canada's 150th.



What we can still do before winter

1. Remove dead or dying annuals. Cut back soft-foliage perennials such as bleeding hearts and place in compost. Dispose of diseased leaves and stems.
2. Amend soil by tilling in a three- to six-inch layer of manure, triple mix or loam. Edge flowerbeds.
3. Plant spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils and crocuses.
4. Prepare trees and flowering shrubs for winter by pruning diseased or damaged stems and weak branches that could snap under heavy snow. Winter-wrap pyramidal evergreens with twine. Spray broad-leaved evergreens such as rhododendrons with an antitranspirant to protect against winter burn, and surround with a burlap screen.
5. Make notes about your garden -- likes and dislikes, successes and failures - to use as a guide when planning next year's garden. Source: <http://www.canadianliving.com/home-and-garden/article/15-gardening-jobs-for-fall>

Welcome new Members

Welcome to new members, Stephanie Birtwistle and Laura Parks, who joined at the last meeting.

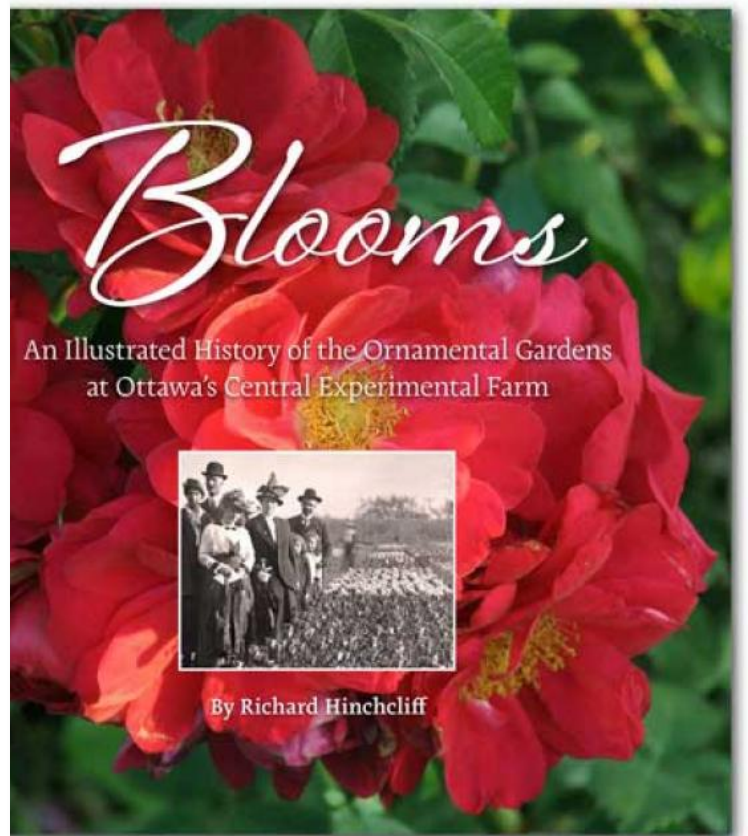
Blooms...

"Blooms: An Illustrated History of the Ornamental Gardens at Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm" includes many historic and contemporary photos depicting how the Gardens have grown since the Farm began in 1886. Impressive floral collections of the past and present are illustrated including crabapples, roses, lilacs, peonies and irises that originated in Ottawa from the efforts of dedicated researchers.

"Ornamental beauty has always played a vital role at the Farm," says author **Richard Hinchcliff**, who has been photographing the Farm and researching its history for many years.

We can purchase the book at: friendsofthefarm.ca/boutique/blooms-an-illustrated-history/ Or at: Perfect Books, Books on Beechwood, Octopus Books, Singing Pebble Books, Chapters (Rideau Street), and Lee Valley Ottawa.

Proceeds from the book will help enhance and preserve the Central Experimental Farm.





OHA Convention in 2018

Come celebrate with us at the 112th convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association from Friday to Sunday, July 27 to 29, 2018. Hosted by OHA District 3. The venue is the Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, located in Kingston. For full information, go to:

http://www.gardenontario.org/sho/up_conf.php



Wonderful shot taken by Dan Stumpf during our tour of the Governor General's residence this summer.

Coming up next...

(All at Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road, starting at 7:30p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction. 6:30 p.m. start

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

“Creating an Edible Design”, with Telsing Andrews of Aster Lane Edibles

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

“Ireland in the Spring”, with WCGC member Phil Reilly