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WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB - 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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FEBRUARY, 2009

West Carleton Garden Club On line

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Growing Your Plants

from Seed

February 10, 2009



with

Kevin Didsbury

After taking a break from his software career, Kevin Didsbury started gardening. It seemed to be the perfect pastime to keep active and fit. During the next seven years, Kevin's growing interest in propagation developed into a passion and led him to attain a diploma in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Guelph.

April 14, 2009

Designer Summer Outdoor Containers

with

**Anne Lamb
The Garden Gate**



May 12, 2009

Annual Bulb Show and South African Cape Floral Kingdom

with

Christina Zehaluk

It has been suggested that any other members who would like to share some of their travel discoveries would be welcome to join in on the slide show.



June 9, 2009

Annual Spring Flower Show and Vines of All Kinds

With

**Mary Shearman Reid, CLP
Green Thumb Garden Centre**

Niagara's Garden Winery Invites You to Visit Stoney Ridge Estate Winery

Over the past five years, Stoney Ridge has created an extensive array of award-winning gardens for its guests to visit. Today there are a series of 7 themed gardens, including a **Japanese Garden & Waterfall, a Rose Garden, an Herb Garden, a Contemporary Garden, a French Parterre Garden, an English Garden,** and more. We welcome gardening enthusiasts with open arms and offer a range of services to make your visit memorable.

you can contact us at store@stoneyridge.com, or toll free 1-866-778-6639 ext. 25.

Future Events

March 10, 2009

Knowing and Growing Native Ferns

with

Lis Allison

Lis is an enthusiastic local gardener. Her interest in ferns has inspired her to grow almost 30 native species.

Goodies and door-prizes for the February meeting are kindly requested from members with names starting A to H.

Plant of the Month
Astrantia 'Moulin Rouge'



A fantastic Astrantia with dark red flowers and purple-red tips. Butterflies love them! Long-flowering, from June until September, growing 16-18" tall. Striking for your perennial garden and great for bouquets as well.

Also called Masterwort. This clump forming herbaceous perennial prefers being planted in a full sun to part shade location. Grows best in moist, fertile, humus-rich soil. Will tolerate some drought once established. Plant 12-16 inches apart. The flower heads can be used in dried flower arrangements. Blooms in early to midsummer. Can be divided in spring every 3-5 years. Bonus, they are also deer resistant.

European Floral Design

Saturday March 28

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Steve's Independent Grocer

Community Room
Carleton Place
McNeeley Ave
Just off Hwy. 7

Heidi Oeschger completed a florist diploma through The Floral School of Switzerland. She immigrated to Canada in 1997 and worked as a Floral Designer at Millstreet Florist in Manotick. She has had prize winning entries in many international competitions and has started a floral designing business in the Ottawa area. Heidi will be demonstrating ten different European designs. A follow-up workshop will be held in June for anyone who would like to create one of the designs.

Tickets will be available from Madeline Archer or Lori Ray, at a Cost of \$15.00 per person. Seating is limited to 50 people.

Please join us for this fantastic floral design opportunity.

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Garden Event of the Year

The perfect get-away from Ottawa February weather.

The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society and Landscape Ontario are really pleased to host a talk by one of the top landscape architects in the United States today, **Julie Moir Messervy**. The talk, **Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love**, takes place on February 25, 2009, at Centrepointe Theatre. Messervy is most famous in Canada for designing the Toronto Music Garden with world-famous cellist, Yo-Yo Ma. She has also written many books on design with popular American architect, Sarah Susanka. Information on how to order tickets is contained in the following e-flyer. For those interested in a more in-depth experience, the following day Messervy is offering a workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon followed by lunch. Tickets for the workshop, entitled **Creating the Home Outside: Techniques and Tips for Designers, Builders, and Homeowners** can be ordered at www.landscapeontario.com/ottawaseminars For more information about both events, 613-747-0600. The talk and workshop will be the **Garden Event of the Year**. Hope to see you there.

Visit Canada Blooms !



Celebrate Canada at our 13th Anniversary "Canada Blooms" March 18-22, 2009 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building.

Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower & Garden Festival invites you to visit a paradise bursting with six acres of glorious gardens in full bloom, more than 100,000 square feet of green thumb shopping and much, much more at Canada's largest and most prestigious flower and garden festival.

Interested in learning more about gardening? With four different stages going non-stop, the show offers over 200 hours of seminars, workshops and demonstrations in five days from some of the best garden experts in North America. And it's free with your admission to Canada Blooms.

Need a little inspiration or looking for ideas? Over twenty dazzling and unique display gardens designed and built by the best of the best around the theme "Canada Blooms", where we celebrate our tradition of gardening and horticultural excellence.

To learn more about Canada Blooms 2009, visit Canada Blooms.

Advanced tickets to Canada Blooms are now available from the floral department at a **Sobeys** store near you. Adult tickets are \$16 (\$18 at the show). Tickets for the Canada Blooms Opening Night Party are also available online at canadablooms.com This spectacular St. Patrick's evening event is hosted by Sobeys, Tourism Ireland and RBC.