# The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB P.O. Box 326, Carp, Ont, K0A 1L0

**APRIL**, 2011

West Carleton Garden Club On line http//sites.google.com/site/westcarletongardenclub

#### **Executive Committee**

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- Nancy Argue 622-112 2
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Past President

Anne Gadbois – 256-7161

Goodies and door-prizes for the April meeting are kindly requested from members with **Surnames starting** with E and F



#### Memorial Hall Garden Update

The committee is forging ahead with our plans and we will be submitting our application to the city by the end of the month.

We are starting a fundraising campaign called "Buy a Brick" We will be kicking this off at our next meeting and setting up at the Carp Farmers Market as soon as it's up and running. We encourage all of our members to participate.

April 12, 2011

### In Search of the Elusive Double Trillium



with Brian Carson

Past President of the Manotick Horticultural Society & Barrhaven Garden Club. VP for Ottawa Valley Rock Garden Society; Member of Royal Horticultural Society, North American Rock Garden Society, Scottish Rock Garden Society, Ottawa Cactus & Succulent Group, MacNamara Field Naturalists

A ten year quest in the Ottawa valley for the elusive double Trillium, the holy grail of North American spring wild flowers has met with incredible success. Fifty years ago, only six were known to horticulture. Not only have more than eighty fancy double Trilliums been located but also many other marvellous mutations. Venture with a local rambler, one of North America's luckiest plant explorers, as he romances the Trillium. See what may be waiting for your discovery in the woods around Carp.

Brian Carson got into gardening via the vegetable patch. He has had an organic market garden and mixed farming operation south of Ottawa. He has grown over one thousand choice plants for the OHA Centennial Convention, and his large garden has been the backdrop to dozens of Dachsie calendars sold internationally.

Brian is a published garden writer and award winning poet. His present horticultural passions include rambling over hill and dell with the dachshunds, checking out our native flora and nurturing a basement grow-op of many exotic plants including top houseplant in OHA District 2 Show

#### **Coming Events**

May 10, 2011

**Annual Bulb Show** 

and

### Attracting Wildlife at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden

with Isabelle Nicol



June 14, 2011

**Annual Spring Flower Show** 

and

#### Flowering Shrubs and Trees in our Region Turf Management

with Dale Henderson



### **Garden Center Coming to Carp**

Kings Creek Trees are planning to start a retail outlet for the plant material they grow in their nursery which is located west of Richmond. They grow an enormous variety of ornamental grasses, perennial ground covers, exotic thistles, other distinctive flowering perennials and many unusual and interesting trees, especially conifers.

Sue and Tim Dyer are joining the West Carleton Garden Club and are asking members for their input as to what type of plant material and other items they should have available. They would also like to offer our members a discount at the garden centre and at their nursery.

They have also expressed an interest in helping us with our choice of plant material for the Memorial Garden. The City has asked that all plants be salt and drought tolerant as well as being easy to maintain. We are eager to hear their suggestions. They have kindly offered to donate some plants as well.

Tim will be our first speaker in September. We look forward to his presentation on "Ornamental Grasses for the Northern Garden".

For more information go to (www.kingscreektrees.com)

#### 2011 District 2 AGM

There will be 8 West Carleton Garden Club members attending the upcoming Annual General Meeting for District 2 on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Pakenham

The meeting will be held at the Stewart Community Centre, 112 MacFarlane St.

## Introducing OHA District 2 New England Garden Tour featuring...

The World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA)
International Flower Show
Wednesday June 15th to Monday June 20th, 2011
"This Glorious Earth"

10th Annual Flower Arrangers Show!

The Garden Club of America and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., have enthusiastically agreed to work together as WAFA USA 2008-2011 to facilitate the operations of WAFA in the United States, members of two national garden club organizations, The Garden Club of America and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., have enthusiastically agreed to work together as WAFA USA 2008-2011. This marks the first time that both groups, representing a combined membership of approximately 240,000 people, have joined together in such an effort. This is the first time this event has been held in the United States – Canada hosted the International Flower Show in Toronto in 1993!

#### Cost of your package: \$ 1,099 Per person, dble occupancy – single supplement \$500.

This fully escorted tour features:

- Two days admission to the International Flower Show
- Secret Garden tour Newport, Rhode Is.
- Tour of Blithewold Mansion, Garden & Arboretum
- Tour of Newport Mansions:
- The Breakers and The Elms Your package includes:

Five nights' accommodation: (including baggage handling)

- 2 nights Boston, MA at The Radisson
- 3 nights Providence, RI or area TBA

Meals: TBA

Return Transportation by deluxe Motor Coach plus all applicable taxes

### For more information – or to book, please contact Margaret at:

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