

The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB
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Goodies and door-prizes for the September meeting are kindly requested from members with Surnames starting with N to R

Tip of the Month

As we prepare to bring our house plants indoors, Ruth Schultz suggests that to get rid of the earwigs, water them with ½ cup mint Listerine diluted in a 2 gallon (7 litre) watering can.

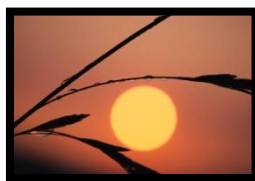
Veseys Fall Bulb Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser is in Sept. We hope to collect orders at our 1st meeting for distribution in Oct. Members can click on the individual files to download the Master Order Form and 6 page colour brochure at:

<http://www.veseys.com/ca/en/about/veseys/fundraising>

We will have colour brochures at the Sept. meeting.
Cash is preferable.

September 13 Ornamental Grasses



with Sue Dyer

Sue Dyer's interest in horticulture began while growing up on a farm in Pennsylvania. Virtually all the food consumed by the family was grown on the farm, instilling the knowledge required to grow a wide spectrum of plants. She later became an electrical engineer by education and profession, as well as a qualified mathematician and anthropologist.

A professional interest in horticulture was maintained by being an active participant of Sue's brother's Christmas tree farm, which has been in operation in Pennsylvania for more than 30 years.

Sue, and her husband Tim, initiated Kings Creek Nurseries, just west of Richmond, in 2000. In 2007, a 90 acre farm near Smiths Falls was purchased and now more than 20,000 ornamental trees have been planted there. This year, Sue and Tim opened the Carp Garden Centre.

Sue's nursery near Richmond produces in excess of 500 Christmas wreaths annually, many Christmas planters, trees and other evergreen products, along with holding wreath-making workshops. Sue has always had an interest in Ornamental Grasses, leading to this being one of the areas in which the nursery specializes. Currently, Sue's nursery grows about 2 million tree seedlings and more than 60,000 perennials, including a vast array of Ornamental Grasses.

Coming Events

October 11

Alpine Plants

with

Lis Allison

November 8

Holiday Arrangements

Brantham Nursery

WCGC at the Carp Fair September 23rd to the 25th

Our club is having a booth at the Carp Fair again this year. We will be displaying pictures of the Memorial Hall project at various stages and also be promoting our Veseys fundraiser. We will be needing volunteers to man the display. Feel free to pair up or bring a friend. The following is a list of time slots that are needed to be filled:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

- 9:00 – 12:00
- 12:00 – 3:00
- 3:00 – 6:00
- 6:00 – 9:00

(last shift Sun 3:00 – 5:00)

(Don't forget your name tags)

Carp Memorial Hall Commemorative Garden

At our last meeting in June, the executive voted that the Blue Spruce should be removed and after an emergency meeting with the City, we got permission to remove it. As you can see from the picture, it really did not look to be a very nice focal point for the garden. Considering Trevor Coles' recommendation that it would get too big and after the work started, it was clear that the roots of the tree would be severely compromised by the foundation of the walkway to bench. The City asked that we plant 2 trees. We choose a Serviceberry (Robin Hill), and a Columnar Crab Apple which will not get any wider than 1.5 meters but will grow up to 25 meters high.



The hardscape is almost done. The stonework on the building is happening mid week and most of the plants will be in by the weekend.

After careful planning with Thunderbolt, and with reference to the drought and salt tolerance list, we have come up with low maintenance plant list. We hope that most of the cost of the plants will be covered by the OHA Special Project Initiative which will grant \$500.00 for perennials, trees and shrubs planted for community beautification projects.



Some of the plant list includes, Potentilla (white), Bearberry (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi), Karl Forester Feather Reed Grass (Calamagrostis acutiflora), Blue Ray Juniper, Flame Grass, Sea Thrift (Armeria maritima).

We are going to apply for a 2nd grant from the city next year to pay for the bench and sign which is Scotia bank is helping with. In the meantime, Greg Leblanc is kindly loaning us a bench to place there. Below is a picture of the Bench that the City has approved.



The Final Phase, the Sculpture will be done at a later date.