



## APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

Ever think of bringing a friend or neighbour to one of our meetings? We are a friendly bunch. This is a great way of recruiting new members. It's all about community. The Club is always in need of new members and new ideas. Make April the first of your "invite a friend" meetings!



### April Meeting

#### WHAT IS PERMACULTURE?

"Introduction to Permaculture"  
with Tom Marcantonio, Master Gardener  
April 8th, 7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall

Have you been hearing the term "permaculture" but don't really know what it means? Chances are you're practicing it already. Simply put, permaculture is a design system, for just about anything, although it has been primarily aimed at gardening because most of the concepts were applied there.

"It's sort of like bringing old and tried-and-true knowledge into the world of today," says practitioner and master gardener Tom Marcantonio. "It's just life principles, really. What sort of values do you want to take into the world?"

Marcantonio will offer an introduction to permaculture, looking at the foundation of a holistic approach and exploring some of the supporting principles of those who practice it.

We all have a life design whether we know it or not, he says. "Every decision we make is based on your culture, your education, your internal morals, ethics, values and we design our life every day decision by decision. So the body of knowledge in permaculture just gives you a few more things to think about."



### Photo Contest!

#### GARDEN SHUTTERBUGS TAKE NOTE

Starting with our April meeting we will be having a photo contest, so take note of our monthly theme and bring your photos in. Photos will be numbered by the organizers to keep identities of members hidden. Winners will be determined by people's choice. All members/guests attending the meeting will get one ballot to vote for their favorite photo.

Photo's must be 4" x 6" , photo only. Do not frame or mat. All photos must be taken in Ontario within the last 24 months. Photos can only be entered once. There will be an individual winner at each meeting and an overall Annual Winner. (complete details to be communicated).

Starting looking through your photos or get snapping!!! Here are our upcoming themes:

April Meeting – WISHING FOR SPRING  
May Meeting – SPRING BULBS OR BLOSSOMS  
June Meeting – PEONY POWER

Other themes to come so you can take pictures over the summer: CREEPY CRAWLIES AND CREATURES IN THE GARDEN, GARDEN GUARDIANS, WOODLAND WONDERS, OUTDOOR WINTER WONDERLAND...



### **Other items of interest**

#### **WCGC ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

Our most important fundraiser of the year, please do plan to participate in the annual plant sale at the Carp Farmers' Market, on Saturday, May 24th (8:00 am to 1:00 pm). This is the weekend AFTER the long weekend. We need lots and lots of plants, many kinds of plants - perennials, trees, shrubs, herbs, etc. Rain or shine.

#### **TEA CUPS WANTED**

We are looking for fine china tea cups to be donated to be used at our 25th Anniversary Victorian Tea on June 14. These cups will be stored afterwards and used for any future tea or social. Everyone has grandma's cups taking up room in their cupboards - gain space and help the club! Contact Nancy Argue at 613 622-1122 or bring them to the next meeting.

#### **WCGC EXECUTIVE**

At this time of year planning for the coming 2014-15 season, both from a program and a governance point of view, has begun. There will be a number of vacant positions on the executive committee to fill and President Donna will be mentioning this at our next meeting. We are always looking for more people to join us at our monthly executive meetings, every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Carp Library. If you would like to see what transpires there, please consider yourself invited to the next meeting, Tuesday April 22nd from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Maybe you will be enticed to join the executive for the coming year. We have fun!

#### **MAY MEETING**

Tuesday, May 13th, 7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall

"Zenscaping: Bringing Principles of Japanese Garden Design to Ottawa Gardens"

with Rebecca Cragg, Camellia Teas of Ottawa

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