



## WCGC MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

Can spring be far away? We have endured a very unforgiving winter and deserve some compensation in the form of a long growing season. In this vein, we will be hearing about how to maximize our garden yield by going upwards, and not necessarily sideways. See you at our upcoming meeting!



### **Vertical vegetables**

March Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
7:30 p.m. at the Carp Memorial Hall,  
3739 Carp Rd. in Carp.  
Members free; Guests \$5

**Ken Brown** is a retired horticulturalist best known for his work creating authentic enclosures for animals at the Toronto Zoo.

An avid gardener, he was used to living in the country and having an acre to grow vegetables for his five children. When he moved to the city, he no longer needed to feed as many, "but I kept trying to grow the same number of vegetables," he laughs. "So I kept finding ways to do it more interestingly to save space."

His efforts have resulted in a talk on "vertical vegetables" that he is bringing to our next meeting. "Vertical vegetables is basically, 'How can we grow a whole bunch of stuff in a relatively small space but taking everything we can think of and find a way of making it grow up instead of out and across?'" he explains.

Donna Christie will be accepting registrations for the upcoming OHA District 2 AGM. See below and separate email for more details on the meeting, and on the regulations for the photographic submissions for those who are interested.

Would members whose last names begin with S to W, and A to B, please bring in door prizes and/or sweets to this meeting. Many thanks.



## Recent tour of Aquatopia a Great Success

Those who attended the sneak preview of the new Aquatopia destination on the March road near Diamondview at our February meeting were in for a rare treat. The event attracted over 80 curious gardeners, members of the general public and the media. Ottawa Community News and the West Carleton Review EMC both covered the event, and both also gave the WCGC great exposure.

From that meeting alone our membership Director, Brenda Baird, reports 5 new single memberships, 1 new family, 1 renewed family and one renewed single membership. (Membership now stands at 83.)

Please continue to invite your friends and neighbours to our meetings. Anyone joining in May or June will see their membership extended for the whole of the 2015-16 season, a great bargain.



## Coming events

April 14, 2015

"Getting Your Body in Gear for a New Season"

Tips and advice from yoga instructor Sandy Heron and chiropractor Dr. Pierre Paradis.

April 25, 2015

OHA District 2 AGM

Petawawa Civic Centre

Petawawa Ontario

Theme : Sustainability

Important: Donna Christie will be accepting registrations at the March meeting. See separate email with attachment for more details.

May 12, 2015

"3-D Design"

The 3 "D's" of the Club (Denise Burnham, Donna Caldwell & Donna Christie) will demonstrate and discuss ways to apply the elements of design to three-dimensional floral art.

June 9, 2015

"Spring Flower Show and Social"

and election of Garden Club executive

### Friendly reminder:

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