

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC January 2016 Newsletter

January meeting

Tuesday January 12, 2016
7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall
Carp, Ontario
Members: Free; Guests: \$5

Walking the High Line

**A look at the abandoned rail line in New York City
that was turned into a park
with gardener and engineer, Rob Brandon**

The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side.

Converting each section of the High Line from an out-of-use railroad trestle to a public landscape entailed not only years of planning, community input, and work by some of the city's most inventive designers, but also more than two years of construction per section.

The High Line's planting design is inspired by the self-seeded landscape that grew on the out-of-use elevated rail tracks during the 25 years after trains stopped running. The species of perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees were chosen for their hardiness, sustainability, and textural and color variation, with a focus on native species. Many of the species that originally grew on the High Line's rail bed are incorporated into the park's landscape.



The High Line came to the attention of retired Ottawa engineer Rob Brandon when he was visiting the city in the spring of 2010. A life-long gardener, it was the multi-faceted aspect of the High Line that has since enthralled Brandon, who has been back twice more to visit and who will share his fascination with the park in a talk for the West Carleton Garden Club.

The engineer in him is drawn to the High Line as an industrial antique; the gardener in him appreciates the emphasis on native species and how park creators collected and reused seeds from the wild plants that were already growing there; and the humanitarian in him applauds the two individuals "who basically brought the High Line into existence," adding "that was a really, really interesting story of how two people can make a phenomenal difference."

Would members whose family names begin with F to J kindly bring the usual doorprizes and / or sweets please. (Greeter and Thanker will be notified individually.)

Carp Christmas Parade

Huge thanks go out to our parade committee who put together and rode on one of the loveliest natural artistic parade floats ever, this past December 12th. Some of our committee members are pictured below. What we lacked in seasonal snow, we made up for in style! Wow!



Happy New Year!

On behalf of the executive of the West Carleton Garden Club, please accept our very best wishes for a healthy and 'garden-licious' New Year. Our December meeting social was a rousing success. Thank you for having brought in your offerings – both for the dinner and for the auction. Lorraine Jeffrey, our Treasurer, reports that we made \$441, a little down from last year, but good nonetheless. Also, a special thank you to Wendy Good and her team for having

organized the auction.

OHA News*

District 2 2016 AGM

The Smiths Falls Horticultural Society will be hosting the D2 AGM which will be held on April 23, 2016 at the Smiths Falls Royal Canadian Legion, 7 Main St E, Smiths Falls. The Theme is "Back to Our Roots". There will be a Design Challenge – Each society to enter a design. Great speakers, prizes etc. More information and registration forms will be sent out in January 2016.

District 2 Flower & Edible Show 2016

The Perth & District Horticultural Society will be hosting the 2016 D2 Flower & Edible Show on August 6, 2016 at the Perth Royal Canadian Legion, 26 Beckwith Street, Perth, Ontario. The Theme is "200 Years of Gardening". The Show Chair is Madeline Archer. The Schedule and more details will be sent out in January 2016.

District 2 Fall Advisory Meeting 2016

The Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society will be hosting the D2 Fall Advisory on Saturday, 29 October 2016 at the Stittsville Royal Canadian Legion, 1491 Stittsville Main Street, Stittsville from 10 am to 3 pm.

Canada Blooms Trip

You are invited to board the Valley Express 2016 Canada Blooms Bus Tour from Sunday, March 13 to Tuesday, March 15th. See Canada's Largest Garden Show. The bus journey will commence in Deep River with pick up locations along the way including a central location in Ottawa.

The two night hotel accommodations are in a convenient downtown location. Some meals may be included in the tour price. Arrangements have been made to tour the Ripley Aquarium on our first night, admission to Canada Blooms the next day, a tour of Allan Gardens and outlet shopping on the third day on the way home.

Contact Margaret Dailey-Plouffe, Tour and Event Planner, Heatherington & Associates of Ottawa at 613-843-9900, 1-877-672-3030 and/or <http://www.hnatravel.com> to determine how your Society members may become involved. Please contact Margaret before December 15, 2015.

* WCGC is a member District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Please mark your calendars –

West Carleton Garden Club 2016 Program of Events

(All events are held at the Carp Memorial Hall,
3739 Carp Rd, on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.,
unless otherwise indicated.)

January 12, 2016

"Walking the High Line"

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with gardener and engineer Rob Brandon

February 9, 2016

"My big fat hoop house adventure"

with club president and master gardener David Hinks

March 8, 2016

"Weathering the storm"

How a rain garden makes a beautiful way to manage stormwater runoff,
with NCC landscape architect Carole Crossan

April 12, 2016

“Reviving a tired garden”

with master gardener Mary Reid of Green Thumb Garden Centre

May 10, 2016

“Standouts for your garden”

New and underused perennials, grasses and shrubs,

with Suzanne Patry of Whitehouse Perennials

Plus: Mini spring flower show

May 2016 (Date TBA)

Spring plant sale

Carp Farmers Market – Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 14, 2016

Spring flower show and social

Plus: Election of Garden Club executive

Reminders

More information about our Club can be accessed online at <http://www.wcgc.ca/home> .We also have a Facebook page, and you can see this newsletter on WordPress at <https://annegadbois.wordpress.com>

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