

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC March 2016 Newsletter

March General Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:30 pm

Carp Memorial Hall,

3739 Carp Rd.

Members free; Guests \$5

Weathering the Storm

How a rain garden makes a beautiful way
to manage stormwater runoff
with

NCC landscape architect

Carole Crossan

With water at a premium and conservation concerns at the forefront in our minds, more and more homeowners are exploring ways of maximizing the benefits of the natural flow of water on our properties. Landscape architects have been dealing with this issue forever in the requirements of their formal designs and they are now sharing their ecologically beneficial secrets with us.

Carole Crossan is a Montreal native and her love of gardens and the landscape was first inspired by summers playing in the Montreal Botanical Garden. She completed a four year horticultural apprenticeship program in BC, and then returned to Montreal to complete her Landscape Architecture degree. Carole now works for the NCC where she has the opportunity to work on numerous portfolios and projects.

March members:

Would members with surnames between S and W please donate sweets and/ or door prizes. Greeter for the evening: Wendy Good , Thanker: TBD.

MAY SPECIAL EVENT:

A very special evening with Mark Cullen!

As mentioned by President David Hinks at our last meeting, we are thrilled to confirm our upcoming special event as follows:

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Time: Doors open at 6:30, talk starts at 7 p.m.

Where: Agricultural Hall, Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd.

Fully accessible with plenty of parking.

Event details: Talk and book signing by gardening guru Mark Cullen, who will be talking about the main points in his

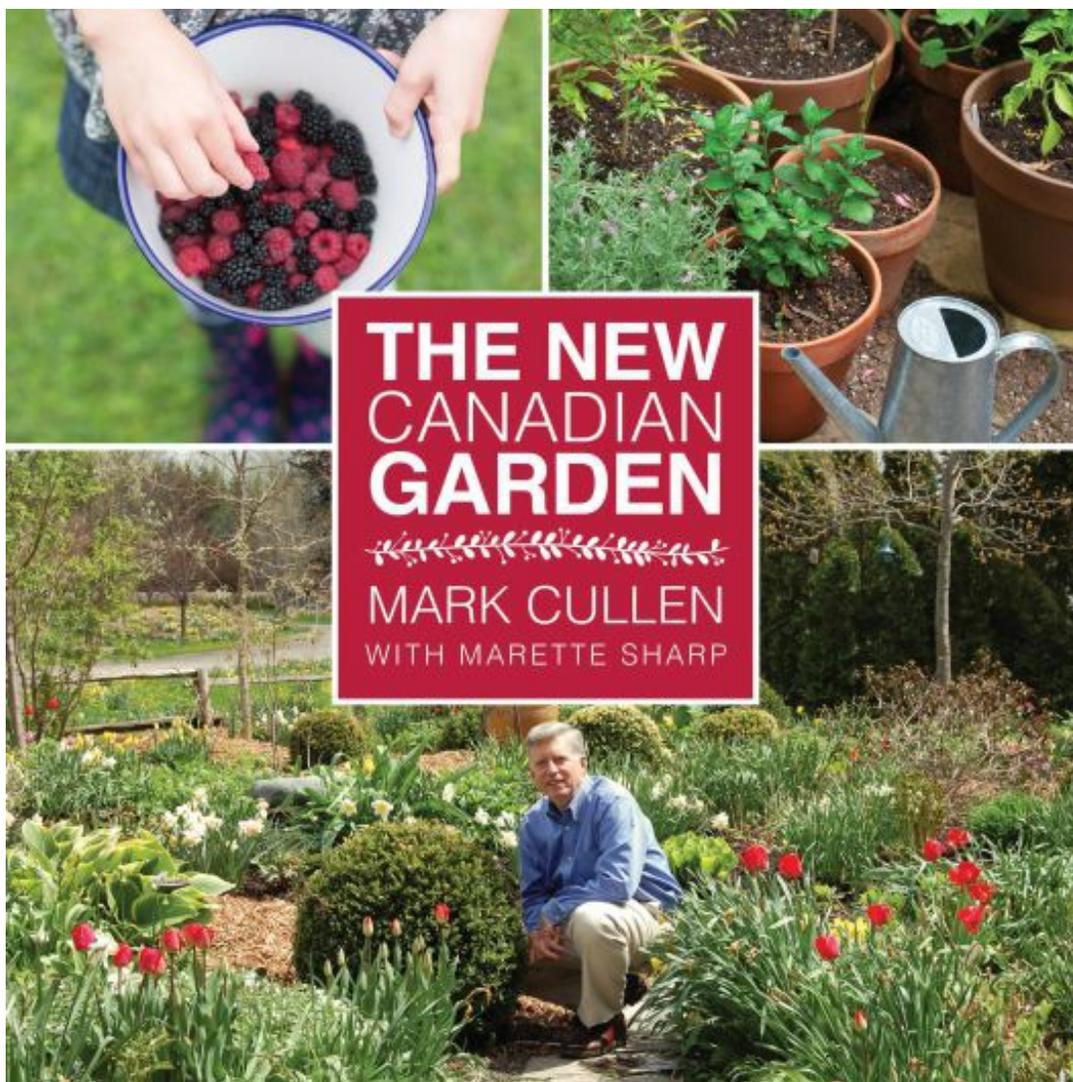
new book: *The New Canadian Garden*, which explores the way we garden and the reasons why we have changed. Growing your own food and maximizing your space are important parts of the talk, plus patio and balcony gardening. With a Q&A.

Cost: In advance: \$5 for members (& other OHA club members); \$10 for public. At the door: \$12. NOTE: There is a good chance tickets will sell out. Don't miss out : **We strongly encourage members to get their tickets in advance at our next meeting.**

Extras: The talk will be followed by a book signing and will include refreshments (coffee/tea/treats at no charge and cash bar). Copies of the book available for \$20, cash only, and will include a gift with purchase, courtesy of Mr. Cullen. The evening will also include several door prizes.

This is a fundraiser: Proceeds will be split between the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute and the West Carleton War Memorial Project.

Publicity for this event and ticket sale locations are still in the planning stages, but stay tuned and you will see posters popping up everywhere very shortly.



WCGC APRON

As you may know, Denise Burnham is having gardeners' aprons made up for our club and they will be ordered soon.

The more we order, the more the cost goes down. As it stands, we estimate the cost to be approx. \$35, incl. tax.

A picture of this striking apron is posted on our Facebook page and in our electronic newsletter, and includes an embroidery of our club symbol, the *Aquilegia canadensis*, aka Columbine. The aprons are made of a heavy weight cotton/poly twill with three handy pockets. They will stand out when we wear them at official functions such as the Plant Sale and flower shows.

Denise will be taking orders and payment at our next meeting on March 8th.

Upcoming WCGC meetings and special events:

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
“Reviving a tired garden”
with master gardener Mary Reid
of Green Thumb Garden Centre

Tuesday, 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

Saturday, May 14, 2016
Spring plant sale
(Our main fundraiser)
Carp Farmers Market –
Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
A special Evening with Mark Cullen
Carp Agricultural Hall, 3790 Carp Rd
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
Spring flower show and social
Plus: Election of Garden Club executive

Saturday June 18, 2016
Informal tour of West Carleton Gardens
More information coming soon!

Reminders

More information about our club can be accessed online at <http://www.wcgc.ca/home> We also have a Facebook page – please take the time to like and share – and you can see this newsletter on WordPress at <https://annegadbois.wordpress.com>

A friendly reminder that you are receiving this email because you are a member of WCGC and/or you have expressed an interest in the garden club’s activities and events, flower shows, guest speakers, gardening

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