



# The Watering Can



Newsletter of the West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

FEBRUARY 2017

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 14, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Carp Memorial Hall

3739 Carp Road

## PROGRAM

### *"Designing a Landscape for Large Lots"*

with guest speaker Welwyn Wong  
of Welwyn Wong Landscape Design

## GOODIES & DOOR PRIZES

**Goodies:** If your last name begins with...

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you are asked to bring baking or other treats to share during the coffee break. These will be available along with coffee and tea for all to enjoy.

Your turn to bring goodies comes up about once each year. If you are unable to bring baking/treats, please exchange your turn with another member or contact Mary Reynolds at 613-832-0408.

**Door Prizes:** Your contribution of a garden-related item for the door prize draw is also welcomed.

## GREETER FOR THIS MEETING

Lorraine Jeffrey

## THANKER FOR THIS MEETING

Carole Reilly

## FEBRUARY MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

### DESIGNING A LANDSCAPE FOR LARGE LOTS

*with Welwyn Wong*

It may seem odd to compare the organic, flowing nature of gardening to the rigidity of roads and maps, but it makes perfect sense when you consider the context.

A garden is like a journey, says award-winning landscape designer Welwyn Wong. You travel through it and experience it in stages, so that it creates a sense of serenity and relaxation. "It's part of the process of (decompressing) yourself from the busy-ness of life."



Being able to take that journey requires a map, she adds, not so much to "travel" through the garden, but rather to provide a guide in how to create that serene space in the first place.

"You need the map. And then once you know where you're going, then you can putter in that space. If you don't have that map – whether you do it or whether someone else does it – you have no idea where you're going."

Wong, owner of Welwyn Wong Landscape Design, will explore how to design a landscape, particularly for large lots, at our meeting on Feb. 14.

"Not a lot of people have the bigger vision," says Wong, and that's where a designer like her can come in, whether creating a master plan that a gardener can gradually pick away at or that she can execute, or by starting with a design around the house, "which is probably the most common (thing) we do," pulling one space like the backyard into the design first, then later continuing with pieces added further and further away from the house.

But what if you can't afford a designer?

You still need a map, says Wong. First plot out your yard, driveway, house and all other existing elements. Then you can start to work out a game plan, even if it's just a sketch of where you think you'd like certain things.

Scale is important: a large property wouldn't necessarily benefit from more elements than a small one just because there is more space.

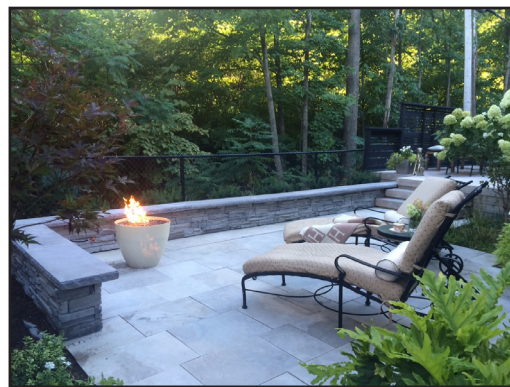


Layers help, too, she says. "Some of the things that we use are views from the house. And that relates to a design principle, regardless of whether large or small. Knowing where you want to see something, in the case of an acreage site, it can be close or it can be far away, which is kind of a neat concept."

Wong's goal is to get everyone outside more. "It's a matter of enticing people out there." The more we're in touch with our environment, the more we will value it, she adds. "And the more you find value in that, hopefully the more you will want to protect it."

That's why she was drawn to landscape design in the first place. "I want to make sure that we're all valuing what we have now and not lose it."

[Contributed by Anita Murray, Program Director]



This backyard won Welwyn Wong an award at the Landscape Ontario Awards of Excellence on Jan 10.

## OTHER NEWS / UPCOMING EVENTS

### DISTRICT 2 PHOTO COMPETITION

The 2017 competition schedule and rules are now available at [gardenontario.org/site.php/district1](http://gardenontario.org/site.php/district1). There are nine classes this year. Entry deadline is March 31.

Class 1: *In the Winter Garden* – a winter garden landscape

Class 2: *Celebration* – red and white display of tulips

Class 3: *Gateways* – an arbour, gate or entrance to a garden

Class 4: *Captured Beauty* – a close-up of an Echinacea (coneflower)

Class 5: *Perfect Partners* – outstanding plant combination

Class 6: *Tranquil Moments* – a place to relax and enjoy the view

Class 7: *Running Water* – water feature/pond/fountain, must include vegetation

Class 8: *Fifty Shades of Red* – your interpretation

Class 9: *A Tasty Morsel* – vegetable(s) or fruit(s) from your own harvest

Why not take advantage of this quiet time in February to browse through your digital photo collection and select a great shot or two to submit!



Water feature in Lorraine Jeffrey's backyard.

### CANADA 150 POLLINATOR PROJECT

In collaboration with the provincial government, the Ontario Horticultural Association is promoting pollinator habitats for 2017. At the provincial level, the OHA will install a pollinator-friendly garden at Queen's Park in Toronto. The OHA is encouraging all societies to do something in their communities.

This initiative was discussed at the last WCGC executive meeting and a committee is being formed to take on a project for West Carleton. If you'd like to help out, please contact **Brenda Baird** at **613-839-3094** or **president@wcgc.ca**. Let's make it happen!





## TOUR TO CANADA BLOOMS

HNA Travels is once again offering a bus tour to see Canada's largest garden and flower show, Canada Blooms, **March 14 to 16, 2017**. Cost is \$399 per person/double occupancy plus HST. Your tour package includes:



- return transportation via deluxe highway motor coach
- 2 nights at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Toronto
- admission to Canada Blooms
- entrance to the National Home Show
- tour of Allan Gardens Conservatory
- tour of McMichael Collection, featuring Canada's Group of Seven

**To book, call Margaret at 613-843-9900 or 1-877-672-3030, or email [hnatravels@gmail.com](mailto:hnatravels@gmail.com).**

The theme this year is Canada 150 (*what else!*). Those of you who have been to this event before know that it should be on every gardener's calendar.

## MOSAICANADA 150/GATINEAU 2017

From **July 1 to October 15, 2017**, Jacques-Cartier Park will host the biggest horticultural event in Canada, with MOSAICANADA 150/Gatineau 2017. Mosaiculture is a most spectacular horticultural technique that combines different art forms.

The theme of the Gatineau exhibit will reflect 150 years of history, values, culture and arts in Canada, represented by some 40 different arrangements. The exhibit will be in the form of a route extending over almost one kilometre. Each visit will last approximately 90 minutes.

A club field trip, possibly combined with another stop such as the Governor General's gardens, has been proposed by our executive. A committee is being formed to organize the undertaking and volunteers are needed to serve on this committee. Please consider helping out. Contact **Brenda Baird at 613-839-3094 or [president@wcgc.ca](mailto:president@wcgc.ca)**.



### ALMONTE

February 11, 2017  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Almonte Civitan Hall  
500 Almonte Rd

### OTTAWA

March 4, 2017  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre  
Britannia Beach  
102 Greenview Ave

### PERTH

March 5 (Sunday)  
Royal Canadian Legion  
26 Beckwith St E

## POLLINATORS: BEYOND BEES



Elsewhere in this newsletter it was mentioned that the Ontario Horticultural Association is promoting pollinator habitats in 2017 and that the WCGC is planning a project for our community.

It just so happens that the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Nepean Horticultural Society will be **Jeff Skevington**, speaking about pollinators.

If you'd like to learn more on this topic, you're invited to join them on...

**Thursday, February 16, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

City View United Church  
6 Epworth Avenue, Nepean

WCGC members will be admitted for free by showing your membership card.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING



*Creating an Edible Design*  
with Telsing Andrews

**CANCELLED**

Regrettably, our January meeting was cancelled due to the winter snow storm and freezing rain that made driving conditions rather hazardous. While members were notified by email or phone in the early afternoon, we apologize for any inconvenience this cancellation may have caused.

Program director Anita Murray will be rebooking the speaker, **Telsing Andrews**, into next year's line-up. In the meantime, if you're thinking you might like to experiment with "*Creating an Edible Design*" beforehand, check out Telsing's website at [AsterLaneEdibles.ca](http://AsterLaneEdibles.ca) for plant lists and resources and try something new in your garden this summer!

*P.S.*—Members who were asked to bring goodies in January will have noticed that you are being asked to do so again this month. No, it's not a mistake. Since there was no meeting, your turn has been shifted to this month. So dig those goodies out of the freezer if you happened to save them. But if they got gobbled up, then you'll need to get baking again!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### ARE YOU?

Are you an Active Member, the kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay home, to criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part, to help the work along,  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?  
Do you ever go to help a member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?  
There's quite a program scheduled, that you must hear about  
And we will appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.  
So come to the meetings often, and help with hand and heart;  
Don't just be a member, but take an active part!  
Think this over, members; you know right from wrong —  
Are you an ACTIVE MEMBER, or do you just belong?

Are You An Active  
**Member?**

[Source: Fraternal Poetry and Prose, 1950]

## 5 APPS TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR GARDEN

### Eden Garden Designer (\$1.99)

This app (available for iPhones only) lets you take a picture of your yard then experiment with the look of different plants and trees. You simply drag and drop plants from a choice of about 20 into different places, and the app even lets you see how your yard will appear in different seasons.

### Essential Garden Guide (\$1.99)

If you want to plant fruits and vegetables, sort through this database of more than 30 vegetables and 10 fruits. The app includes all the details you'll need to plan, tend to, and harvest your crops, including how deep to plant seeds and how much light each crop needs.

### Foolproof Plants for Small Gardens (\$0.99)

This app has detailed information on more than 90 plants perfect for small spaces. You'll be able to pick the perfect plants for your climate zone and get step-by-step guides on planting and even much more (like how to lay down mulch).

### Perennial Match (\$4.99)

Picking perennials to make your yard bloom with color throughout the year can be overwhelming, but this app makes it a cinch. You can sort plants by height, spacing, colours, and more, and even find out what types of animals and insects different perennials attract. The app also lets you create combinations of perennials and see side-by-side photos of what they'll look like in your garden.

### Sprout It (free)

Sprout It has it all — plant guides to help you pick what to grow, step-by-step growing instructions, cooking and recipe ideas for your crops, and ideas for different types of garden projects. It even works with your local weather information and sends you reminders about planting and watering.

[Source: [mercola.com](http://mercola.com)]

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016 / 2017

September 13

### ***The Power of Pollinators***

– with Dr James Coupland of FarmForest Research

*Plus...* Fall Vegetable, Fruit & Flower Show

September 22-25

WCGC Booth at Annual Carp Fair

October 11

### ***It Starts With a Seed: How to collect, save and use seeds from your garden***

– with Kate Green of USC Canada

*Plus...* Flower Seed Exchange

November 8

### ***Taking Companion Planting to the Next Level*** – with Master Gardener Rebecca Last

*Plus...* WCGC Annual General Meeting  
*Plus...* Seed Exchange

December 10

Float in Carp's Christmas Parade

December 13

Holiday Potluck and Social (no speaker)

*Plus...* Silent Auction

January 10

***Creating an Edible Garden*** – with Telsing Andrus  
***Cancelled***

February 14

### ***Designing a Landscape for Large Lots***

– with Welwyn Wong of Welwyn Wong Landscape Design

March 14

***Child's Play: Gardening with children, fairies and more*** – with Master Gardener Judith Cox

April 11

***Keep It Contained: Get inspired to create dazzling containers*** – with Master Gardener Catherine Disley

May 9

***Perennial Pleasure: New varieties, favourites and how to choose and care for them*** – with Robert Wolodarski of Artistic Landscape Design  
*Plus...* Mini Spring Flower Show

May 13

WCGC Plant Sale – Carp Farmers' Market

June 13

Spring Social (no speaker)

*Plus...* Plant & Vegetable Show

*Plus...* Election of 2017/2018 Executive

July & August

Summer Break - no planned events

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## ABOUT WCGC



The West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society is a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, District 2. The club was established in 1989 and joined the OHA in December 1990.



Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road at 7:30 p.m. where featured speakers share their knowledge.

Guests are always welcome to our meetings. The \$5 admission fee for guests can be applied toward an annual membership. Yearly membership fees are \$15 for an individual, and \$20 for a family and are due in September. Our membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. To inquire about membership, contact **Karen Buckley** at 613-832-2668 or **Nancy Argue** at 613-622-1122 or membership@wcgc.ca.

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