



The Watering Can



Newsletter of the West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

JUNE 2017

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday June 13, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Carp Memorial Hall

3739 Carp Road

PROGRAM

Spring Social

Theme: sweet & savoury appetizers

Plus... Plant & Vegetable Show

Entries to be placed between

6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m.

Plus... Elections

Election of 2017/2018 Executive

GREETER FOR THIS MEETING

Sheila Stumpf

JUNE MEETING - FEATURE

Spring Social



The June meeting is our last regular meeting of the season and has traditionally been our Spring Social. That means no speaker and an opportunity to chat with your fellow members, enjoy some great food, and partake in the flower show and elections.

All members are invited to bring in sweet or savoury appetizers. Punch, coffee and tea will be provided.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last issue as Newsletter Editor. I've enjoyed putting together the publication and bringing you club news over the past year. Hopefully you've enjoyed reading it. Thanks for the opportunity. It's been a rewarding experience.

Lorraine Jeffrey

PLUS ...

PLANT & VEGETABLE SHOW

In addition to the cut specimens and the design classes, the June show also features vegetables, fruit and potted plants. If you've never entered a show and you're shy about entering the design class, consider entering in one of the other categories.

Classes, show rules and helpful tips can be found in our 2016/2017 yearbook and in the Resources section of our website.



Entries are to be placed between 6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. Please come early to place your entries and use the entry tags provided on the website, pre-filled to save time. We hope to see lots of entries.

Reminder: All entries must be grown by the exhibitor (unless otherwise stated). Potted plants must be in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 months.



PLUS ...

ELECTION OF 2017/2018 EXECUTIVE

It's that time of year again...



As mentioned at the May meeting, several members of the current executive are stepping down and the following vacancies need to be filled for the upcoming year.

Hospitality:

We currently have five members who have offered to help with hospitality on a rotational basis. Thanks to **Donna Caldwell** for stepping up and agreeing to oversee and coordinate the volunteers. She hopes someone else will step up to share this role. We also need a few more members to add to the rotation.

Program Coordinator:

This position involves booking speakers for our monthly meetings. Next season's speaking program is almost finalized so it will just be a matter of overseeing the schedule, confirming the speaker and attending the monthly meetings to introduce the speaker. Over the course of the year, you will also need to work on finding speakers for the following season's program.

Newsletter Editor:

Do you enjoy this publication? Want to take a stab at producing it? Computer skills and some creativity are all you need. Make it your own, do it your way. We need someone to just get the news out!

Thanks to **Roy and Mary Reynolds, Anita Murray and Lorraine Jeffrey** who are stepping down from these positions and a huge thank-you to all the current executive who have given their time and energy to the club over the past season. Plus a special thank-you to all of you who have helped out on various committees, plant sales, flower shows, work bees, etc.

It's very important that we fill the above positions. As with many clubs, it's difficult to find volunteers to fill positions. Won't you please consider stepping forward. We simply can't operate without you.



(Correction: In the May issue, under Upcoming Events, this event was erroneously referred to as our Annual General Meeting when, in fact, our AGM occurs in November. It has been the club's practice, however, to hold an election of officers for the executive committee at its June meeting. The slate is then ratified at the November AGM.)



PLANT SALE - MAY 13

Our annual spring plant sale was held on Saturday, May 13 this year, which happened to be the opening day of the Carp Farmers' Market.

Despite a wet forecast, the weather was fine with rain falling for only a short time. We **sold over \$800** worth of plants which some of our members shared from their gardens. Special thanks to those dedicated members who offered their time to help with the sale.

[Contributed by Brenda Baird, President]



RED TRILLIUM TOUR

JUNE 3 & 4

Donna Christie's beautiful gardens were one of 13 stops on the Red Trillium Tour this year. Leftover plants from our May sale were available for sale along with donated plants from **Lorraine Jeffrey** and **Donna & John Caldwell**. We made **\$385 over the two days**. This plus the \$800 from the May sale made for a total of **\$1,185 for 2017 plant sales!**

Thanks to **Brenda Baird** for two full days of manning the plant sale table and to **Nancy Argue, Karen Buckley, and Kathleen Teahen** for helping out.

We also sold 13 bee nests and perhaps enticed several people to come join the club.



LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

We had a good turnout at our May meeting with about 42 members and guests in attendance (*not including the service dog in training!*). It was also our Mini Spring Flower Show. Despite the unusual spring which resulted in no iris entries and limited tulip specimens, coordinator **Pat Buchanan** felt it was a good show. Thanks to all the entrants for taking the time and effort to enter.

Congratulations to the **Best in Show** winners:

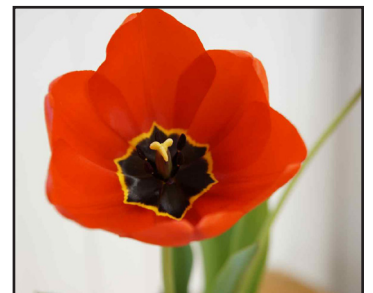
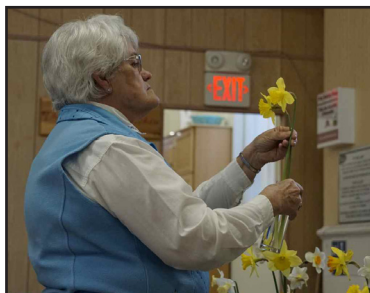
Sheila Woods - Cut Specimen

Class 3 - Narcissus / daffodil, small cup, 2 stalks

Gay MacQuarrie - Design

Class 25 - "Quiet Celebration", arrangement in which a linear pattern is dominant

Awards Summary	1st	2nd	3rd
Donna Caldwell	5	5	-
Joanne Douwes	4	-	-
Wendy Good	3	1	-
Gay MacQuarrie	2	3	1
Nancy Argue	1	4	1
Brenda Baird	1	1	1
Doreen Clay	1	-	-
Sheila Woods	1	-	-
Renee Kay	-	1	-
Johanna Cutts	-	-	2
Donna Cook	-	-	1



WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER

2017 D2 FLOWER AND EDIBLES SHOW

The Almonte, Carleton Place and Pakenham Horticultural Societies have joined forces and are hosting the D2 Flower and Edibles Show this year.

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Where: Almonte Civitan Hall, 500 Almonte St, Almonte

Show Theme: Canada 150!

They are promising you an exciting day with good food, education, inspiration and interesting things to see in and around Almonte. So pick your best specimens, arrange some designs, get a carload of your horticultural friends and head to the show.

Check out the Show Schedule here: http://www.gardenontario.org/site/s47/2017_D2_Flower_Edibles_Show_Schedule.pdf

OHA 111TH CONVENTION 2017

This year's convention will be taking an environmental focus with the theme *Green from Shore to Shore*.



When: July 21-23, 2017

Where: Sheraton Parkway North, Hwy 7 & Leslie St, Richmond Hill

Hosted by: District 5 - Toronto East, York Region East

Theme: Green from Shore to Shore

You'll find information about speakers, competitions, accommodations and resolutions to be voted on here: http://www.gardenontario.org/show_conf.php

GOWGHS WATER GARDEN TOUR

The Greater Ottawa Water Garden Horticultural Society is hosting their 9th annual water garden tour. This year's tour features 10 beautiful water gardens of various designs and sizes. One site will also be showcased in the evening.

When: Saturday, June 24, 2017

Time: Day - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Evening - 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

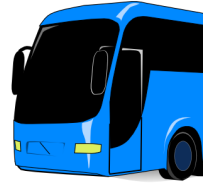
Tickets: \$20 per person; children 12 and under free

Tickets/tour guides for this self-guided tour are available at: <https://www.ottawawatergardens.com/2016-water-garden-tour>

All profits from their water garden tours go directly to their Community Project Fund which this year is a courtyard garden at the Ruddy-Shenkman Hospice in Kanata. The Kanata-March Horticultural Society is also participating in this fundraising endeavour.

WCGC FIELD TRIP - AUGUST 15

The date has been set, the bus has been booked, 20 members have signed up and paid, 8 are pending and all that's required now is for 12 more members to sign up for this field trip. We need to sell 40 tickets to break even.



MosaicCanada 150/Gatineau 2017

Mosaiculture exhibit with some 40 different arrangements

When:

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Where:

Jacques-Cartier Park, Gatineau

Departure Time:

9 a.m. from the Carp arena by chartered bus

Tickets:

\$25 per person

The exhibit route extends over almost one kilometre and will take approximately 90 minutes to complete. Following the visit, we'll board the bus and head to the New Edinburgh Clocktower Pub for lunch (cost of which is not included in the ticket price). Once our bellies are full, we set out for Rideau Hall where we will be given a tour of some their gardens. Then it's back to the Carp arena, returning there about 4 p.m.

Organizer **Brenda Baird** will be selling tickets at the June meeting. So bring cash or cheque and sign up then. You don't want to miss this event!



**THIS IS YOUR
LAST
CHANCE**

ONLY \$18



SOLITARY-POLLEN BEE NESTS FOR SALE AT JUNE MEETING

We have a few of these bee nests left. If you didn't pick one up at the last meeting, this is your last chance. Provide a home for solitary-pollen bees. They will bring your garden to life and help save the planet.



Have you heard? One of our members has launched a new website all about homes and gardens in Ottawa.

Called **All Things Home**, it was created by our program coordinator, **Anita Murray**, a journalist who was the Homes editor at the Ottawa Citizen until last year.

The site is a great collection of stories and resources related to:

- Gardening
- Renovations
- Design
- New and resale homes
- and much more

Have a look!

All Things Home
Where Ottawa resources and inspiration meet

AllThingsHome.ca



We extend a big warm welcome to our newest member, **Caroline Borecky**, who joined us in May.

Membership now stands at 102.

**10%
Off**

A reminder that these businesses offer a 10% discount on regularly priced garden centre items and plants to WCGC members. Advise the cashier in advance and provide your current year membership card. Addresses and contact information can be found on page 41 of the 2016/2017 yearbook.

- Aquatopia Water Garden Conservatory
- Carp Garden Centre
- Galetta Rose Nurseries
- Green Thumb Garden Centre
- The Herb Garden
- Richard Inchley Ponds & Aquaria
- Rideau Woodland Ramble
- Whitehouse Nursery & Display Gardens

*Summer is almost here!
Our club takes a break
until September. Have a
great gardening season.*



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

February 14

Designing a Landscape for Large Lots

– with Welwyn Wong of Welwyn Wong
Landscape Design

March 14

***Child's Play: Get inspired with children,
fairies and magic*** 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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