



The Watering Can



Newsletter of the West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

MARCH 2017

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 14, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Carp Memorial Hall
3739 Carp Road

PROGRAM

"Child's Play: Gardening with Children, Fairies and More"
with guest speaker and
master gardener Judith Cox

GOODIES & DOOR PRIZES

Goodies: If your last name begins with...

V, W, A, B

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

Leislle Alvarenga

THANKER FOR THIS MEETING

Ken Sala



MARCH MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

CHILD'S PLAY: GARDENING WITH CHILDREN, FAIRIES AND MORE with master gardener Judith Cox

Creating interest among youth for the things we grow is only of value to those with children, right? Think again, says master gardener Judith Cox.

By focusing on fun and function, Cox says the goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves, no matter their age.

"I put a big emphasis on looking at things in a different way, using the materials that you have available," to, say, make your own miniature greenhouse to start tomatoes early. "That's fun to do with kids, but anybody can do that."



Cox combines a love of children – she has a background in early childhood education – and a passion for gardening – she was the gardener at Saunders Farm for 15 years until deciding at the end of last season that it was time for a change – in a presentation called "Child's Play: Gardening with Children, Fairies, and More" that she'll give at our next meeting on March 14.

Cox created and tended the fairy garden at Saunders for years, recognizing it as a valuable tool in drawing in and capturing the attention of children.

"People can't really walk past something that looks really interesting," she notes. "You're competing a lot with electronics and all this other stuff so you've got to make it in such a way that children are going to be able to relate to what you're doing. You want to sort of start out with instant gratification and then move on to the more patient things."

Just as we once thought of science as magic, for children, the wonder of a garden is magical. "You put this seed in the ground and then, woah, there's a plant, and that's amazing."

While it may not seem as magical for an adult, for many, tackling a garden can still seem daunting. That's why Cox decided to start her own garden

consulting business to help homeowners who want to learn more about gardening in their own garden.

"I love the idea of going to someone's garden and giving them the confidence to be able to be their own gardener. It's not as scary as you think sometimes."

Cox will also talk about planting for pollinators (children and fairies certainly love them) and thinking outside the box when it comes to our gardens.

"It's all a case of hopefully making it fun, interesting, something different. I want people to enjoy themselves."

[Contributed by Anita Murray, Program Coordinator]



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

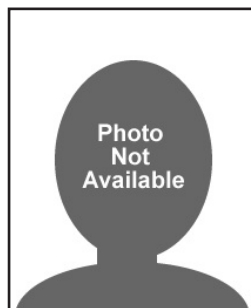


We extend a big warm welcome to three **new members** who joined us in September — **Renée Kay, Janice Lardner and Jack Cornett.**

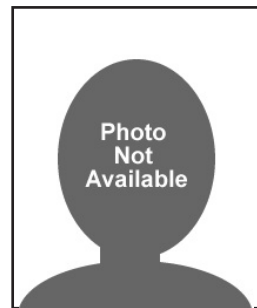
Membership now stands at 101.



Renée Kay



Janice Lardner



Jack Cornett

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

RAFFLE WINNERS

Thanks to **Nancy Argue** and **Donna Caldwell** for their thoughtful initiative in donating an African violet plant and a lovely floral arrangement for a Valentine's raffle at the February meeting.

The lucky winners were **Sheila Laughlin** and **Gladys Tasseron.**



Sheila Laughlin



Gladys Tasseron

OTHER NEWS / UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 2 AGM

This year the Ontario Horticultural Association District 2 AGM is being held in Douglas on **Saturday, April 22**. The theme is ***Celebrate Earth Day***. The Eganville & Area Horticultural Society have organized a day that will provide interesting dynamic speakers, an Ottawa Valley Marketplace, a delicious lunch and a raffle. Both of the speakers, Ethan Huner and Michael Runtz, are naturalists with some great information to share about our environment. Their presentations will include some discussion of pollinators and their importance.

The event starts at 8:00 a.m., ends at 3:30 p.m., and costs \$20. Treasurer Sheila Stumpf will be collecting registrations and fees at our March meeting. If you can't make it to this meeting, you can call and make arrangements with Sheila (613-868-0517). Closing date for registration is April 8 so fees have to be given to Sheila by the end of March.

Several executive members have already signed up. Why not join them and enjoy Earth Day in the Upper Ottawa Valley! Carpooling will be organized once we know who will be attending.



It's time to start planning for our next season of guest speakers. Is there a certain topic you'd like to have covered? Have you heard a great speaker we should book?

Send your ideas and suggestions to program coordinator **Anita Murray** by **March 20** for consideration.

Email program@wcgc.ca.

OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY 36TH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Need a spring pickup? You are invited to the Ottawa Orchid Society's 36th annual orchid show on **April 22 & 23, 2017** featuring many blooming orchids in stunning, colourful orchid displays, an art gallery of local orchid paintings, photographs and crafts, and orchid vendors selling outstanding orchid plants and orchid supplies. Society members provide growing tips and educational displays for visitors.



When: Saturday, April 22 - noon to 5 p.m.
Sunday, April 23 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: The RA centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa

Tickets: \$12 – general admission
\$10 – seniors (60+) and children (8-12)
(*\$2 off ticketed price with discount coupon available on OOS's web site*)

Photographers with tripods are welcome on Sunday from 9-11 a.m.

For more information and discount coupons, visit the OOS on Facebook or their website at www.ottawaorchidsociety.com.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

As you know, it's our custom to take a short break following the business portion of our monthly meetings, at which time treats are available along with coffee and tea for all to enjoy.

Although disposable cups are always on hand, for the sake of the environment, we encourage you to bring your own mug to the meetings. Thanks!



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
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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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Send your information, submissions and articles to Lorraine Jeffrey by email at newsletter@wcgc.ca.

Submission deadline for the April issue is March 29.