

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Spring Haiku

Constant rain today

Rocks glistening underneath
heavy skies

Snow melting slowly

.....Next week, perhaps?

In Memoriam

We were very saddened to hear of the recent passing of one of our long time members, Vaino Varve, beloved husband of member Hille Varve. Vaino passed away on February 26th at the age of 82. To Hille and all her family, our heartfelt condolences.

Next meeting

Our May meeting will feature Master Gardener and member Judith Cox who will share some of her experience and whimsy.

Her topic will be :

"Child's Play : Gardening with Children, Fairies, and More"

May 8th, 2018

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:30 pm
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

**"Natural Pest Control by Focusing
on Growing Healthy Plants"**

with WCGC past president and master gardener
David Hinks



David Hinks is well known to our club having been Past President recently. He is very active in gardening circles and writes an interesting blog for The Millstone which can be seen here: <http://millstonenews.com/2018/04/gardening-in-almonte-ek-polar-vortex-redux.html>.

From his 'bio' from The Millstone: "David believes that gardeners can choose to work with nature or see it as the enemy and hopes we are moving away from a gardening model where we try to kill everything that creeps, hops or flies to one where we realize that a sustainable balance where we encourage a balance among our bug friends is more attuned to our long-term survival as a species."





Summer rambles

If you are like me, you can't wait for spring and summer because it provides such lovely opportunities to ramble in garden centres and venues such as in Merrickville, Perth, etc. Plans are currently being put together for a **garden club group summer walkabout**. More information about that later. In the meantime, the one below might be an option for you.

Lilac Tour May 19th, 2:00-3:30 pm

Take a guided tour of the Central Experimental Farm Lilac Walk with an expert. Meet at the Macoun Garden in the Ornamental Gardens west of the Prince of Wales roundabout. Visit more than 200 Lilac varieties in the CEF Collection, some dating back to the 19th century. Park at Canada Agriculture and Food Museum lot (Pay and Display) and follow the signs. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted. <https://gardeningcalendar.ca/event/lilac-walk/>

Why we should plant native flowers?

Gardening guru Mark Cullen gives some good suggestions about native plants which are his favourites in this article from Harrowsmith magazine. <https://www.harrowsmithmag.com/212/home-native-land>. In one word - pollinators, they attract pollinators.

WCGC ANNUAL PLANT SALE - May 12th

Although our gardens are not yet ready, hopefully spring is just around the corner and we will be able to get out there in a few weeks. At that time, please help out our Club by splitting some of your perennials and donating them, small shrubs and perhaps veggies to our main fundraiser. It is to be held on May 12th this year, which happens to be opening day at the Carp Farmer's Market.



West Carleton Garden Club

This is our annual fundraiser!

A great selection of locally-grown perennials, shrubs, herbs, ground-covers, etc.

Join us at the:
Carp Farmers' Market
Saturday, May 12, 2018
8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Rain or shine
Come early for best selection