

THE WATERING CAN

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

2018 OHA Convention

"From Shore to Shield" -
Come celebrate with us at the 112th Convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association from Friday to Sunday, July 27 to 29, 2018. Hosted by OHA District at the Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston.

Garden quote

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies."

--Gertrude Jekyll

Master Gardeners

We are actually in a good position out here in West Carleton, in that we can benefit from the expertise of both the Master Gardeners of Ottawa Carleton and from the Lanark County Group.

Take a look at their websites and Facebook pages for interesting articles and take advantage of free expert garden advice.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:30 pm
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

"Ireland in the Spring"
with WCGC member Phil Reilly

Phil Reilly is no stranger to our club, having been a long time member. He and his wife, Carole, managed a very successful local nursery in the Kinburn area for many years and Phil is very well known on the Horticultural society speaker circuit in Ottawa. Phil and Carole were recently members of a tour group led by a couple of American musicians specializing in Celtic music. The group began and ended their two-week tour in Dublin and visited many of Southeast Ireland's interesting archaeological and settlement sites where Phil was especially taken with botanically-interesting features—the focus of his presentation to our club on February 13th.





In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we mark the recent passing of **Trevor Cole**, a remarkable figure in Canada's gardening community. Trevor worked at the Central Experimental Farm from the time he immigrated to Canada in 1967 through to his retirement as the last Curator of the Dominion Arboretum in 1995.

Mr. Cole was recognized internationally for his work in horticulture and garden writing. He was the author of the Canadian bestseller "The Ontario Gardener" and edited many gardening books.

Trevor was one of our club's founding members and he gave us a living legacy in the design of our ongoing community contribution, the Reading Garden at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library.

The executive will be thinking about ways to honour Mr. Cole and his contribution to our Club and community.

March meeting:

On March 13th, we will be hosting a panel of seasoned practitioners and Master Gardeners who will be presenting and talking to the whole idea of our fascination with lawns. The trend nowadays though is for less and less emphasis on the perfect lawn and more and more on turf replacements, including ground covers. We will investigate a spectrum of alternatives, just in time for the advent of spring!

Happy St Patrick's day!

A little early, but it's all in the spirit of our topic this month, and in anticipation of glimpses of some lovely gardens in Ireland with Phil. For those of us with some Irish antecedents, St Patrick's day is still an excuse to wear green, eat potatoes and/or soda bread and to dream of the Emerald Isle. Having been there too, I can attest to Ireland being truly a verdant land. An interesting web article about how to recreate an Irish style garden can be found on the HGTV website at Bring the Luck o' the Irish to Your Garden: <http://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/bring-the-luck-o-the-irish-to-your-garden>.

(A slide selected from Phil Reilly's presentation, below)





CANADA BLOOMS
MARCH 9-18, 2018
Energare Centre, Toronto
 Co-locating with



NATIONAL HOME SHOW
 PRESENTED BY RE/MAX

Monday-Wednesday
 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursday-Saturday
 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 Sunday MARCH 11
 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Sunday MARCH 18
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Other Gardening Events

Almonte Seedy Saturday

Saturday February 10, 2018 9 to 3

Almonte Civitan Hall, 500 Almonte Rd

Almonte, ON

"Our Seedy Saturday will provide the opportunity for people to come together to exchange information and to buy, sell or trade interesting and unusual heritage varieties of vegetable, fruit, herb, flower, wild and native Ontario seeds. ...Many gardening and environmental organizations will be invited to set up information tables. We will have guest speakers available throughout the day to discuss a range of topics of interest for beginners through to advanced gardeners. These will add to the enthusiastic anticipation of this year's gardening season! Contact: johvi.leeck@hotmail.ca"

MOSAÏVERNALES GATINEAU 2018

For those of us who enjoyed Mosaiculture this past summer:

"An illuminated journey amongst mythical icons, fairies and gods sculpted in snow."

Jacques-Cartier Park South, Gatineau, Canada. - January 26th to March 4th, 2018

Monday to Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Entrance: \$10 per person, Free for children 12 and under