

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Executive of the West Carleton Garden Club, let me extend to all of you our very best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. May all your gardening plans come to fruition and all your efforts be rewarded in 2018.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of our good friend, **Althea Allard**. Althea was a longtime member of our garden club, having joined years ago and having participated on a very regular basis until close to her passing on December 17th. She leaves in mourning her daughter Wanda, son Steven, grandchildren and siblings.

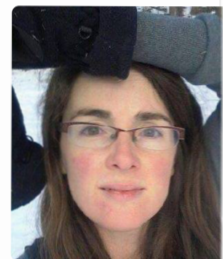
Winter garden to do's

- ✓ Clean our garden tools
- ✓ Review our garden notes and photos to plan changes and additions
- ✓ Check out new garden trends in seed and plant catalogues
- ✓ Read gardening books
- ✓ Dream about spring.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 9, 2017 7:30 pm
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

"Creating an Edible Design"
with Telsing Andrews of Aster Lane Edibles
www.asterlaneedibles.ca



Creating an Edible Design

From her website, we learn that "Aster Lane Edibles is a small edible plant nursery and seed company committed to increasing the knowledge of small scale crop cultivation, plant breeding and propagation by seed and edible landscape design. It is run by Telsing Andrews, who happily collaborates with a number of growers in the area (and beyond) on a variety of projects, and is located in Kinburn, Ontario on the west of the Ottawa Valley, Canada. Growing Zone is Canada 4b." That's not far from where we live, so Telsing's experience can certainly be relevant and interesting to us in our search to incorporate viable, adaptable and attractive edible plants into our landscape designs.





Reflowering your poinsettia

If you cannot bear to throw your poinsettia out when it is finished providing colour, you may want to try your hand at reflowering your poinsettia next year.

- December -Full bloom. Water as needed.
- April - Colour fades. Keep near sunny window and fertilize when new growth appears. Cut back stems to about 20cm.
- June 1- Repot if necessary. Fertilize with a balanced formula 20-20-20. Continue water when dry to touch. Move outside if temperatures do not fall below 10°C. Place in light shade.
- Late August - Take inside. Cut stems back, leaving three or four leaves per shoot. place near sunny window. Water and fertilize as needed.
- September 20 -Dec 1 Keep in light only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Put in dark (NO LIGHTS) 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.
– By Landscape Ontario: landscapeontario.com/home-care-tips-for-your-poinsettia

From the Ontario Horticulture Association:

2018 CONVENTION DETAILS ARE HERE!

Save the date: Fri-Sun July 27-29th, 2018
Ambassador Hotel & Conference Centre, Kingston
... more information to follow.

December 2017 Highlights

December 5th was cold and snowy ... the night of our seasonal potluck, and while there were some passing thoughts about cancelling, cool heads prevailed and we intrepid souls congregated at Carp Memorial Hall for a warm and festive social evening and silent auction. Thanks to all who brought the fare and the donations, braved the elements and made their way out.

Our 2017 Christmas Parade float was a rollicking success due to our Parade Committee's talents and efforts. Thanks to all our members who participated, and to our neighbours who lent us their barn for assembly and who pulled our Canada 150-themed float throughout the streets of Carp. (Pics on our website.)



Next on the Agenda

February 13, 2018

“Ireland in the Spring”

with WCGC member Phil Reilly

March 13, 2018

“Double, Double Soil and Trouble: A Panel of Master Gardeners Discusses Lawn Care”

moderated by past president Anne Gadbois

April 10, 2018

“Natural Pest Control by Focusing on Growing Healthy Plants”

with WCGC past president and master gardener David Hinks

May 8, 2018

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

with WCGC Member and Master Gardener Judith Cox

WCGC Plant Sale - Carp Farmers' Market - Date to be determined

June 12, 2018

Spring Social (no speaker)

Plus: Plant & Vegetable Show and Election of WCGC executive

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd, Carp, ON K0A 1L0, unless otherwise indicated. Members: Free; Guests: \$5.