

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

March Photo Contest

Bring in your photos!

People's Choice - **"A winter wonderland"**, a garden in winter

4x6", matte or glossy*

(*a change)

Our Presenter

Mary Shearman Reid is no stranger to our group as she has given many presentations to us over the years. Mary is an experienced Master Gardener and owner of Green Thumb Garden Centre in Nepean. She is a habitual speaker at many garden clubs and a frequent contributor of articles to many gardening publications. We look forward to welcoming Mary back on March 12th.

Membership Drive

We are embarking upon a membership drive and would appreciate your help. Please invite friends and neighbours to a meeting!



March meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:30 pm

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

"Perennials : Dividing & Maintaining"

with

Master Gardener Mary Reid





Events/Info of interest?

- Other garden club events across our area can be found at the following link: <https://gardeningcalendar.ca>
- The winter edition of the Ontario horticulture association, The Trillium, is available here: https://www.gardenontario.org/docs/trillium_news_2019-01_winter.pdf
- Ontario Horticultural Association District 2 Annual general meeting will be hosted by the Pembroke Hort. Society on Saturday, April 15th.
- Not to be missed, the Ottawa Tulip Festival, <https://tulipfestival.ca> (May 10th - 20th)
- WCGC Plant Sale at the Carp Farmers' Market, end May, TBA
- WCGC **Garden Tour**, June 15th: event is being organized, more information forthcoming!
- Next WCGC meeting: Tuesday, April 9th: Creating A Garden for Monarch Butterflies by Monarch Teacher Network, Ottawa Chapter with Johanna Cutts, Joan Harvey, and Mary Ash

WCGC June Garden Tour

Exciting news! We are organizing a garden tour this summer. The chosen date is June 15th, let's mark our calendars. As usual the tour committee is lining up an inviting variety of local gardens and community refreshment spots. More details will be shared when finalized. Come to the March meeting to find out more.

Listening to the Experts:

When should I de-cone the roses? According to Ed Lawrence, the time is in March, as soon as the snow is gone. If you continue to keep them on too long with the daily temperature increasing, eventually a lot of moist stagnant air will get trapped inside. Not good. (*"Gardening Grief and Glory"*, p. 43)

Have a gardening question? Ask a Master Gardener: mgoc_helpline@yahoo.ca. They are also on Facebook.



2019 Perennial Plant of the Year®

Stachys 'Hummelo'



Hardiness: USDA Zones 4 to 8, foliage may remain evergreen in warmer climates.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Well drained soil; water as necessary.

Uses: This colorful and compact winner makes an excellent addition to the full sun perennial border. Terrific in combination with ornamental grasses, Echinacea purpurea, and Asclepias tuberosa (2018 Perennial Plant of the Year®). Wiry stems make for a great cut flower as well.

Unique Qualities: Pollinators can't resist the striking midsummer spikes of magenta flowers rising above bright green, trouble-free foliage. 'Hummelo' was the highest rated Stachys in the Chicago Botanic

Garden Evaluation Trials for its strong flower production, vigor, habit, quality and winter hardiness.

Maintenance: Spreads slowly by creeping rhizomes. May benefit from division every few years. Strong stems and seed heads add to winter interest. Considered deer-resistant!

Source: <https://perennialplant.org/page/PPOY>