

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

WCGC AGM

At our November meeting, we will also conduct our Annual General Meeting for which the required documents have already been circulated to members. We will vote on our 2017/18 financial statements.

OHA Dist.2 Director Charlene Desjardins will attend as guest. She will bring greetings from the OHA and install our Executive officers on our Board

Seed exchange

Donna Cook will be hosting our second annual seed exchange at the November meeting. The instructions are attached to this newsletter. Please ensure that the seeds are enclosed in small paper or plastic bags (\$store crafts section?) and are well labelled.

December meeting

As usual, we are planning our festive potluck and silent auction for our December 13th meeting. Always a great evening and a wonderful way of connecting with our friends.



November Meeting

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

Cindy Zorgel

Talented and well-known Design Artist and Florist will be speaking about and demonstrating:

"Holiday Arrangements"

(Bonus: We will raffle off the arrangements - Tickets: \$2 each or 3/\$5.)





Community Garden Fall Cleanup

Carp Memorial Hall Garden, at the centre of Carp, will be cleaned up on **Monday afternoon, Oct. 29th at 1:00 pm.** All are welcome to help.

Many thanks to steadfast and generous members, Ted and Jill Barnicoat for having cleaned up the **Reading Garden** at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public library.

For those new to the Club, these gardens were installed and are maintained on an ongoing basis by our members as a community service.

Speaking of community service, we in West Carleton were all affected directly or indirectly by the tornado which struck our neighbourhood a few weeks ago. Many of us have contributed to the assistance funds and/or provided other forms of donation and/or hands-on assistance. Our Club will be considering various ideas for an appropriate gesture to let affected homeowners know we care.

Other local events in prep for the holidays:

- Kinburn's 38th Annual Christmas Craft Fair: November 10, 9am-3pm, at the Kinburn Community Centre, 3045 Kinburn Side Road;
- Carp Christmas Craft Sale, Saturday, November 17, 9 am -3 pm, Carp Agricultural Hall;
- Carp Farmers' Market Christmas Market, Fri. Nov. 30 (3-8pm) and December 1 (8am-2pm), Carp Fairgrounds;
- Carp 10th Annual Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12 pm - 2 pm. (We will have a float again this year!)
- Christmas in Merrickville and Vendor Fair, United church, Merrickville . December 1, 12-6 pm.

Here are two interesting YouTube videos on how to create original table decorations for the holidays. Enjoy!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5ggIN8JkU3w>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PoJuB7Gpb4o>



(Photos courtesy of Google, YouTube, etc)

FALL 2018



SEED EXCHANGE

Seed Collecting

Collecting flower seeds from your favorite plants is a fun and rewarding pastime for both young and old. Growing plants from seeds is not only easy but also rewarding with little effort and cost. Seed harvesting provides an opportunity to preserve your beautiful garden flowers or vegetables to replant next year or share with family and friends.



HARVESTING

Always harvest your seeds when it's dry. Around mid-day or early afternoon on a sunny day is ideal, but try not to collect them when they're damp. Lay seeds out separately on newspaper for about one week to dry or tie paper bags or cheese cloth around the dried flower heads, clip stems, and hang upside down to allow seeds to fall.



SAVING

Store your completely dried seeds in a cool, dry place in a labeled envelope, air tight jar, or hand-made seed packets.

Include plant name, plant height, growing conditions (full sun or partial shade) and flower colour if possible. Consider attaching a picture of the flower which will help fellow growers see the final result. This will also help when organizing your garden theme. 🌻 🌻

Some examples to bring to the exchange:
outdoor flower plants, holly hocks, poppies, morning glories, calendula, tomato, cucumber and peppers seeds to name a few.

TRADING

Harvesting on a brisk autumn day is like a final celebration for the gardener. A glorious past season promises a bountiful new garden for the coming new year.

A great way to receive new flower seeds for your garden is to **TRADE**. Passing along our flower and/or vegetable seeds to trade with family, friends and neighbours is a great way in keeping unique plant species abundant and heritage plants moving forward with future generations.



ENJOY TRADING
By Donna Cook

