

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Carp Fair

President Brenda Baird would like to thank all those who helped out with the Booth at the Carp Fair last weekend, with special thanks going to Wendy Good who did a fabulous job of organizing everything for the display.

Photo Contests

You might recall that a few years ago, we held monthly photo contests at some of our meetings. We had some avid participants then and would like to revive the tradition. Coming soon! There will be more information about this at our next meeting.

Seed Exchange

Now is a good time to gather seeds for next year from our gardens. One of our members, Donna Cook, is preparing to host a seed swap at our **November** meeting. See the flyer below for a few pointers. We had a seed swap last year and it was great fun!



October Meeting

Come and join us for an evening with well-known naturalist and author:

Michael Runtz

**"Bribes, Lies & Fatal Attractions:
the Remarkable Sex Life of Wildflowers"**

**Tuesday, October 9; 7:30-9:00 pm
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd
Members: Free, Guests: \$5**





Some upcoming local gardening events / tours

Crown & Pumpkin

The Crown & Pumpkin Tour takes place every year over the Thanksgiving Weekend in the Almonte and Clayton areas in beautiful Eastern Ontario. The 2018 tour will run from 10am to 5pm daily from Oct 6th-8th.
<https://crownandpumpkin.com>

The Red Trillium studio Tour

October 20-21, 2018, 10am - 5pm
<https://www.redtrilliumst.com>

PURPLE CARROTS, HONEY BEES AND MAGIC

MASTER GARDENER JUDITH COX WILL GIVE A DELIGHTFUL PRESENTATION ABOUT THE JOYS AND MAGIC OF GARDENING. Nov. 6, 2018

Kanata-March Horticultural Society

<https://gardeningcalendar.ca>

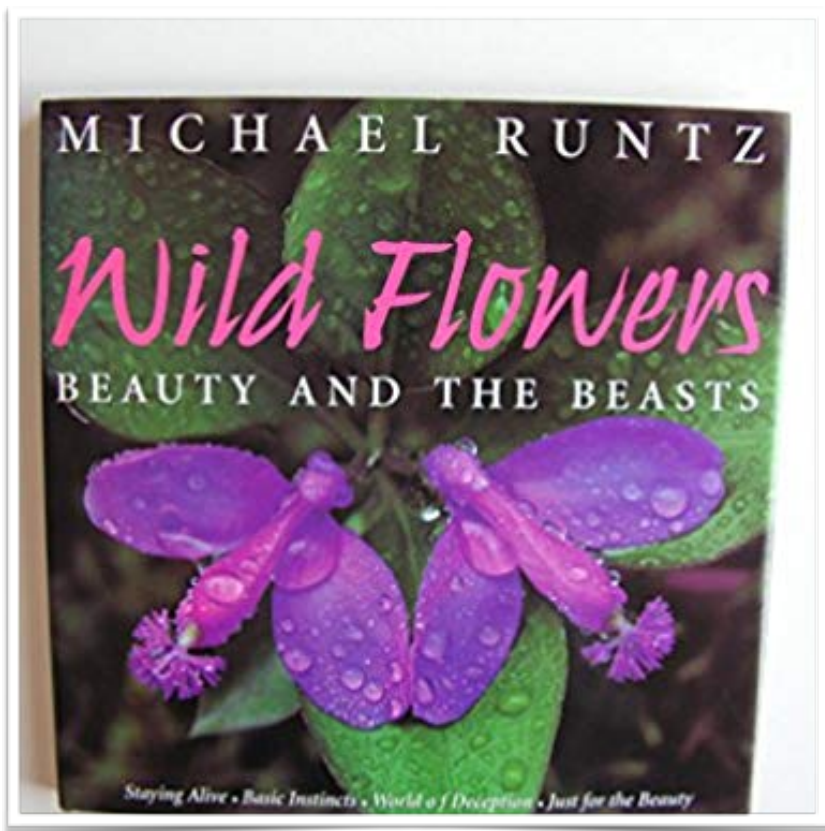
A bit about Michael Runtz ...

Michael Runtz has been an avid birdwatcher since the age of five, and has worked as an interpretive naturalist in Algonquin Provincial and Point Pelee National parks, conducted numerous biological surveys and inventories across Ontario on subjects ranging from endangered species (such as King Rails, Peregrine Falcons, and Red Knots) to dragonflies and butterflies.

As team captain or member, Michael has won numerous birding competitions including the Taverner Cup (twice), the Carden Challenge, and the Kingston Roundup. Michael was a founding director of the Ontario Field Ornithologists and the Macnamara Field Naturalists' Club in Arnprior, of which he is still president.

Michael has published 11 books about natural history and currently teaches Natural History and Ornithology courses at Ottawa's Carleton University.

(<http://friendsofmacgregor.org/page/michael-runtz>)



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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



WCGC Monthly Photo Challenges

Start taking your horticulture pics now for our 2019 monthly photo challenges.

Keep these themes in mind:

March – A winter wonderland

April – A spring ephemeral

May – A colourful display

June – “Serenity” - include water or a water feature in your photo

September – Your favourite flower – close-up, one or more blooms

October – Nature’s Bounty – your interpretation

November – “Funny Fungi” – a picture of fungus/fungi

Pictures (4” x 6”, matte finish) will be considered based on horticulture value (40 percent), photographic value (40 percent) and, finally, appearance and impact (20 percent).

More details to follow.