

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society Newsletter

Welcome Back!

September is membership renewal time! Where else can you get ten months of excellent programming, inspiring speakers, the companionship of like-minded gardeners and a warm venue to meet socially for the ridiculously low price of \$15/yr? Please renew at the next meeting.

WCGC '17-'18 yearbook

Once again, Wendy Good has put together a very attractive and informative yearbook which is full of good memories from last year and important Club information. Pick it up at the meeting when renewing your membership.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of esteemed WCGC member, **Donna Christie**, last July 10th. Many attended her very special Celebration of Life. Donna was a founding Member, a Past President, an enthusiastic and energetic volunteer and a true friend to many of us. Our sincere condolences go to her partner, Richard Scholes and to her daughters Kieva and Alexis Hrachuk and their families.



September Meeting

Master Gardener, **Diane McClymont Peace**,

will speak on:

"Putting our Gardens to bed for the winter"

+ Fall Vegetable and Flower Show

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7:30 pm,

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

Members: Free, Guests: \$5





Fall Vegetable & Flower Show

Start planning your entries now! Let's make this a spectacular show at our September meeting. Show rules are outlined in our 2017-18 yearbook or online at:

<http://www.wcgc.ca/yearbooks>

WCGC Bursary June 2018

Each year we offer a \$200 bursary to a graduating student at West Carleton Secondary School. This year the recipient is Ben Erickson who will pursue a BAg at the University of Guelph.

New Executive Committee

Visit our website for the list of new executive members for 2018-19.

Our Hospitality committee needs more members - if you would like to volunteer, please contact Leislle Alvarenga.

Our coming season is outlined below. Keep in on the fridge!

Pollinator Boxes/ Maintaining our Gardens/Etc...

We are pleased to report that, according to plan and in fulfilment of our pledge to support pollinator initiatives launched by the OHA and with a grant from it, our Club has installed 3 large bee nest houses with natural wood roof finish (see left) at the Reading Garden, the Memorial Hall and the Community Gardens in Carp. Appropriate bilingual signage has also been attached to explain provenance and meaning.

Summer weeding: Many thanks go out to our Member volunteers who have planted, weeded and watered our gardens in downtown Carp and at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library this past summer. It was a difficult one because of the drought and we appreciate the work done by all. We will have a few more weeding bees in the coming months; a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the meeting.

Greeters and thankers: During the coming meeting, we will circulate a sign up sheet for volunteers to greet at the door and thankers for the speakers, for the current season.



West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society 2018-2019 Program of Events

September 11, 2018

Putting our Gardens to Bed for the Winter

with master gardener Diane McClymont Peace
Fall Vegetable, Fruit & Flower Show

September 20-23, 2018

WCGC booth at the annual Carp Fair, Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd

October 9, 2018

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

with well known naturalist and author Michael Runtz

November 13, 2018

Holiday Arrangements

with Cindy Zordel, design artist & florist
WCGC annual general meeting

December 8, 2018

WCGC float in the Carp Christmas Parade

December 11, 2018

Holiday Potluck and Silent Auction (no speaker) – 6:30 p.m. start

January 8, 2019

Farmers Breeding Resilient Crops

with Telsing Andrews of Aster Lane Edibles

February 12, 2019

Design & Garden Delights of China

with WCGC member Gay MacQuarrie

March 12, 2019

Perennials : Dividing and Maintaining

with master gardener Mary Reid

April 9, 2019

Creating A Garden for Monarch Butterflies

by Monarch Teacher Network, Ottawa Chapter
with Johanna Cutts, Joan Harvey, and Mary Ash

May 14, 2019

Herbs : How to Grow, What to Grow, & Tips on How to Use

with master gardener Nancy MacDonald
Spring Flower Show

May 2019 (date TBA)

Annual WCGC plant sale at the Carp Farmers' Market, Carp Fairgrounds, 3790 Carp Rd, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 11, 2019

Spring Social (no speaker)

Plus: Plant & Vegetable Show and election of WCGC executive for 2019 - 2020
