

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

April meeting cancelled

It is with regret that we are cancelling our April meeting. Wanting to err on the side of caution, we hope that you are all keeping yourselves healthy and protected during this critical time. Best wishes and keep washing those hands!

Outings

We always look forward to opportunities to get together as a group to visit beautiful gardens or sites. This year, we have organized two outings. The first would have been to Smiths Falls in April for a tour of Tweed. This outing is now **cancelled**. The second is a tour of a fabulous private garden in June. See page 3 for more details.

Upcoming Events

Listed below are a series of upcoming events organized by our club and by other organizations. Given the current conjecture, these events may be impacted. We will update our Facebook and Instagram pages, and send out emails to inform of any changes to our activities.



Signs of Spring

Just to whet our appetites in anticipation of warmer days, the pictures above and below are taken from the website of the Hillside Gardens in Perth. Carol Onion was to be our April Guest speaker on the subject of "New Annuals and Perennials for 2020"

Unfortunately, because of the current health uncertainty, this meeting has been **cancelled**. If you are out in the Perth area this spring and summer, it looks like Hillside Gardens is a venue to explore and enjoy. <https://www.hillsidegardensperth.com>



Jeff Skevington

Jeff was the guest speaker at our last meeting. He spoke on the subject of naturalist gardens and kindly offered to share a list of Native Plants to use when Gardening in Eastern Ontario. That list has been posted on our website at the following link: https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/JeffSkevington_NativePlantsForGardening.pdf

WCGC Next Meetings:

May 12th, 2020: Guest Speaker - Anne Harbord, Director, OHA, D2 - "Simply Magic - Transforming a Flower Bouquet". (Floral Design and demonstration)

June 9th, 2020 : Spring Social & Flower & Veg. Show (no speaker).

Both meetings above will have judged flower shows, the rules of which are to be found in the Resources section of our website: <https://www.wcgc.ca/resources.html>

- *Picture opposite : from Paul Gellatly, - a scene from Canada Blooms in Toronto, set up but cancelled, Facebook)*

Coming Events

• **D2 AGM: Saturday, April 18th** "Butterflies and Bees" in Stittsville is hosted this year jointly by the WCGC and the Stittsville-Goulbourn Garden Club & H.S.

• **WCGC Annual Plant Sale:** this is our major WCGC fundraiser for the year. **Saturday, May 16th** at the Carp Farmers Market starting at 8 am. We will need volunteers to help at the sale and also donations of plants, shrubs, trees. More information and a sign-up sheet will be available at our May meeting, and we will send out a reminder prior to that time.

• **The Fletcher Wildlife Garden Annual Sale on Saturday, June 6**, from 9:30 to 12:30 at the garden located off Prince of Wales Drive south of the Arboretum. 'The garden is run by volunteers...and is open for everyone to walk the trails, enjoy the beautiful garden, our developing pond area, and to learn about native plants. Our annual sale is an opportunity for people to buy local plants and to learn which ones are suitable for their own garden.' <http://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden>



Planned WCGC Events

- **Outing: Saturday, June 27 th at 10:30 am (RAINDATE Sunday, June 28th at 10:30 am)**

This is a Garden tour of Sandy Hanson's property. Sandy has perhaps the largest number and varieties of Hostas in the area. A tour will be given and hopefully some plants will be offered for sale. Address: 639 Burnstown Rd, just outside of White Lake

Optional picnic lunch afterwards at nearby Waba museum in White Lake where we can have lunch and enjoy their gardens. This event is free. Save the date, more information will be provided again later. Members can carpool to this event.

- **Sneak Peak at next season's calendar!**

Donna Caldwell, our Program Director, has scouted out an exciting program of guest speakers and topics for next season. As of March 2020, the list is as follows:

September 8th, 2020: "Cannabis Talk": Marc Gagné

October 13th, 2020: "Indian Creek Orchard Garden": Scott Sigurdson

November 10th, 2020: "Creating Christmas Arrangements": Lindsey McFadden,
Autumn's Fine Flowers

January 13th, 2021: "Outdoor Garden Rooms": Jeff Roland of Yards Unlimited

February 9th, 2021: "Into the Night Garden": Judith Cox, Master Gardener

March 9th, 2021: "Alvars: Ontario's Wild Rock Gardens and their Special Plants"
Trish Murphy, Beaux Arbres, native plants nursery

April 13th, 2021: "Container Gardening": Lana Doss, The Fine Gardener

May 11th, 2021: "Making Beautiful Plant Combinations": Suzanne Patry,
Whitehouse Perennials

June 8th, 2021: Social evening and flower show (no guest speaker)

(As usual, meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month, except July and August. Meetings start at 7:30. Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd. Members: Free, Guests: \$5)

In closing, from all of us on the executive of your Garden Club, please take care of yourselves. If anyone of our members needs assistance in any way during this unusual and unprecedented time, please do not hesitate to contact us.