

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Happy New Year!

A new year and decade are upon us. The past year in garden club has been productive and fun. Lots of good speakers, a great garden tour fundraiser, a new memorial bench at Carp Memorial Hall, etc. Thank you to all who participated and to all, the best of New Years.

Festive Potluck

We had fun at our December meeting. As usual, the potluck of savoury and sweet was spot on, the punch delicious and the Silent Auction a great success. Page 3 below contains some pics of the event. Thanks to all for your offerings.

February

Next meeting: Our February Presentation: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Carol Onion of Hillside Gardens Perth will speak on "Growing from Seeds".



Our January Presentation:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7:30 pm

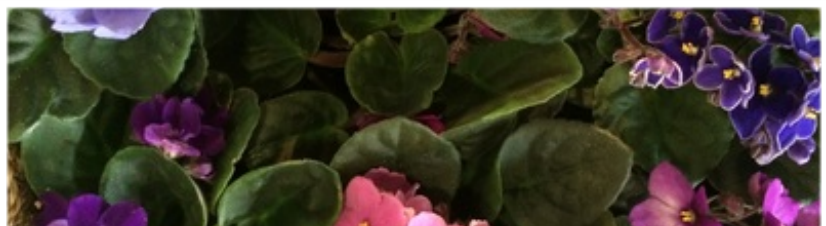
Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd.

Jamie Roy

Owner of **Acanthus Florals & Botanicals**

in Almonte will speak on

"Not Your Average Houseplants"





About Jamie Roy

From The Acanthus Website:

"Growing up in the garden alongside his parents and grandmother, Jamie always had a love for flowers and plants and quickly began working for a local florist while attending high school.

It was there his love for floral design began to bloom as he would then go on to study Horticulture and attain a position with the prestigious Rideau Hall Greenhouse in Ottawa.

Eventually Jamie was hired as a designer and horticulturalist at Tivoli Florists in Ottawa where he made his mark on the flower industry for the next five years. Having honed his professional and creative skills over the last number of years he confidently decided it was time to branch out on his own and open his own floral store aiming to satisfy the needs of those in search of high-quality specialty plants and custom European floral designs."

<http://www.acanthusfloral.ca>

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Upcoming competitions at meetings:

- Our first **Mini Flower Show** of the year will be in MARCH. Some prior planning is required as the People's Choice Award will go to the person with the best DISH OF FORCED BULBS. Some bulbs require chilling but I have had success with little or no chilling. The end result is a pretty reminder that Spring is indeed on it's way. (On page 4, for reference purposes, is a primer on cooling times for forced bulbs.)

- For 2020, **photo competition** entries will be submitted **digitally**. You can enter up to three photos each month. Photos must be taken in the last 24 months in Ontario. Photos will be judged in November by an accredited Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) judge. The merit of each photo will be based on the OHA standards as follows: horticulture value - 40%, photographic value - 40%, appearance and impact - 20%. Please send your digital pictures to gay_macquarrie@hotmail.com with the month and your name in the subject line of the digital entry. The entries and winners will be revealed at the December meeting. (See page 5.)

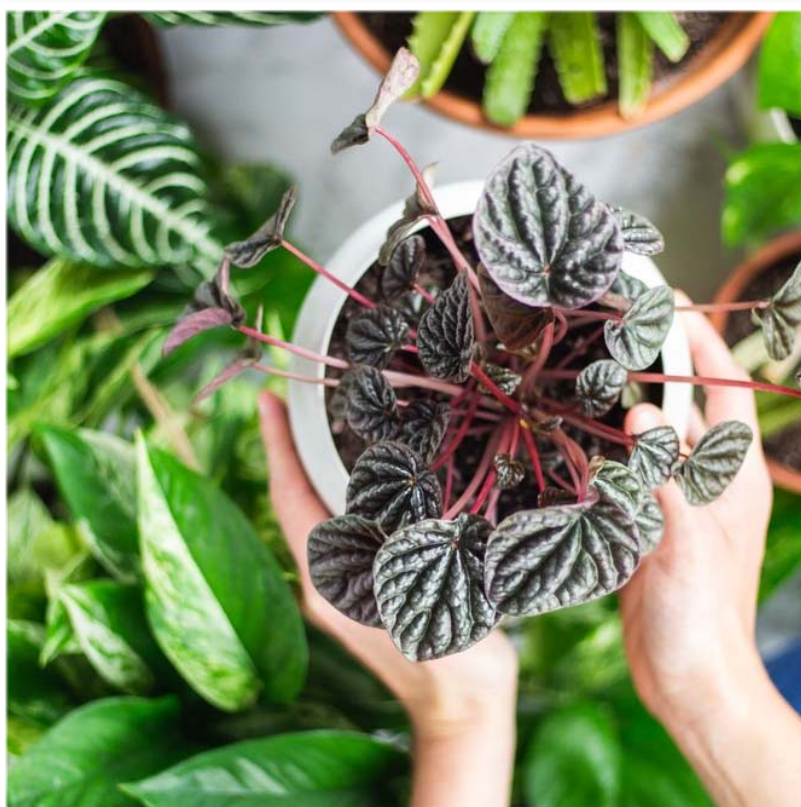




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Chilling Bulbs

Bulbs that grow indoors sometimes need a reminder that they've been through winter—however fake it is. In fact, all bulbs except amaryllis and paperwhites need a cold snap. What makes those two different? They don't get cold at home in their native tropics, so they don't need winter wherever you live. For other flower bulbs, though, you'll have to chill them a little to get them to bloom inside; just how long depends on the bulb. Generally:

- Chill in September, bloom in January
- Chill in October, bloom in February
- Chill in November, bloom in March
- Chill in December, bloom in April

Amaryllis

Chill time: None

Bloom time: 6-8 weeks

Crocus

Chill time: 8-15 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

Daffodil

Chill time: 2-3 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

Grape hyacinth

Chill time: 8-15 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

Hyacinth

Chill time: 12-15 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

Iris

Chill time: 13-15 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

Paperwhite

Chill time: None

Bloom time: 3-5 weeks

Snowdrop

Chill time: 15 weeks

Bloom time: 2 weeks to bloom after chilling

Tulip

Chill time: 10-16 weeks

Bloom time: 2-3 weeks to bloom after chilling

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Don't forget each picture must have a horticultural element in the composition. 😊

March – “Jack Frost” – a scene

April – “Busy Beavers” – a creature in nature

May – “New Beginnings” – your interpretation

June – “Sunny Delight” – close-up of one or more blooms

July – “Riot of Colour” – a private or public garden

August – “Dog Days of Summer” – foliage grown for interest

September – “Winding Down” – a dryscaped garden

October – “On the Farm” – must include a farm building, implement or equipment

November – “Captive Audience” – a festive planter or door decoration incorporating horticultural elements