

The Watering Can

Fall is upon us!

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Carp Fair

Even though the Carp Fair is in September, it deserves mention here. Come on out and visit our booth at the Fair and thank you to all who have volunteered to set it up and tend it. A very special thanks to **Wendy Good**, this year's coordinator!

Community Gardens

As a club, we take pride in the two gardens we have established and maintain. Thank you to our members who heed the call to come out and lend assistance. A special shout out to the **Barnicoats, Ted and Jill**, for tending the Reading Garden beds.

Seeds, Hostas, Photos

Donna Cook will lead us again this year in our exchange of seeds collected from our gardens. An explanatory flyer is attached hereto. New this time will be a **hosta swap**. Bring all in to our next meeting for a fun exchange. Also, don't forget our October photo competition: **Nature's Bounty**.



Our October Meeting:

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd

7:30 pm

Randy McGuire

from Harvest Moon Orchard, Carp

"Pruning & Growing Fruit Trees"





About apples...

Looking forward to hearing some expert tips on how to prune fruit trees from our October meeting presenter, Randy McGuire.

From their Wordpress posts, the following words of wisdom:

"Size, quality and availability of fruit depends largely on nature. In our apple orchard pruning begins each February to allow apples maximum air and light. "

"Pests and diseases such as apple scab will ruin fruit. Because we are a small orchard we can use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a tool. IPM relies on pest and orchard monitoring and use of pesticides only when pests exceed levels capable of causing crop loss. Pesticides used are those which will have least impact on beneficial insects, bird and wildlife in the orchard."

"We use mulching under the trees to suppress weeds and improve soil structure. Our orchard is alive with wildlife including bluebirds and northern flickers that feed off the orchard floor. "

Other news and events of note:

♦The Canadian Tulip Festival together with their partners, the National Capital Commission, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines are preparing for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands next spring, 2020 by introducing the **Liberation75 Tulip**, a limited-edition bright orange, mid-early blooming tulip with crown-shaped petals. More info here: <https://liberation75.ca>

♦Membership dues for our 2019-20 season are due. Please don't forget to pay at our next meeting.

♦Want the latest events listings from other garden clubs in the Ottawa area? Check into the following website: <https://gardeningcalendar.ca>

♦Our yearbook is already online on our website and hard copies will be available at the October and subsequent meetings. Kudos to **Wendy Good** for her dedication to this demanding job. It looks great!

♦An invasive plant is an alien species whose introduction or spread negatively impacts native biodiversity, the economy and society including human health. The Master Gardeners of Lanark County and Ottawa-Carleton are presenting an all day learning session to help gardeners learn how to deal with these Invasive Plants and learn the benefits to planting Native Plants. Saturday, October 26th. Info and tickets: <https://gardeningcalendar.ca>



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SEED and HOSTA EXCHANGE

Seed Collecting

Collecting flower seeds & vegetable 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



Note: Pics of speaker, apples and quotes are from the Harvest Moon Orchard website: <https://applesincarp.wordpress.com/welcome/> Info sheet on collecting seeds is from Donna Cook.