

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

West Carleton Garden Club presents:

“No Yard - No Problem:  
Balcony and Patio Gardening  
Tips”

**Lana Doss**

Owner of The Fine Gardener,  
Horticultural Instructor-Algonquin College

Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
7:30 pm

This is a Zoom-based general  
meeting for which  
registration is required,  
as places are limited.

To register, send an email to: [presentation@wcgc.ca](mailto:presentation@wcgc.ca)  
providing your name and email address.

An invitation to join the Zoom session will be sent to you  
a few days before the event.

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## Introducing our April speaker

**Lana Doss** has relished playing in the dirt since she was a child and continues to share that thrill with others. She has spent over 25 years of her career in a leadership role in horticulture, mainly for reputable garden centres. She takes great joy in educating people on their living things and helping gardens reach their full potential with her company, The Fine Gardener. During the winter you can find her teaching horticulture at Algonquin College and delivering gardening workshops and seminars. Her company specializes in consulting small space design & installations, workshops, container gardening, native landscapes and culinary gardens.

We don't need a large plot of land to enjoy getting our hands dirty while we garden. Whether you have a balcony, deck or patio, there are infinite ways to grow a lush oasis without a yard. **Join Lana Doss of The Fine Gardener at our upcoming webinar meeting** as she walks us through tips for growing and creating interesting small spaces outside.

Please don't forget to pre-register at: [presentation@wcgc.ca](mailto:presentation@wcgc.ca). An email will be sent out with instructions prior to the meeting.

## Looking forward

- Our meeting on May 11th will welcome **Suzanne Patry, Owner, Whitehouse Perennials Nursery** and Display Gardens, who will present "Making Beautiful Plant Combinations"
- For our June meeting, we might have a little surprise - more about that later!
- Annual Plant Sale: we are currently planning to hold our benefit sale on May 22nd; more details, later on.
- April WCGC Photo competition « He Shed, She Shed » (see p. 3)
- We will be forming a committee to review the plantings at the OPL Carp Branch, which our club installed and has been maintaining ever since. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Brenda Baird at [president@wcgc.ca](mailto:president@wcgc.ca).
- For a listing of other gardening events: <https://gardeningcalendar.ca>



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## Remember

Please send in your spring and summer garden pictures on a continuing to [newsletter@wcgc.ca](mailto:newsletter@wcgc.ca). We will post them on Facebook and Instagram!



## 2021 PHOTO COMPETITION

Again, for 2021, photo entries will be submitted digitally. You can enter up to three photos each month. Photos must have been taken in Ontario in the last 24 months. 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 [gaygardening@mail.com](mailto:gaygardening@mail.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.

**POINTER** – Just as you would use elements and principals of design for flower arranging consider these for creating your “work of art” photograph. In other words, the working components of the picture employed by the photographer are combined and organized to form a complete artistic unit. When creating your picture, consider the . . .

Elements of design: Space, line, form, colour, texture, and pattern.

Principles of design: Balance, contrast, proportion, rhythm, dominance, and scale.

**NOTE** – This year’s categories have been taken from the District and OHA 2021 photo competitions so don’t forget to participant at those levels as well.

District 2 deadline for digital entries is March 31<sup>st</sup>

OHA Convention deadline for hard copy entries, postmarked no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> (there is prize \$\$!)

March – “Shapes in Nature” – a black and white photo (OHA)

April – “He Shed She Shed” – a garden shed (OHA)

May – “Spring Blossoms” – a close-up of tree blossoms; a single blossom or cluster (District 2)

June – “Tears of Joy” – featuring dew or rain drops (OHA)

July – “In Your Backyard” – a photo of your favourite perennial. Please identify variety (District 2)

August – “The Heartland” – a rural landscape (OHA)

September – “Garden Art” – a photo of art in the garden (District 2)

October – “Fall Colours” – a single leaf or branch (District 2)

November – “Frosty Morning” – your interpretation (OHA)