WCGC 2020-2021 Season June, 2021

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

West Carleton Garden Club presents:

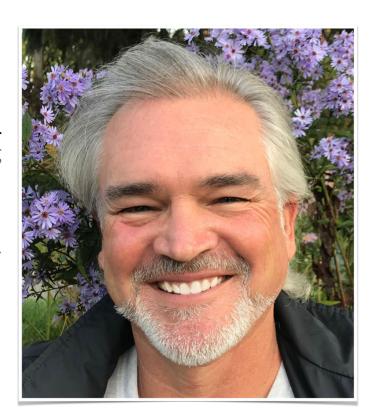
Tuesday, June 8th, 7:30 pm

"Bring Back the Dead -Renovating an Existing Landscape."

Sean James

Master Gardener, Teacher, owner of Sean James Consulting And Design

Space is limited, register early at: presentation@wcgc.ca



Season Finale: Sean James!

We have lived in our garden for a number of years and it has developed certain challenges over time, or we have just moved into a house surrounded by a well-loved but overgrown yard. What to do? Well-known Master Gardener, teacher, Owner of Sean James Consulting and Design and an engaging speaker, **Sean James** offers step-by-step practical redesign tips in his upcoming talk entitled "**Bring Back the Dead - Renovating an Existing Landscape.**" Free and open to all. Join us on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 8th at 7:30 pm</u> for Sean's live virtual presentation. Preregistration is required by sending your name and email address to: presentation@wcgc.ca.



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2021 Plant Sale

Our virtual no-contact plant sale was a real success! Thank you to all our members who donated healthy vigorous plants - perennials, shrubs, vegetables - and to all who supported our fundraising effort by buying the plants. Most went quickly and the sale was closed down a day early for lack of stock.

Thank you most of all to the intrepid Brenda Baird who organized the sale, received all the plants and orders, and single-handedly dispensed the sale items from her home, all the while keeping an up-to-date tally of ins and outs. Brenda says everything went according to plan. She is pleased with the community response and used the opportunity of connecting with the buyers to tout the merits of joining the Club. The picture opposite shows Brenda surveying the remaining stock on the last sale of the sale.

This goes to show that even under lockdown, there are safe alternative ways to accomplish our goals. Bravo! We raised \$1056 for the Club. Let's hope we can return to the Carp Farmers' Market, our traditional venue, next year.



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In a normal year, the June meeting agenda includes our Annual Spring Flower Show and the election of the incoming executive committee. It is generally considered a spring social evening. This year has been anything but normal and it continues... Luckily, all members of the current executive have volunteered to carry on in their respective roles at least until the fall when hopefully we get to meet each other in person again. Things seem to be heading in that direction, let's keep hoping for the best. We are working on a new lineup of monthly speakers and will retain the Zoom-based format until circumstances permit us to use Carp Memorial Hall once again.

Summer Maintenance

As you probably know, the garden club has established and maintains the gardens at Carp Memorial Hall and at the Ottawa Public Library (Carp Branch). For **Memorial Hall**, we need help from our members in weeding the garden and a weekly timetable has been set up requesting volunteers. Of course, we encourage members to follow all current City of Ottawa guidelines regarding the number of people allowed to congregate. Please see the attached schedule and email president@wcgc.ca with your choice of a time slot. A reminder will be sent out to each person prior to their time slot. Later on in the summer, a similar call-out to members for assistance at the Library Garden might be sent out after a needs assessment has been completed. Thank you so much in advance for your participation in this community action.

Carp Fair?

Regrettably, signs are that the Carp Fair will not be running again this year, at least not in its normal form. We are therefore not planning a booth at the Fair, and look forward to participating again next year.

Have a lovely summer everyone!

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PRELIMINARY LIST OF CARP MEMORIAL HALL SUMMER MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS

Basically, volunteers will ensure that the garden space in front of Memorial Hall is weeded, papers and any garbage is picked up, flowering plants are deadheaded, if required. Please note that the two urns will be watered by another person on a continuing basis, so it is not necessary to water.

Please bring any garden tools with you (e.g., trenching hoe, weeder, rake...) a basket and/or a garbage bag to collect clippings and garbage. Please dispose of this waste back home as the City does not do a regular stop at the Hall for waste pickup.

If you think you can help us out, please look at the schedule, and reply to me at president@wcgc.ca to let me know what time slot works best for you. I will then mark you into that slot. I will send a reminder prior to your chosen time to remind you.

This area is very welcoming when anyone arrives in Carp and we like to keep it looking well maintained. Many thanks for your support!

Brenda Baird

DATE	VOLUNTEER	E-Mail or PHONE #
June 1-June 19	Brenda Baird	
June 20-July 3	Johanna Cutts	
July 4- July 10		
July 11- July 17		
July 18- July 24		
July 25- July 31		
Aug. 1 - Aug. 7		
Aug. 8 - Aug. 14		
Aug. 15- Aug. 21		
Aug. 22- Aug. 28		
Aug. 29-Sept. 4		
Sept. 5 - Sept. 18	Johanna Cutts	
Sept. 19- Oct. 2	Brenda Baird	