

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society



Fall planters are still looking lush and at their best! Soon, division and repotting will be undertaken.



All meetings of the Garden Club in 2020 are cancelled.

While sad, the news above is not unexpected because of the current COVID-19 situation in Ottawa. We will not hold club general meetings until the current state of emergency has been lifted. The main reason is for our Members' health and safety but also because we must follow the directives outlined by our Federal, Provincial and Local Public Health Departments. Furthermore, we have no place to hold meetings as the City has not opened up Memorial Hall and other facilities. Even if they were opened, only a limited number of people could attend. We will reassess the 2021 season in December and will advise of any changes by email, newsletter and on our website at a later date. In the meantime, keep safe and well!

Time to assess: How was your summer? With the fall is now officially upon us, it is a good time to sit back, take a look around, perhaps take a few pictures of our gardens, and plan next year's plantings.

New plants: Local nurseries and garden centres are good places to look for bargains for perennials, trees and bushes as they probably are wanting to unload extra stock at reasonable prices before their doors close for this year.

Seed saving: In anticipation of a seed swap next spring, we will want to collect seeds from our annuals and perennials.

Carp gardens cleanup: We will be organizing cleanup sessions for the gardens we maintain at Memorial Hall and at the Reading Garden sometime in October. More news about that later.

Interesting gardening links:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OntarioHorticulturalAssociation/>
- <https://gardeningcalendar.ca>
- Master Gardeners of Ottawa Carleton - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/819730788084134/>
- <https://ottawatourism.ca/en/about-ottawa/neighbourhoods>



It will only take one hard frost and an inattentive gardener who has forgotten to cover their plants, for all this to be lost.

My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece

— Claude Monet

The last link above will remind us that there are so many places to visit in Ottawa on foot outside. While our ability to frequent indoor spaces has been more limited by Covid, we can still take walks around perhaps unfamiliar neighbourhoods. It's always fun to explore, and look at other peoples' gardens... let's get out there while the weather is still relatively clement, and get some exercise and fresh air.

Take care, dear Members! Till the next time...