

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

September Meeting

Our September meeting is cancelled due to the current pandemic.

Facebook & Instagram

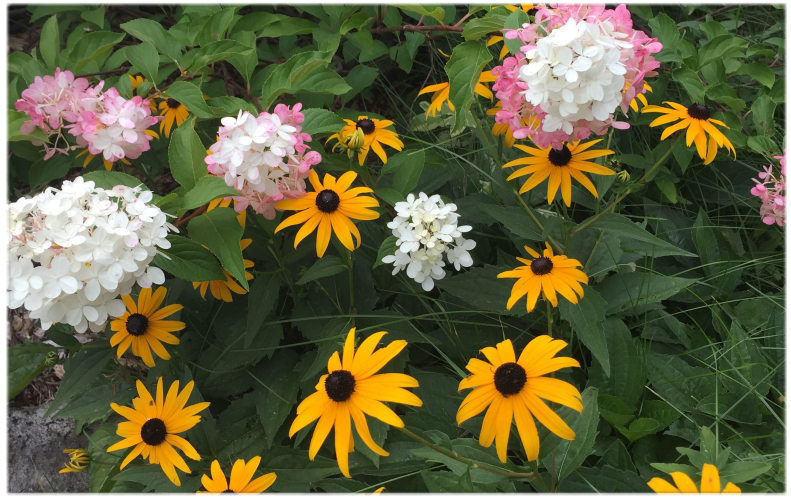
A huge thank you to our Members who sent along pictures of their gardens for posting on our FB and Instagram pages this summer...keep them coming!

It is super to see what's blooming in your gardens. We got a lot of page hits. Included on pages 5-8 below are a few composites of some of your pictures.

Gardening questions?

Ask an Ottawa Master Gardener:

mgoc_helpline@yahoo.ca



This uncertain time...

Hello Dear Members:

Your WCGC Executive Committee met a few days ago in the garden of the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. It was a chilly evening and we all brought our lawn chairs and sat at a distance. One of us (me) even had to borrow a car blanket because the air had a such chill in it... what a shock, I wasn't prepared for this change of temperature! The purpose of our meeting was to plan for the upcoming season. The activities and speakers are all lined up, thanks to our program committee. The problem: our uncertain times.

We soon came to the conclusion that we can't really plan ahead right now. Unfortunately, **we have to cancel our September meeting**, and, going forward, we will decide on a month by month basis, taking into consideration Ottawa Public Health Guidelines, City of Ottawa regulations (e.g., facilities such as Carp Memorial Hall), and overall, the health and welfare of our Members. We can't wait to see you all again.

Stay tuned to our website, our Facebook and Instagram pages, and our newsletters for up to date information about our possible next meetings.



September Snaps

Friendly Digital
Photo Club Competition

“Winding Down” – a photo of a dryscaped garden.

Up to three entries can be submitted to Gay MacQuarrie at gay_macquarrie@hotmail.com. Remember to try and make your photo a "work of art". Try to fill the screen with your picture, consider the foreground and background for interest, or try a different perspective for the shot, e.g., take the picture from above the subject matter.

Pictures can still be submitted for past months' themes. Happy snapping!

(Past and future themes for 2020 outlined below on page 4.)

Membership

Membership dues are usually collected in September. This year is exceptional, we can wait or forward them on to our Treasurer directly -

Sheila Stumpf at
ssumpf123@gmail.com

This summer in the garden...

Well, this summer has been a challenge in many more ways than one ...first the pandemic, then the crushing heat and the ensuing drought. At the beginning, not so many plants available to us at the garden centres, but then this great collective push into planting. Gardening has become everyone's passion. People who have never planted a seed have taken the plunge and are growing veggies all over the place! It's quite delightful.

I know that, personally, my garden has been my pastime and my refuge over the course of the summer. The drought was disappointing, but even as the lawn went brown and crispy, the perennials did pull through. I am just grateful to have had the garden to help navigate this time... and I have revelled in the beauty of each succession of blooms.

We still have at least two months if not three of gardening...time to assess what worked this year and what didn't, to plan those divisions and transplants over the fall months, and to share the excess with friends and neighbours. Happy gardening!



West Carleton Garden Club**The 2020-21 season's calendar**

Note: Because of Covid-19, all dates are tentative and depend upon circumstances at that time. Emails/newsletters will be sent in advance to announce if the meetings will take place.

(Note: Going forward, it would be a help and appreciated if you could notify your garden club member friends who do not have email, to ensure they know that a meeting has been cancelled.)

September 8th, 2020: "Cannabis Talk": Marc Gagné **CANCELLED**

October 13th, 2020: "Indian Creek Orchard Garden": Scott Sigurdson

November 10th, 2020: "Creating Christmas Arrangements": Lindsey McFadden,
Autumn's Fine Flowers

December 8th, 2020: Festive social evening

January 13th, 2021: "Outdoor Garden Rooms": Jeff Roland of Yards Unlimited

February 9th, 2021: "Into the Night Garden": Judith Cox, Master Gardener

March 9th, 2021: "Alvars: Ontario's Wild Rock Gardens and their Special Plants"
Trish Murphy, Beaux Arbres, native plants nursery

April 13th, 2021: "Container Gardening": Lana Doss, The Fine Gardener

May 11th, 2021: "Making Beautiful Plant Combinations": Suzanne Patry,
Whitehouse Perennials

June 8th, 2021: Social evening and flower show (no guest speaker)

(As usual, meetings are normally held every second Tuesday of the month, except July and August. Meetings start at 7:30 pm., Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Rd. Members: Free, Guests: \$5)

2020 WCGC FLOWER SHOWS & PHOTO COMPETITIONS

2020 MINI FLOWER SHOWS – PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

September - CANCELLED

October – potted plant grown for foliage

November – potted succulent, cactus or cacti

2020 PHOTO COMPETITION

For 2020, 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 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.

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

Composite shots of some of the pictures received from our members which were posted on Facebook and Instagram this summer. Thank you for having participated!







