

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

February Meeting

As usual, pre-registration is required to attend our meeting. Please email your name and email address to:

presentation@wcgc.ca

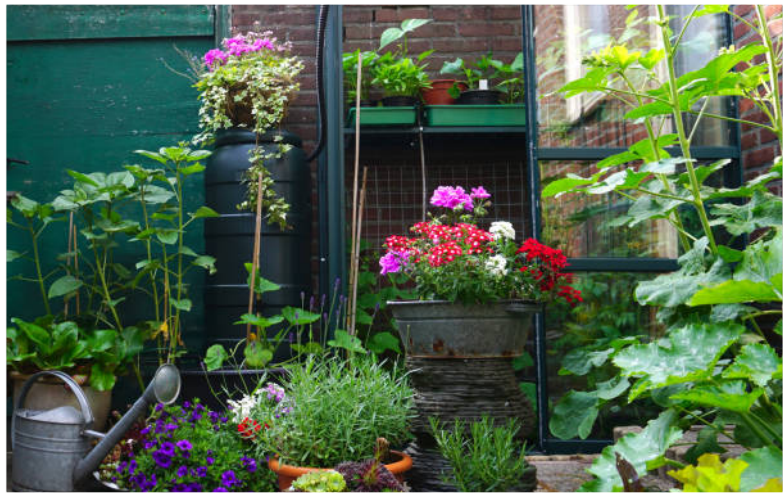
Members: Free, Guests: \$5

Executive Meeting

Our executive met via Zoom this week as has been done since the beginning of the pandemic. We discussed usual topics such as our budget, OHA and District 2 news and upcoming meetings, also to be conducted electronically, though it is hoped that we can get together in person by May or June, restrictions permitting.

OHA D2 News

D2 Director, Anne Harbord recently mailed out a package containing promotional material available from the OHA. A leaflet encouraging pollinator gardens is free and we will request some to give to our members.



February Meeting

“Vertical Veggies”

Master Gardener **Barbara Long**, is passionate about gardening. Beginning in the 1980s, with a tiny garden she has enjoyed the success of larger and larger gardens. While gardening she continued to learn and experiment with ideas, techniques and plants; sharing her successes with her friends, neighbours and fellow gardeners.

Barbara has now come full circle; she once again has a tiny garden on a patio in a high-rise apartment building. Having experienced diversity, she did not want to give up the joy of the variety in her gardens. To that end she has taken on a new learning curve and has transitioned to Vertical Gardening.

Come join us as Barbara shares the knowledge and the techniques she employs in her successful vertical gardens.

Zoom Meeting - Tuesday, February 8th, 2022, 7:30 p.m.



Some thoughts about future activities

February is a good month to plan our gardens for the coming season and for our Club, to plan future activities. Our Executive members expressed their hope that we can organize events and activities which will be available to our members now, this summer and beyond:

- **Photography competition:**
Gay MacQuarrie has provided us with the rules and categories for our 2022 competition. See next page.
- **Flower shows**, while suspended right now, might be held online or in person in May or June if all goes well.
- The **Plant Sale** at the Carp Farmers' Market, our main fundraiser, normally held in May is still to be determined.
- Participation in a variety of OHA D2 event planning such as 2023 OHA Convention (Kanata) is ongoing.
- Participation with sister Hort. societies in a Seedy Saturday event (possibly for Spring 2023)

Reading Garden Redesign

You will remember that in the fall we launched a community consultation for the redesign of the garden at the Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. We promised that we would draw from the names of contributors and we are now pleased to report that the winner of a \$20 Lee Valley gift card is member Cheryl Reid Haughian.

It's never too late to have your say and to help on the committee. Work on the project will resume in the spring. Get in touch with our President Brenda Baird (president@wcgc.ca) if you would like to volunteer in some capacity to help this project come to fruition. In the meantime, take a look at the following link which is an article written back in 2015 by John Curry for the then West Carleton Review and which highlights a lot of the work our club has dedicated to this effort in the past: <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/7913749-new-walkway-leads-to-reading-garden/>



2022 PHOTO COMPETITION WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB

Again, for 2022, 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 email your digital pictures to gardens.gay@outlook.com **with the month, your name and class in the subject line of your email**. The entries and winners will be revealed at the December meeting.

POINTER – Just as you would use elements and principles 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.

January	A winter sunset - be sure to include horticultural elements
February	Your favourite houseplant, named where possible
March	“Frozen in Time” – a picture of a plant or plants in the outdoors
April	“New Beginnings” your interpretation – remember to include horticultural elements
May	A red spring flower or flowers
June	Garden bed or beds.
July	“At Play” – a picture of young people gardening or in the garden (private or public garden)
August	“Art in the Garden” – picture must include a red-coloured element, i.e., plants or object(s)
September	“Nature’s Bounty” – your interpretation
October	“Blowing in the Wind” – a picture of an outdoor plant gone to seed
November	“Lest We Forget” – picture of a public garden commemorating Canada’s Fallen
December	“Getting Ready for Winter” – a close-up of an outdoor plant or portion of a plant that stays green all winter

Next Meetings, all Tuesdays

March 8th: Ikebana -Japanese Flower Arranging with **Rebecca Cragg**

April 12th: Japanese Beetles with **Kelly Noel**

May10th: Composting with **Catherine Disley**

June 14th: possibly social event and Flower show

Interesting Links

Canada's Local Gardener: <https://www.facebook.com/CanadasLocalGardener>

Gardening Calendar Ottawa: <https://www.facebook.com/gardeningcalendarottawa/>

Trowel talk, Master Gardeners of Ottawa Carleton <https://mgottawa.ca/media/TT-22-January-combined.pdf>

Gardens Canada. <https://gardenscanada.ca> , <https://gardenscanada.ca/places/category/garden-road-trips/>

Parting Shot

And this too shall pass!!

