

The Watering Can

West Carleton Gardening Club & Horticultural Society

Happy New Year!

May all your plans for this coming year come to fruition. What an appropriate wish for a gardening community. Even though the weather is cold and grey, take heart! Days are lengthening, always a true sign of hope and renewal at this time of year.

January Meeting

Remember to preregister for this event by sending your name and email address to: presentation @wcgc.ca

Membership

To clarify, our membership year runs from September to August. For those who have not yet renewed for the current 2021-22 season, please send your dues (\$15 Solo, \$20 family) to our Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf, by:

- e-transfer at treasurer@wcgc.ca
- or by cheque addressed to the West Carleton Garden Club c/o Sheila Stumpf, 202 Charlie's Lane, RR1 Carp, ON. K0A 1L0



January Meeting

Master Gardener Rob Stuart started a vegetable plot at 10 and he has been an avid gardener ever since. He has grown vegetable and flowers wherever he has lived. Since 2003, he has focused on alpine gardening and is an active member of rock garden societies where he takes full advantage of seed exchanges. He currently volunteers with the Friends of the Farm, weeding weekly in the Rock Garden. He grows most of his plants from seed.

He is also adept at other methods of propagation: cuttings; soft, hard and root; layering; division and the use of leaf cuttings. He obtained his Master Gardener accreditation from the University of Guelph in 2016 and enjoys sharing his knowledge.





Beauty in Winter

Now is the time to notice and revel in the beauty of our natural environment, to take a walk on our property, around the neighbourhood or on a nature trail and to really observe its structural bones. Overgrown shrubs? Take a note for early spring pruning.

On those walks, take along your camera, snap a few pics and if they turn out to your liking, send them to newsletter@wcgc.ca so they can be shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages...

Winter is also a great time to learn more about gardening and design. Take an online class or workshop, or an online course from a local college. Master Gardener training is an option for those serious gardeners who want to give back to their community.

There are literally tons of free gardening events on zoom which can be accessed here:

<https://gardeningcalendar.ca>

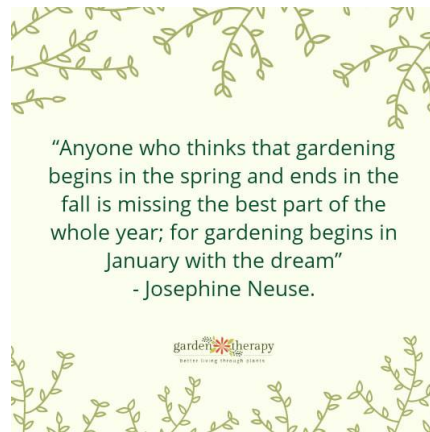
2022 Zoom Meetings

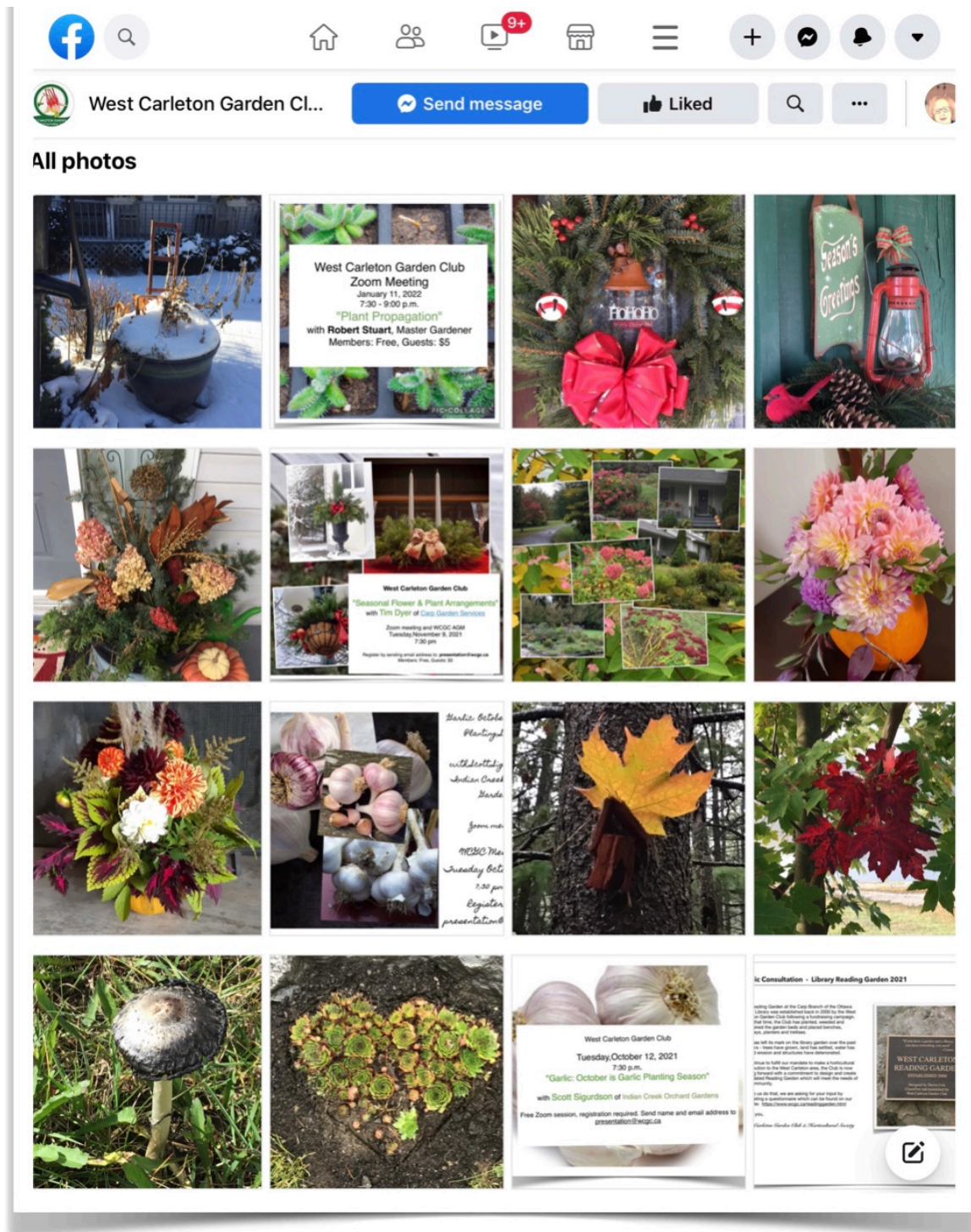
Feb 8th: Vertical Veggies
with **Barbara Long**

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

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

May 10th: Composting with **Catherine Disley**
(All Master Gardeners)





Year of the Garden

Année du jardin



What is The Year of the Garden 2022?

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, The Year of the Garden 2022, a Centennial Celebration of our horticulture sector, will commemorate Canada's rich garden heritage, celebrate today's vibrant garden culture, and create important legacies for a sustainable future.

Planning is already underway for a year of exciting Live the Garden Life activities, celebrations, special events and promotions that will take place in communities, schools, businesses, public gardens, and backyard gardens in all parts of Canada.

Find out more at <https://gardenscanada.ca/year-of-the-garden/>

From OHA District 2: "There will be many activities across the country to celebrate 2022's "Year of the Garden". The federal government proclaimed 2022 the "Year of the Garden" on March 22, 2021. The City of Ottawa made the same proclamation on Nov. 23, 2022. The Ontario Horticultural Association fully supports this designation and has initiated two awards for OHA *Garden of the Year*: one for the South and West region and one for the North and East Region. Details for the nomination of gardens will be issued early in the Spring."

Stay tuned for more information as time goes by.



**West
Carleton
Garden
Club 2021**

*Photo
Competition*

*Best
in
Show*

Gay MacQuarrie