

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Annual Plant Sale

We are excited about the plant sale, our main fundraiser, at the Carp Farmers' Market. Apart from plant donations, we need **volunteers** to help place and sell plants on the day, Saturday May 14th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please let **Brenda Baird** know if you can spare some time that day by contacting her at: president@wgcg.ca. Let's make our first face-to-face plant sale in two years one to remember!

Photo Competition

Don't forget our WCGC photo competition is running all season. Take a look at the following link for details: <https://wgcg.ca/documents/2022%20photo%20competition%20classes%202.pdf>

Remember to register for Zoom meeting by sending an email to:

presentation@wgcg.ca

Members: Free, Guests: \$5

West Carleton Garden Club

May 10th, 2022 Zoom Meeting
7:30 pm

Composting

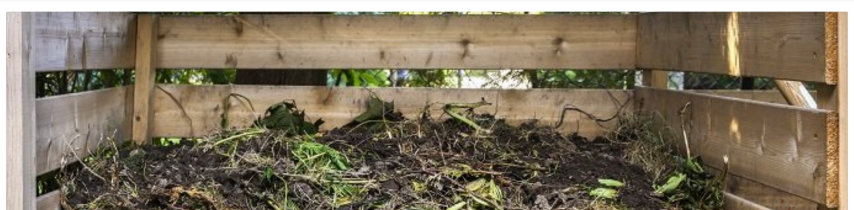
With

Master Gardener

Catherine Disley



Catherine Disley has worked in a variety of horticultural industries such as garden centres, florists, and interior tropical plant maintenance. Drawing on her floral design background, she creates container arrangements combining interesting plants, flowers and foliage. She grows vegetables and small fruits, as well as perennial and annual flowers to support beneficial insects, pollinators and wildlife. Catherine has been a member of Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton for 12 years and enjoys providing gardening advice and promoting the use of native plants and sustainable gardening practices.





Coming up in August

As part of The Year of the Garden 2022, we are planning to hold our **District 2 Flower and Edible Show** in Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall on **Saturday, August 23, 2022**. Councillor Mathieu Fleury has provided the space and the Ottawa Garden Council is sponsoring our show as part of the Ottawa Garden Festival in August 2022. Madeline Archer is Show Chair. More info on the Show Schedule and demonstrations will be sent shortly to all Societies. We are hoping many Societies will participate with specimens and designs to make this a truly special expression of our love of gardening...

This will be an excellent showcase for all our Societies and an opportunity to attract new members. There will also be two demonstrations in the afternoon with the resulting items being part of an auction at the end of the day. We will be part of the Ottawa August Garden Festival so there will be lots of people in the downtown area

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Jumping Worms

Jumping Worms are now in southern Ontario between Hamilton and Toronto. They destroy the upper area of soil in gardens and forests. There is no deterrent.

While still far enough from our area, let's keep our eyes open and adopt practices which will slow down the spread such as being careful to inspect the soil around donated and purchased plants at plant sales. A comprehensive article on the subject can be found here: <https://haltonmastergardeners.com/2021/10/07/jumping-worms-are-here/>

All About Soil

Our May speaker will no doubt touch upon this subject, but here is a link to a good little article about how important soil health is: <https://www.localgardener.net/about-soil/>

All indications are that at this time of year, it is best not to be trampling on and compacting the soil on our lawn. Leave it be until the sponginess subsides and no trace of footsteps remain when we walk across it. A few more weeks should do it. It is a temptation though!



Photos this page: <https://buffalo-niagaragardening.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Japanese-Garden-Plantasia-flower-show-2017-1.jpg>



Dedication Ceremony of

Lee Boltwood Park

Aside from decades of involvement in the Ontario Horticultural Association, in the greater Ottawa region, Lee Boltwood (Kennedy) has served on numerous boards and organizations since 1973. These include Goulbourn Middle School Parents Council (PTA), Goulbourn Library board, West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society, Goulbourn Historical Society and [Stittsville-Goulbourn Horticultural Society, Gardening Eastern Ontario](#) to name a few. Please join us to honour Lee.

**Penny Kytaychuk Horeczy**

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Officially Confirmed!

Dedication of Lee Boltwood Park.

Date: Friday, May 27, 2022

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: 4879 Abbott Street East, Stittsville Ontario

Rain or Shine

Bring a lawn chair.

All are welcome as it is a large space.

An in-person opportunity to thank Lee Boltwood for her major contribution to the lifeblood of Stittsville and Ottawa.

<https://gardenontario.org>



Let's say goodbye to April and welcome May,
because...

April is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain
-T.S. Eliot, "The Wasteland"