

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## AGM

Our November general meeting is also our Annual General Meeting, so we would appreciate good attendance to fulfil our quorum. Brenda Baird will preside and documents will be circulated in advance of the meeting as required.

## Membership

Members who pay their annual dues or non-members who join are eligible to win a Lee Valley gift card if they have paid or joined (and paid) by **December 1, 2021**.

## Thank you

**Ken Sala** is the tech guru on the WCGC executive committee. He set up and maintains our website, hosts our Zoom meetings and has recently spent innumerable hours getting the website up and running again after the host's server failed. Thank you so much, Ken, for all your hard work and dedication to the Club.



## Next Meeting and AGM

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 7:30 pm

### "Seasonal Flower & Plant Arrangements" A Demonstration

with **Tim Dyer** of [Carp Garden Services](http://Carp Garden Services)

A Zoom meeting

Members:Free, Guests:\$5

Register at: [presentation@wcgc.ca](mailto:presentation@wcgc.ca)

(Photos above courtesy of Carp Garden Services' website)



## Speaking of Photo Competitions...

Our Competition organizer, Gay MacQuarrie, reminds us that:

We are still accepting photos for this year's digital photo competition. Up to three photos can be submitted for each category.

Please send your digital pictures by **NOVEMBER 15** to [gardens.gay@outlook.com](mailto:gardens.gay@outlook.com) **with the month and your name in the subject line of the digital entry.**

Entries will be judged by an accredited OHA Judge and winners announced in December.

Go back and look at your photos and enter a few ..don't be shy!

## 2021 Photo Competition Themes

March - "Shapes in Nature" - a black and white photo

April - "He Shed She Shed" - a garden shed

May - "Spring Blossoms" - a close-up of tree blossoms; a single blossom or cluster

June - "Tears of Joy" - featuring dew or rain drops

July - "In Your Backyard" - a photo of your favourite perennial. Please identify variety

August - "The Heartland" - a rural landscape

September - "Garden Art" - a photo of art in the garden

October - "Fall Colours" - a single leaf or branch

November - "Frosty Morning" - your interpretation

(Photo of autumnal flower arrangement below is by Joanne Douwes, all flowers are from her garden.)





## Reading Garden Update

For those who have not seen the recent article by Jake Davies in West Carleton Online, here is an excerpt from it:

*"CARP – Twenty years after officially opening the West Carleton Reading Garden beside the Carp branch of the Ottawa Public Library (OPL), the West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society (WCGC) is ready to give the beautiful spot a significant upgrade.*

*Twenty years has taken its toll on the original wooden structures including trellises, bed frames and benches (and most of them have already been removed from the site).*

*"The landscape has also changed with the maturation of trees, settling of the land, water flow and drainage effect on the ground and plantings," the WCGC released in a statement.*

*Because of this, the WCGC is taking the lead on a Reading Garden re-design and rehabilitation along with the help of the City of Ottawa and OPL.*

*"We've already taken down the trellises, the benches, it was a joint decision between the city, the library and the club," WCGC President Brenda Baird told West Carleton Online.*

*Four members of the WCGC met with West Carleton Online Wednesday (Sept. 29) at the Reading Garden, to discuss the plan and to encourage the community to help in the design process." ...*

Brenda Baird, Donna Caldwell, Leislle Alvarenga and Anne Gadbois met with Jake and gave him a tour of the garden, informed him about its history and of our current re-design project spearheaded by Wendy Good. An initial community consultation has been launched via postings on our Facebook and Instagram pages and highlighted by the West Carleton Online article published on September 29th. If you have not yet provided your input to the project, you can do so here: <https://www.wcgc.ca/readinggarden.html>

(Photo above courtesy Jake Davies, West Carleton Online)

## Some Ontario Horticultural Society News:

- **2023 OHA Convention: District 2 will host at the Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata, July 21-23 2023.**  
This will be the first 'in person' OHA convention since 2019. 80 % of tasks have been assigned. WCGC & Stittsville Goulbourn HS are looking after the Vendors section. More information will be provided as plans develop.
- **Contest to design 2023 Convention LOGO, deadline November 20, 2021**

