

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## Also at the Meeting

### Chat and refreshments:

Come to **Carp Memorial Hall** at 7:00 and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, some yummy baked goodies and chat with friends. For members whose family names start with A to D, would you kindly donate some small garden-related door prizes. We will provide the sweets, coffee and tea.

### April WCGC Plant Show -

Bring in a forced branch of a shrub or tree in leaf or bloom, maximum 30" above rim of container. – People's Choice Award

[https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/FlowerShows/MINI\\_SHOWS.pdf](https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/FlowerShows/MINI_SHOWS.pdf)

(NOTE for forcing branches:  
Forsythia, allow 7 to 10 days,  
Pussy Willow takes up to 10 days  
Lilac takes up to 21 days)

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**Exceptionally, we will not be offering the Zoom option for our April meeting...it will be back in**

April 11th, 2023 Meeting

## "Entomology - The Study of Insects & Their Relationship to Humans, the Environment, and Other Organisms"

with **Rob Longair** of the University of Alberta

Our April Meeting Presenter is Rob Longair, a retired Professor of Entomology from the University of Alberta where he spent 27 years in the department of Biological sciences. Rob has worked with insects, in particular wasps, for over 40 years. He has conducted research in Canada, the United States and West Africa and led field courses in Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation Biology in Ghana.



### ♦ Grant to WCSS Student

As we have done for many years, the garden club gives a \$250 bursary to a West Carleton Secondary School graduating student who plans to enter a field related to agriculture, horticulture or the biological or environmental sciences. The student is nominated by the school and the grant is given at convocation in June. Announcement of this year's winner will be made at that time.

### ♦ WCGC Plant Sale

We are in the planning stages for the annual plant sale, our main fundraiser, to be held tentatively on the May long weekend. This year that falls on **May 20th**. Plans will be firmed up and we will let you know. As usual, we will need volunteers and plenty of interesting plant donations for the event which traditionally has taken place at the Carp Farmers' Market. Stay tuned!

### Welcome New Members!

We are so pleased to welcome many new members this month. Seedy Saturday was a great attractor of like-minded gardeners. You will learn all about our events and activities in this monthly newsletter, an archive of which is posted on our website. Our website, below, also lists our executive members, resources like flower show specs, our projects in the community and more.

# ORCHIDOPHILIA

## OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY

### NEW LOCATION / NOUVEL ENDROIT

**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW**  
**APRIL 29 & 30, 2023**

ORCHID DISPLAYS \* ORCHID VENDORS  
 WORKSHOPS  
 ORCHID CARE

FREE PARKING LOT 8  
COURTESY OF OTTAWA ORCHID SOCIETY

**39<sup>e</sup> EXPOSITION ANNUELLE D'ORCHIDÉES**  
**LES 29 & 30 AVRIL 2023**

EXPOSANTS \* VENTE D'ORCHIDÉES  
 LES ATELIERS  
 GARDERIE D'ORCHIDÉES

STATIONNEMENT GRATUIT LE LOT 8  
OFFERT PAR LA SOCIÉTÉ DES ORCHIDÉES D'OTTAWA



RIC: Holiday Eye Candy 'Mellow Yellow'  
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Saturday: noon to 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

General admission: \$15  
 Seniors (60+): \$12  
 Youth (12-18): \$12  
 Under 12: Free

PHOTOGRAPHERS:  
 TRIPODS WELCOME SUNDAY 9-11 AM

Samedi : de 12 h à 17 h  
 Dimanche : de 9 h à 16 h

Entrée : 15\$  
 Aîné(e)s (60+) : 12\$  
 Jeunes (12-18) : 12\$  
 Moins de 12 ans : gratuit

PHOTOGRAPHES :  
 TRÉPIEDS AUTORISÉS DIMANCHE (9-11 H)



**Algonquin College Building/Edifice D**  
 1385 ave. Woodroffe Ave. Ottawa, ON



[www.ottawaorchidsociety.com](http://www.ottawaorchidsociety.com)



## OHA Convention News

We are excited: this year's convention will be held in Kanata, and is hosted by the Horticultural Societies of District 2, of which we are a member and in which we are participating.

**July 21-23, 2023**

The Convention will be held at:  
 The Brookstreet Hotel -  
 525 Legget Drive, Ottawa, ON K2K 2W2  
<https://www.brookstreethotel.com/>

Still in the planning stages, current information about the convention and its many events can be obtained here:

<https://gardenontario.org/convention/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8wEaeGTnPw&t=97s>

### Other details about OHA Convention

- There are a number of OHA Convention **competitions**: <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>
- The 2023 OHA Convention Flower Show Schedule has been posted and can be found here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sIiUvgcZIY>
- D2 YouTube channel - Silent Auction at the 2023 OHA Convention <https://www.youtube.com/@district2web558>

### Planning for next WCGC season

At this time of year planning for the coming 2023-24 season has begun, both from a programme and a governance point of view. If you have any suggestions about speakers and/or topics for next season, we are always pleased to hear them. Please get in touch with Kathleen Teahen ( [program@wcgc.ca](mailto:program@wcgc.ca) ). Also, we are always looking for new contributors to the executive committee and to other committees (event planning, worker bees for maintenance of Reading Garden and garden at Memorial Hall, flower show set up, etc...) Please get in touch with Brenda Baird ( [president@wcgc.ca](mailto:president@wcgc.ca) ) if you are interesting in volunteering. (Our executive meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month by Zoom at this time.)

### **For those who have ponds or are contemplating putting one in...**

Good morning,  
We are pleased to offer your members 10% off again this season with our new discount code SPRING2023. Further, we can also accommodate group orders from your society to reduce delivery/shipping costs to your members.  
<https://pondsandaquaria.ca/>  
Thank you,  
Richard

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Thank you to all our members who participated in the very successful **Seedy Saturday** in Carp a few weeks ago and especially to **Brenda Baird** who worked hard on the organizing committee.. We enjoyed cohosting with Stittsville Goulbourn and Kanata March Horticultural Societies and we are thinking ahead to 2024 ! Our group's net income was \$388.84 which we will round up to \$400 to donate to the West Carleton Food Access Centre as planned.

