

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Our Speaker

Jan Johns is a retired secondary teacher who has been interested in orchids for 50 years. She currently has over 100 orchids representing 20 different genera in her home and garden. Jan has served with the Ottawa Orchid Society since 2014 and is currently the President. She also spent 5 years as 2nd Vice President of the Canadian Orchid Congress and is a member of both the American Orchid Society and the Orchid Society of Great Britain.

Flower Shows

Our Flower Show Convenor, **Gay MacQuarrie**, has planned an active agenda for us in 2023. All specifications and regulations for our 2023 flower and vegetable shows are now posted on our website at: <https://wcgc.ca/resources.html>.

Take a look. This will help us plan what to plant for this coming growing season.



February 14th Meeting "Native Orchids or Box Store Orchids"

with **Jan Johns** of the
Ottawa Orchid Society
at

7:00 pm, Carp Memorial Hall
Members:Free, Guests:\$5

This meeting will be simultaneously offered via Zoom for those not able or willing to attend the in-person presentation in Memorial Hall. All Attendees choosing the virtual option MUST preregister for the Zoom presentations by sending an email to presentation@wcgc.ca



Seedy Saturday!

We are excited about co-hosting this March 11th event right here in Carp with our sister societies, Stittsville Goulbourn and Kanata-March.

More publicity will be sent out as we approach the date and arrangements are finalized. A list has been circulated at our last meeting, thanks for volunteering your time and donating your seeds.

In the interim, **please sort through your seeds and prepare them for donation to make Seedy Saturday a memorable community event.** (You can bring them in to the February Meeting if you like.)

It is important that they are well identified.. There is no preferred covering, any kind of envelope is fine, just ensure they are well labelled.

A poster is included in this newsletter on the next page. Plans are still being finalized, there may still be a few changes but this is a good start.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- ♦ Saturday, March 11th, Seedy **Saturday**, Carp Agricultural Hall
- ♦ Tuesday, March 14th, **March Meeting**, "Pruning" with Master Gardener **Rob Stuart**
- ♦ Tuesday, April 14th, **April Meeting**, "Entomology - The Study of Insects & Their Relationship to Humans, the Environment, and Other Organisms" with **Rob Longair** of the University of Alberta, + April Mini Show
- ♦ Tuesday, May 10th, **May Meeting**, "Digging in the Dirt: Ways to Stay Healthy Gardening" with Master Gardener **Nancy MacDonald**, + May Flower & Vegetable Show
- ♦ Tuesday, June 12th, **June Meeting**, June Social + June Flower and Vegetable Show
- ♦ July 21st to 23rd - **OHA Convention**, Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata. <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>
- ♦ **Winter edition of OHA Trillium Magazine here:** <https://gardenontario.org/the-winter-issue-of-trillium-is-here/>





Seedy Saturday!

Carp Agricultural Hall

- Low-priced seeds from local sources - annuals, perennials, veggies and natives (cash sales)
- Vendors and Workshops
- Kiddie Corner (Let's plant seeds)
- Master Gardeners for advice
- Coffee, Muffins, Door prizes



Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Carp Agricultural Hall,
3790 Carp Road, Carp, ON

Admission: \$2 cash - for 3 door prize tickets*
Kids free

*Proceeds from ticket sales to be donated to Kanata, Stittsville
and West Carleton Food Banks

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MINI and FLOWER SHOWS for 2023

- ♦ **March 2023** – A handmade garden ornament – *People's Choice Award*

2023 CHALLENGE PLANT

Seed packets will be distributed for those interested in growing our 2023 "Challenge Plant – Tithonia or Mexican Sunflower". If you take seeds, it is asked that you enter a specimen in the **September Flower and Vegetable Show** in the "**Challenge Plant**" category.

- ♦ **April 2023** – A forced branch of a shrub or tree in leaf or bloom, maximum 30" above rim of container. – *People's Choice Award*

NOTE for forcing branches:

Forsythia, allow 7 to 10 days

Pussy Willow takes up to 10 days

Lilac takes up to 21 days

- ♦ **May, June, September** – Watch for the regular Flower and Vegetable Show schedules for these months (<https://wcgc.ca/resources.html>)
- ♦ **July** – OHA Convention Flower Show, July 21-23, 2023, Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata, members are encouraged to enter the Flower and Vegetable Show, cash prizes
- ♦ **October** – A home-grown pumpkin or ornamental gourd – *People's Choice Award*
- ♦ **November** - A painting/drawing – any medium – of plant(s) – *People's Choice Award*