

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## March...in like a lion!


At time of writing, we have had such an onslaught of snowfall and weather events that it's hard to envisage the return of our growing season. The snowbanks on my front walk are up to my shoulders!

However, thoughts do turn to spring and to sowing flower and veggie seeds indoors. I am told to hold off till mid- April for tomatoes and to end March for cold weather crops. Patience is a virtue they say.

## Our Guest Speaker

**Rob Stuart** is no stranger to our group, having presented an interesting primer on plant propagation by Zoom in January 2022. A Master Gardener, Rob has a particular interest in alpine gardening and is also an active member of rock garden societies where he takes full advantage of seed exchanges. He volunteers with the Friends of the Farm and grows most of his plants from seed. Now we can meet Rob in person!

OUR NEXT MEETING



West Carleton Garden Club  
March Meeting  
**"Pruning: The Ins and Outs"**  
with Master Gardener **Rob Stuart**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 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 choosing the virtual option MUST preregister for the Zoom presentations by sending an email to [presentation@wcgc.ca](mailto:presentation@wcgc.ca)



Ottawa Orchid Society  
January 20 · 🌱

GREAT NEWS! The Ottawa Orchid Society is excited to announce that after a three-year hiatus, Orchidophilia, the OOS Orchid Show is back. The Show will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

## SEEDY SATURDAY!

On Saturday March 11th at the Carp Agricultural Hall, we will be co-hosting an exciting day for the community which will include vendors, workshops, a kiddie corner, seed sales (bring cash: very inexpensive at \$2 a packet), refreshments and Master Gardener advice. Poster is on the next page. Please share with friends.

Our organizer Brenda Baird will get in touch with volunteers to confirm the times to access the hall, etc. If you would like to volunteer and your name isn't already on the list, please contact Brenda by email at [president@wcgc.ca](mailto:president@wcgc.ca)

The organizers have been working hard on logistics, securing vendors, preparing the kiddie corner... thank you so much.

## OHA News

- ✦ OHA Auction to cover Convention expenses: <https://www.youtube.com/@district2web558> (Note: There will be on-line auction from March 14-March 28 of painted and decorated birdhouses as a D2 fundraiser to which our group contributed. More details to follow.)
- ✦ D2 YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@district2web558>
- ✦ OHA Convention: <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>
- ✦ Winter edition of OHA Trillium Magazine here: <https://gardenontario.org/the-winter-issue-of-trillium-is-here/>

## WCGC - Next Meetings

- ✦ 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
- ✦ May 9th, **May Meeting**, "Digging in the Dirt: Ways to Stay Healthy Gardening" with Master Gardener **Nancy McDonald**, + May Flower & Vegetable Show

## March Mini Flower Show

March 2023 - Bring in a handmade garden ornament - People's Choice Award

### 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.



# 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



Even though we have all been yearning for a return to spring-like weather, I cannot resist leaving you with this recent picture reminding us of how beautiful winter can be:

