

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Spring Flower Show

Our flower show will also be held at our May meeting, so start looking around for plant material! The show theme is "Springtime in Paris" and all show parameters can be found here: <https://www.wcgc.ca/resources.html> . Flowers are to be placed between 6:30 and 7:15:pm.

Donations

For members whose family names start with E to J, would you kindly bring in a garden-related door prize. We have enough sweets for the refreshments table. Remember, a 50 cent donation for a cuppa will give you a whole evening of refreshments. Good deal!

OHA Convention

OHA Convention on July 21-23, **registration is now open:** <https://gardenontario.org/convention/>. WCGC is in charge of finding vendors for the vendors' market during the convention. There is still space so if anyone knows of any vendors who may be interested, **please contact** Brenda Baird at: president@wcgc.ca



WCGC May Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7:00 pm

Carp Memorial Hall

"Digging in the Dirt: Ways to Stay Healthy Gardening"

with

Nancy MacDonald,
Master Gardener

+ Spring Flower Show!

(Attend the presentation part of the meeting by Zoom by registering your name and email address at presentation@wcgc.ca)



Reading Garden Update

With spring now fully upon us, our thoughts turn to our revamp of the Carp Library garden, our community project. Last autumn we consolidated some of the flower beds and planted a pollinator bed. Let's hope all of our plantings made it through the winter.

The Library will be receiving three new picnic tables from the City and our garden club will be donating Adirondack chairs to place around them.

We will be organizing a worker bee later in the spring, once mulch has been received from the City, to place it on the beds. Stay tuned, we will need some volunteers to help out.

June Meeting

As is our tradition, our June meeting is a social gathering with potluck and flower show. More details later on. Flower show specs are on our website under 'Resources'. www.wcgc.ca

Annual Plant Sale, Carp Farmers Market

Saturday May 20, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

This is our major annual fundraiser...mark your calendars. We will need members to donate plants: perennials, shrubs, veggies, etc. Please label them so we can see what they are, with sun and care requirements, if possible. No invasive varieties. We will also need volunteers to help out on the day - it's a lot of fun. A volunteer sign-up clipboard will be circulated at the meeting.

Urgent: As the Carp Farmers' Market has not yet found a new Manager, the canopies over each space will not be erected. In case of a wet day, **if anyone has or knows of anyone who has a canopy we could borrow, it would be appreciated.** Please **contact**: president@wcgc.ca **asap.**

More instructions about the logistics of the plant sale will be circulated to the volunteers in due course.



Other OHA Conference News (July 21-23, 2023, Brookstreet Hotel)

A number of fundraising initiatives are currently in the works for the upcoming conference which is hosted by OHA District 2 of which we are a part. There will also be a Silent Auction on the Friday evening and polo shirts and gardening aprons on sale at the Convention.

1. Choice Plant Sale:

See poster opposite for details. If you have any choice/rare plants you think would fit this description and which you would like to donate, **please contact Brenda Baird at president@wcgc.ca by mid-May please.**

Here are some examples of the kinds of



2. Peony Fundraiser

More information about an interesting peony Fundraiser will be made available shortly. The peonies will be provided by wholesaler J.C. Bakker & Sons from the Niagara Peninsula. <https://www.jcbakker.com>. The idea would be to order the peonies online and then pick them up in Kanata at the Convention in July...more to come. Here's a very preliminary look at what's included (subject to change):



CHOICE PLANT SALE

SUN MAY 28, 2023

9:30 – noon (or until all plants sold)



Held at Jo-Jo's Community Garden
1573 Main Street Stittsville

Choice plants in 2 gal pots - minimum price \$50. Native, rare plants and shrubs. Other plants which are fragrant, colourful, attractive to pollinators, some trees.

Bring the family and tour the fairy garden.
Ice cream truck and Pizza will be available for purchase at 10:00 am.

Talk to our gardeners to get your gardening questions answered.



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