

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## Monthly Meeting

We have a very busy meeting planned on November 8th. After having to suddenly cancel our October meeting due to illness of key organizing members (on the mend now), we are very much looking forward to getting together soon. Remember, we can wear a mask or not, it's individual choice.

## AGM

Our Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf is putting the final touches on our financial statements and having them audited in time for our meeting. These documents will be sent to you prior to the meeting via email.

Please plan to attend the meeting in person or by Zoom. We need a quorum.

## Refreshments

We are reinstituting our old practice of asking members to bring in goodies for the refreshments table and/or door prizes, always much appreciated. For this meeting: Members whose family names begin with A to G, please.



## Monthly Meeting & AGM

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

Carp Memorial Hall, Carp

Members: Free, Guests: \$5

7:00 pm - Meet, greet and mingle

7:30 pm - AGM, Announcements and then,  
in the hall and on Zoom:

**Lee Ann Smith, Master Gardener**

On

**“High Performance, Low Maintenance Plants”**

**Seed Exchange**

(Doors open at 6:45 pm to place seed packs)





## Photo Theme

Photo theme for November is **"Lest We Forget" - picture of a public garden** in honour of Canada's Fallen.

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.**

For the year's complete themes, see here: <https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/2022%20photo%20competition%20classes%202.pdf>

(Note: there will not be time for a judge to review the pictures in time for the December meeting, so the December photo theme is cancelled.)

Thank you, **Gay MacQuarrie** for having organized the photo competition again this year.

## Reading Garden at Carp Library

Several of us came together at the Reading Garden a few days last week. Thanks to our member volunteers who came out to weed, spread new earth and edge, and transplant perennials from one bed to another.

The idea is to create a central pollinator garden with the side beds being filled with peonies. Spring bulbs were also planted throughout. Mulch will be received from the city next spring and we will spread it over the beds then. We will also choose and install new benches and a picnic table next season.

We had beautiful weather for gardening, see below. Thanks to **Brenda Baird** for organizing these efforts.





Thank you so much **Donna Cook** for organizing the Seed Exchange at the November meeting!

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# SEED EXCHANGE

## Seed Collecting

Collecting flower seeds & vegetable seeds from your favorite plants is a fun and rewarding pastime for both young and old. Growing plants from seeds is not only easy but also rewarding with little effort and cost. Seed harvesting provides an opportunity to preserve your beautiful garden flowers or vegetables to replant next year or share with family and friends.



### HARVESTING

Always harvest your seeds when it's dry. Around mid-day or early afternoon on a sunny day is ideal but try not to collect them when they're damp. Lay seeds out separately on newspaper for about one week to dry or tie paper bags or cheese cloth around the dried flower heads, clip stems, and hang upside down to allow seeds to fall.



### SAVING

Store your completely dried seeds in a cool, dry place in a labeled envelope, airtight jar, or hand-made seed packets.

Include **plant name, plant height, growing conditions (full sun or partial shade) and flower colour** if possible. Consider attaching a picture of the flower which will help fellow growers see the final result. This will also help when organizing your garden theme. 🌻

Some examples to bring to the exchange:  
outdoor flower plants, holly hocks, poppies, morning glories, calendula, tomato, cucumber and peppers seeds to name a few.

### TRADING

Harvesting on a brisk autumn day is like a final celebration for the gardener. A glorious past season promises a bountiful new garden for the coming new year.

A great way to receive new flower seeds for your garden is to **TRADE**. Passing along our flower and/or vegetable seeds to trade with family, friends and neighbours is a great way in keeping unique plant species abundant and heritage plants moving forward with future generations.

