

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Our October Speaker

Catherine Disley is a Master Gardener. As a graduate of Algonquin College's horticulture and landscaping program and having been a senior designer at some of Ottawa's premier floral shops, Catherine will inspire us to create some lovely seasonal baskets in plenty of time for the winter season.

Plant & Seed Swap

We are excited to announce our fall perennial and seed exchange which will take place at the meeting. Donna Cook has once again prepared an info sheet which is attached to this newsletter. Please bring your labelled potted plants and seed packages in to swap between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

Thank you

A big thank you to those who came out this summer to help maintain the garden in front of Carp Memorial Hall. We are proud of this space and appreciate your assistance to keeping it tidy and attractive.



West Carleton Garden Club

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
In-person meeting at:
Carp Memorial Hall, Carp

October General Meeting

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7:00 pm - Meet, greet and mingle

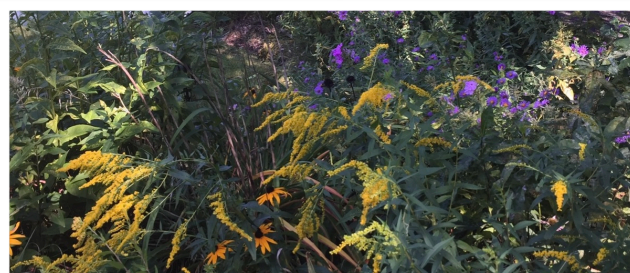
7:30 pm - On Zoom in the hall and online:

"Winter Planters"

with Master Gardener Catherine Disley
and

Perennial and Seed Exchange

(Doors open at 6:30 pm to place offerings)





Library Garden

There will be a work BEE at the Reading garden, probably on Saturday Oct 15. More details and confirmation will be circulated later. We are waiting for topsoil for our new pollinator bed and we will transplant some existing plants in the garden into the new space. Further, additional planting will take place in the spring but we want to get the bed prepared now.

Seed saving

At the same time we prepare our seeds for the October meeting exchange, let's remember to save seeds for next spring's **Seedy Saturday** on March 11, 2023 in the Carp Agricultural Hall. This is a joint venture between our club, Stittsville Goulbourn and Kanata March Hort. Societies. We will be selling seeds from our gardens to the public so please save seeds for both events.

Last meeting

Scott Hortop presented a very interesting talk about composting for carbon sequestration. His slides will be distributed to the members.

Membership renewal time

Please e-transfer treasurer@wcgc.ca, or bring cash or cheque to the meeting. Dues are \$15 solo or \$20 Family. If you would like to send a cheque by mail please send to Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf, 202 Charlie's Lane, RR1 Carp, ON. K0A 1L0. Any renewals or new memberships until November 1, will be entered into a draw for a \$50 Lee Valley Gift Card.



FALL 2022



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.



ENJOY TRADING

By Donna Cook





From our September meeting: top, Brenda Baird welcoming our members, below: Scott Hortop, our presenter, around: beautiful arrangements from our members.