

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

We meet again in person!

We are so happy to welcome our members back to Carp Memorial Hall for the first meeting of this 2022-23 season. It will be so nice to reacquaint with each other after such a long time.

While there are currently no health restrictions in place for public meetings, we will space out seating, encourage people to wear masks if you want to (not mandatory), and have some hand sanitizer available.

We continue to monitor public health guidelines and are prepared to offer Zoom meetings [simultaneously](#) if the Hall wifi infrastructure allows. More on this soon.

Our VP and program director, Kathleen Teahen, has lined up an interesting roster of topics and speakers. We can't wait to see you all again.

***Please note that, for our first meeting, doors open at 7:00** to allow for socializing and refreshments ahead of the meeting starting at 7:30. **Place flower show entries from 6:30 to 7:10 pm.**



September Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th

7:30-9:30*

Scott Hortop
on

“Climate-Carbon-Compost”

and FLOWER SHOW

Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road

Members: Free; Guests: \$5

(*see times opposite column)





Our September Speaker

Scott Hortop is retired from TB and health development work in Haiti and from work with GE in water and wastewater treatment. He lives in Almonte and has selected to focus his retirement efforts on returning the carbon in greenhouse gases, unwelcome as it is in our atmosphere, back into the soil.

Ottawa Garden Festival

This is the final weekend of the Ottawa Garden Festival. Kathleen Teahen was approached by a fellow Master Gardener about creating a Fairy Garden in a wheel barrow (above).. A total of 8 wheel barrows with various garden themes were created and are currently on display at key tourist areas in Ottawa. They will be on display outside of City Hall on Saturday. Kathleen worked hard on this, and her name and our club are on signage for this. Thanks to Kathleen for doing this project. The wheelbarrows can be seen at different spots in Ottawa this weekend. See p.3.

Membership

Once again this year, in an effort to entice members to renew your membership. We will be offering a Lee Valley \$50 gift card in a draw of **new** members who join before November 1st.

Still very reasonably priced at \$15 (solo) and \$20 (family), bring your cash or cheque (pto of West Carleton Garden Club) to the next meeting, or send an e-transfer to treasurer@wcgc.ca. If you can't make the meeting you can also send a cheque to our Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf, 202 Charlie's Lane, RR1 Carp, ON. K0A 1L0.

OPL Carp Branch - Reading Garden

The summer has been a very hot one overall and really not conducive to large garden reno projects, but with September and the fall weather giving us some more temperate times, we will be tackling the Library garden revamp. We have a number of ideas planned, including a pollinator garden, high on everyone's wish list these days. We will need assistance with this and would ask that any **volunteers** get in touch with Brenda Baird at president@wcgc.ca or at the meeting. All hands on deck!



WCGC Photo Competitions

Don't forget we have photo competitions ongoing this year. For complete instructions, please refer to: <https://wcgc.ca/resources.html>

For now the following subjects are of note:

- September "Nature's Bounty" – your interpretation
- October "Blowing in the Wind" – a picture of an outdoor plant gone to seed
- November "Lest We Forget" – picture of a public garden commemorating Canada's Fallen

Please email your digital pictures to gardens.gay@outlook.com with the month, your name and class in the subject line of your email. The entries and winners will be revealed at the December meeting.

(Note: December competition is cancelled as there will not be enough time for the judges to judge submissions before our monthly meeting.)

September Flower show*

THEME: "Friends Across the Fence"

September 13, 2022 - Carp Memorial Hall

- Entries to be placed between 6:30 and 7:10 p.m.
- Only one entry permitted per person per class
- All cut specimens to be shown in clear glass
- Reference: *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture*, The Garden Clubs of Ontario; Ontario Horticultural Association, Second Edition, 2019
- Judging to take place during the general meeting

*Note: Only floral entries this time, no fruits and vegetables.

Full rules and categories are contained in the Resources section of our website and attached with the covering letter to this newsletter.

Gardening Events of Interest

- ♦ District 2 Flower and Edible Show at Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall on Saturday, August 23, 2022
- ♦ Link to Year of the Garden: [https:// livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca](https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca)
- ♦ Wheelbarrows mentioned on page 1 above can be seen:

Friday	Aug 19	National Arts Centre (along Elgin)	11:00 to 3:00
Saturday	Aug 20	City Hall (District 2 Flower Show)	12:00 to 4:00
Sunday	Aug 21	National Gallery (under Maman)	11:00 to 3:00

WCGC 2022-23 Season

Carp Memorial Hall
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
(Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments/social)

Date	Speakers	Topic
Sept 13,2022 (+ Flower show)	Scott Hortop	Composting
Oct 11,2022 (Zoom)	Catherine Disley	Winter Planters (on Zoom)
Nov 8,2022 (+AGM)	Lee Ann Smith	High performance/Low maintenance plants
Dec 13,2022	Seasonal Social	Pot Luck
Jan 10,2023	Danielle Thibeau	Photography in the Gardens
Feb 14,2023	Jan Johns	Ottawa Orchid Society All About Orchids (Native/ Box store)
March 14,2023	Rob Stuart	Pruning
April 14,2023	TBD	
May 10,2023	Nancy MacDonald	Digging in the Dirt: Ways to stay healthy gardening
June 12,2023	Seasonal Social/ Flower Show	

Please note that the presentations above are mainly scheduled to be in-person presentations at the Carp Memorial Hall with the option to attend virtually online with Zoom.