



# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## NOVEMBER MEETING

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**  
**7:30-9:30PM\***

***Master Gardener Judith Cox***

### **"HOW TO LIVE WITH WHAT LIVES IN YOUR GARDENS"**

**Doors open 7:00 pm for mingling and refreshments \***

**Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road**  
**Members: Free; Guests: \$5**



*In November we honour and  
remember Canada's fallen  
by wearing a poppy.*

## OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER

**Judith Cox** has always loved working with plants and enjoys sharing that love with others. She is particularly fond of heritage vegetables, roses, herbs, and fairy gardens.

After working for 15 years as a gardener, she now works as a garden consultant during the growing season and volunteers at Master Gardener advice clinics at local farmer's markets. As of 2020, she became president of the Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society. In the winter, Judith give lectures on a variety of gardening subjects at local horticultural societies and writes for local magazines and publications. She writes a weekly article called Veggie Bites to encourage and educate gardeners everywhere. She also has a small business selling her watercolour/pen and ink cards which feature flowers from her garden. If you are interested in the cards, please find her [website here](#).

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of WCGC speakers.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our November Meeting is our Annual General Meeting. Members should have received the 2023 WCGC Financial Statements along with the 2022 WCGC AGM Minutes in an email to review prior to our meeting. If any member was not sent these documents, please contact Shannon Murray at [newsletter@wgcg.ca](mailto:newsletter@wgcg.ca)

Members whose surnames begin with the letters H-N are asked to provide refreshments and/or door prizes for the meeting. If you are available and well, please plan to attend the AGM as we need a quorum.

## OUR OCTOBER MEETING WITH JENNIFER FARRIS

**Jennifer Farris** began Lost Lanark Legacy Fruit Trees over five years ago. Her focus has been to expand local fruit knowledge and curiosity in her local community. She was born on a farm in the Almonte area which had several older apple trees on it. Old and rare apple trees, as well as pear, plum and other local heritage fruit tree varieties can still be found along the roadside and on peoples' properties in the area. These older trees can be grafted and replanted to save their genetics before the old tree dies. Jennifer explained the importance of preserving these older, rare species which at one time were so plentiful in this area.

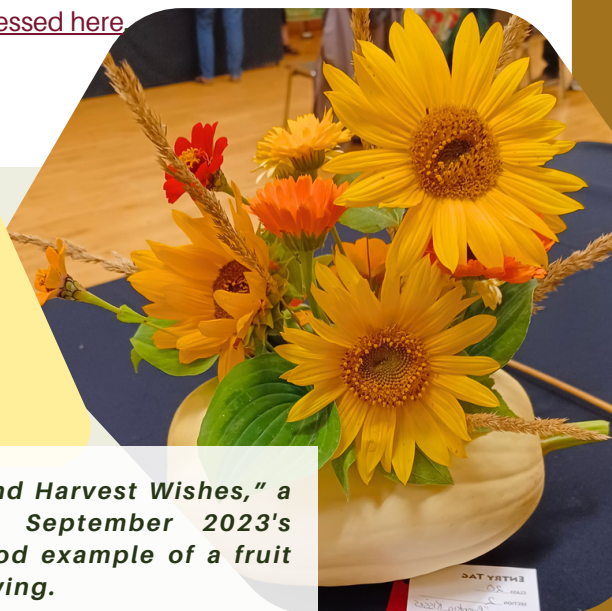
She has established a Facebook page which can be found [here](#), titled Lost Lanark Legacy Fruit Trees. She has also created a website for the project which can be [accessed here](#).



## ALL'S FAIR IN PRIZE-WINNING

Congratulations to this year's WCGC Bursary winner, Ashe Williams, who has since graduated from West Carleton Secondary School to pursue a Bachelor of Environmental Science at Carleton University.

Donna Caldwell must also be applauded for her various winning entries at this year's Carp Fair!



*"Pumpkin Kisses and Harvest Wishes," a winning entry in September 2023's Flower Show--a good example of a fruit and vegetable showing.*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not already renewed your membership, please bring your cash or cheque (pto of West Carleton Garden Club) to our upcoming meeting, or send an e-transfer to [treasurer@wcgc.ca](mailto:treasurer@wcgc.ca). Dues are \$15 for a solo member or \$20 for a family.

If you would like to send a cheque by mail, please send to Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf, at 202 Charlie's Lane, RR1 Carp, ON. K0A 1L0.

## GROW TO SHOW: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

### FLOWER SHOW TIPS BY GAY MACQUARRIE

When showing some fruits and vegetables--such as apples, crab apples or tomatoes--be sure to leave the "bloom" on the fruit, i.e., there is no need to "polish" the fruit. The bloom is a whitish, powdery or waxy covering of a surface, especially on leafy succulents, and on some fruits, vegetables and foliage; e.g., peaches, apples, peas, leaves of red cabbage, hosta.

Note: For exhibition purposes, some vegetables are shown as fruit, e.g., rhubarb, while some fruit are shown as vegetables, e.g., tomato. The item is shown in the appropriate class based on its common table use.



# VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING



## »»» ADOPT-A-DITCH PROJECT

OBEC 1 is proposing a project to use native plants to control weeds in roadside ditches in Ottawa.

Effective weed control with native plants is a win for everyone:

- Pollinators, protects their habitat, currently being destroyed
- City: saves the money on pesticides and brush-hogging
- Farmers: controls noxious weeds and provide pollinators for crops.
- Community: reduced pesticides use contributes to community health.

This pilot will bring together a multiplicity of community members to plan how to use native plants in ditches to control weeds.

Some initial research suggests that there is helpful guidance available from Minnesota and Texas that point the way to using native plants to maintain road-side ditches. The Canadian Wildlife Federation has worked on similar projects and their guidance is here: [Managing Rights-of-way for Pollinators: A practical Guide for Managers](#). Lanark County has started a long-term vegetation management program called "Grow it, Don't Mow it" ([read more on this here](#)) in cooperation with the Canadian Wildlife Federation – a local example of a working program.

We all know it will not be easy to manage the ditches to meet the needs of pollinators, farmers and road safety.

For more information, contact Rudi Aksim at [rudi.aksim@gmail.com](mailto:rudi.aksim@gmail.com) or 613-839-2990.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you have completed any volunteer hours for the club this past calendar year, please log these hours on our volunteer spreadsheet, [found here](#) at the bottom of the resources page. Having accurate data on our club's volunteer hours is required as we prepare to apply for our annual grant from OMAFRA. This grant accounts for a large portion of our club's funding, so please enter your volunteer hours as soon as possible.



## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A special thanks to our members who volunteered and helped at the Carp Library at the end of September to prepare the Reading Garden for winter.