



The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, September 12th
7:30-9:30pm*

Anne Breau

on

"Fall Ikebana Flower Arranging" and FLOWER SHOW

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



*Photo of an Ikebana arrangement by
Sally Kuehn (this arrangement was
inspired by visual art on the wall).
Photo by Leislle Alvarenga.*

OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are pleased to welcome members back to Carp Memorial Hall for the first meeting of the 2023-24 season. Attendees will be guided in the art of Sogetsu Ikebana flower arranging by the accomplished instructor, Anne Breau.

Our VP and program director, Kathleen Teahen, has lined up an interesting roster of topics and speakers for the season. We can't wait to see you all again. Members are highly encouraged to bring a door prize and/or food contribution to this season's meetings.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We remind members that it is once again time to renew annual memberships. Please bring your cash or cheque (pto of West Carleton Garden Club) to the next meeting, or send an e-transfer to treasurer@wcgc.ca. Prices remain at \$15 for a solo member or \$20 for a family. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, you may also send a cheque to our Treasurer, Sheila Stumpf, at 202 Charlie's Lane, RR1 Carp, ON. K0A 1L0.

THE SOGETSU SCHOOL OF IKEBANA

Ikebana is the art of Japanese floral arrangement. Western floral arranging generally involves a symmetrical mass of flowers. In contrast, Ikebana arrangements place attention on each flower, focusing on line, space, and asymmetry. Styles include "moribana" material placed in a shallow container and "nageire" materials placed in a tall vase.

Sogetsu is a modern school of Ikebana. In 1927, when the masses believed practicing Ikebana meant following established forms, Sofu Teshigahara recognized Ikebana as a creative art and founded the Sogetsu School. He was known as the Picasso of Ikebana. The creed of the school is "an arrangement anywhere, anytime using any material". Sogetsu follows the same principles of Ikebana (line, space, and asymmetry) with attention to individual expression. Unconventional materials can be used.

If you are interested in Sogetsu Ikebana, information and contact can be found at www.ottawasogetsu.ca or ottawasogetsu@gmail.com. You can also contact Leislle one of our WCGC members at sogetsu@loly.ca

OUR SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Anne Breau is a founding member, former Director, and the current Branch Senior Advisor of the *Sogetsu Ottawa Branch*. Having discovered the art of Ikebana at the *Sogetsu School Headquarters* in Tokyo, Japan in 1976, Anne has been teaching Ikebana for over 20 years, and holds the highest ranking teacher's diploma on the subject (Riji) worldwide. She is also the Chapter President of the *Ikebana International Ottawa Centennial Chapter No. 120*.

"AN ARRANGEMENT ANYWHERE, ANYTIME USING ANY MATERIAL"

During the OHA Convention in Ottawa, five members of the School of Ikebana were invited to collaborate with the decorating committee with Ikebana floral arrangements. The members (Linda Jones, Leislle Alvarenga, Rosario Holmes, Sally Kuehn, and Claire Laverty) created eight beautiful arrangements of different sizes and styles with each arrangement taking into consideration its surroundings and placement while reflecting the individuals who created them. The members are graduates of the School of Ikebana under the tutelage of Linda Jones.



Photo of Leislle Alvarenga's arrangement in front of three orange panel mural (this arrangement was inspired by the visual art on the wall. Photo by Brenda Baird.

SEPTEMBER FLOWER SHOW

THEME: Autumn: "When Every Leaf is Like a Flower"

-Albert Camus, French Philosopher

September 12, 2023 - Carp Memorial Hall

[See full entry specifications here](#)

- Entries to be placed between 6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m.
- Maximum two (2) entries per person per class.
- All cut specimens to be shown in clear glass.
- Name your specimens where possible.
- For the Design Division, plant material may be obtained from any source as it is the artistic ability of the exhibitor that is being judged.
- Entry tags are available when you sign in.
- Judging to take place during the general meeting.



"Good Gourd," an entry to September 2022's Flower Show. Photo sourced from the WCGC facebook page.

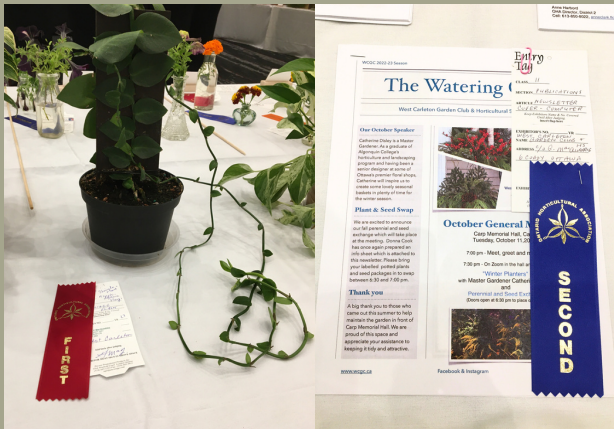
GROW TO SHOW

FLOWER SHOW TIPS BY GAY MACQUARRIE

The judge is looking for "cultural perfection." In other words, the specimens are representative of their cultivar in health, vigor and size. They should represent the development of the plant to the peak of its potential as a result of good growing practices. So, when you pick your specimens, try to get three blooms that are alike in size, colour, condition. The stem length should be typical for the cultivar and, if there are multiple specimens, the stems should all be cut to the same length. The judge will take into consideration the condition of the specimens if there has been a difficult growing season. And finally, pick a container (clear) that lets the specimens "breathe" so that the blossom aren't squished in the container with each blossom showing to its fullest.



Entries from 2022's September Flower Show. Theme: "Friends Across the Fence." Photos sourced from the WCGC facebook page.



A "Summer Sorbet" design entry by Gay MacQuarrie amongst other entries in the category (top left), a first place "House plant grown for foliage" entry by Gay MacQuarrie (centre-left), a second place newsletter entry by Gay MacQuarrie, submitted on behalf of Anne Gadbois (centre-right), and a first place entry by Gay MacQuarrie in the Special Exhibit category of "Herbs by Candlelight." Photos by Brenda Baird.



THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS

A special thanks to our members who volunteered and helped at the OHA Convention: Gay MacQuarrie, Karen Buckley, Kathleen Teahen, Brenda Baird, Leislle Alvarenga, and Ken Sala.

WCGC "ROCKS" THE OHA CONVENTION

The 2023 Ontario Horticulture Association (OHA) Convention, with the theme of "Rock Your Garden World," was held this past July 21st to 23rd at the Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa. Gay MacQuarrie, with permission from former newsletter editor Anne Gadbois, entered two of WCGC's monthly newsletters from 2022. We won a second prize for October 2022 and received an Honourable mention for November 2022. Congratulations Anne and thanks to Gay for entering these.

In addition, two of Gay MacQuarrie's entries (pictured above), received first place ribbons in their respective categories. Congratulations to Gay on the recognition of these beautifully creative designs.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS



START SAVING FOR SEEDY SATURDAY

2024's Seedy Saturday is on the horizon, and autumn is the perfect time to take a walk around the garden to gather, dry, and identify seeds to contribute to 2024's event. As always, we are looking for annuals, perennials, veggies and natives, with native seeds being especially prized.

Please also save your unused plant pots (3-4 inch pots are preferred) for use at the kids' table during Seedy Saturday.



COSTCO GARDENING PROMOTION

Costco has put out a request for photo submissions from avid gardeners who use their products in their August issue of *Costco Life*. If you have a creative garden that makes use of their products, the editor is requesting gardeners send an email to jjmadera@costco.com with pictures of your garden and the story behind them. Please mention that you are a member of WCGC if you do enter!



ENHANCING DESIGNS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF STANDARDS

If you would like to learn more about Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture ((OJES) Revised 2019 Edition - \$10.00 each) please email mhs@manotickhorticulturalsociety.com to arrange purchase.

Image courtesy of OHA.



2024 OHA CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN GUELPH

The Ontario Horticultural Association's 116th Convention will be held in Guelph, Ontario from July 12th to July 14th, 2024. Though the commute to the convention will be lengthier for West Carleton Garden Club members than in 2023, Guelph is a beautiful town with striking gardens for those who do wish to attend. *Image courtesy of OHA.*

GARDEN ONTARIO 50-50 RAFFLE DRAW APPROACHES

Garden Ontario's 50-50 Raffle Pot grows steadily as we approach the end of ticket sales on Friday, September 15th. [Purchase tickets here.](#)



WILD FOR WILDFLOWERS WITH MICHAEL RUNTZ

The Master Gardeners of Lanark Country and The Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton (MGO) will be hosting "Wild for Wildflowers" at the Kitchissippi United Church on September 9th, 2023. The event's guest speaker, author and photographer Michael Runtz, is sure to provide an enthusiastic and engaging lecture on the subject as one of Ottawa's most knowledgeable experts on Ontario's natural history. The event is **sold out** at this time, but you may contact MGO to be notified if any cancellations should occur through the event's website: mgottawa.ca/wild. *Image courtesy of MGO*


Master Gardeners of
Lanark County


Master Gardeners of
Ottawa-Carleton

are proud to present



with guest speaker:
Author and Photographer
MICHAEL RUNTZ

Saturday September 9, 2023
From 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Wild for Wildflowers by Michael Runtz
Kitchissippi United Church (630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa)
Light lunch provided

Registration is limited. Ticket sales will close when capacity is reached or on Monday, September 4th, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., whichever comes first.

Schedule and registration online at mgottawa.ca/wild