

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

June Beauty

After a long and lingering cool start to spring, can we say we are finally headed toward good weather? The garden is simply bursting with green leaves and shoots and it is so invigorating to spend time out there now.

Flower Show Specs

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are hoping for robust participation in the flower show this coming meeting. Specifications can be found here:

https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/WCGC_FlowerShows_2025_Rules&Schedules.pdf

Overall theme: "Long Weekend Fun". Take a leap: you do not have to enter every category!

Prizes

Canadian Tire Kanata has agreed to donate two (2) planters for our June Flower Show. One will be for Best in Show Horticultural specimen and the other will be for Judge's Choice for Novice Design.



Photos from past shows

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Carp Memorial Hall

Doors open at 6:15 pm

Summer Social & Flower Show

The **June meeting** has traditionally been our social evening and Flower Show. That means no speaker and plenty of mingling and conversation. We will also be holding our **election for the executive** for the coming year. We welcome your participation so if you are interested in joining the executive, please make sure you come on out to the meeting and/or make your interest known in advance to Brenda Baird at president@wcgc.ca.

Please also bring in some sweet or savoury finger food to share. No plates, cutlery or door prizes required. All food donations are to be placed, along with flower show entries, before the meeting starts, i.e., between 6:15 and 7:15 pm.



Summer Outings

We are planning two summer group outings to local garden venues:

July 8 **Whitehouse Perennials**
6:30 pm

<https://www.whitehouseperennials.com>

Aug 12 **Stoneridge Gardens**
6:30 pm

<https://stoneridgegardens.com>

More information about event logistics will be sent out in due course.

Carp Memorial Hall

At our June meeting, we will have a sign up sheet for volunteers to maintain the Carp Memorial Hall garden over the summer as we normally do. Members sign up to weed the garden once during the summer. It is light work and you can choose to go anytime during the assigned week. It works well. Bring your own gardening tools please and a bag to gather up and bring back your clippings and weeds for disposal in your compost.

WCGC Annual Plant Sale

Many thanks to all our Members who brought an outstanding variety of plant donations to the sale which was held on Saturday, May 17th at the Carp Farmers' Market. Perennials, annuals, vegetable seedlings, herbs, native plants, we had them all and nary an invasive in sight. Thanks also for the canopies.

Honestly, there were a few hours at the beginning when we worried upon hearing the thunder, seeing the torrential rain and noticing a general lack of visitors to the market, but around 10:00 am, the skies started to become less grey, the rain abated and people started arriving.

Considering the downpours that morning, we did well at the sale, our main society fundraiser. Thank you also to those who came out to help with plant placement, client interaction, sharing of horticultural knowledge and advice, etc. I counted at least four Master Gardeners among us during the morning, helping out buyers with their gardening questions.

Especially, a big shout out to Brenda Baird who planned and shepherded the whole event along.



OHA Fall Bulb Sale

On page 4 below, you will find information about a special bulb sale hosted by the OHA. We need 15 of our members to participate, i.e., to order a package of 50 bulbs for \$35.00, otherwise we can not participate.

If you are interested, please place your order at the June meeting, cash or cheque, or send an e-transfer for \$35.00 to treasurer@wcgc.ca, adding a note to say it is for the OHA Fall Bulb Sale and your name.

It looks like a pretty unique and interesting variety of bulbs.

WCGC Facebook Page

Please do send me pics of your garden every once in awhile over the summer months so that I may post them on our Facebook page. Send them to: newsletter@wcgc.ca

2025-26 WCGC Season

Our Program Director is putting the finishing touches on an interesting calendar of meetings and events for the 2025-26 season. As soon as the calendar is finalized, we will post it on our website and send out a notice to members.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

A big thank you to our all our devoted volunteers, and in particular to our executive members, who devote a lot of time to keep our Club running.

Without all of us working together at the meetings, in the gardens and at the market, we can not deliver our services, programs and activities.



OHA Fall Bulb Sale, above

See you in September!

After our June 10th meeting, the next time we get together in Carp Memorial Hall will be at our **September 9th** meeting. The summer is always an active travel time for a lot of people and it seems to be a tradition in many garden clubs to pause the monthly meetings during July and August.

We do have our planned outings to look forward to this summer and will be back to our monthly meetings in September.





Ontario Horticultural Association Fall Bulb Sale

Through GardenOntario, a wonderful mix of Fall Bulbs has been arranged. This mix was selected because of its unique combination of varieties such as species tulips, botanical narcissus, muscari, and leucojum. It's a vibrant, colourful mix that's especially attractive to bees and butterflies. Most importantly, this is a **specialty mix just for the OHA that you won't find in any store. This Biodiversity Mix may be resistant to deer and squirrels.**

There are 50 Bulbs per package and 15 packages per case. A minimum of 1 case must be ordered by a Society/Club.

In order to make this a viable bulb sale, our supplier requires a minimum order of 100 cases to be sold.

Each case of bulbs will ship directly to any Society/Club in the province at a shipping cost of \$2.50 per package. With shipping and taxes the total cost for a member for each package of 50 bulbs will be \$35.00.

Each Society/Club will have the opportunity to sell these packages to their members, family or friends! One order form must be completed per Society/Club at <https://forms.gle/oBcf3J8rKZAMYfED7> and one cheque or e-transfer from each Society/Club must be sent to Katharine Smyth for each order.

Cheques in the amount of \$525 per case with your Society/Club name in the comment field, can be mailed to:

Katharine Smyth
Ontario Horticultural Association
P.O. Box 1720
Tilbury, ON N0P 2L0

E-Transfers in the amount of \$525 per case can be sent to katesmyth4@gmail.com. (Please add your Society/Club name in the comment section of the e-transfer)

To add to the fun, our representative from Tradewinds is offering **three \$100 gift certificates to Flowerbulbsrus.com** to three individuals who send in the most creative photos of these bulbs in flower in the spring of 2026.

For now, let your members know about this wonderful opportunity and be ready to order your case(s) soon. Delivery will be in mid-September directly to the societies' contact person.

Deadline for orders will be June 30, 2025. If 100 cases are not sold, cheques/e-transfer funds will be returned to the Societies/Clubs.