

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

March Meeting

With all the snow we've been having, it will be nice to start thinking ahead to our summer plantings. This month's meeting features a local flower grower, **Natalie Tovell** from Kinburn who, with her husband Rob, have developed and planted flower beds on their just over one-acre property.

Fast forward a few years and they now provide fresh cut flowers on a seasonal basis. Natalie will discuss how to get started with seeds, the process, the care of seedlings and the planting out process, just in time to inspire us in our own endeavours.

This is very timely as we will have bought some new seeds in the context of our **Seedy Saturday** event at Carp Agricultural Hall on Saturday, March 8th which promises to be a well attended venue, thanks in part to volunteers like us and from our sister horticultural societies, Kanata North and Stittsville Goulbourn.

(Photos opposite and below used with permission from Farmview Gardens Website)



West Carleton Garden Club March Meeting

"Seed Starting"

Starting seeds indoors for beautiful summer gardens

with **Natalie Tovell**
of Farmview Gardens, Kinburn

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Carp Memorial Hall

Members: Free, Guests: \$5

Doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:30 pm

This meeting will be an in-person meeting at the hall.

In the event of inclement weather, an email will be sent and a notice will be placed on the WCGC website possibly offering a Zoom option. Visit www.wcgc.ca for current information and check it again on the day of the meeting.



Out and About

Want to know what's happening in other garden clubs across the city? There is a handy reference spot online which outlines gardening events:
<https://gardeningcalendar.ca>

Next WCGC Meetings

April 8, 2025

"Foraging"
 with Tauney Stinson

May 13, 2025

"Gardening with Climate Change in Mind (plus How to Garden in the New, Wild Weather we Experience)"
 with Bri Petersen of Urban Gardening Canada plus Spring Flower Show

June 10, 2025

Summer Social & Flower Show

Seedy Saturday

At our last general meeting in February, Brenda Baird circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers for various duties at our upcoming event. Thanks to all of you who signed up to help on the garden club table and at the door, on the children's seed sowing station, at the food dispensing area, to help set up and take down, etc. Brenda will be in touch with us all by email to confirm details in the not-too-distant future. If you want to get in touch with her, you can always contact her by email at president@wcgc.ca

Please remember to **bring cash** to the event, as gardening club seed sales and some food sales are cash only. (There will be also be many vendors who will have various other payment opportunities for their items.)



Seedy Saturday

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Carp Agricultural Hall,

3790 Carp Road, Carp, ON

Admission: \$2 cash - for 3 door prize tickets*
 Kids free

**Proceeds from ticket sales to be donated to Kanata, Stittsville and West Carleton Food Banks*

Planning for 2024-25 Season

If you feel like joining an active and committed executive team, please do consider speaking with any member of the current executive (<https://www.wcgc.ca/executive.html>) about how fulfilling the relationship can be. We normally meet at the home of an executive member on the fourth Tuesday of the month for an hour and a half or so, or by Zoom, not an onerous time commitment.

We always welcome new members! We love new ideas! Every executive committee needs continual renewal, so please think about serving for a year or two or try it out as a member-at-large (with no particular portfolio). It's a great way of getting to know people in your community.

Volunteering

Even if you don't have the time or inclination to serve on the executive, there are also many other opportunities to contribute. For example, upcoming events like Seedy Saturday or the Plant Sale in May (our most important fundraiser) will need plant donations and people to help on the day. Weeding and maintaining our community gardens at The Carp Branch of the Ottawa Public Library and at Carp Memorial Hall is also very helpful. Please consider pitching in from time to time.

Programme Ideas

We always plan our programme at least six to eight months in advance, so as Brenda Baird and Kathleen Teahen mentioned at our last meeting, if you have any ideas or suggestions about meeting topics or speakers you have found interesting, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Kathleen at program@wcgc.ca.

ORCHIDOPHILIA

41st ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW/
41^e EXPOSITION ANNUELLE D'ORCHIDÉES

APRIL 26 & 27, 2025

Saturday: noon to 5 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm

Displays and vendors

Workshops

Orchid care

PHOTOGRAPHERS:
TRIPODS WELCOME
SUNDAY 9-11 AM

26 & 27 AVRIL 2025

Samedi : 12 h à 17 h

Dimanche : 9 h à 16 h

Exposants et ventes d'orchidées

Ateliers

Soins d'orchidées

PHOTOGRAPHES :
TRÉPIEDS AUTORISÉS
DIMANCHE (9-11 H)

**FREE PARKING LOT 8 & 9
STATIONNEMENT GRATUIT**

Early Bird Special	\$30
General admission	\$14
Seniors (60+) Youth (12-18)	\$10
Under 12	free

Admission hâtive	\$30
Entrée	\$14
Ainé(e)s (60+) Jeunes (12-18)	\$10
Moins de 12 ans	gratuit

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