

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

April Meeting

The **Monarch Teacher Network** was created in the United States in 2001, and was first introduced to Canada in Kingston during the summer of 2003. The following year, 2004, **Joan** and **Mary** attended their workshop on Teaching and Learning with Monarch Butterflies and they were hooked.

The following year, 2005, **Johanna** took the workshop and joined the team. Until they retired, they spent considerable time in their classrooms teaching the curriculum using the subject of the Monarch.

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Refreshments

Would members with family names beginning with M to S kindly bring in sweets and/or items for door prizes. Thank you!



WCGC April 2026 Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

"Marvel of the Monarch"

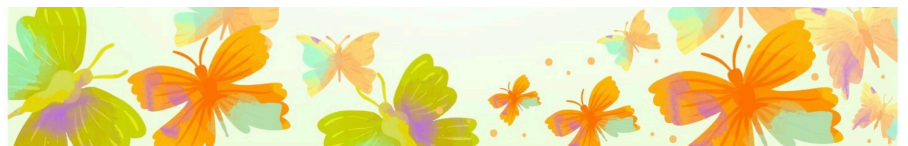
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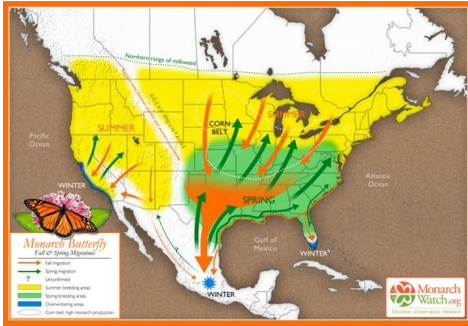
**Joan Harvey, Mary Ash
& Johanna Cutts**

Carp Memorial Hall

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Members: Free, Guests: \$5





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Initially they presented workshops to train other teachers on how to use the butterflies to present the curriculum for grades JK-12; but with the decline of Monarch numbers, they shifted their focus to creating habitat, that is, butterfly gardens, to support them.

To date they have *formally* been instrumental in the creation of 10+ school gardens and 10+ community gardens in the area, as well as having trained hundreds of teachers. They now present to Horticultural groups, Retirement Homes, and other Community Interest Groups.

(Pic p.1 and text: J.Cutts)



SEEDY SATURDAY



A huge thank you to all our WCGC volunteers who helped to make our **Seedy Saturday** a great success once again this year. A shout out especially to Brenda Baird and our sister horticulture clubs, Stittsville Goulbourn and Kanata-March, for having organized the event. Despite the unwelcome dump of snow overnight, all went according to plan! Bravo!

Links to Info about Monarchs

(Press on pics)



Coming up in May & June

Next meeting:
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
"Containers"
 with **Beth Salter** of [Ramsey Creek Gardening](#)

Save the date:
Saturday, May 16, 2026
"Annual Plant Sale"
Carp Farmers' Market



(Previous Plant Sales above)

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 42nd ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW
 42^{ième} EXPOSITION ANNUELLE D'ORCHIDÉES

FREE PARKING LOT 8 & 9
 STATIONNEMENT GRATUIT

MAY 2 & 3, 2026 **2 & 3 MAI, 2026**
 Saturday: noon to 5 pm Samedi: 12 h à 17 h
 Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm Dimanche: 9 h à 16 h

Displays
 Vendors
 Workshops
 Orchid care

Exposants
 Ventes
 Ateliers
 Soins d'orchidées

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 SUNDAY 9-11 AM

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>>>>Interesting articles about thinning seedlings, in [Local Gardener](#), and about garden soil health in [Fine Gardening](#)