



# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society



Greetings, Members. We always have a good time at our **Festive Potluck** and are looking forward to our December 9th meeting. Above are a few pictures from last year's event. Take a look at some of the lovely **centrepieces** brought in by our members to adorn the tables, and then auctioned off at the silent auction. We look forward to your creations this year. If you look at the auction tables, you will also see all sorts of **gardening-related items**, new and nearly new, as well as **holiday gifts and decorations**. As usual, we will also have a **raffle**, this year a beautiful item of garden art, pictured on the next page, created and donated by Merrill and Johanna Cutts.

## December Festive Potluck

on

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Carp Memorial Hall

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

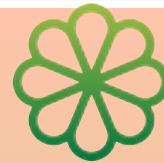
Potluck &  
Silent Auction

Come to Carp Memorial Hall and place your offerings early, **around 6:00 pm**, as we sit down to the potluck beginning at 6:30. For the sake of the environment, please bring your own plates and utensils. Fruit punch, coffee and tea will be provided. Spouses or significant others and family members are welcome.

Even though there is no formal planning involved in the potluck, happily there always seems to be plenty of food and of a sufficient variety to satisfy everyone's taste. Cold, hot, sweet and savoury items are welcomed. Please bring warming plates, crockpots and serving utensils.

The Silent Auction will happen throughout and then the organizing committee will tally the bids and announce the winners. Please pay with cash, e-transfer or cheque. This is a fundraiser for the Club and we thank you in advance for your contributions.

The evening is intended to be a 'mix and mingle' event, with no presentations.



**Festive Soirée:**

**Mix and Mingle**



**Yes!**

**'Tis the Season  
to be Jolly!**



January 13, 2026

**"Native Plant Gardening"**

with Erin Harding of [Echo Native Plants](#)

February 10, 2026\*

**"Small Gardens"**

with Judith Cox, Master Gardener

and

**Seedy Saturday** on **March 14, 2026**

to be hosted jointly by WCGC, Kanata HS and Stittsville Goulbourn HS at Carp Agricultural Hall.

(\*Please note the change in presenter for February, as Alberto Suarez Esteban is no longer available on that date.)



Gay MacQuarrie (L) presented Brenda Baird with the Prize for highest aggregate points in this season's flower shows at last month's meeting.

<Photo courtesy of Sheila Stumpf.



***Best Wishes of the Season***

*On behalf of the Executive of the West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society, we take this opportunity to wish all our Members and their families and loved ones, a very Happy Yuletide Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.*

Our meeting in November was also our **Annual General Meeting**. President, Brenda Baird welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Cindy Zorgel, Assistant District Director OHA for District 2 - Mississippi Basin. Brenda read out the President's message, below. The Treasurer's report (financial statements 2024-25) sent in advance to members was approved and the WCGC Executive were installed. Brenda thanked departing executive members Lieslie Alvarenga and Susan Dowler for their many years of service. The current list of executive members can be found on our website [here](#). (Remember, if ever you would like to join the executive, and for information, please get in touch with Brenda at [president@wgcg.ca](mailto:president@wgcg.ca))

### President's Message 2025 AGM

September 2024 saw us welcoming back our members and a few new members as well.

Throughout the year we were fortunate to have great speakers, sharing their knowledge and information on such topics as drought resistant perennials, invasive plants, ways to simplify our gardens, creating pollinator gardens, seed starting, raised beds and gardening with climate changes.

Our meetings were well attended with often new members joining our club.

Our two community gardens, here at the Memorial Hall and the Reading Garden at the rear of the Carp Library were carefully tended by our members this past growing season. It is gratifying when people passing by stop and thank you for keeping our community blooming. Thanks to all who volunteer their time with this.

Our Christmas potluck was a great event where we once again sold our festive centrepieces and held another successful silent auction.

In March we once again held a Seedy Saturday here in Carp at the Agricultural Hall. We co-host this event with our two neighbouring societies Stittsville Goulbourn and Kanata-March. It was once again a great success, a great community event for us to promote our club. Stay tuned.. next years will be held on Saturday March 14.

We held our annual plant sale in March at the Carp Farmers Market. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to all who shared plants from their gardens and helped out at the sale. I always say: GARDENING IS SHARING and we certainly do that.

Our two flower shows held in September and June saw a few new exhibitors and entries and participation were up. Many thanks goes to our convenor Gay MacQuarrie who puts so much time and effort into this and even finds sponsors to donate a few prizes for certain classes.

This summer, we did something different. On the second Tuesday evening of July and August we had trips to local garden centres. On July 8, we went to White House Perennials and on August 12 we travelled to Stoneridge Gardens. At both gardens, we were given guided tours from the owners in the off hours and we were able to shop and bring home new plants. We really appreciated the owners being so hospitable.

I wish to thank all our members who have helped us this past year and especially the Executive members who help out in so many ways. We always welcome new members to join us on the Executive. New people equal fresh energy and ideas which we would welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Baird

WCGC President