

# The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

## Winter woes

Do you feel as battered as I do by this incessant snowfall, clean up, and repeat. It's nice to dream about more clement weather ahead and to plan our gardens. Let's do that together at our coming meeting.

## Weather

Please note that In the event of inclement weather, we will post a notice of cancellation and/or Zoom meeting on our website and FB page early in the day of the meeting.

## OHA Trillium

The interesting seasonal OHA publication 'The Trillium' has been published and can be accessed here:

<https://gardenontario.org/wp-content/uploads/OHA-Trillium-Final-20260108.pdf>

**Would members with family names beginning with A-F please bring in sweets and/or door prize items at the meeting.**



*"These days many of us find ourselves with very little space and big garden dreams. Whether it is a small front or back garden, a porch or a balcony; there is always an opportunity to grow a garden." Judith Cox*



## Judith Cox

Our February meeting presenter, **Judith Cox**, is a Master Gardener and President of the Stittsville Goulbourn Horticultural Society. Judith also writes a gardening blog, and articles for local journals and newspapers, and give talks at local horticultural clubs on a range of gardening topics. She also finds time to run a small business selling watercolour and pen and ink cards. (Photos above courtesy of Judith Cox.)

## Seedy Saturday >>>>

Before we know it, it will be Seedy Saturday time, an event at Carp Agricultural Hall which has always been very popular since its beginnings for us here in Carp, this is our fourth event. Brenda Baird will be circulating a **sign-up sheet** at our meeting for help setting up, manning the tables, donating refreshments, etc. It's always a fun day.

## News about the D2 Flower Show

The Schedule is now out for this year's Flower and Edibles Show. Please share it with your members and friends.

<https://gardenontario.org/event/district-2-2026-flower-show/>

We have some great Sponsors this year. Ottawa City Councillor Cathy Curry has donated the space at the Richcraft Recreation Centre in Kanata. This is a beautiful facility and we are expecting great participation from the public. There are two Open Divisions in the Show – one for youth and one for adults so spread the word.

I'm looking forward to seeing our members at the show and, if you're able, we are looking for some help on the day of the show. If you have a couple of hours on the day, please contact me.

Solidarity in Gardening,

Gay MacQuarrie  
Show Chair  
613-266-4887

[D2-Flower-Show-Schedule-FINAL-2026.pdf](#)

Low-priced seeds from local sources - annuals, perennials, veggies and natives (cash sales)

- Seed Swap
- Vendors and Workshops
- Kiddie Corner (Let's Plant)
- Master Gardeners for advice
- Coffee, refreshments, door prizes

### Seedy Saturday

Saturday, March 14, 2026,  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**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

## The Value of Volunteering

“Volunteerism grows connection, community, and belonging.” So says Volunteer Canada. We at WCGC know how valuable and vital our volunteers are to the composition and operation of our Club. Without volunteers, we cannot operate.

Many of our current executive committee members have served on long beyond the usual length of occupancy of Board positions, because they have generously understood that without them, our various plans and activities would be in jeopardy.

Notably, as our President Brenda Baird mentioned at our January meeting, the following positions will possibly be vacated at the end of this coming season in June: **Program Director, Newsletter Director, and Webmaster.** These are key jobs and their responsibilities can be found on our website here:

[https://www.wcgc.ca/ExecutivePositionsDescription/WCGC\\_ExecPositionDescriptions\\_2025.pdf](https://www.wcgc.ca/ExecutivePositionsDescription/WCGC_ExecPositionDescriptions_2025.pdf)

Please take a look at these job descriptions and get in touch with Brenda at [president@wcgc.ca](mailto:president@wcgc.ca), or with the incumbents of the above-mentioned positions listed here: <https://www.wcgc.ca/contactus.html>, who will be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

If you would like to join as a **Member-at-Large**, we would also be very pleased. Also, if you have any neighbours or friends who might like to join and possibly participate in any of the roles mentioned above, please don't hesitate to mention it to them.

Here is the current list of our executive members: <https://www.wcgc.ca/executive.html>

Also important to mention is that, even without sitting on the executive, **we thank all our volunteers** who help out at our various functions and activities, such as Seedy Saturday, Annual Plant Sale, maintaining our community gardens, organizing our special events , etc... We could not do it without you!

