

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Our Speaker

Karen Thompson was born and raised in Geraldton, a small town in Northern Ontario. She spent as much time outdoors as she could and in high school belonged to the Outers club. During these years she developed a love of nature and the flora and fauna in it.

In the early 1980's she bought her first camera to record what she was seeing. She later co-started 2 photography clubs in Almonte to further learn the mechanics and techniques of Photography.

In 2014 her husband and she started to travel extensively with her camera always going with her. This evening she will share the images she took on their trip to Alaska in 2024.

Refreshments

Would members with family names beginning by L to P please bring in sweets and/or garden related items for door prizes.



Photo opposite courtesy K. Thompson



WCGC November Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

"Colours of Alaska"

With

Karen Thompson, Photographer

and AGM

**Carp Memorial Hall
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Members: Free, Guests: \$5**



Dividing Perennials

Quick! It's getting late. Still time to divide perennials while the soil is unfrozen and now has finally received some rain.

If you would like some advice about that, one of the best sources I have found (for free) is Sean James' Facebook page where he posts videos like this one. Short, timely and to the point.

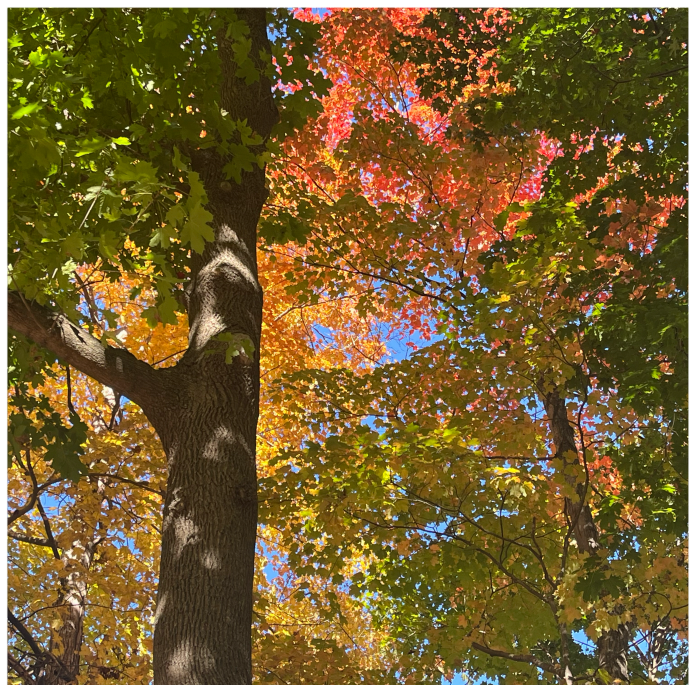
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Sean James · Following
Another tip for dividing perennials, this time... How do you deal with the giant ones? The ones that fight back like huge Hostas, grasses and, in this c...

October/November Activities:

- Transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations if desired. Divide perennials.
- Cut diseased areas out of perennials. Do not compost.
- Clean up garden debris. Remove vegetable plants and fallen fruit, and compost them.
- Leave perennial foliage and flowers with seeds for the birds.
- Bring in any exotic plants.
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
- Sharpen garden implements and pruners.
- Dig up tender bulbs such as dahlia, canna and gladiola. Wrap them in moist material and store in a cool, dark space.
- Current wisdom is to let our fallen leaves rest where they fall as they provide shelter for overwintering insects and pollinators.
- If you are as mystified as I am about pruning hydrangeas, check this out: <https://>



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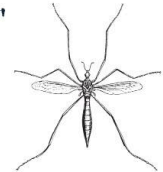
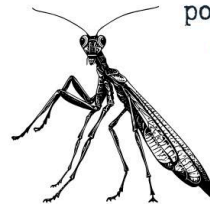
Our November meeting is traditionally also our Annual General Meeting at which time our **President, Brenda Baird**, will present a review of past year activities, our financial statements, a proposed slate of directors and other business. Documentation supporting this will be sent out to members separately for your consideration, as required by our Constitution.

If you would like to serve on the executive in any capacity or perhaps as a member-at-large which is a great way of finding out how the group works without carrying a complete portfolio, please contact Brenda at **president@wcgc.ca** before the meeting. Job descriptions can be found on our website at: <https://www.wcgc.ca/resources.html>

Joanne Douwes Broadfoot's lovely early fall garden below



"Insects are the foundation
of our natural world,
providing food for wildlife,
keeping our rivers and landscapes clean,
pollinating plants and
controlling pests."



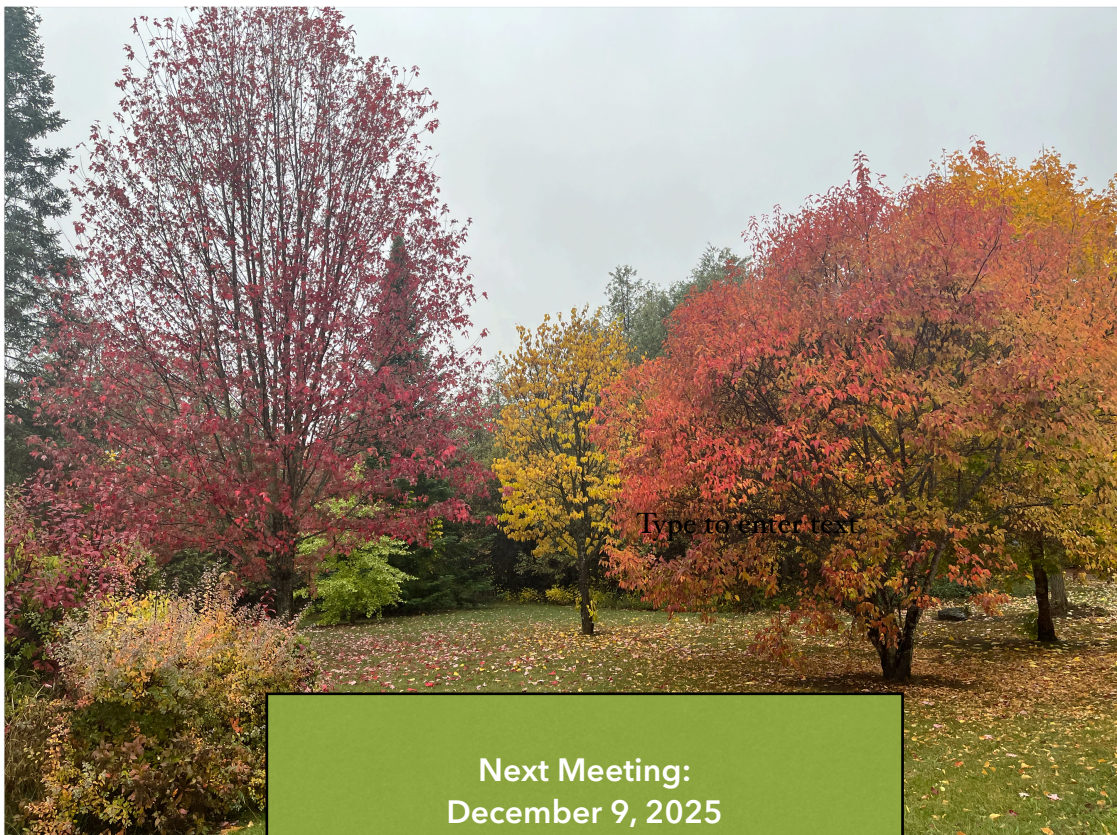
Scott Hoffman Black, Xerces Society



From Phil Reilly: "Free pots & trays ...A variety of pots and trays are available. We are preparing to sell our property next May. The free pots and trays are part of our reduction of items that we no longer need.

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Sharing the sheer beauty of Fall foliage:



Next Meeting:
December 9, 2025
Holiday Social & Potluck