

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

September

We are looking forward to gathering again at Carp Memorial Hall on Tuesday September 9th. We hope you had a good summer gardening despite the challenges of a severe drought, still going on at time of writing this. Some of us went to the planned special outings (pics below) and had a lovely time seeing each other and touring the garden centres which hosted us.

New Season Begins

Our Program Director, Kathleen Teahen has prepared an enticing lineup of presenters throughout the coming season. Good news, the spotlight will be on native plants, great attractors of pollinators, as you will notice on the included schedule of meetings on page 4.

As usual, we will also host our two regular flower shows, one in September and the other in June. Info can be obtained in this newsletter and on our website under the 'resources' section about these events.



Anaphalis margaritacea

Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

"Native Plants"

with **Sundraura Alford-Pervis** of [A Cultivated Art](#)

plus **Fall Flower Show**

Carp Memorial Hall
Doors open at 6:15 pm





Membership News

For the first time in what we think is over 20 years, we will be raising the cost of membership as of this season. The decision to raise the fee is not taken lightly. It reflects our increased operational fees. We have had a steady increase in the member fees and insurance fees for each member which we must pay to the OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association) annually. Also the City has proposed a rather drastic increase to our rental fee for our meeting space.

Membership fees will be:
\$20 for single, and \$30 for family
 membership per annum.

Please be prepared to pay your membership at the September meeting (cash or cheque) or send an e-transfer to Sheila Stumpf at treasurer@wcgc.ca with mention of your name in the comments.

Sweets and/or Door prizes

Would members whose family names begin with A to E kindly bring in sweets or door prizes to the meeting please.

Also if you have plants to donate, bring them in. See page 6.

About our September Presenter:

As mentioned in her online site, **Sundraura Alford-Pervis** has had a lifelong relationship with all things green and growing. She began working in the horticultural industry in 1998, took a short side trip into Architectural Technology, completing her diploma in 2002. She returned to horticulture and began to specialize in landscape design in 2003.

Sundraura became a Certified Landscape Designer (CLD) in 2006 and received several landscape industry Awards of Excellence for garden and landscape design over the following years. She launched A Cultivated Art Inc in the fall of 2012.

A Cultivated Art online can be found at the link on page 1 above, or by following the Facebook link [here](#).



Glimpse of a thriving pond at the beginning of the summer season (Photo:AG)

September Flower Show

Let's hope that the next few weeks send us enough natural moisture to help revive our poor flowers after this past summer of unusual drought. Whatever the situation, however, we have faith in the artistry and ingenuity of our members to still present some awesome offerings at our Fall Flower show.

Regulations for the flower show can be found at the link below, in the Resources area of our website, and you will also find a copy below. Our last flower show had encouraging participation, let's keep it up!

https://www.wcgc.ca/documents/WCGC_FlowerShows_2025_Rules&Schedules.pdf

Gay MacQuarrie, our Flower Show Director, also reports that we have two awards for the show:

- 1) \$25 Best in Show Specimen from Ritchie Feed and Seed
- 2) \$25 Best in Show Novice Design from Gemmell's Garden Centre

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FALL FLOWER, FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHOW SCHEDULE



WHEN: September 9, 2025
Entries to be placed between 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
WHERE: Carp Memorial Hall
THEME: "Sweater Weather"

DIVISION 1 – HORTICULTURE		
CLASS	Specimens	
1	Aster, perennial	1 spray
2	Cosmos, same cultivar	3 stems
3	Dahlia	1 bloom
4	Echinacea, same cultivar	3 blooms
5	Grass- Ornamental, same cultivar with or without seeds, named	3 stems or blades
6	Heuchera, same cultivar	3 leaves
7	Hosta, same cultivar	3 leaves
8	Hydrangea	1 bloom including set of uppermost leaves
9	Marigold, same cultivar	3 stems including foliage
10	Rudbeckia, same cultivar	3 stems
11	Zinnia, same cultivar	3 blooms
12	Collection of different annuals and/or bi-annuals, A.O.C. not listed above, named in one container	Minimum 3 different cultivars, 1 stem of each
13	Collection of different perennials, A.O.C. not listed above, named in one container	Minimum 5 different cultivars, 1 stem of each
14	Collection of different herbs, named in one container, may include edible flowers	Minimum 5 different cultivars, 1 stem of each

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DIVISION 2 – FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

CLASS	Specimens exhibited on a white plate, plates provided	
15	Garlic, same cultivar	3 bulbs
16	Tomato with calyx attached, same cultivar	3 of a kind
17	Vegetable – Strangest mistake of nature	1 specimen
18	Any other cultivar (A.O.C.) vegetable or fruit not listed above	See OJES for quantity

DIVISION 3 – DESIGN – "Sweater Weather"

NOVICE "A" Classes – A Novice has not received a 1st place ribbon in Design in One of two consecutive years of exhibiting.

CLASS	Description	
19a	"Harvest Blessings" NOVICE	A table centrepiece with or without candle(s).
19b	Same as above, but for ADVANCED exhibitors	
20a	"Autumn Breeze" NOVICE	A Wayside Design.
20b	Same as above, but for ADVANCED exhibitors	

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WCGC 2025-26 SCHEDULE

September 9, 2025

"Native Plants"

with **Sundraura Alford-Pervis** of **A Cultivated Art**
plus **Fall Flower Show**

October 14, 2025

"Festive arrangements"

with **Beth Salter** of **Ramsey Creek Gardens**

November 11, 2025

"Flowers of Canada"

with **Karen Thompson**, Photographer

December 9, 2025

Holiday Social & Potluck

January 13, 2026

"Native Plant Gardening"

with **Erin Harding** of **Echo Native Plants**

February 10, 2026

with **Alberto Suarez Esteban** of the **Nature's Apprentice Farm**

March 10, 2026

"Foraging"

with **Tauney Stinson** of **Forager Bee**

April 14, 2026

"Monarchs"

with **Johanna Cutts & Joan Harvey**

May 12, 2026

"Containers"

with **Beth Salter** of **Ramsey Creek Gardening**

June 9, 2026

Summer Social & Flower Show

Summer Outings

Whitehouse Perennials

July 8th, 2025



Stoneridge Gardens

August 12th, 2025



Other Garden Club News

Gay MacQuarrie reports on an upcoming Plant Sale Fundraiser for OHA Dist.2:

This plant sale is a fundraiser for the 2026 District 2 Flower Show. If you are dividing plants, please consider donating unwanted plants to the plant sale. There are three ways to donate: bring your plants to our September meeting; drop them at 6 Coady Way, Kanata; or on the day of sale before 10:00 a.m. For more info or to help at the plant sale, **contact Gay MacQuarrie at gardens.gay@outlook.com.**

