

The Watering Can

West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society

Spring is here!

Our plants are really starting to emerge now and it's very tempting to go out and rake and rake and rake. A bit of caution until the magic consistent 10-degree mark in order to give our pollinators a good start.

Having said that, we won't have too much time before we will be potting up plant donations for our annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16th. Information is provided on p. 4 below.

May 12th Meeting

Beth Salter studied agriculture, horticulture, and floristry. She has been working in the landscape and greenhouse industry since she was just fourteen years old. It has been her dream to build a greenhouse. Together, Carolyn Styles and Beth built Ramsay Creek around the dream of making gardening more accessible to everyone.

Would members whose family names begin with letters A to D please bring in some sweets and/or garden related items for door prizes.



West Carleton Garden Club Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

"Containers"
with **Beth Salter**
of **Ramsay Creek Gardening**

Carp Memorial Hall
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Members: Free, Guests: \$5

Last meeting

We had a very informative and well attended meeting last time on the subject of Monarch butterflies.

Thank you to members of the Monarch Teacher Network, Joan Harvey, Mary Ash & Johanna Cutts, who gave us plenty of information about the butterfly and gifted us with hand knitted pins and seeds. A very pleasant evening.



Pics above courtesy of Sheila Stumpf

Pics of your gardens

Another thing, as our gardens start to brighten up, we would appreciate your sending pictures which can be posted on our Facebook page...it's always nice to see pics of members' gardens.

Send them to:
newsletter@wgcg.ca.

Also, while you're at it, please like and follow our Facebook page. Link below. 🌸



Pic above and on page 1 courtesy of Ramsey Creek Garden website

Our **WCGC June Flower show**, to be held during our June 9th meeting, is fast approaching. Find all the rules and specifications at the link to our website below:



West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society

2026 FLOWER SHOWS

RULES FOR ENTERING - GENERAL

- Show Chair: contact Gay MacQuarrie gardens.gay@outlook.com for any questions.

[Link to website](#)



WCGC attendees at D2 AGM:

LtoR: Gay MacQuarrie, Wendy Good & Johanna Cutts

Pic courtesy of Wendy Good

WCGC Plant Sale

As in years past, we have reserved our spot at the Carp Farmers' Market on **Saturday, May 16 (8:00 am to 1:00 pm + set up and take down)** for our annual plant sale, our most important fundraiser of the year. As usual, we will need volunteer helpers for the event, and you can contact Brenda by email at: president@wgcg.ca or sign up at our monthly meeting. Our plant donations are very important to the success of the fundraiser. **Also, would anyone have some sun/rain canopies we could use for the event? Contact Brenda please, and thank you.**

Plants: Plants can be potted perennials, shrubs, annuals, herbs, etc. They must **not** be considered of the invasive kind as identified here: <https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/>

- Native plants and vegetables/herbs are always good sellers.
- Kindly do not pot up your plants a day before, they will be droopy and not attractive.
- Please pot up at least a week before and water well.

Labels: Identify and label plants with some or all of the following information:

- Plant Name: common and/or horticultural
- Type: Annual/Perennial/tree/shrub/etc
- Full sun/shade/
- Habit: compact/spreading/
- Colour of flower
- Height/width

Earth in pots: In an effort to limit pathogens (bacteria, jumping worms, etc.) if at all possible, please repot plants into fresh potting soil or soil which has been **solarized** (see gardening tips from Kate, p. 4 in newsletter from last year here: [press link](#)).

Cash sales only.

Please consider volunteering for the event.



Rain or Shine!

West Carleton Garden Club

Plant Sale
at the
Carp Farmers' Market
3790 Carp Road, Carp, ON

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
8 am to 1 pm

Locally grown annuals, perennials, natives,
herbs/veggies, no invasive species
- Cash Only -

Come early for good selection!

The OHA Spring Trillium publication is now available at:

https://gardenontario.org/trillium-spring-2026/?fbclid=IwZXhobgNhZWoCMTAAYnJpZBExVrZiNopreDNaTIBzdWIGd3NydGMGYXBwX2lkEDIyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR5jdmPnXCztlV8sZj9ERamfxoFohPbZpAmIpaSIvp6qIzGxJ5lgJp7nMLvWSQ_aem_1ocaJQRf58ZUm56lqyVdEA

Also, you can visit Garden Ontario at:

<https://gardenontario.org>

ABBOTSFORD GARDEN TOUR
How does their garden grow?

Saturday June 20, 2026
10 am - 4 pm
(rain or shine)

12 inspiring gardens in The Glebe and Westboro

Tickets on sale now for \$35

Google: [Abbotsford Garden Tour](#) for Ticket Sales or use the QR Code

Buy online, pick up in person! Collect your essential event maps and entry wristband at Abbotsford Seniors Centre (950 Bank St.) from June 13 to June 20. 613-230-5730

Take Note !

Tickets are limited, get yours before they are gone!

<<<A sister Horticultural Society, the Ottawa HS, has forwarded this to us, it's for a good cause.

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- Show Chair: contact Gay MacQuarrie gardens.gay@outlook.com for any questions.
- Entries to be placed between 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
- Entry tags are available when you sign in.
- For info on how to prepare entries, consult *Ontario Judging and Exhibiting Standards for Floral Design and Horticulture* (OJES), The Garden Clubs of Ontario; Ontario Horticultural Association, Second Edition, 2019. This show will be judged by an accredited OHA judge in accordance with this Show Schedule and OJES.
- Any harmful, poisonous or invasive plants, scarce, protected or endangered native plants exhibited either as a specimen or in a design will disqualify the entry. Refer to the Government of Ontario, Ministry of Natural Resources "Endangered Species Act" at www.ontario.ca/specimensatrisk.
- Members of the Show Committee can assist exhibitors in entry placement, however, once entries are placed, they cannot be moved prior to judging without the Exhibitor's or the Show Chair's permission.
- The Judge's decision is final and the Judge may withhold a prize when exhibits are unworthy of a prize, i.e., if there is only one entry in a class, it is not placed 1st by default.
- While the judging is in process, no one shall be present except those in the Flower Show Committee.
- June Show Awards Trophy for "Best in Show" – Horticulture and a \$25 gift certificate from Browns' Your Independent Grocer Stittville
Trophy for "Best in Show" Design
Special Award for Highest Aggregate Points – Horticulture is a \$25 gift certificate from Gemmell's Garden Centre
- September Show Award for Highest Aggregate Points – Horticulture is a \$25 gift certificate from Browns' Your Independent Grocer Stittville
- An End-of-Year Award is presented to the exhibitor with the highest aggregate points for the year (total two shows), as follows:
 - 1st = 5 points
 - 2nd = 3 points
 - 3rd = 2 points
 - Honourable Mention = 1 point,
 - Best in Show Horticulture (selected from 1st place entries) = 5 points
 - Best in Show Design (selected from 1st place entries) = 5 points
 - Judge's Choice (need not be 1st place winner in a class) = 5 points

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Open link at arrow just above to get to our website page re: our WCGC June 9th Spring Flower Show.

General Info About WCGC

The West Carleton Garden Club & Horticultural Society is a member of the Ontario Horticultural Association, District 2. The club was established in 1989 and joined the OHA in December 1990.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road where featured speakers share their knowledge. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings. The \$5 admission fee for guests can be applied toward an annual membership. Yearly membership fees are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family, and are due in September.

Our membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st.

To inquire about membership, contact :

Nora Thompson at: membership@wgcg.ca

World Cup Comes to Canada!
LARGEST FLOWER SHOW
in Eastern Ontario

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
1 to 4 PM
Richcraft Recreation Complex

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 2 OF THE ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Free activity for kids to take home
Free draw for package 4 tickets to an Atlético Ottawa 2026 season game