

Sep 2nd, 2026 MEETING MINUTES/RECAP

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

We'll begin tonight by acknowledging the Algonquin Anishinaabe nation on whose traditional and unceded land we gather this evening. We thank them for their long-standing and ongoing stewardship of the Ottawa River Watershed and express our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Rick Roberts

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting (we had 60 members in attendance).
 - Newsletter for activities and events
 - Agenda – society business would be conducted first, then member spotlight and then our main speaker, social break and reconvene for closing remarks and door prizes.

Reports & Announcements

• Linda Bartlett

- It was noted that the CPDHS Financial report from October 1, 2025 to today, was balanced in both income and expenditures and we are in good financial shape.
- Presented the CPDHS budget for fiscal year October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027. Motion to approve the budget by Anne Harbord and seconded by Cindy Hanna, all in favour. The budget is passed.

• Barbara Fowler

- The Fall Flower Show will take place on Saturday, September 26th at Zion Memorial Church. All entries must be submitted between 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Judging will take place after that. The show will be open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The Flower Show Committee is looking for volunteers to set up on Friday, September 25th and to clean up on Saturday starting at 4:30 PM. The Hospitality Committee will have an Autumn Social with pies and apple cider by donation.
- Plant Swap at October 7th meeting – Fall is a great time to divide perennials, especially spring bloomers. Members are invited to bring up to three (3) perennial plants and/or houseplants to the meeting. No trees. Identify each plant by name and colour (if possible). For each plant you bring in, you will receive a ticket. Ticket holders will exchange their tickets for plants. Any plants left over will be offered to members at the meeting.

- **Irene Tobis:**

- CPHS Student thank you letter – we received a letter of thanks from the student who was awarded the CPDHS Bursary. Irene read it aloud to the membership.
- Third annual native plant give-away – this will take place on Saturday, September 5th from 1-4 PM, at Irene's garden, 66 Queen Street North, Carleton Place. Most of Irene's garden is made up of native plants that she has grown from seed. There are over 60 species of native plants which will be offered to members for free. Non-members will pay a nominal fee of \$2 for seedlings and \$5 for mature plants. Memberships will also be sold there.

- **Chloe Hurst**

- Book launched – Chloe spoke about the book she has published - Darkness in Bloom: A Gothic Guide to Dramatic and Moody Plants. She gave us a copy as a door prize. It can be purchased on Amazon.

- **Rob Drapeau:**

- Rob reminded everyone about the Photo Competition. Photos are to be submitted at our October 7th meeting. The classes and instructions are on the website. The photos will be displayed and awards given at our December Annual Meeting.

- **Rick Roberts:**

- Welcomed our five new members.
- Informal garden tours (not insured) – an email was sent to the membership to see if anyone is interested in opening their garden for an informal tour. They are to get back to Rick by email so this can be organized for our members.
- Planting pots needed for spring sale – so if you have any pots (all sizes), please put them in bags and drop off at 238 Lyndhurst Street

Intro Spotlight – Rick Roberts introduced Barbara Fowler from the Flower Show Committee.

- **Spotlight:** Barbara Fowler, Flower Show Committee, talked about the upcoming flower show and how to prepare the fruits and vegetables for the classes in the flower show to encourage members to participate.

Rick thanked Barbara for her very informative talk.

Intro Guest Speaker – Carlo Beaudoin introduced our main speaker, Wendy Asbil of the CFIA. There were also two other guest speakers: Kristina Pauk and Erin LeClair. Wendy spoke about what the CFIA does and that they are the first line of defense nationally and that the Alien Species Strategy was formed in 2004. The program is committed to preventing or limiting the introduction of invasive plants and pests in Canada. Kristina spoke about invasive plants in the garden and how invasives are regulated in Canada. The CFIA regulates 21 specific invasive plant species under **Directive D-12-01** to prevent their introduction and spread in Canada. The 21 species managed under this federal directive include various invasive plants such as Broomrapes, Kudzu, Witchweeds, Giant reed, and Japanese stiltgrass. You can find the complete, detailed list of all 21 species in the referenced web documents. Erin spoke on invasive plants in the forest and how they are monitored, regulated and eradicated. Overall, it was an informative talk. The CFIA brought some garden gloves, tattoos, magnets, etc for people to take at the end of the meeting.

Thank Guest Speaker –Carlo thanked the team for their speech.

Refreshment break – As usual, Kilby, Margaret and our Hospitality Committee volunteers put on a wonderful presentation of snacks. After the break, Rick thanked the committee along with the members who donated the snacks: Kelsey Ulrich Verstycken, Eleanor Allison, Linda Seccasspina

Door Prize Draw

- From Chloe Hurst – new gardening book
- Tulip bulbs – pkg of 40
- Invasive Species Book
- Garden Magazines

Closing Remarks – Rick

Rick thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Reminded them of the upcoming native plant giveaway at Irene's this Saturday, the Flower Show on September 26th and the guest speaker will be Ian from Davis Trees at our October 7th meeting, along with the plant swap.