

# The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB  
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West Carleton Garden Club On line <http://sites.google.com/site/westcarletongardenclub>

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*We still have some mugs available for sale at \$10.00 each*  
*Note: Don't put your mugs in the dishwasher as the picture will fade.*

The club will be participating in the West Carleton Santa Clause Parade this Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at starting at the Deifenbunker at 1:00.

All members are asked to bring in a pot luck dish, either an appetizer, main course or dessert. You are also reminded to bring serving utensils for your dish.

**Please be there between 6:00 – 6:15 so that food can be set out. The meeting will start at 6:30.**

*December 14, 2010*

## Christmas Pot-Luck and Social



## Flower Arrangements

### Silent Auction

Come and enjoy great food and a fun social evening. A slide show of some of the members gardens will be featured as well as some highlights from our series of Walking Tours this past year.

Members are asked to bring a garden related item, (new or used) or a Holiday Floral Arrangement which will be auctioned off during the "Silent Auction". This is a great opportunity to get a beautiful arrangement for your holiday celebrations.

**Partners and potential new members are welcome.**

## Coming Events

### Coming in 2011

*January 11, 2011*

### Environmental Effects on and Care of House Plants

With

Mary Anne Jackson-Hughes  
Instructor, Horticulture Program,  
Algonquin College

*February 8, 2011*

### Vegetable Gardening

with Carol Onion

March 8, 2011

### Rock Garden Construction

With  
Paul Peitsch

### Fall Garden Mums

The OHS District 2 is holding another Fall Garden Mums Fundraiser. They will be available for all members of the club for \$1.00 per bare root. We will have the order forms at the November meeting. Delivery will be in May.

## **A Gardeners Christmas Wish List**

**Tools:** By-pass clippers. They are preferred over the type that clamp together, sometimes bruising the stem you are cutting, Ratcheted clippers – make the job a lot easier. A dandelion digger - a long skinny forked metal blade on a handle. A lawn rake where the tines collapse to make a very narrow rake; you can get in between your plants with one of these.

**Garden Decorations:** A sun-dial or other garden ornament? If you are thinking bigger, maybe the gardener would like a trellis, bird-house, bird bath, some comfortable lawn furniture, or even a water garden.

**Some good garden gloves.** If you do any rough work like pruning roses, you may want some with a heavy cuff that goes almost to the elbow.

**Garden shoes** that slip on easily and you can just hose them off.

**A Truck:** A light weight 2-wheel that is so much easier to pull or push than a wheel-barrow

**Tool Caddy:** A practical design that fits over a five-gallon bucket that has pockets on the inside and outside. This may be found in the carpenters tools

**Containers:** Those of us who have very little space really appreciate growing plants in containers. Hanging baskets, window boxes or seedling trays are some other container ideas.

**Garden Calendar:** Many of these garden calendars also have suggestions for what needs to be done in the garden each month of the year.

**Hand Lens:** For the gardeners out there who really get into the botany of gardening, a hand lens might be just the thing to examine the fine respects of a plant.

**Plants:** You can order from the nursery catalogs and they will send the plant at the appropriate planting time, just cut out the picture from the catalog and enclosed it in a card. If you are on a budget, you might want to send a picture of one of your favorite perennials in your own garden. Then scoop up the plant, or division, or cutting, and deliver it at the right time for planting. **Note: Fall Mums might be an option. Available at \$1.00 per bare root during our fundraiser.**

**Subscriptions:** One way to give a gift so the receiver will think of you with each issue, is to give a subscription to a magazine. Most gardeners enjoy magazines about gardening or attracting birds, butterflies, or other wildlife to our gardens.

**Gift Certificates:** You can obtain gift certificates at any nursery or store that sells gardening supplies. Then the recipient can go and pick out whatever he or she needs. Another type of gift certificate is a "promise" type.

**A Bat House:** Hanging a bat house close by encourages bats already in the neighborhood to concentrate on eradicating the insect population in your habitat.

**A Rain Barrel:** - A great gardening practice with both environmental and financial benefits. **Orders are now being taken for an April 17, 2011, pickup date.**

For an excellent deal on rain barrels supporting the Master Gardeners of Ottawa Carleton, **order and pay on-line** by going to <http://www.rainbarrel.ca/ottawacarleton>

