

The Watering Can



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB
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DECEMBER, 2011

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- Anne Gadbois – 256-7161

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 13, 2011

Christmas Pot-Luck and Social



Flower Arrangements

Silent Auction

Come and enjoy great food and a fun social evening.

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

January 10

Upper Canada Cranberry Farm

Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 10

Parade Begins: 12:00 (if you are on the float please be there by 11:30)

Carp Road Closes at 11:45

Parade enters onto Carp Rd. at the Diefenbunker entrance.

Finishing point will be back at the Diefenbunker

Float decorating will be done on Friday, Dec. 9, 4:00 p.m. in Lorne Montgomery’s barn on Old Coach Road.

This years theme is Jack Frost. Participating members will be wearing white and the float will be decorated with frosty white and silver branches and grasses.

For information call Donna, Nancy or Denise.

Thankyou

We would like to thank **Joanne at Brantim Country Garden Centre** for donating the beautiful arrangement which was won by **Althea Allard**. Donna and Denise went to her workshop and she, very kindly donated all of the greenery and cones that will grace the urns in the Memorial Hall Garden over the winter season.

Also thanks to Kristen Rothschild and Laurie Lord for setting up the recipe book table. The club sold \$435.00 and made a profit of \$217.00

Ruth Shultz and Denise Burnham donated Canna Lilies and Peacock Orchids and raised \$115.00.



Christmas Tree Tips

For many people, decorating the Christmas tree is a favorite part of the holiday. The National Safety Council offers some safety tips to make sure a mishap doesn't spoil your holiday season.

- A real tree can add to the spirit of Christmas by filling your home with beauty and the scent of pine. But a real tree can also pose a fire hazard. Each year, more than 400 residential fires involve Christmas trees and tragically nearly 40 deaths and 100 injuries result from those fires.
- Try to select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and should be hard to pull off the branches. On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.
- Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.
- Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.
- An average of 210 home structure fires begin with Christmas trees and result in 24 fire deaths, 27 fire injuries and \$13.3 million in property damage.

Events in the New Year

Canada Blooms – March 16 – 25, 2012

Canada Blooms Festival is Canada's largest flower and garden festival dedicated to promoting horticulture and showcasing outstanding floral and landscape products and services. The 16th Annual Canada Blooms Festival takes place at their new location - the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto from March 16 to 25.

There are group rates at \$14.00 per person.

OHA District 2 Annual General Meeting Saturday, March 31, 2012

Party on the Patio!

Hosted by the Ottawa Horticultural Society
Hellenic Meeting & Reception Centre
1315 Prince of Wales Drive. Ottawa

West Carleton Garden Club Garden Tour Sunday, July 8th 2012

We have all of the gardens booked! Please think about joining the Garden Tour Team. It's a great way to get to know members and have a lot of fun too!