



West Carleton Garden Club December 2013

NEWSLETTER

December Potluck Social

Our much-anticipated Christmas social is just around the corner. Do plan to come out next Tuesday, December 10th to join the fun.

We will be placing our dishes from 6:00 to 6:15, and sitting down at 6:30 to partake in the usual varied and delicious festive meal...a plentiful selection of delectable savouries and sweets.

New this year, for the sake of the environment, please bring your own cutlery and plates, and also serving utensils and warming dishes as appropriate.

Once again this year, we will be hosting the very popular SILENT AUCTION where you will be able to bid on a host of lovely table decorations and other seasonal produce and objects. This is an important fundraiser for the Club so please do plan on bringing a centrepiece of your making to donate to the cause as well as any other gardening related items which could be of interest to your fellow club members. Also, do bring spouses, significant others or friends. The more the merrier!

Please also note that we will hold a SPECIAL RAFFLE of two holiday centrepiece arrangements, generously donated by Tivoli Florist and by Mill Street Florist in Manotick. This is separate from the above-mentioned silent auction.

Carp Christmas Parade

The Carp Christmas Parade is a good opportunity to make the community aware of the garden club. The parade is on Saturday, December 14th. We meet at Lorne Montgomery's barn on Old Coach Rd at 11:00 and drive to the Diefenbunker. The parade starts at 1:00 from the Diefenbunker. The theme is I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas.

We are looking for white arrangements for the float. This would be a bare-branched tree spray-painted white, an evergreen tree with white decor or an arrangement of white fake flowers like poinsettias. They can be dropped off at my house or I can pick them up. Anyone who wants to help decorate--Friday night the 13th at Lorne Montgomery's barn.

We will be wearing white on the float for anyone who wants to join for the ride (like snow princess, jack frost, a white flower, snowflakes or snowmen).

Call Donna Caldwell at 613-839- 2079 if you would like to participate in any way. She will be pleased to hear from you.

January meeting



Mary Ann Van Berlo, Master Gardener, will be presenting "**The Gardens Of Cuba**", just the thing to transport us all to a sunny clime, probably much appreciated by that time. Meeting is at 7:30, on Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at Carp Memorial Hall.

Facebook

Facebook members can visit our page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Carleton-Garden-Club-and-Horticultural-Society/280354825329064?ref=hl>

New York Times Article

If you want to have a chuckle, take in this article in the New York Times, about the trials and tribulations of a landscape designer and his home garden. Good tips.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/21/garden/hell-try-anything.html?pagewanted=1>

Other Articles/Blogs/Websites

Ontario Garden Writer blogs:

<http://gardenwriters.ca/ontario.html>

Ontario Horticulture Association

<http://www.gardenontario.org/>

Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

<http://mgottawa.mgoi.ca/>

Torbolton institute

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftorboltoninstitute>

Reminder

A reminder that the volunteer sheet forms in the back of the yearbook need to be filled in and returned to Donna Caldwell as soon as possible please. If members cannot bring theirs to the potluck, they'll need to drop it off, scan and email it, or mail it to her. She needs to get the numbers in for reporting in January.

Coming up

We are planning lots of interesting activities for the coming year. A committee has been convened to plan for our 25th anniversary festivities, and another is getting together to organize the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) District 2 Flower show this summer with the Kanata-March Hort. society. Lots to do for those who would like to help out.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the members of the executive committee to offer your services. It will be a lot of fun.



Another lovely wreath, for inspiration..

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Flower show. Vacant (any volunteers?)

Members at Large:

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Our Internet Site

Ken Sala is doing an overhaul of our Internet site and will be creating a member -only zone where we will be posting newsletters, yearbooks, events, etc.
Coming soon!