



WEST CARLETON GARDEN CLUB Jan.2014

Wishing you and yours all the best for the coming new year: Health, happiness and a great year of gardening!

Wasn't the Christmas Potluck a lot of fun? It was productive for the club too. We raised \$476 from the Silent Auction and Special Raffle, thanks to your generosity and to that of all our donors.

We also raised \$170 from the sale of mugs and mug centrepieces for our 25th anniversary events project. The lovely mugs, created by Lis Allison of Pine Ridge Studios, will continue to be on sale at upcoming meetings.

We have an interesting season in store for our members, and even if nature is taking a break at the moment, storing up all that precious energy for the coming growing season, we can all start planning our gardens now with the help of some interesting and knowledgeable speakers we have lined up. Go to our [internet site](#) for more detailed information on the current season, or to our [Facebook](#) page for up to the minute info.



Carp Christmas Parade

Thanks to a number of intrepid members, led enthusiastically by Donna Caldwell, we were very well represented at the Carp parade last December 10th. Despite -28 degree weather, our happy snug friends revelled on the well-appointed float and sent their greetings to all and sundry in the frosty air. "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" certainly came true this year!



January 14th Meeting

'Exploring the Gardens of Cuba'

Mary Ann Van Berlo

Escape for an evening and head to the tropics as master gardener **Mary Ann Van Berlo** takes you to see the spectacular flora and fauna of Cuba.

"It was interesting to see some of the things that we pick up at the supermarket like cashews or avocados or Brazil nuts, how they actually grow, and that's a comment I've had after giving the talk" says Van Berlo, who has been active in various gardening associations for 18 years.

The avid gardener is past co-ordinator of the [Master Gardeners of Ottawa Carleton](#), has been an assistant director of District 2 of the Ontario Horticultural Association and is a member of both the Gloucester and Ottawa horticultural societies. She is currently editor of the Master Gardeners newsletter, called [Trowel Talk](#).

Greeter for the meeting is Donna Christie and Thanker for the speaker is Anne Gadbois.

Goodies and door prizes: Members with surnames starting with K to P.



25th Anniversary Mugs

The lovely 25th anniversary mugs designed by Lis Allison and sporting our Club emblem, *Aquilegia canadensis*, will be available at upcoming general meetings as a fundraiser for our 25th anniversary celebrations later in the year.

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