



West Carleton Garden Club November 2014 Newsletter

Late Fall, and I haven't done much in my garden recently. The grass has pretty well stopped growing and we don't have many deciduous trees on our property. But there is still lots to do in preparation for next year: transplant the hardier perennials, plant trees and bulbs, continue to water trees in advance of the winter, clean out the pond, etc. I am hoping to tackle these garden duties over the next few weeks. Speaking of ponds, I saw a small layer of ice forming on ours this past week. Can the really cold weather be far behind? Must hurry!



November Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2014
7:30 pm, Carp Memorial Hall

Our **Annual General Meeting** and approval of financial statements will be held at the November meeting, during the business section of the meeting just ahead of break and the introduction of our speaker.

"Christmas Decor and Holiday Flower Demonstration"

Our November speaker is **Catherine Disley**, a graduate of the Horticulture and Landscaping program at Algonquin College. Over the years she has worked in a variety of related industries, which include: Senior Designer at some of Ottawa premier florist shops, Instructor and Tropical Plant Specialist- Arc Industries, Buyer and Consultant for a local garden centre. Drawing on her floral design background, she likes to create outdoor planters combining interesting plants, flowers and foliage. As a member of the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton she enjoys sharing her passion of all things horticultural.

Catherine plans to create about five pieces for us, from a tabletop vignette to an outdoor planter and an alternative to a wreath, showing how you can use what you have around your home for arrangements that will last weeks. She will also leave behind three of her creations, which we will raffle off (tickets will be sold before her presentation, \$2 each or 3 for \$5).

Greeters and Thankers : Greeter for the meeting is **Denise Burhnam** and Thanker has not been assigned. Would members whose family names begin with letters D to G inclusively, please bring in some sweets and/or doorprizes. Thank you.

Note: The usual photography contest has been temporarily suspended and will resume most probably in the new year.



Other Events

Carp Christmas Parade

Once again, we will be participating in the parade to be held this year on Saturday, December 13th. **Donna Caldwell, Nancy Argue and Denise Burnham** are conspiring to create a "Candyland"- themed float this year and would like some volunteers.

They will report on progress on the float so far at the November meeting and will be enlisting more help for the float and the occasion.

December meeting

Our most popular seasonal festive potluck will be held at the next meeting, Tuesday, December 9th. As is our tradition, we will be donating our own holiday centrepieces and other garden-related items to a silent auction in benefit to the Club. Please start planning for your artistic holiday centrepiece donation. Such fun! More detailed information about our potluck will be in the next newsletter.



Volunteer hours

David Hinks reminds us that, as the WCGC is a member of the Ontario Horticulture Association, we have to report report volunteer hours to the province on an annual basis for funding purposes. Kindly fill in your volunteer hour form which is found at the back of our WCGC Yearbook and remit it to David, thank you.

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