

West Carleton Garden Club

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WCGC December 2015 Newsletter

WCGC Holiday Season Potluck

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

6:00 pm onward,

Carp Memorial Hall

December is the month of festive get togethers and we are no exception. Our annual holiday season potluck and silent auction will be held on December 8th. Please bring your favourite savoury dishes and sweets to the Hall between 6:00 and 6:30 pm for placement on the buffet table. Also, for the sake of the environment, it would be appreciated if you could bring your own utensils and plates. Please don't forget serving utensils and warming dishes for your offering(s), if required.

Seating for the buffet dinner service will begin around 6:30. There will be music, a slide show and, the best, lots of time to mix and mingle with fellow members and friends.

Silent auction

Each year during the holiday potluck, we organize our very popular silent auction as a group fundraiser. Members make and donate lovely Christmas floral arrangements/centrepieces which are placed on the tables during dinner and then auctioned off with other donated items. Auction donations typically include quality garden related items and other seasonal pieces – e.g., gloves, tools, gift baskets, candles, arrangements, etc.

Wendy Good and Karen Buckley will run the silent auction this year and would gratefully accept help from any

other members who wish to volunteer. In order to facilitate organizing the auction and to have less to carry in on the night, any members able to hand in their auction items prior to the event are asked to contact Wendy at (dogs23455@gmail.com). Those bringing items in on the evening of the Potluck are asked to see Karen or Wendy upon arrival to hand over the item and get the paperwork done for the auction.

Carp Santa Claus Parade – December 12th

Our committee has been hard at work on this year's 'Mother Nature' Float entry. Costumes will be subdued and earthy in keeping with the theme. Organized by the Huntley Community Association, the parade begins at noon. The route starts at The Diefenbunker – 3911 Carp Road and follows Carp Road to Juanita Street to Langstaff Drive turning right on Donald B. Munro Drive to Carp Road finishing at the Diefenbunker. Road closures are in force during the parade.

Following the parade, you might wish to go and warm up and visit Santa at the Agriculture Hall. Refreshments will be available. Craft tables for the kids. Admission is free, and a foodbank donation would be appreciated.

Reading Garden

The Committee met in early November and it was decided to look into having willow tree roots removed from the back door at the library, and a new concrete walkway put in adjacent to library from the front door area, along the south west side and across the back to the back utility door. It was also decided to explore getting a culvert for the wet area depression and steps down into garden from the south east parking area. Other ideas such as a pond and amphitheatre have been suggested. The Committee subsequently met with the area Librarian and a city of Ottawa representative and certain priorities were discussed and set. Anyone interested in helping out with this Committee are asked to speak to Donna Christie.

“Walking the High Line”

Our January 12th meeting will feature a look at the abandoned rail line in New York City that was turned into a park, with gardener and engineer **Rob Brandon**. The presentation explains the history of the structure, the design and plantings that have been used and the very interesting and uplifting story of how two people with vision and drive can achieve great things.

Christmas/Holiday/New Year wishes

On behalf of the executive committee of the West Carleton Garden Club, please accept for you and your families, our very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year. We in our communities, in Ottawa and in Canada have such a lot to be thankful for!

Reminders

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