

West Carleton Garden Club Holiday Cheer



"DECK THE HALLS WITH
BOUGHS OF HOLLY"

Yes!
**'Tis the
season to be
Jolly!**



"TROLL THE ANCIENT
YULETIDE CAROL"

THE WATERING CAN



Our Christmas Social - December 14th

Our December meeting has traditionally been one of good cheer for us at the Club. No speaker, but plenty of conviviality, fine food, music and a really interesting array of Yuletide centrepieces and gift suggestions, all donated by our members for the silent auction.

(*<https://blog.oxforddictionaries.com/2013/12/18/weird-words-in-christmas-songs/>)

Potluck

and

Silent Auction

Come to Carp Memorial Hall and place your offerings early, **around 6:00 pm**, as we sit down to the potluck beginning at 6:30. For the sake of the environment, please bring your own plates and utensils. Fruit punch, coffee and tea will be provided. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

Even though there is no formal planning involved in the potluck, for some reason there always seems to be plenty of food and of a sufficient variety to satisfy everyone's taste. Cold, hot, sweet and savoury items are welcomed. Please bring warming plates, crockpots and serving utensils.

Silent Auction

Our always popular Silent Auction is on the agenda again during our December 14th Christmas celebration this year. This is an important fundraiser for the Club and members are encouraged to bring in handmade centrepieces (with and without candles) and other festive decorations for adorning the tables during dinner, and for eventual auctioning off after the meal. Or, if you would prefer, also appreciated for the auction table are new or nearly new pieces of festive home decor and/or garden related items. Cash/cheque only.

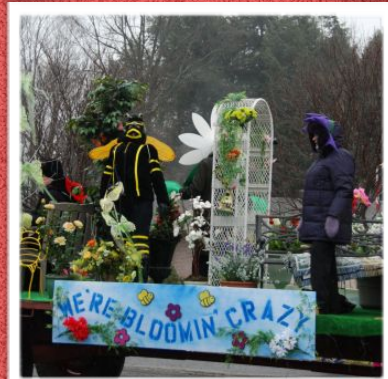
Carp Santa Claus Parade - December 9th

Our WCGC Christmas Parade Float team is hard at work designing and assembling our entry for this year. Sponsored by the Huntley Community Association, this the 9th Annual Christmas Parade in Carp. It will be held starting at noon on Saturday, December 9th, 2017.

The route starts at The Diefenbunker – 3911 Carp Road and follows the Carp Road to Juanita Street to Langstaff Drive turning right on Donald B. Munro Drive to Carp Road, and finishing at the Diefenbunker. Do come out to support us at the parade! It's loads of fun. We are also looking for some volunteers to be on the float (in costume) or to walk next to the float and to distribute information about the garden club. Interested? Please call Nancy Argue for more information - her number is in the yearbook.

(*Scenes from previous floats were snapped by Ken Sala.)

*Some scenes from past Christmas parades **



This year, our theme is 'Canada 150', with an emphasis on the red and white. It will be so much fun to see what the results from our creative team will be on December 9th, given their many whimsical past year accomplishments.

What's next?

(All at Carp Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm)

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Creating an edible design

with **Telsing Andrews** of Aster Lane Edibles

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Ireland in the Spring

with WCGC member **Phil Reilly**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Double, double soil and trouble: A panel of master gardeners discusses lawn care

moderated by past president Anne Gadbois

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Natural pest control by focusing on growing healthy plants

with WCGC past president and master gardener **David Hinks**

Annual Volunteer Hours

A reminder that the volunteer sheet forms in the back of the yearbook need to be filled in and returned to Kathleen Teahen or Brenda Baird as soon as possible before December 12th. If members cannot bring theirs to the potluck, they'll need to drop it off, scan and email it, or mail it to Kathleen. We need to get the numbers in for reporting to the OHA* in January. These numbers are compiled at the provincial level and submitted to OMAFRA* in support of annual grants.

Best Wishes of the Season

On behalf of the Executive of the West Carleton Garden Club and Horticultural Society, we take this opportunity to wish all our Members and their families and loved ones, a very Happy Yuletide Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

(*OHA- Ontario Horticulture Association, OMAFRA-Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)