

## Renovating Gardens – November 2, 2011

Although the scheduled event for our November meeting was to be a demonstration on the making of seasonal planters, our planned guest speaker was under the weather and had to cancel at the last minute. Our savior for the evening was **Mary Reid** from Green Thumb Garden Centre who (at very short notice) was able to jump in with a very good presentation on ***“Renovating Gardens”***.

Mary delivered a very knowledgeable talk on the subject of 'fixing up older gardens' with useful information for all. Her presentation included suggestions and techniques on mulching, changing old flower beds and preparing new ones, pruning old and tired plants and shrubs (or taking them out altogether -- the tough love approach) and dividing overgrown perennials. Many of her points were illustrated with 'before' and 'after' photographs.

Mary fielded many questions and the entire evening was very well received by all.

We wish to thank Mary for stepping in on very short notice, and for making a very successful evening out of what could have been a disappointment to our members.

