



# Greely Gardeners Group

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## *Newsletter* January 2002

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday February 4, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre     *Next meeting!*

Winter is hard on your houseplants – hot dry air, low light levels, insects and diseases. Need help? Have questions? The aim of this meeting is to show you how to get your houseplants looking their best.

This month's theme for the floral arrangement contest: "I Love Nature".

Monday March 4, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Bedding plants can be expensive. Why not save a little money by growing your own. It's not too late to start for the coming season. We'll look at some of the do's and don'ts of starting flower and vegetable seeds at home.

Monday April 8, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre

The snow is melting and your lawn looks terrible. Last summer was hard on lawns, and weird winter weather probably hasn't helped. What to do to restore your personal green space in time for this coming summer. Come along and find out.

Saturday May 11, 10:00 a.m.

Time to get your hands and knees dirty. Get a practical demonstration of flower bed design as we plant the flower bed in front of the Community Centre. Bring gloves and light gardening tools – trowel, weeder, etc.

Monday June 3, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Gardening that you can eat. There's more to a good garden than flowers, and now that the soil has warmed up it's time to plant out your tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers. Come and learn how to get bigger yields from your veggies.

Saturday June 22, 10:00 a.m.

Members garden tour. Every year we visit some of our members' gardens – to admire, ask questions and offer advice. How about having your garden on the tour this year?

July

Let's all take a vacation (but don't neglect your garden).

August – date to be arranged

Field trip. Let us have your suggestions for our annual field trip.

Monday September 9, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Members' Flower Show and Annual Meeting. Time to show off the best your garden still has to offer – and set the GGG agenda for the coming year.

### Monday October 7, 7:00 Greely Community Centre

Plant Swap and Sale. Our last outdoor event of the season, beside the Community Centre. Bring those perennials that you've thinned out – our members and friends will find new homes for them.

### Monday November 4, 7:45 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Winter's coming and we're going to show you how to make your garden a friendly and sheltering place for the birds when the snow flies. We'll also look at the best foods to attract birds to your garden all winter long.

### Monday December 2, 7:45 Greely Community Centre

Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. Time to celebrate the Christmas season early and share tales of the garden successes and failures with your gardening friends.

## Tip of the Month

CUT FLOWERS bring a welcome touch of summer to the home in the depths of winter. Here's how you can make those colourful blooms last longer. Cut the stems on a long thin angle and place the flowers in very warm water - this allows the water to flow up the stem very quickly to the flower head. A couple drops of bleach in your vase will keep bacteria under control. Adding Floral Life or Sprite soft drink to the water adds days of life to your flowers. Keep all flowers at a constant cool temperature for longer life. If any flowers wilt, simply wrap them up tightly in damp newspaper and place them, up to their necks, in a vase of warm water. Place the vase in a cool spot, and in an hour or two, the heads should be right back up.

## Volunteers Needed

THE GGG IS run entirely by volunteer help, and it really helps to share the load. Can you spare a little time to help organize one or more of the events listed in this newsletter? It doesn't take a lot of your time, and you'll be contributing to the continued success of our Group. Interested? Call Bob at 821-1847.

## Membership Renewal

It's January 2002, and if you haven't already done so it's time to renew your GGG membership. The cost is still just \$10 for the year, and includes all of the above events, plus a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on the Group's activities.

To renew, and stay on our mailing list, just come along to the next meeting on February 4. If you can't make that meeting, call Shelagh Heatlie at 821-0816 to renew your membership.

### **Greely Gardeners Group, Executive Committee**

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