



# Greely Gardeners Group

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## *Newsletter* October 2003

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### GREELY GARDENERS CALENDAR:

#### Wednesday October 8, 7:15 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Winterizing your garden. Our guest speaker for this meeting is Lee Boltwood, a Master Gardener for 17 years who maintains a two-acre garden. We'll also continue our seed swap this month, so bring along any seeds you want to share. This is also your last chance to submit entries for the Photo Contest – winner to be announced at the December meeting.

#### Wednesday November 5, 7:15 p.m. Greely Community Centre

“Boughs and Bows” is our timely topic for this month. Guest speaker will be Francy Richardson, back by popular demand, this time to demonstrate how to make seasonal decorations from natural materials you can find in your garden. (This is a change from our previously announced schedule – Tony Williams will be our guest speaker early in the New Year.)

#### Wednesday December 3, 7:15 p.m. Greely Community Centre

Time again for our annual Pot-Luck Supper. This year we plan to open the event to new members, so everyone is asked to bring a friend. More details next month.

### GGG'S NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on September 10, several members stepped forward to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee. Heather Clemenson and Gary Hall have jointly taken on the roles of publicity coordinator and secretary-treasurer. Gill Toll is our new events director. Shelagh Heatlie remains in charge of membership, and that leaves yours truly as president and newsletter editor. (I really tried to get someone else to take on the job, but there were no takers!) With a full executive for the first time in a couple of years, I'm sure the year ahead is going to be an exciting one for the GGG.

The main goals of the new exec are to put a solid and informative events program in place and to increase our membership. Gill is already well on the way to finalizing the program for January-June 2004, and we'll be making a concerted effort to publicize every event more widely. And that's where you come in – tell your friends and neighbours about the GGG. Better still, bring a friend to the next meeting. The first meeting is free, and anyone who wants to join now pays only \$10 for 14 months to the end of 2004.

One issue that remains is the difficulty we've had getting firm bookings of Hall A at the Community Centre, and getting the dates we want. We've now been promised the **first** Wednesday of the month through to June 2004. However, we cannot have Hall A in February and March because the Greely Players will be using the space for rehearsals. This could be a problem because we know from past experience that the only other available room, the Committee Room, is too small for a well-attended meeting. We're looking into alternatives for those two months, and we'll keep you posted.

## TAKING A BREAK IN THE SHADE



The annual members' garden tour in June was held on a hot, sunny Saturday morning. But it was worth it. We toured the gardens of Anne Lavoie, Lorena Wallace, Tony Torr, Carol Stanley, Gerry Wyman, and ended up (above) at Lester and Joan Bradley's wonderful garden. With a break for iced tea and snacks half way (thanks Carol and Joan) nearly everyone made it to the end. See you on the tour next year?

## GGG VISITS THE GG

In August we revived the tradition of a "summer outing". Our destination this year was Rideau Hall, home of Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, where about 16 of us enjoyed an escorted tour of the gardens. Unfortunately Her Excellency wasn't available to conduct us personally, but our young guide was equally charming. After the event we adjourned to the Stanleys' for a pot-luck barbecue. As they say, a good time was had by all!

We hope to see more members on next year's outing. If you have ideas for a destination in 2004, please pass them on to Gill Toll.

Note: The gardens at Rideau Hall are not open to the general public and can only be viewed on a conducted tour – if you missed it, it's well worth a visit. Tours can be arranged through the Rideau Hall Visitor Centre.

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