



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

December 2010

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

Wednesday, December 1 – Annual Christmas pot-Luck Dinner

Greely Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. [If you have not already signed-up for the Christmas pot-luck dinner it is still not too late. Please call Sue Young at: 613-574-0098 if you want to join us and bring a dish.](#) There will be prizes and surprises and plenty of additional fun. Spouses and guests are welcome. Don't miss it! We do not have a liquor licence so please do not bring any alcoholic drinks to the dinner. A non-alcoholic punch will be available.

Thursday January 6 – Topic to be announced

The Executive Committee is working on bringing an exciting schedule of events for 2011. Stay tuned for further information about the January meeting. Details will be sent to all members in December. If you want to note in your calendar for 2011; the meetings in January, February and March will be on the first Thursday of the month and as of April our meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society: Monday December 13**, Pot Luck Supper, MHS members only. 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick.
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society: Monday November 22**; at the Russell Legion/Lion's Den; Annual General Meeting with the theme "Getting ready for Christmas" starts at 6:30pm with a potluck supper. Care of amaryllis, poinsettias and paper whites by Pegi Holtz; decorating tips by Louise Houle; Christmas wreaths by Marilyn MacMillan. <http://www.russellgardeners.ca/events.html>
- **Osgoode Garden Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month; 7:00 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street. For information call Louise Boudreau 826-0385.

Tip of the Month – Paper Whites

Paper Whites are a type of Narcissus. Paper Whites produce clusters of small, fragrant white flowers. Some people love the scent and others can't stand it. There doesn't seem to be a middle ground. The foliage and flower stems grow about 15 inches tall. The blooms last a week or two. They are easy to grow.

Fill a shallow pot part way with decorative stones. Plain stones, gravel, and even soil works too. Set Paper White bulbs onto the stones, pushing them down just far enough so the bulbs are supported in an upright position. For a nice display use at least five bulbs; don't worry about crowding. Add water just to the bottom of the bulbs. If the water covers too much of the bulbs, they can rot. Put them in a cool, dark place for one to two weeks. When the roots have begun to take hold and the plant has sprung from the bulb, take the pot out into a brightly lit room. Plan on about four to six weeks from planting to bloom; if you want to have them in time for Christmas start them during the first or second week in November.



November Meeting – Rock Gardens

Our guest speaker Judy Wall, from Rockwall Gardens, Perth gave a very informative presentation that described how she and her husband Phil began Rockwall Gardens which opened to the public in May 2000. She described the requirements for establishing a rock garden and touched generally on garden design, planning and construction, soil requirements as well as considerable detail on the plants themselves.



Their garden centre focuses on alpines, rockery, and drought-tolerant, lower maintenance, unique, and unusual plants that are environmentally sustainable in the local area. Judy showed photographs of a large variety of rock plants describing their special features and growing requirements. For further information on Rockwall gardens and the plants that they sell please see:

<http://www.rockwallgardens.com/index.html>

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