



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

October 2011

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday November 2

Seasonal Planters

*Guest speaker: Carol Weatherall of Weatherall Gardens, Kemptville. Come to see a demonstration by Carol on how you can create beautiful **Seasonal Planters** for the holidays. Greely Community Centre: 7:00 pm.*

MONTHLY MEETING -- Wednesday December 7

***Annual Christmas Pot-luck Dinner** for members and their guests.*

Greely Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting. If you miss the November meeting and are interested in attending the Pot-Luck dinner, please call Sue Young at: 613 574 0098.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society:** Monday November 14, 7:30pm, "Fresh Flowers for the Holidays", a practical demonstration by Joanne Plummer of Mill Street Florist; Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick. Non-members are asked to pay an admission fee (usually \$5:00).
- **Russell and District Horticultural Society,** Monday, November 28, 2011
Annual General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall at 24 Legion Lane in Russell. Details posted on website: <http://www.russellgardeners.ca/>
- **Osgoode Garden Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month; 7:00 pm at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street. For information please, call Linda Laframboise at 613-826-0906.

GGG Executive Committee for 2012

The election of the 2012 GGG Executive Committee took place Wednesday, October 5th.



*Meet your new Executive: from left to right: **Lee Nickerson** (Vice-President); **Phyllis Nickerson** (Events Co-ordinator); **Jane Rietze** (Treasurer); **Gary Hall** (President); **Susan Young** (Secretary); **Melissa MacDonald** (Member at large); **Heather Clemenson** (Member at large/Newsletter). Missing from photograph - **Gill Toll** (Member at large).*

GARDEN ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Prepared by the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton – suggestions for October/November:

October

- Plant spring flowering bulbs (tulips, crocus, daffodils etc.)
- Dig up and store summer bulbs (dahlias, cannas, gladiolus, tuberous begonias etc.)
- Plant amaryllis for Christmas blooms
- Clean up garden for fall but leave some seed heads for the birds
- Allow a layer of leaves to settle on garden beds for winter protection
- Gather leaves and add to compost pile
- Make sure any first year transplants (especially trees and shrubs) are well watered before winter freeze-up
- Put shelters around first year evergreen plants, broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons and daphne, to protect from winter's drying wind and sun.

November rest of winter

- Clean your garden tools
- Review your garden notes and photos to plan for changes and additions
- Check out new garden tends in seed and plant catalogues.

Preparing Your Gardens for Winter

On the evening of the first major frost of the season, our members reaped the benefit of listening to **Lindley McPhail** speak to us about tasks we ought to be doing as the gardening season draws to a close (Photo: Lindley being thanked by Lee).

Lindley's presentation was more like a friendly chat between friends sharing ideas. The evening was immensely interesting. Lindley covered almost every imaginable aspect of a fall clean-up:



- what to do with your vegetable gardens, including leaving certain vegetables to benefit from the cold weather
- how to deal with your summer planters
- how to store your tender tubers and bulbs over the winter
- how to care for shrubs and small trees by creating tepees and windscreens to protect them from drying winter winds
- protecting berry patches
- bringing in tender potted plants to spend the winter indoors (displacing some of your furniture)
- collecting and labeling seeds

- planting bulbs (and noting where you put them!)
- leaving plants with winter interest to show garden structure in the snow (grasses and seed bearing flowers such as *Echinacea*)

Many thanks to Lindley for speaking to the Greely Gardeners Group once again; we are certain that members will want to have her back soon!

Greely Gardeners Group – 2010-11 Executive Committee

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