



Greely Gardeners Group

NEWSLETTER

December 2011

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

NOTE: *As usual, the first three meetings of the new year will be on a Thursday night at the Greely Community Centre. Why... Wednesday nights for the months of January, February and March are major rehearsal nights for the Greely Players (this year they are performing "The Sound of Music") and we don't want our speakers to compete with the singing!*

MONTHLY MEETING -- Thursday January 5

Topic: **"Ornamental Shrubs"**

Guest speakers: **Dave Dunn and Rob Caron**, Rideau Woodland Ramble
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING -- Thursday February 2

Topic: **"Birds and Bird Feeders"**

Guest speaker: **Jim Tutton**, Ritchie Feed and Seed
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING -- Thursday March 1

Topic: **"Trees for Your Garden"**

Guest speaker: **Crispin Wood**, Central Experimental Farm Arboretum
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

- **Manotick Horticultural Society**, Monday January 9, **"Ornamental Shrubs"** Dave Dunn, Rideau Woodland Ramble, 7:30 pm, Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island, Manotick

- **Russell and District Horticultural Society**, Monday January 16, “**More on Trees**” Marcel Beauchamp will give advice on trees, 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.

Re-design of the 'flagpole' garden at the Greely Community Centre

For some time now, the members of the GGG Executive Committee have been considering the possibility of undertaking a complete redesign of the main flower bed at the Community Centre.

Our aim is to solicit input from our members for ideas and thoughts on this project. As you know, the bed is approximately the shape of a rounded triangle, 25 feet long on two sides and 14 feet wide at the 'fat' end.

The only item that we suggest keeping from the existing scheme is the Purple Sandcherry bush that would remain in a trimmed-back form. The selection of the remainder of the garden design is up for discussion.

If you have any suggestion for plants (perennials or shrubs) that could be considered in the re-design, or if you wish to participate more directly in this project, please contact Gary or Heather at 613-821-7445.

NOTE: *If you know of any upcoming gardening related events in our area that you think might interest other GGG members or if you have contributions or suggestions for articles for the Newsletter, let me know and I'll try to include them.*

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DECEMBER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK

The 2011 Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner took place on December 7th at the Greely Community Centre. We were happy that Past President Bob Stanley and Carol Stanley (who now live in Merrickville) could join us for the evening, and that Edythe Falconer who spoke to the GGG earlier this year on roses accepted our invitation to attend.

Thanks to all who helped with the event, especially Lee Nickerson our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Phyllis Nickerson who organized and crafted the table decorations, Sue Young who coordinated the food, and everyone who helped during the evening. As usual there was a great variety of food thanks to all the members who brought their favourite dish. Entertainment took the form of a quiz and fun bingo, and most people left with a prize or two. We trust that the evening was enjoyed by all who attended.



GGG Christmas Potluck, December 7, 2012

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