



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

January 2013

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

Note: Our meetings for January, February, and March are the first Thursday of the month.

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday January 3

Topic: **“Orchids”**

Guest speaker: Douglas Vye, Past President Ottawa Orchid Society
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Douglas does not remember when his interest in orchids really began, but that interest increased as a result of an Eco-tour he took to Costa Rica in 1995. Having caught the 'orchid bug', he joined the Ottawa Orchid Society and served as the President of the Ottawa Orchid Society for two terms. At one time, he had a collection of roughly 200 orchids, though eventually downsized his collection. Doug's talk will deal with the popular orchids available through various retail stores, the selection of a species for your environment, and the care and maintenance of your orchids, which will include a demonstration of re-potting an orchid.

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday February 7

Topic: **“Lawn Maintenance”**

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

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday March 7

Topic: **“Fruit Trees”**

Guest speaker: Doug King, Make It Green Garden Centre
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

Reminder GGG 2012 Membership Fees Are Now Due:

If you are intending to renew your annual membership at our next meeting, please consider printing a membership form from our website www.greelygardeners.ca and filling it in ahead of time. At only \$10 for the year, we are still the best bargain in town!

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Manotick Horticultural Society: Guest speaker, Dave Dunn, Rideau Woodland Ramble, Monday January 14, 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, Manotick.

Osgoode Garden Club meets the third Wednesday of the month; from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Osgoode Library on Osgoode Main Street.

Russell and District Horticultural Society meets third Monday of the month 7:00 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion/Lion's Hall at 24 Legion Lane in Russell. Details of upcoming events are posted on their website: <http://www.russellgardeners.ca/>

MONTHLY REPORT – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER

Our members who attended the Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner had a head start on Christmas festivities. This year, there were over 50 members and guests attending and all were treated to a wonderful meal, each item prepared by members.



The evening involved the usual milling about the appetizers table with a glass of punch. This was quickly followed by a visit to the buffet table and a splendid meal. A short Christmas anagram quiz coincided with a trip to the dessert table, and the event was wrapped up by a few games of bingo (winners getting the first of many gifts). Before winding up the festivities, draws for door prizes resulted in more than 25 people going home with a 'present'. Two of the gifts handed out to members were gift certificates donated by Lee Valley and Ritchie Feed and Seed.



(Please remember these businesses when you do your Christmas shopping!) Thanks also to Jackie Voyce (hand knitted scarf) and Denyse Becker (hand-made pine cone table decoration) for these contributions as additional draw prizes.

Many thanks go to everyone who brought food for the event and to all who helped with the set-up (and clean-up) of the room for the evening. Particular thanks to Lee and the Executive Committee for their work in organizing the dinner, to Sue Young for calling everyone to ensure variety in the food items, to Phyllis (and Lee) Nickerson for creating the brilliant centre-piece decorations and the individual place setting decorations, and to Jane Rietze, Denyse Becker and Geoff Voyce for decorations and supplies and to Heather Clemenson and



Gary Hall for purchasing and wrapping most of the prizes and organizing the activities.

We hope that everybody had a great time and we all look forward to doing it again next year.

Thanks to Karen Ellerton who took the photo above of the GGG Executive Committee at the prize table.

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