



Greely Gardeners Group

Newsletter

January 2014



GREELY GARDENERS EVENTS

Please note that the first three meetings of 2014 will be on Thursday evenings and our very first meeting of the year is on the second Thursday in January.

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday January 9

Topic: “Lessons from My Big Fat Garden Reno”
Guest speaker: Rebecca Last
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday February 6

Topic: “Gardening with Children”
Guest speaker: Judith Cox
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday March 6

Topic: “Pondless Water Features”
Guest speaker: Benjamin Stapper
Greely Community Centre, 7:00 p.m.

OTHER GARDENING EVENTS

Manotick Horticultural Society: Monday January 13, “Elderberry: an old remedy for new flu epidemics”, Dr. Shawn Yakimovich ND, Kemptville Naturopathic Clinic. The AGM will also be held at this meeting. 7:30 p.m., Main Hall, RCMP Campground, Long Island Locks, Manotick.

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/>

West Carleton Horticultural Society: Tuesday January 14, “Gardens of Cuba”, Mary Ann Van Berlo, Master Gardener, 7:30 p.m. Carp Memorial Hall, 3739 Carp Road, Carp (Guests welcome).

Ottawa Public Library: Tuesday January 14, “Starting Plants from Seed”, Fran Dennett, Master Gardener, 6:30 p.m., Blackburn Hamlet Branch, Ottawa Public Library, 199 Glen Park, Ottawa (register for this event at: <http://programmes.bibliottawalibrary.ca/events/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=62654&langtype=0&ret=http://bibliottawalibrary.ca/en/program>).

Nepean Horticultural Society: Thursday January 16, “Garden Pests & Diseases”, Diane McClymont Peace, Master Gardener, 7:30 p.m. City View United Church, 6 Epworth Ave., Nepean (Guests welcome).

Reminder GGG 2014 Membership Fees Are Now Due

If you joined the GGG after September 2013, or have renewed your membership since September 2013, your membership takes you to the end of December 2014.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2014, this is a subtle reminder. If you intend to renew your annual membership at our next meeting, to save time 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!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER

Over 70 members and their guests attended our pot-luck dinner this year, a record for the GGG. By all accounts the event was a great success; good



food (our members are really good cooks), fun entertainment and lots of draw prizes for folks to take home.



Thanks to all who brought food and to Denyse Becker and Jackie Voyce who also contributed draw prizes. Special thanks go to the GGG

Executive who planned the event. The centre pieces were designed and made by Lee and Phyllis Nickerson, most of the Executive Committee put together the place settings (designed by Phyllis), Susan Young organized the food side of the evening and Jane Rietze and Heather Clemenson contributed the quizzes. The majority of the prizes were wrapped by Elaine Routledge. Gary Hall made the punch and put together the slide show and Denyse and husband Scott Becker provided the music. All members of the Executive and several volunteers were on hand for the set-up and clean-up... what a team!



NORFOLK PINE



If you are looking for the ideal potted Christmas tree, the Norfolk pine tree (*Araucaria heterophylla*) is a perfect choice. Your Norfolk pine tree will continue to grow indoors as a lovely houseplant and can be used each year for the holidays as a treasured part of your



holiday traditions. If you choose to decorate your Norfolk pine for the holidays, use very lightweight ornaments that will not pull down the branches to prevent damage.



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