

2011 Winter Newsletter



Preparing for Christmas and the holidays?

Come to Parkland Garden Centre and experience holiday shopping surrounded by an exciting and beautiful Christmas atmosphere. Parkland Garden Centre stores have a unique line of Christmas ornaments and trees. For your convenience, we have a second store located at the North entrance of the Bower Mall showcasing our exquisite and unusual Christmas and garden centre products. Our buyers travel great distances to bring the latest trends in Christmas and every day giftware to Central Alberta. Parkland has themed trees for you to admire and shop from. Seeing is believing! Come "Experience a Country Christmas" at Parkland!

We have gifts to suit all ages including unique collectible

Did You Know...

Let your poinsettias dry substantially between watering it. They don't like "wet feet". Poinsettias are non-toxic and perfectly safe for children or pets to touch.

Sugar, Aspirin, or Seven Up added to water will **not** make cut flowers and Christmas trees or Christmas greens last longer. We recommend the use of good clean water changed regularly with proper cut flower food dissolved in it. Cut flower food is available in our garden centre. Keeping your Christmas tree or greens in a cool, humid place also helps. Antidessicants such as WiltProof, sprayed on the foliage also helps.

Cut evergreen boughs can be arranged in your summer planters in mid November. If kept in a cold, shady location, they will keep until well after Christmas. Direct sunlight and warm temperatures will cause browning earlier.

Winter 2011 Event Listing and Dates...

Date	Event	Time	Fee
Nov. 3	Christmas Preview	9:30am-9:00am	BowerMall/Garden Centre
Nov. 12	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank Donation
Nov. 19	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank Donation
Nov. 26	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank Donation
Dec. 3	Creative Christmas Workshops	9:45am-5:30pm	See Attached Listing
Dec. 10	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank Donation
Dec.15?	Ice Sculptures	Weather Dependent	Free – Food Bank Donation Appreciated

Garden Shop & Giftware...Great Ideas for Gift Giving Any Time

- Wide selection of Jewelry
- Crabtree & Evelyn
- Fashion assortment of Scarves and Cover Ups
- Appetizers/Dips etc. from Gourmet du Village
- Christmas Scents from Beanpod Candles
- Fresh Fudge made in Canada
- Home Decor
- Snowbabies
- Dept 56
- Christmas Mugs/Plates etc.

Plus - tons of Christmas products – Sinamay, shatter-proof ornaments, ribbon, personalized ornaments, **Katherine's Collectibles**, Nativity sets, Baby's 1st ornaments, pet ornaments, **Krinkles**, **S'mores**, night lights, LED indoor & outdoor lights etc.

Gift Baskets, Dish Gardens and more...

If you're not sure what to purchase for a gift and you want something different try our unique dish gardens or gift baskets.

Dish gardens contain a wide selection of small live plants including miniature Christmas trees, tiny poinsettias, and small house plants along with festive ornaments and enhancements, all planted in colourful Christmas containers ready for gift giving. They make great housewarming and host/hostess gifts as well.

Or we can make up festive gift baskets filled with our many gardeners' delights. You just pick out the items or give us a theme and we can put it all in a colourful festive gift basket arrangement that is sure to surprise your special someone.

On the other hand, you can also simply purchase a gift certificate in any amount and let the recipient make their own choices.

Come in and experience the wonders of Christmas while you wrap up your Christmas shopping at Parkland Garden Centre!

Fresh Fragrant Decor...

For the finest in classic Christmas décor, use fresh, fragrant, evergreen accents. We import a fabulous selection of both traditional and unusual evergreen boughs, swags, wreaths, garlands and more. All are sold wrapped for the cold and with floral preservatives for maximum freshness and longevity. We also carry stems of berries, holly and a wide selection of all sizes and types of pinecones. To help you with the "how to" we also carry a wide selection of floral arranging supplies and candles and we are also offering a number of "hands on" workshops to help you do it yourself. For more information see the course listing at the back of this newsletter, visit our website at www.parklandgarden.ca, or call 403.346.5613. Or we can make it for you with just a phone call or visit to our store.

Success with Christmas Cactus (Zygocactus)...

Christmas Cactus is one of the tropical cacti; not desert cacti. That means that they will not withstand colder temperatures and that they are not drought tolerant as are the desert cacti. They are grown in regular houseplant potting mix, in a pot with good drainage. They require full sun in winter months but need partial shade in summer. Allow only slight drying between watering and never overwater. To induce flowering, provide slightly cooler temperatures at night and shorter days from September on. A flowering plant fertilizer such as Plant Prod 15-30-15 or 15-15-18 will also help to encourage flowering.

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees...*Arriving late November; To order call 403.346.5613*

1. Fraser Fir - beautiful blue colored, sheared for a pyramidal shape; great fragrance
2. Balsam Fir – sheared pyramidal shape, dark green foliage, very fragrant
3. Scotch Pine – rich, long needled, excellent fragrance
4. Larger trees up to 12ft.

How to Care for Fresh Cut Trees...

1. No matter what was done at the tree lot, cut a couple of inches off the bottom of your fresh Christmas tree immediately before you put it in the stand. The process of sap blocking the water uptake system of a natural Christmas tree starts as soon as it is cut and begins to warm up. It is worth your while to put the effort into cutting off the bottom when you get home.
2. Fraser fir is considered the longest lasting of the real Christmas trees available here. No matter how fresh they start out, and no matter how much water you get them to take up, well-cared-for, your Fraser should last up to four weeks.
3. You cannot over-water your cut Christmas tree. A seven-foot tree should take up a good litre of water per day in the first week indoors.
4. Real Christmas trees are rarely the cause of allergy attacks. They do not give off pollen. More likely culprits are the old decorations unpacked to put on the tree, the old tree stand and water that doesn't get taken up by the tree. If you have an artificial tree, the dust and mould it collects over the years may cause allergy attacks as well.
5. You should not chop up your Christmas tree for the fireplace in January. Sappy softwoods contribute to creosote build-up in your chimney. Instead, stand it outside by the bird feeders, the birds will love it.

To Do List for December/January...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Be sure to check regularly any tubers and corms that you have stored to ensure they don't dry out completely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is the ideal time to study the bare bones of your garden. Is it balanced? Does it have winter appeal? Are there shrubs with berries to attract birds?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catch up on reading garden magazines and books for fantastic new ideas that you can incorporate into your yard. Parkland Garden Centre has a wide selection of books from which to choose.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Come to Parkland Garden Centre to see our world famous Ice Sculptures being created. Each year brings a new theme which will be unveiled in mid-December depending on the weather. You won't want to miss them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check regularly that your bird feeders are clean and filled. Parkland has a wide variety of food and suet to attract all birds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark your calendar – December 3 is the day for Holiday in the House Courses! Call soon to register at 403.346.5613.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do your Christmas shopping in one easy stop! Parkland Garden Centre has great gifts for everyone in the family. We carry a wide selection of gardening supplies, indoor and outdoor furniture, statuary and fountains, giftware for women, home décor, candles, candleholders, Heritage lace, children's items, as well as Dept. 56 and specialty items. We also recommend gift certificates of any denomination for your gift giving convenience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan next year's garden projects. This is the perfect time to call to talk to our Landscape Designer for assistance. All of our garden seeds arrive in early to mid-January as well. Drop in and get lost in central Alberta's widest selection and check out what's new for 2012.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit Parkland Garden Centre to view the many Christmas-themed trees and other decorations for the season.		As winter doldrums set in, visit the tropical paradise of Parkland Garden Centre. It's the ideal location for your garden luncheon!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take home our special cooking oils displayed as well as numerous dips, packaged ciders and hot chocolate mixes and some Saskatoon champagne for the holiday and winter season.		Water your shrubs if there is no snow. Also, Cloud Cover or Wilt Proof should be applied to your evergreens to prevent winter browning if you haven't done so yet.

Creative Christmas Workshops...

A Festive Makeover

Do not put away your patio planter. We will show you how to redesign them for the holiday season with fresh greens, trimmings, along with holiday silks. Take home fresh evergreens for your own creations!

Cost: \$25.00 + GST

Saturday, December 3 9:45 am to 10:45am

Mantle Decorating

The classic finishing touch that says "Christmas is Here" is that gorgeous mantelpiece festooned with fresh, fragrant evergreens, candles, cones and ornaments. Participants will take home a complete mantelpiece.

Cost: \$90.00 + GST

Saturday, December 3 11:00am to 12:30pm

Creative Bow Making

Learn how to make beautiful bows and great ways to use ribbon and garland to unite the Christmas theme throughout your home. Take your creations home!

Cost: \$15.00 + GST

Saturday, December 3 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Beginners Fresh Wreath Making

Nothing beats the scent of real evergreen boughs. We will help you complete your own fresh imported evergreen wreath ready to decorate. Take your creation home!

Cost: \$30.00 + GST (all supplies included)

Saturday, December 3 1:00 pm to 2:30pm

Decorative Christmas Dish Gardens

We will show you how to make up a festive wicker dish garden with Christmas plants and accessories to make a truly unique gift. Take your creations with you!

Cost: \$35.00 + GST (all supplies included)

Saturday, December 3 2:45pm to 4:00pm

Christmas Table Arrangement

Impress your guests! We will teach you how to make a festive arrangement with candles, fresh evergreens and more to add that flickering glow to your Christmas décor. Go home with a complete arrangement.

Cost: \$40.00 + GST (all supplies included)

Saturday, December 3 4:15 pm to 5:30pm

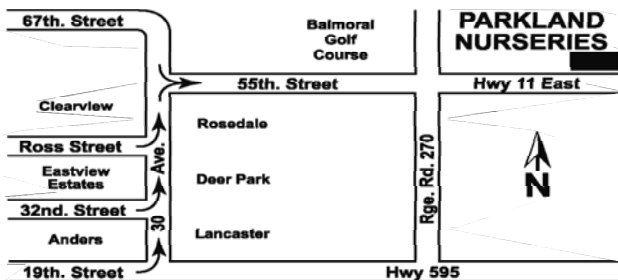
WORKSHOP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Payment must be made in full at time of registration. Visa, MasterCard, Interac, or cash accepted.

REFUND ISSUED ONLY IF CLASS IS CANCELLED.

Prices do not include GST. Class sizes are limited, pre-registration required, adults only unless otherwise noted.

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