

## November 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 - Open Meeting

**Starting at 6:00pm**

*Guest Speaker :*

*Sharon Wheaton*

**Certified Floral Designer**

from The Flower Boutique

1094 St. Vincent Street

Midhurst, Ontario

705-252-9112

*Come and learn how  
to make Christmas*

*Floral arrangements!*

**We invite you to bring a potluck dish  
and have dinner with us!**

**(Please bring a plate, cutlery and a mug for yourself)**

**Christmas Gift Certificates from the Barrie Garden Club!!**

**Need a gift for a friend that has everything?**

**Buy a wonderful present that will last all year long!**

**Only \$25.00!!! Use it for a membership**

**or put it towards a Garden Club Event!**



## November Gardening Checklist

- Fertilize your lawn
- Buy bulbs to force for winter.
- Mulch rose bushes.
- Divide spring and summer blooming perennial plants.
- Turn off outside water connections.
- Drain garden hoses.
- Continue watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
- Wrap screening around fruit tree trunks to protect from small animals.
- Clean fallen leaves in downspouts and gutters
- Rake your leaves!! Running them over with a mower so their chopped up bits can decompose in the lawn is okay but leaving them as they are on the ground can provide cover for moles & voles, which can eat hostas and other plants to the ground. In addition, tromping through the garden in the spring to clean out these leaves will needlessly compress the cold, wet soil.

**Upcoming Garden Club Events**  
Are you interested in **getting more involved** in our Garden Club?

Would you like to **be on a committee or on our Executive?**

If **YES!** Then please talk to Jean or Joan for more information!



### **Christmas Centerpieces for the Elderly!**

On the evening of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Garden Club will be bringing good cheer to the patrons of Whispering Pines Retirement Residence by helping them make festive tabletop planters.

**Volunteers are needed to help.**

Please talk Joanne

(705) 722-6923 or email her at

[joeymr@rogers.com](mailto:joeymr@rogers.com)

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## Nifty Gardening Websites!

### How to force bulbs for Christmas

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/practice/article?PID=102>



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### Make Christmas Gifts from your Garden

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/homemade-christmas-gifts-zmaz88sozgoe.aspx?PageId=5#ArticleContent>

and

<http://themicrogardener.com/7-easy-diy-garden-gift-ideas/>



## History of the Christmas Wreath

The term "Wreath" is linked to our word "Wrist", which is synonymous with a continuous circular shape. It also came from Middle English's "wrethe", meaning a twisted band or ring of leaves or flowers in a garland.

Wreaths have been used symbolically for centuries.

The circle or ring shape is

symbolic of eternity or eternal life, because the shape has no beginning or end. Back in ancient Rome,

this symbol became so powerful that people used decorative wreaths as a

sign of victory. Some believe that this is where the hanging of wreaths on

doors came from.

Putting plants into the symbolic circular shape symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter. Wreaths and other decorations during long winters often consisted of whatever natural materials looked attractive at this bleak time of year. People used candles, fires, evergreens, hollies, berries, and forced blossoms to hold on to the promise of spring.

from <http://www.holidaydecorations.com/Christmas-Wreath.html>

