



Barrie's Garden Club Newsletter

Cuttings

December 2018



Come and enjoy a social evening
with fellow Garden Club Members!

**Barrie Garden Club Meeting
& Potluck and Awards Night!**

December 4th

Doors open at 5:45pm.



Bring a yummy dish to share and your own plate, cutlery and glass!

We will provide beverages and napkins!

(please remember we have no way to heat or cool our dishes now)

Photo contest & Flower Show winners will be announced

Membership Renewal Basket Draw!***

If you buy your 2019 Barrie Garden Club Membership (only \$25.00 for the year!!) by the end of our December Meeting, you will be automatically entered into a draw for a delicious basket full of yummy goodies from Harvest Bakery (Thank-you Roberta Watt!!)



"One kind word can warm
three winter months."

Japanese Proverb

DECEMBER'S GUEST CHRISTMAS

DESIGNER:

GABRIELLE POLMAN

Indoor Live Good Supervisor

at the

Bradford Greenhouses Garden

Gallery

Gabrielle will be designing some festive centerpieces for us!

Spruce up you holiday table with these creations!



Here are a few more lovely ideas from
<http://www.midwestliving.com>
to create your perfect table!



For a simple yet stunning centerpiece, place five votive candles (in a variety of Christmas colors) in a line down a red rectangular serving dish. Fill the rest of the dish with cranberries, garnish with a few pine twigs and dust with artificial snow.

Place solid-color ball ornaments inside a clear-glass vase and "serve" on a silver tray. Sprinkle faux snow over the display, and wrap it up with matching ribbon.



Carnations top a rectangular glass vase covered with candy canes. Attach candy canes to the vase with a hot-glue gun; anchor flowers in floral foam. If you like, spray canes with coats of clear acrylic spray to avoid stickiness. Finish with ribbon and mint.



Trim the dinner table with paper trees in gleeful holiday colors and patterns. For the simplest tree, shown in fuchsia, wrap paper around a foam cone. Trim to fit, and secure with pushpins. Overlapping circle cut outs create the scalloped look of the chartreuse tree. Make shapes with a circle punch or cut out using a tracer then attach with glue. For the apple-green looped tree, fold a sheet of paper in half, securing with spray adhesive. Cut 1x5-inch paper strips. Starting at the bottom, layer looped strips, securing with pushpins, to cover the foam cone. Grouped trees form a striking centerpiece.



Christmas Plant Tips

Small pots of Christmas plants and greens also make a great table scape but here are a few tips to keep them looking great through out the Holiday Season!

Many of the Christmas houseplants are tropical plants, which means that they do not do well in cold weather. Any amount of cold can begin a downhill spiral that will end in the death of the plant, so it is very important to cover the foliage and keep the plant safe from the cold air as you bring it home from the store. Also, be aware of where the plant is positioned in the store. If its next to a drafty door, chances are that the plant may already be fatally damaged. Once you get the plant home, you need to position it in a location that maintains a consistent temperature. Tropical plants do not do well with a lot of fluctuation, so make sure that drafts do not reach its leaves. In addition, placing a Christmas plant on the mantle of your fireplace or near another heat source could dry out the soil and cause stress to the plant. Remember that these plants do not require a lot of water, so do not water them until the top of the soil appears dry to the touch.



Barrie Garden Club Calendars Now Available!!

As requested by some of our BGC members, to celebrate our **Photo Contest Winners** (and some of our BGC events/ gardens) we have created a 2018 calendar filled with gorgeous photos by our members, with garden & philosophical sayings to inspire you throughout the year!
Get yours at the next meeting!

Only \$10.00 each!

Great for stocking stuffers and hostess gifts too!



VOLUNTEER HOURS

This year, as part of our **2018 Strategic Plan**, we asked every member to donate at least 4 hours of their time to volunteer in some way to our club. This was to create a more positive atmosphere and increase our member's commitment to the Garden Club!

Did you volunteer in any way last year? Have you submitted this to Rebecca - our Volunteer Co-ordinator?

Please make sure you do this by the end of December!

Please email her at rebeccathomason@yahoo.ca if you need to update your volunteer hours!

Christmas Layer Dip

0:10 Prep • 8 Servings from <https://www.taste.com.au>

This easy to make avocado dip recipe is quick, simple and healthy, and it's red and green look makes a great addition to Christmas parties.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 avocados, chopped
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh coriander leaves
- 200ml tub light sour cream
- 3/4 cup bottled mild salsa
- 1/4 cup grated reduced-fat tasty cheese
- Salt-reduced corn chips, to serve

METHOD

1. Place avocado in a bowl. Mash until smooth. Stir in lime juice and coriander.
2. Place avocado mixture in the base of a 4 cup-capacity glass bowl. Top with sour cream, followed by salsa and cheese. Serve with corn chips.



**Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & a Wonderful New
Year to You and Yours!!**

