

# Parkland Nurseries Garden Centre Ltd.



## *Preparing for Christmas and the holidays ...should be exciting and fun!*

*Come out to Parkland Garden Centre and do your holiday shopping in one stop.*

*We have gifts to suit all ages, including unique collectable ornaments and beautiful giftware. If you are having a difficult time deciding, why not give a **gift certificate** and let that special someone choose for them self. Our magnificent poinsettias and houseplants are always a welcome gift.*

*Be sure to visit our wonderful Ice Sculptures and then come in to enjoy a cup of hot cider while you shop with your family. (Date of set up is weather dependent).*

## Did You Know...

Parkland Garden Centre carries winter care supplies. We have the "Ice Hound" that uses spring action to break ice on sidewalks and driveways. As well, we stock environmentally friendly traction and ice melting products such as Zeolite and Alaskan Ice Melter.

## Top 4 Christmas Trees...

1. Fraser Fir - beautiful blue colored, sheared for a pyramidal shape; great fragrance
2. Douglas Fir, natural looking, traditional tree
3. Balsam Fir – sheared pyramidal shape, dark green foliage, very fragrant
4. Scotch Pine – rich, long needled, excellent fragrance



## 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. Visit our website at [www.parklandgarden.ca](http://www.parklandgarden.ca) for more information or call 403-346-5613 and we will make it for you! Come in and experience the wonders of Christmas!

## Fresh Cut Trees...

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- You should not chop up your Christmas tree for the fireplace in January. Sappy softwoods contribute to creosote build-up in your chimney.

## Choosing a Poinsettia...

- Choose a plant with dark green foliage down to the soil line.
- Choose bracts that are completely colored and that don't have a lot of green around the edges.
- The poinsettia should look full, balanced and attractive from all sides and should be two-and-a-half times taller than the diameter of the container.
- Do not purchase plants that are crowded close together on display; crowding can cause premature leaf drop.
- Check the plant's soil. If it's wet and the plant is wilted, this could be an indication of root rot.
- Check the poinsettia's maturity by looking at the true flowers which are located at the base of the colored bracts. If the flowers are green or red-tipped and fresh-looking the bloom with "hold" longer than if they have already dropped out.
- Keep your poinsettia out of a draft at home, and be careful when transporting it. Make sure it is well wrapped. Have the interior of the car warm and ready before you buy your plant. Poinsettias do not tolerate even being chilled.

## Care of Your Poinsettia...

- Poinsettias in bloom do better in a well lighted area where the light helps them to maintain their color. They do not tolerate cold drafts. They do just fine at room temperature.
- Keep your poinsettias moist but not wet. Wait to water until the surface of the soil feels dry to the touch. Don't let water sit in the bottom of the container. Take your plant out of its pot cover to water and let the water run through to remove salts that collect from most tap water sources. Use rain water, distilled water, or melted snow.
- You can use a few drops of Schultz All Purpose fertilizer every time you water.
- Be sure to discard any water accumulating in the decorative pot cover.



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

- Winterchild Silver Jewelry – handmade in the Yukon
- Crabtree & Evelyn Christmas Handcare Caddies
- New designs from Espe handbags
- “My Cup of Tea” USB Tea Warmers
- Christmas Scents from Beanpod Candles
- Dept 56 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Holiday Sets
- Christmas Gift Sets from Gourmet du Village
- Fresh Fudge made in Canada
- Canadian Maple Sugar Candies
- Ostba Austrian Leather Purses
- Tea Forte Christmas Gift Sets
- “Twist & Pout” Lip-gloss
- Snowbabies

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

## 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 5 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 2010.
<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 if you haven’t done so yet.

# Winter 2009 Event Listing and Dates...

Date	Event	Time	Fee	Instructor
Nov. 14	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank	Donation
Nov. 21	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank	Donation
Nov. 28	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank	Donation
Dec. 5	Creative Christmas Workshops	9:45am – 5:30pm	See below	
Dec. 12	Craft & Market Sale	10:00am-4:00pm	Food Bank	Donation
Dec.15	Ice Sculptures	Weather Dependent		

## ***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: \$20.00

**Saturday, December 5 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: \$100.00

**Saturday, December 5 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

**Saturday, December 5 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 (all supplies included)

**Saturday, December 5 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 (all supplies included)

**Saturday, December 5 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: \$45.00 (all supplies included)

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

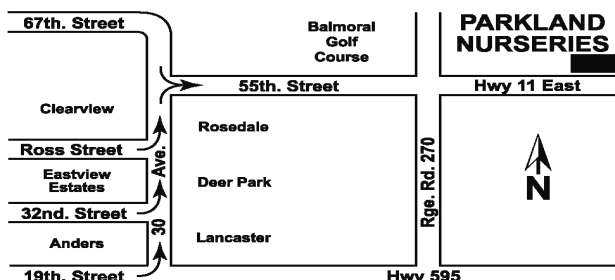
### WORKSHOP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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.

For more information call Parkland Garden Centre at 403.346.5613  
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