



Vandeleur
Walled Garden & Centre

Newsletter



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**Winter
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The teams of the Vandeleur Walled Garden & Centre wish all visitors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Important: Opening Hours

Please note that the Walled Garden and Centre will be closed from Tuesday, 23rd December, 1 pm. **Please check our website for opening hours in 2010.**

The current opening hours are as follows: Mon to Fri: 10am – 5pm (last entry @ 4.30pm). We are looking forward to seeing you!



News from the Garden

All veggies and herbs find their way from the garden onto your plate – either as soup, salad or roasted vegetables.

No luck with the fruit again this year. The birds are just quicker. Well, they give us lovely songs in the mornings and evenings in return and so we don't really complain. The bananas, figs and medlar are flowering too late and never ripen. At least we know what they look like ☺

A visit to the garden is worthwhile in autumn and winter. The colours of autumn- and winter can be breathtaking and the rustling of golden leaves in the wind on a cold frosty day remind us how alive we can feel outside and then warming up inside with a nice hot chocolate or tea / coffee and a sweet treat. Don't become a couch potato just because the calendar tells you it is winter!

← This is what you could miss

How to care for your fresh Christmas tree



When a Christmas tree is cut, over half of its weight is water. With proper care, you can maintain the quality of your displayed trees.

- If needed, trees can be temporarily stored for several days in a cool location. Place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket that is kept full of water.
- Displaying trees in water in a traditional reservoir type stand is the most effective way of maintaining their freshness and minimizing needle loss problems. Generally, stands should provide 1 quart of water per inch of stem diameter.
- Make a fresh cut to remove about a 1/2-inch thick disk of wood from the base of the trunk before putting the tree in the water stand.
- Keep displayed trees away from sources of heat (fireplaces, heaters, heat vents, direct sunlight). Lowering the room temperature will slow the drying process, resulting in less water consumption each day.
- Check the stand daily to make sure that the water level does not drop below the base of the tree.
- Use lights that produce low heat, such as miniature LED lights, will reduce drying of the tree and safer as well.
- Always inspect light sets prior to placing them on the tree. If worn, replace with a new set.
- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- Always turn off the tree lights when leaving the house or when going to bed.



Never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace

Upcoming events: (Please check our website for upcoming events. www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie)

Sunday, 6th December 2009 Vandeleur Walled Garden Open Day (free entry) with Plant Sale
(20% discount on most of the plants for sale)

Look out for our Gardening Workshops in Spring! If you are generally interested in Gardening Workshops, you may want to leave your contact details with us so we can inform you direct about any upcoming workshops. Just check our website for upcoming events.

News from the Coffee Shop



Don't get stressed out with homemade baking for Christmas! We are here to help you to take care of the Christmas baking. The hardest job you have to do is to make up your mind what you would like to order. Just call in and discuss your options with us. Last orders will be taken on the 11th December for this Christmas season. As in previous years, the cakes will be wrapped nicely and can be just the perfect little gift or a delicious treat for you. If you have not tried them yet, you missed out a lot.

Our Christmas Open Day is the perfect time to come and try the cakes or you might just get tempted on your next visit when you can smell all the lovely baking scents that are lingering in the Centre this time of the year.

Come and sign up for the annual Christmas draw and win one of our homemade Christmas cakes. The draw will take place on Thursday, 17th December. Last years winner was just only seven month old! A real first time winner! So "Good luck" to all who are joining!



News from the Gift Shop

We have added some nice Christmas items to our gift range that include lovely handcrafted garden accessories and our famous Christmas wreaths and logs, centrepieces and flower boxes. As a good alternative, we also provide gift vouchers, which can be used in the gift shop or the coffee shop.

Should you not find the present you are looking for – how about an Annual Membership for the Walled Garden?

