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A ROSEBANK UPDATE

Rosebank Retirement Village's phase two expansion is well underway. A total of six new 2 and 3 bedroom individual Villas will provide the best of both worlds - independence and security. Some units have been reserved already and plans for phase three which will feature six new 2 bedroom villas and the brand new community centre is right around the corner.

The arrival of a brand new Mercedes 11-passenger van which has been modified with an electronic step, providing chauffeured independence for village residents has everyone excited.

In the New Year, the opening of the temporary Community Centre will be announced- the Rosebank Times will keep you posted!



SUE'S CORNER

The last year has been very busy for Rosebank. 2011 marked the grand opening of the first phase of the villas which were completed in May.

Phase One residents have settled into village life and have created a very social and inviting environment while they await the completion of the next phases and their new neighbours which will be ready for occupation in May 2012.

I am very proud of our community at Rosebank and enjoy providing personal tours if anyone is interested in learning more. Please don't hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to meeting you. We wish you and your family a very wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year.

Sue Prowse - Ph: 03 308 011



KEEPING YOUR GARDEN GREEN

Growing roses doesn't have to be a challenge. Landscape artist, Leen Braam, played a key role in the landscaping design of Rosebank. Leen's Ashburton based landscaping company, Braam Landscapes Unlimited! provides a wide range of services to clients with large and small scale projects including landscaping advice.

His work is certainly an eye catching feature of the community grounds and showcases a wide range of greenery and various flowers. Currently, the roses at Rosebank are everyone's favourite as they bring tons of colour to the community.

For the season, Leen recommends three simple tips for when you cut and display your roses:

1. Chooses rose buds that have already begun to open, but that are no more than 1/3 to 1/2 fully open and cut with clean and sharp pruners to prevent damaging the rose canes and spreading disease.
2. Leave at least 3 leaves on the stem, to feed the plant and remove all the leaves that would be below the water line in the vase.
3. Use either a floral preservative or add a splash of a lemon/lime soda or even a squeeze of lemon and a tablespoon of sugar to the water in the vase to keep them fresh.

With these tips, you won't go wrong when you display your beautiful roses, or give them as a holiday gift.

If you have particular questions about your garden, send your questions to Rosebank Garden Attn: JFM PO Box 136, Ashburton 7740 for them to be featured in an upcoming newsletter. Please include your name and a daytime telephone number.



BAKING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Holidays are filled with the three F's. Family, Friends and Food! No one knows this better than Rosebank Kitchen Supervisor, Leta Waaka.

"Every year I get tons of requests for an easy treat to bring to holiday parties. Everyone is so busy this time of year, and sometime short of time but the food should still be delicious," says Leta.

For your upcoming holiday parties or for an easy treat anytime of the year Leta recommends Holiday Shapes.

1. Cream together 125g butter and 125g sugar then beat in 1 egg white.
2. In a mixing bowl combine 2 cups flour (sifted), 1/2 t cinnamon, 1/8 t baking soda, 1/8 t nutmeg.
3. Next, combine dry ingredients with butter, sugar and egg mixture. Chill combination.
4. Roll dough and cut in to shape of your choice (Christmas angels, trees, stars, etc.).
5. In a separate bowl mix your choice of food colouring with two egg yolks. Paint this mixture on your cut dough. Bake a preheated 170 degree oven for 12 minutes.
6. Enjoy!

Do you have question from the kitchen or searching for a great recipe, send your question & comments to Cooking with Rosebank Attn: JFM PO BOX 136, Ashburton 7740



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BE OUR GUEST

Take advantage of having your family and friends visiting for the upcoming weekends and holidays. Enjoy a personal tour with your guests of Rosebank Village.

Call for a complimentary brochure, a free copy of the Villa Plans and to schedule your tour today: 03 308 0111.