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Dear VIMGA members,  
Gardeners are always looking into the future, especially at this time of year. We plan our gardens in our heads: when we go for a walk, while driving, before falling asleep, sometimes in our sleep. Our best-laid plans don't always unfold just as we dream they will. But no matter how many setbacks we experience, the head-planning seems to spring right back.

According to a Dalhousie University study, 74% of Canadians enjoy gardening. That's a whopping chunk of the population. What draws so many people to this pastime? I believe it's because gardening is about more than growing a lovely bed of tulips. It's about dreaming big, playing in the dirt, learning new things, and connecting with fellow gardeners. These are the things that keep us excited about the year to come - year after year. Aren't we lucky? Happy holidays and Happy New Year to you all - and may (most of) your gardening dreams come true!

Marion Waters, Editor

## Next year, I'll . . .

