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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in the middle of greens market preparation! I hope everyone has been able to help out in some way. We REALLY need your help setting up on Friday and we will need help cutting up greens after set up. If so many show up on Friday maybe this can be done during set up! That would be great. We do expect all to be there on Saturday. Many hands and all that....

Hope to see all at the Christmas Tea! If the weather turns bad we will do our best to inform all as soon as possible. SO check email or wait for your call from Karilyn on the telephone tree.

I have just heard that our NEW member Ronnie Polad has volunteered to be our historian. Thank you Ronnie ! Our VP is looking for suggestions for programs for 2019. If you have any great ideas please contact Sue Kesti. This is a big job and I appreciate that Sue has jumped right into this already.

I have also been informed as a garden club we have liability insurance through MGC. This will cover our meetings and Greens Market . This is great news.

Events:

December 5th- Children's Flower Show, held at Best Western Hotel in Okemos.

January 26- Master Gardeners winter symposium, MSU Plant Soil Science Bldg.

February 20th- IIB Designers, held in Okemos.

Contact Kathi Dominquez

February 23th- Orchid Show, contact our very own Jenny Bond

March 14-17th – District IIB Flower Show, held at the MSU Pavilion

Hope everyone has a very happy and safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Only 6 month's until spring!!!....

Thank you all for your hard work this year!
Ann Schoals.

GREENS MARKET

Sue Kesti and her husband Richard, traveled north to pick up our greens in Alpena. It took a wonderful group of people to unload the greens and start us on our merry making way.



(LtoR Joanne Bauer, Ronnie Polad, Karilyn Mull, Sue Kesti, Ellen Bloomer)

HORTICULTURE

Greens Market workshops inspire me to plan ahead and enjoy the Christmas season, getting my home ready always includes adding seasonal indoor plants with their beautiful flowers. These plants need light, controlled temps and care in watering. Remember these plants are grown in greenhouses under controlled systems. When they enter our homes this changes. Temps, light and watering all are different.

Poinsettias require temps between 65-70 degrees. Protect from drafts, bright light in the daytime, and moist roots that are not over watered. Often we discard them after the colorful bracts fall off. To keep the plant set in cool room and water just enough to keep moist until spring. In the spring bring plant back into sunshine and warmer conditions. When you see new growth, repot in new soil and cut back the stems to approximately 6 inches. Pinch back new growth to encourage branching, In the fall cover for darkness or place in dark room for 14 hours a day. Keep in darkness at night and then bring to sunshine for 10 hours a day until bracts again turn colors.

Christmas cacti can grow and bloom for several years. While they are blooming keep them watered (moist) and in full light. After first season in the winter, plants like full sunlight and low water. The active growth period is April-September. They use more water and indirect sunlight. For Christmas season bloom put into a darkened room until mid-September. Water infrequently during this time period. Mid-November bring the plants back to daylight and normal day/night cycle. The plant needs full sun, short days and night temps between 55-65 degrees. Christmas cacti blooms best when somewhat pot bound. Repot every 3-5 years.

Amaryllis flower before the leaves form. Give the buds several hours of sunlight each day, average house temps, even moisture and feed biweekly. They keep easily from year to year. After they finish blooming keep the plant in full sunlight with night temps above 60 degrees.

They can be set in the garden in a semi-shaded spot in the summer. The leaves turn yellow and dry. When this happens remove dead leaves. Be sure to keep the going as this is when they are storing food for the following bloom season. After leaves are removed, let soil dry for at least 2 months. Keep in cool dry dark location. After 2-3 months of rest, repot and let the growth restart by giving them bright light, house temps and moderate water.

FALL DISTRICT MEETING



What an opulent place for our meeting. Greetings at the door was screaming design. Such care and meticulous displays throughout the building were wonderful to see. We wandered through looking at many displays.

The table decorations and design were no less spectacular. Each table used natural materials to create miniature scenes, clothes and beauty.

The presenters were wonderful and very informative. New this year was the judging for photos. It is something that will continue in our upcoming shows. I found it very interesting. Joan Lenhard and Ronnie Polad.



UPCOMING DATES

Dec 1 Greens Market GUMC 8-1
Dec 5 Childrens Flower Show Okemos
Dec 10 Christmas Tea 2-4 GUMC
Jan 7 Board Meeting 9:30-11 GUMC
Jan 14 Meeting 9:30- noon GUMC
Jan 25 Master Gardener MSU PSS Bldg
Feb 20 IIB Designer Group Okemos

Feb 23 Orchid Show – Jenny Bond
Mar 14-17 IIB District Show - MSU Pavilion

JAN MEETING

After our first snowfall I am ready for one of our fabulous soup and sandwich lunches. Our chefs will bring in the soups, you can bring in the sandwiches. Additional goodies will also be provided.

Our presenter will talk about home efficiencies. This time of year I think we all need to do what we can to conserve energy.
Joan Lenhard

BIRTHDAYS

December

Reba Torongo Joan Lenhard

January

Ann Lipkowitz

MEMBERS UPDATE

Mary McColloch is recovering from gall bladder surgery in Virginia where she will be spending Christmas. Then off to North Carolina for New Years. Have a speedy recovery.

Deb Albert:s husband is a real trooper. He is on the mend. Hopefully we will see her soon.

Ronnie has jumped in with both feet taking on historian, picture taking and our social media.

GREENS MARKET PICS



Centerpiece



The mischievous fun loving Joanne and Phyllis telling stories.

YEARBOOK PLANNING

Your suggestions are welcome for the upcoming 2019-2020 programs. The committee will meet after the January 10, 2019 luncheon to share ideas and plan programs. If you are interested in participating, planning, or offering suggestions for future programs please contact Sue Kesti or any member of the committee. Sue Kesti

HISTORIAN & ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Exciting news. Ronnie Polad has agreed to take over the vacancy of Historian. Over the past few years Sharon was busy organizing and putting together albums and archival material for the Capital Area District Library. Our material is cataloged and stored at the downtown library. Thanks to Sharon who has given us a way to keep information from the past for our future. Thanks to Ronnie for taking over and continuing with the process.

Ronnie, Sharon and Reba plan a get together in January to take more material to the library. If you have anything **PLEASE** bring it to our meeting in January. If you are interested in going on this jaunt please let the ladies know.

If you have any material in the future ie pictures, articles, some old memorabilia please be sure to share with Ronnie. She will be cataloging information and getting albums

together for the library. Be on the lookout for more to come. Sharon Drake

DECEMBER GREENS MARKET

We made it. Saturday December 2nd a wonderful team of people worked hard selling beautiful arrangements, swags, wreaths, greens, along with Donna selling her natural bee products and honey.



This long table of swags sold fast. The look was stunning. Across the room women were putting together another option for swags. They too sold quickly.

Everyone was busy helping customers find the perfect piece for their table, a gift for a

friend or a student giving a teacher a gift for the season.

The fresh arrangements were embellished with baubles, ribbons, bows, cardinals, ting ting, and so much more. The women put their creative juices into action during the week getting ready for this fun morning.



(Gifts, centerpieces)



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