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Holiday Greetings!

Every year I vow to get a head start on all things Christmas, and somehow I am always scrambling the week before with an endless "to do list!" Does this happen to you? I hope that you are enjoying your holiday decorations in your home and your items from our greens sale and centerpiece workshop. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and all the best in 2020! ~ *Nancy* ~

GREENS SALE

Once again, the greens sale was a success. A huge thank you to **Maureen Innes** and **Gwen Puglisi** for their exhausting efforts in executing an organized, productive and enjoyable two days. Gwen's home was a winter workshop with busy elves from basement to garage. We enjoyed homemade soups, cookies and champagne along with meaningful camaraderie.

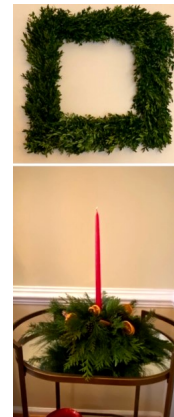
We had 93 items made by 21 volunteers with 66% participation by members, which includes volunteers who cut greens, made the items or ordered items. We are interested in your ideas about how we can increase these numbers for next year to include more members.



Joan Keator, Nancy Morris, Maureen Innes, Sue Stevens, Cathy Siple



Cathy Siple Sally Smith, Libby Espey



MEALS ON WHEELS

On Sunday, December 15, **Nancy Morris** and **Lee Carson** guided the group in making festive arrangements for folks in need of a boost for the holidays. The arrangements are always delivered to Bryn Mawr Hospital where they make their way on to meal trays for those in need. This is such a noble service of which WWGC is proud to be involved. Thanks to the garden club elves who make these arrangements throughout the year.



Nancy Morris, Mary Ann McGowan, Pat Holden, Donna Brody, Joan Keator

Gardening Projects to Get You Through Winter

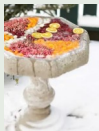
Grow Fresh Ginger Indoors

Ginger is perfect for indoor gardening: It's super



low-maintenance, doesn't need much sun, and can be used for eating a little bit at a time. Similar to a potato, ginger plants are grown right out of another piece of ginger -- there are no actual seeds. The best ginger to plant is purchased from a garden center or seed catalog.

Holiday Wildlife Buffet



Place orange slices, cranberries, nuts, and other bird- and squirrel-friendly foods in a birdbath or sturdy bowl, then top with water and let freeze.

Make a Pebble Terrarium

These little guys make for surprisingly easy gifts and home decor. Learn how to make one here <https://www.buzzfeed.com/lauren-paul/gardening-projects-to-get-you-through-winter>



Create Adorable and Functional Plant Markers



Shave twigs with an old potato peeler



or put a wine cork on a stick.

Get more ideas here https://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/26-diy-plant-markers-for-your-springtime-garden?sub=2092988_992233#cm7b8vRdw3

Force Bulbs



Paperwhite Narcissus and Amaryllis are some popular bulbs to force this time of year.

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP

The popular centerpiece workshop was a big success. Thanks to **Sally Smith** and **Gwen Puglisi**. Gwen welcomed everyone to her home, and Sally gave everyone tips on how to reuse the boxes for other seasonal arrangements. The pictures say it all!



Gwen Puglisi, Sally Smith, Maureen Innes



Loretta Spadafora, Noni Kline, Cathy Simmons, Karen Bruno



Gwen Puglisi, Mary Lord, Colleen Gassert, Debbie Woodbury, Pat Holden



HOLIDAY DECORATING

As she does every year, **Pat Ross** has made sure that the Old Schoolhouse is fittingly decorated with simple, fresh green swags with red ribbons. What a beautiful sight for the holidays. Thanks to **Sally Smith** and **Karen Bruno** for making the boxwood wreaths for the Blue Star Marker and to **Myrtie Musetti** for securing them from the wind at the marker.

The barrels at McKaig are decked out with greens as well, thanks to **Myrtie**. Fortunately, the weather was warm enough for her to insert the greens from the greens sale into the barrels.



Holiday Plant Care

Proper care helps poinsettias maintain their appearance and increases their longevity.



Room temperatures between 65-75°. Keep away from heat vents or doors.

Place plants in an area with bright, natural light, but avoid direct sunlight.

For best color display under artificial light, use cool white fluorescent bulbs.

Check the soil moisture daily and water plants only when potting media feels dry.



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WINTER SOCIAL

"Winterberry" Winter Social, chaired by **Anne McCrary** and **Paige Ryan**, is fast approaching. It will be held on January 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Peppers restaurant in King of Prussia. In addition to enjoying a meal and some holiday cheer together, we will have two raffle baskets and a \$50 restaurant gift card. The raffle baskets, organized by **Colleen Gassert**, **Maureen Innes** and **Cathy Koffs**, are a wine-lovers basket and a gardener's basket.

New this year, attendees will each receive 5 free raffle tickets. More will be available for purchase. This is such an enjoyable event each year. Please send your \$30 check to Mary Ann McGowan by January 4. We hope to see you there!

AMARYLLIS BULBS

If you ordered bulbs, they should be emerging at a sloth's pace! Here is a picture of mine. Shout out to **Susan Bryan** for ordering them, teaching us how to plant them and sending us watering reminder emails! I'm looking forward to seeing my blossoms to brighten my home after all of the Christmas decorations have been put away.



PLANNING AHEAD

- Jan 12 "Winterberry" Winter Social Holiday Lunch at Peppers in King of Prussia
- Feb 5 February Meeting and PHS Speaker: Designing and Cultivating a Gold Medal Garden
- Feb 19 Board meeting at Roberts Elementary School, hosted by Kathy Liberato