



# Garden Club News

## December 2013

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### Calendar: December 2013

The next meeting of the Garden Club of Teaneck will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm at the Rodda Center. Our annual Holiday Party will be that evening.

The next meeting of the Greenhouse Committee will be at 10AM on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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### Member News

#### Message from Pat Fromm, President

May you and yours have a Very Happy Holiday Season and may you be Blessed in the New Year with good health and good fortune. I will see you all at the Christmas Party on December 12th! Pat

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#### Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director

The greenhouse is now set up as much as possible for winter conditions. Almost all of us have brought in our plants; although it is still early they look healthy. By January there will be no unallocated benches, thus any additional new members from this point on will be looking to share space or they will be put on a waiting list. At the November meeting we voted to share the house keeping duties equally. Our work groups will be rotating through each of four areas, the bathroom, the kitchen, the meeting room and the greenhouse proper for one month each during the year. The schedule and what needs to be done is posted on the bulletin board. By a narrow vote we also decided to maintain a member attendance record which is being kept just to the right of the inner door way. Part of each leader's responsibility is to maintain this chart and to record absences. The maintenance group is working on improving the potting

table/propagation tray area. Additional lighting has been installed over the potting table and individual timers can be used to control each bank of propagation trays independently. If you need help with this, call me. We are also trying to improve the heating system in these trays. The school program and plant sale have priority of use over individuals who want to propagate their material. PLEASE CLEARLY INDICATE which group or person each set up belongs to. I will see you all on December 2<sup>th</sup>.  
Len

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#### Message from Aura Altieri – VP of Membership

It's the holiday season and time to celebrate. What a great opportunity to eat amazing food, meet with club members and unwind. Join us on December 12th at 7:30pm at the Richard Rodda Community Center for our Holiday Party. Please bring a donation of canned goods for the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Teaneck. Your contribution makes a difference in our own community. If you would like to participate in the grab bag/gift exchange game, bring a gender neutral related gift of \$10 max.

Members whose last name begins with the letter A through I please bring DESERT. Those whose last name begins with J through Z please bring a MAIN DISH.

We would greatly appreciate your RSVP to Aura Altieri (mobile: 201-923-7028) please just let us know if you can make it. Thank you.  
Aura

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### Message From Pat Taaffe – VP of Programs

I wish everyone a Happy Holidays. We had a great November meeting with Mr. Ali, owner of the Teaneck Flower Shop, giving us a great flower arranging demonstration (See Picture below), and we had a very successful Bread



Making Workshop just before Thanksgiving. If anyone has any ideas for future speakers or workshops please email me with your thoughts.  
Pat

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### Garden Club of Teaneck's Dawn Redwood -By Anna Kurz

To the west of our greenhouse, there is a large tree with a fluted trunk; its feathery leaves, green in summer, turn tan and then fall off in the cold. Though a conifer, it is deciduous: in

winter, it is bare. Our own dawn redwood is an example of the only surviving genus of its species, *metasequoia glyptostroboides*. It was considered extinct until 1941 when living samples were found in a remote part of China. Paleontologists distinguished this tree from true redwoods by the growth pattern of new branches (opposite and decussate). As lumber, dawn redwood was considered inferior because of the deep fluting the bottom trunk exhibited.  
Anna

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### The Junior Garden Club of Teaneck By Olga Newey

The Junior Garden Club has had an exceptionally successful first season as these pictures will prove they grew, they learned, and they had fun. Olga





## **Final Word**

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Please remember those less fortunate this Holiday Season with a generous contribution of food items that will go to the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Teaneck. All canned and dry food items are welcome. Please bring your donations to the Holiday Party on December 12 at the Rodda Center. Pat Fromm

The following pictures are from our Bread Making Workshop. Everyone please have a Healthy, Safe and Happy Holidays. Marty

