



Garden Club News

December 2011

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Calendar: December 2011

The Garden Club of Teaneck will hold its annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Rodda Center at 250 Colonial Court.

Everyone is to bring a dish to the party that evening on the following schedule:

Ackerman – Humphreys
Hurlburt – Noone
Pacheco – Wilburn

Desserts
Main Dishes
Appetizers

Don't forget to bring a donation of canned goods for the Center for Food Action

The next Greenhouse Committee meeting will be held at the Greenhouse on Saturday, January 8th, at 10:00 am.

Member News

Message from Debbie Morgan, President

Dear Fellow Gardeners: Although it is a quiet time for those of us who like to play in dirt, a lot is happening. We are definitely going to the Philadelphia Flower show on March 6, 2012! It will be first come, first serve, and so get your tickets as soon as you can. By the way, they do make good Christmas and/or Hanukah gifts.

Next the annual Holiday party is set for December 8 @ the Rodda Center. Food assignments are as follows: Ackerman to Humphreys-Desserts; Hurlburt to Noone-main dishes; and Pacheco to Wilburn-appetizers. Don't forget to bring can goods, etc. for the Center for Food Action donation. Also bring your wallets and checkbooks for the tricky tray. We have special gifts this year: a beautiful hand knitted afghan made and donated by our Sara Jones-the ticket price for a chance at the afghan is \$5. The ticket price for a chance to win the other lovely prizes is \$3 for one or 2 for

\$5. Thank you Elease, for your efforts to help us fill our coffers. Our 80th Anniversary 2012 Calendars will also be on sale for \$15.00 that evening.

As the end of 2011 approaches, I want to thank each and every member of the garden Club of Teaneck, as well as all the officers and volunteers that make this organization possible. From the Greenhouse staff and town employees, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve and bring the beauty of nature to our community. Thank You! and Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Party on December 8th. Yours in Gardening, Debbi

Message from Len Schwartz, Greenhouse Director

This year's greenhouse committee budget is posted in the bulletin board in the meeting room. It is based on the return we can

reasonably expect to make on this year's plant sale which will start on the weekend of May 5 and conclude on Mother's Day, May 13.

We are committing ourselves to supplying the town with 240-6 packs of plants for next spring, which is a substantial increase from previous years. Hopefully we will be making a significant contribution to the municipal lawn rehabilitation which is now underway.

The deer fence project is basically complete. Our gardens are now totally enclosed with fencing which will keep the local population of deer from foraging our plantings next season. With the deer gone we need to hold a meeting of our present and future gardeners, perhaps in February, to discuss how to improve. Everyone please have a Happy Holiday, Len

**Message from Christina Mackensen,
Greenhouse Horticultural Director**

December is the month of holidays, festivities and family get-togethers. So let us take a break from gardening, and instead, spend our energies on decorating our homes, preparing delicious meals and welcoming our dear family members and friends. I wish everyone a relaxed, peaceful holiday season and a healthy,

prosperous new year. Until next month, Christina

**Message from Patrick Taaffe, VP of
Programs**

I just wanted remind everyone of our calendar of upcoming events celebrating our 80th anniversary year in 2012:

January 12 7-9pm Herb Recipe Workshop
Pat Libutti Rodda Center

February 9 7-9pm Garden Conservancy and
Open Gardens Rodda Center

March 8 7-9pm Bonsai Plants Lenny
Schwartz Rodda Center

April 12 7-9m African Violets
Workshop Presented by the African Violet
Society - Green House

May TBD 80th Anniversary Celebration
Dinner/ Fund Raiser

I wish everyone a Safe, Healthy, and Happy
Holiday Season. Pat

Last Word

It is my pleasure to have served as the editor of the newsletter of the Garden Club of Teaneck. I thank you all. Have a great holiday season. Marty Steeil