



# GARDEN CLIPPINGS

The Garden Club of Endwell  
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December Newsletter

**President's Message:** It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the club this past year. Looking forward to an awesome New Year in 2017. Thanks to all the board members and committee members for their excellent efforts and continuing service to our club.

“May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; and the heart of Christmas which is love.” ~ Ada Hendricks

Hope to see you at the Christmas Dinner December 14th at 6PM. Celebrating with our Ed Mohring giving us a presentation of Endwell Garden Club's past 60 years.

*Gail Fitzpatrick, President*

**This Month's Program: Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
Christmas Dinner and Officer Installation: 6:15pm**



Program Chairperson: **Mary Cleary**

**Members bring a dish to share. New officers are installed and the monthly horticulture awards are given.**

**Garden Therapy:** Garden Therapy will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 10:30am. We will be making an ever-green filled basket with Christmas decorations with the group.

Thanks so much

Gail

**Water for South Sudan:** We collected \$34.89 for the water for South Sudan project at our November meeting. A little information about this project: Since 2005, 259 wells have been drilled in South Sudan. Your generous donations have brought clean, fresh water to tens of thousands of people transforming life in villages. The Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. have made a donation for the year 2015 of \$15,310.12 from member donations statewide. These donations increase the quality of life and health of families of South Sudan by drilling wells to provide fresh, safe potable water. This chairman is so thankful to everyone who has supported the World Gardening Project. Your continued support for this worthy project is so appreciated.



**Poinsettia/Wreath Fundraiser:** Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 7th from 3pm until 5:30pm at the Endwell Fire Station

~ *Joyce*

**Toys for Tots:** The Fire Station will be collecting for “Toys for Tots” at the Fire Station located at 3508 Country Club Road in Endwell. They will accept new toys (please do not gift wrap them) and they will deliver them to the Broome County “Toys for Tots” for distribution through December 20th. They are asking groups who use the community room to participate and encourage members to bring toys to donate. Drop off containers are located near the front door (enter the door by the Flag pole) or in the community room. If the door is locked, please ring the doorbell. There is usually someone at the fire station 9am to 4pm daily.

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Tuesday, December 6th 10:30am Garden Therapy
- Wednesday, December 7th, Pick up your poinsettias and wreaths
- Wednesday, December 14th 6:15pm Holiday Dinner and Meeting
- Wednesday, December 21st First Day of Winter
- Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day
- Sunday, December 25th First Day of Hanukkah

**Conservation Report:** As we begin the hectic holiday season, it would be good to reflect that there are many easy things we can do which are greener, less expensive, and more meaningful - a great triple play. Three of the biggest sources of seasonal waste are food that is not used, wrapping paper, cards and trees that are not recycled, and miles driven that could have been avoided. We tend to buy 25% more food than we need for the holidays, so think back to last year and plan carefully. Letting people serve themselves can help avoid unwanted servings, although proper portion size is also often smaller than we think. Using smaller dishes can subtly help with that. An increased emphasis on fruits and veggies is good, both to keep down sugar and fat levels and as an alternative to less environmentally friendly products. Then save leftovers, but remember to use them before you forget what they are. Packages can be decorated in a variety of creative ways, but if you use less tape, whatever you do use is easier to reuse. Finally, driving in heavy traffic increases our anxieties. It is actually a great time of year to spend more time at home. Ask if you need to go to a certain store now- or, if you need to at all, and whether a combined trip to other stores in the same area, at an off hours time is possible. If conditions permit, a walk can help you decompress and refocus. There are hundreds of ideas on how to have a green and happy Holiday at various websites that cover the subject. A Joyful Season to all and a Happy New Year. ~ *The Bares*

**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking to fill the position of hospitality chairperson(s). Thanking Cathy Hall and Sharon Fischer for their past year of volunteering in this position. Please think about volunteering for this position at the Endwell Garden club with a friend or on your own. We are also looking for a volunteer to store and put up the Endwell Fire Station Tree every November and take down after Russian Christmas! Thank you Janice Black for help-

**Endicott Visitors Center:** Is open after December 1st Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 12 to 4pm until Russian Christmas on January 7th.

**Membership: Please pay your 2016 Membership dues at the December Garden Club Meeting.  
The dues are \$30 annually**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this completed form to the December meeting with your check for \$30 payable to: The Garden Club of Endwell PO Box 185 Endicott, NY 13760-0185