

Merry Christmas



GARDEN CLIPPINGS

The Garden Club of Endwell
www.gardenclubofendwell.org
December 2017 Newsletter

President's Message: "The gardening season officially begins on January 31st and ends on December 31st." Marie Huston

Happy Holidays to all of you and have a happy new year gardening too! Hope to see you at the UMC Endwell on the 13th of December for installation of new officers for 2018 and our holiday dinner. It has been a privileged and enlightened past 2 years as your club president. I have met so many wonderful people during this journey.

-Gail Fitzpatrick

**This Month's Program: Wednesday, December 13, 2017
Endwell United Methodist Church
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: Friday, December 8th at 10:15am, Broome West Senior Center.

Poinsettia/Wreath Fundraiser: Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 6th from 3pm until 5:30pm at the Endwell United Methodist Church. ~Joyce

Toys For Tots: The fire station will be collecting for "Toys for Tots" at the Fire Station 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. Drop off containers are located near the front door (enter 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—4pm daily.



STICKS & STONES GARDENS 307 Port Road, Binghamton, NY 13901

Christmas Shop Opening Friday Nov 24th

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 10am to 5pm

Featuring:

Beautiful Fresh Christmas Wreaths

Arrangements and Kissing Balls

Handlebar Pottery by Ron Scales (Starting 11/26)

Home Crafted Therapeutic Products by Dirt Therapy

Painted Garden Rocks by Jody Miller

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*Happy, happy Christmas,
that can win us back to
the delusions of our
childhood days, recall to
the old man the pleasures
of his youth, and trans-
port the traveler back to
his own fireside and
quiet home!*

~Charles Dickens



Mark Your Calendar

- Wednesday, December 6th, Pick up your poinsettias and wreaths
- Friday, December 8th 10:30am Garden Therapy
- Tuesday, December 12th First Day of Hanukkah
- Wednesday, December 13th 6:15pm Holiday Dinner and Officer Installation
- Thursday, December 21st First Day of Winter
- Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

Conservation Report:

Conservation Report: Flora and Fowl

The smell of pine needles, spruce and the smell of a Christmas tree-those to me, are the scents of the holidays. ~ Blake Lively

Many of you will have or will soon get a Thanksgiving or Christmas cactus. They are a small genus of cactus originally found in the south eastern mountains of Brazil. They grow on rocks and trees, in shady areas (for Brazil) with high humidity. So do follow the growing instructions (or look on line) as these are not your standard dry desert cactus.

Holiday meals often center around a turkey. There are some important things to know so you can get the kind of turkey you want.

Be sure you understand the following claims: " Natural, cage free, and no steroids. " No steroids are approved for turkeys, turkeys are not raised in cages and natural just means minimally processed and not injected with colors or artificial flavors -although injection with natural flavors is still okay. A "no antibiotics" label is of some value but is best if it comes with USDA Organic and certified humane guarantees. " No antibiotics" does reduce the likelihood of contamination with antibiotic resistance bacteria." Free range" and "pasture raised" should indicate progressively more time outdoors. Most turkeys are "young" anyway. Terms used can change so be prepared to ask questions.

~Lois and Eric Bare

Endicott Visitors Center: Is open after December 1st Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 12 to 4pm until Russian Christmas on January 7th. Please take the time to see our lovely tree.

Waterman Conservation Center: is hosting a presentation and book signing by Linda Spielman on December 9th at 1pm. The book is titled Tracking Malls in the Northeast

Membership: Please pay your 2018 Membership dues at the December Garden Club Meeting.

The dues are \$30 annually

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

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