

Kewaunee County Garden Club

November-December 2016

Let Us Be Grateful

On Thanksgiving day we are thankful for
our blessings all year through,
for family we dearly love,
for good friends, old and new.

For sun to light and warm our days,
for stars that glow at night,
for trees of green and skies of blue,
and puffy clouds of white.

We are grateful for our eyes that see
the beauty all around.

For arms to hug, and legs to walk,
and ears to hear each sound.

The list of all we are grateful for
would fill a great big book;
our thankful hearts find new delights
EVERYWHERE WE LOOK!



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Vegetable Conversation

Have you ever wondered if the vegetables in your garden talk to each other? After all, birds and animals have their own language, why not vegetables?

The carrots argue that they are the jewel of the garden with their big

'karats'. However, the cabbages say they are pretty special with their big heads!

And, the leaks, sorry ... leaks taut that they are better than scallions or onions.

Wow ... wait a minute,

what about us beets ... after all we bleed for you. Come on, you don't know beans about us!

The vines are in an uproar because their vegetables are hidden so they are going to squash anyone who doesn't acknowledge them!

Would you 'lettuce' have some 'peas', please!

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Monthly Programs

November 2016

Bat Houses—Barb Smith

December 2016

Christmas Party at Port O' Call—6:30 p.m.

January 2017

Don Britzl—Bluebird Association
(tentative)

February 2017

Vining Plants—Warren Hingst

March 2017

Peas—Sue Kryshak

April 2017

Greenhouse Tour—Joel Weichelt
1326 Miller Street, Kewaunee

May 2017

TBD—Sue Hepp

June 2017

Garden Tour—Joel Weichelt

July 2017

Garden Tour—Mary Ouradnik
N6308 Crevice Road, Casco

August 2017

CSA Tour—Claire Thompson

Mint Facts

1. Mint is a perennial plant and is dormant in the winter — the season when folks are eating the Christmas candies it flavors
2. Mint oil is used in ice cream and toothpaste. Too much ice cream? Drinking tea brewed with mint leaves helps ease

indigestion.

3. Planted mint attracts beneficial insects such as honeybees, and its leaves and oil can be used to ward off ants, flies, and other household pests.
4. Heirloom black Mitcham peppermint can be traced back to

Mitcham, in south London, England, and is the product of a cross between spearmint and watermint.

Plant peppermint, spearmint, or other mints in a container. They do like to spread their roots. It is worth while planting as its fragrance is very soothing.

Farm Technology Days Update

The co-chairs of the FTD Garden and Landscaping committee have been meeting on a regular basis sorting out what needs to be done and when. Their next meeting is Tuesday, December 6 to plan for the Greenscapers meeting which is Tuesday, December 13 - KC Board Room, Admin Building

These individuals have volunteered to head the following areas:

Family Living Tent—Jan Tess

Progress Pavilion—Nancy Lamack

Food Tents—Jean Rankin

Joel Weichelt

Mercantile Tent—Barb Smith

Youth Tent—Penny Lemberger

Horse Area—Cheryl Eberle

Entrances:

Tom Zenner

Anne and Jerry Sinkula

Sue and Warren Hingst

Sue and Amiel Hepp

Intersections—Charles Piesler



Quilt Blocks

for

FTD 2017



Holiday Poinsettias

Poinsettias are such popular plants that December 12 was set aside by an Act of Congress as National Poinsettia Day. The plant is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett who was the first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico 1825-1829. He brought the poinsettia to the US.

More than 100 varieties are available and come in a variety of colors. Poinsettias are native to mountains on the Pacific side of

Mexico and Guatemala, where they are subtropical evergreens. In nature, they are sprawl plants, with stems up to 16' tall, each tipped with colorful bracts. Although they have leaves in the summer rainy season, they normally drop their leaves in winter when they flower.

The showy, colored parts of the plants are actually modified leaves called bracts. The real flowers are the little yellow cup-

like structures in the center of the bracts.



Gifts for the Gardener (*inexpensive*)

1. Wind Spinners
2. Solar Accents
3. Garden Flag
4. Glowing Globes
5. 3 piece Garden Tools
6. Amaryllis Gift Set
7. Bird Seed/Feed Ornaments

8. Pruning Shears
9. Handmade Gardening Soaps
10. Succulent Pots/Plants
11. Master Gardener Mug
12. Angel of the Garden Ornament
13. Kneeling Pad
14. Pocket Snip

15. Birch Bird House (*homemade*)
16. Tick Gaiters
17. Decorative Stone
18. Fairy Garden Supplies
19. Gardening Magazine Subscription
20. Gardening Book (*humorous*)

Let Nature Do Your Holiday Decorations

Let nature do the talking this year for your holiday decorating. There are plenty of items to gather in your backyard or just take a walk in the woods to collect what you would like.

Birch everything seems to be a common theme this year as far as decorating is concerned.

1. Insert birch logs into a container of pine, balsam, or other greens. Spray twigs red or white for accent and add some pine cones and a bright red bow.
2. Bundle of birch logs could be used inside or outside for decoration.

3. Use red berries, pine cones, and greens to make a swag or wreath for the door.
4. Make candles out of birch logs to adorn the mantle or use them as a centerpiece.
5. Make a table runner out of greens, driftwood, shells, berries, pine cones, etc.



*"Here's to the holly with its
bright red berry.
Here's to Christmas, let's
make it merry."*

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Kewaunee County Garden Club to support the horticulture efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and example.

Membership Information

Single Membership \$10.00

Couple Membership \$15.00

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