



## Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter

### Late Fall—Early Winter Planting

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If you are interested in becoming an officer for the Kewaunee County Garden Club, please contact Tom Zenner before the November 26 meeting..

It seems as though we went from summer to winter this year. I don't know about you, but I did not get all the bulbs planted that I intended. Perhaps we will get some warmer temperatures before winter actually sets in. One can hope, right?

We usually think about planting tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. There are other wonderful flower bulbs as well to plant.

Fall is the best time to plant **pansies** and **violas**. The 'cool wave' variety is recommended for northeast Wisconsin. **Alliums** are also a great choice to plant for color, height, and texture.

Fall is an ideal time to plant trees and shrubs. The weather is cool but the soil is still warm enough for root development. You need to keep newly planted trees or shrubs well watered until the ground freezes so they get a good start before going into full dormancy during winter.

Fall is an ideal time for adding **perennials**. It is a good time, if you haven't already, to divide and replant existing perennials such as hostas and astilbe. Keep any fall-planted perennials well watered until the ground freezes to encourage them to grow new, healthy roots before they go dormant for the winter. Protect them from frost heaving with a blanket of shredded leaves or other mulch, layered about 3 inches thick around them.

Early winter is a great time for planting **bare-root roses** and other **dormant shrubs** before the ground becomes too hard or water-logged.

When you are done with gardening, wipe down all tools and store them in a shed, garage or, a place out of the elements.

*Happy Thanksgiving*



## KCGC Programs and Events

<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	<b>'Grinch Tree'</b> Ag Heritage Farm	Barb Smith 6:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b> Northbrook Country Club Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.	
<b>2020</b>		
<b>Tuesday, January 28</b>	<b>'Growing Herbs'</b> Kewaunee City Hall	Tom Zenner 7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, February 8</b>	<b>WI Garden Expo</b> Alliant Energy Center, Madison	
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b>	<b>'Currants'</b> Algoma Youth Club	Warren Hingst 7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	<b>'Growing and Using Lavender'</b> ACE at Algoma Youth Club	7:00 p.m.

*In seed time learn;  
in harvest time  
teach; in winter  
enjoy!*  
-William Blake

*Congratulations!*



## New Master Gardeners

Welcome to our UW-Extension, Kewaunee County, recent graduates of the Master Gardener class of 2019 !

Vicki Challis

Kathy Daul

Terri Guillette

Peter Kavicky

Adam Klug

Sarah Klug

Cathy Pabich

Doree Sue Stein

Brenda Steinfeldt

Chad Winnekens

Kristin Winnekens

We hope to see the new 'Master Gardeners' at the November 26 meeting at City Hall in Kewaunee.



# Christmas Party

**Northbrook Country Club**

December 3, 2019

**Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.**

**Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

## Menu Choices

**Baked Cod \$17.00**

Included: salad, vegetable, and side

**Rustic Chicken Pot Pie \$18.00**

Chicken and vegetables in a creamy sauce covered  
with a flakey, buttery puff pastry

Included: salad

**Pork Medallions \$20.00**

Juicy pork medallions in a mushroom gravy

Included: salad, vegetable, and side

**Side choices:** baked potato, twice baked, French fries,  
tator tots, sweet potato fries, pub chips and dip, or potato salad

**Mini Desserts \$3.00**

Assorted selections

**Taxes and Tip are not included      Cash Bar**

**RSVP to Cheryl Eberle by November 24, 2019**

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## Gifts for Gardeners

Buying gifts for the gardener on your holiday shopping list is easy, even if you do not know their preference for pots, the size of their shoes or their temptation for tools. A **gift certificate** to a garden center always is appreciated.

Another consideration would be a **membership** to a botanical garden, arboreta or nature center. They are dual gifts as they support the organization which provide discounts to members on classes and items at their gift shops. Many of these have reciprocal admission arrangements with gardens in the region or even nationwide which can provide a significant savings when traveling. Gift magazine subscriptions keep giving all year. There are a variety of publications to choose from.

November means to many gardeners, that it is time for them to turn their attention to the holidays. Among the top items is forcing indoor bulbs in time for Christmas and gift giving.

Plant **paperwhites** and **amaryllis** in decorative pots and they will be blooming for the holidays. They make excellent gifts for gardeners. Paperwhites can be planted in either water or soil. Once planted, keep them at a cool temperature until green foliage appears then place them in a sunny location. Not only will you have beautiful, white flowers but they come with a very fragrant perfume.

**Amaryllis** bulbs are sold in a kit with everything you need.

Follow the planting instructions that come with the bulbs.

Place the container in a sunny location with a minimum room temperature of 65 to 75 degrees.



### Other Gift Ideas:

**Christmas cactus** and other succulents need only bright but indirect light and occasional watering. Let the soil dry out between waterings and make sure the plant doesn't sit in water to prevent root rot.

In the spring, cut off two to three segments long and plant in potting soil. Keep watered until roots are established. By next fall, there will be one or more small cacti ready to bloom.

**Bromeliads** are a natural choice for Christmas décor. These tropical houseplants feature rosettes of sturdy leaves with either a brightly colored center or a flower stalk. They can withstand an occasional neglect with ease. If the plant looks dry, give it a spritz from a plant mister.

**Cyclamen, azaleas, Jerusalem cherry, ornamental peppers, and kalanchoes** are great gifts as well.

## Kewaunee County Garden Club

**President:** Tom Zenner

**Vice President:** Cheryl Eberle

**Treasurer:** Ann Brunner

**Secretary:** Sue Hepp

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**Website:** [www.kcgardenclub.org/](http://www.kcgardenclub.org/)

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### **Visions Statement:**

Providing the environment with beauty, sustainability, and stewardship through horticulture.

### **Mission Statement:**

It is the mission of the KCGC to support the horticultural efforts of the people and communities of the county with volunteer work, education, and example.



## **Grinch Tree**

Barb Smith always has fun projects for the garden club programs. November will not be an exception. Please let Barb know if you plan to attend the meeting and make a 'Grinch tree'. Her cell number: (920) 304-0682 or send her an e-mail message at [basmith@tm.net](mailto:basmith@tm.net).

All materials will be supplied by the garden club.

