

November—December 2023

# **Kewaunee County Garden Club Newsletter**

## **A Winter Garden Wonderland**

Glancing out the backdoor  
the summer/fall garden looks quite bare.  
Sunset is looming much earlier ...  
and, birds are everywhere!

Birds are feasting on available seed pods  
while furry friends steal the remains.  
Cleverly stuffing their cheeks; what are the odds!  
Watch them scurry back to their domains!

Winter finally sets in —BRR —  
The landscape is covered in snow.  
Animal tracks appear in the yard  
It truly has 'A Winter Wonderland' glow!

Crunching snow under ones feet  
clear, crisp air, and jack frost nipping on the cheeks.  
The garden is somewhere out there ...  
maybe we will see it ... in Six Weeks!

# Programs and Events

**Tuesday, November 28**—Crafting with Barb S. and Barb T.  
at the Kewaunee County Highway Department  
Footbridge 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 12**—Christmas Party  
Hotel Stebbins, Algoma  
Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**—'Ornamental Grasses' by Warren  
Hingst—Time and Location TBD

**February 9—11, 2024**—Garden Expo



## Christmas Tree Crafting!

This is the 2023 Christmas Tree project selected by our very talented and creative garden club members, Barb Smith and Barb Thompson.

The tree base, material, and ribbon will be available for those who signed up to make the tree. If you have small ornaments, pine cones, twigs, Christmas mice, birds or other items to share, that would be appreciated.

Please bring your own scissors to use for this project.



# *Christmas Party*

*December 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Cocktails at 6:30*

*Dinner at 7 pm*

**HOTEL STEBBINS ~**

**RESTAURANT & BAR**

## *Dinner Menu Options*

*Bruschetta Chicken Breast ~ Served w/ the house Beurre Blanc sauce ~  
Served w/ Garlic Mashed Potatoes ~ \$17*

*House Tenderloin (8 oz.) ~ Prime Tenderloin, broiled to your liking ~  
Served w/ Boiled Baby Reds ~ \$36*

*Parmesan & Almond Encrusted Fish ~  
Served w/ Wild Rice ~ \$18*

*Butternut Squash Ravioli ~ stuffed with roasted squash a classic blend of European cheeses ~  
ameretti cookie nutmeg & maple sauce ~ fresh parmesan ~ toasted walnuts ~ homemade  
butternut squash on side ~ \$19*

*\*\* All Entrees Served w/ Dinner Salad & Table Bread \*\**

*Tip and taxes not included*

*RSVP to Cheryl Eberle at [angus@oldorchardcattle.com](mailto:angus@oldorchardcattle.com) or call or text 920-737-4712 By November 28<sup>th</sup> 2023*

**If you haven't signed up yet, please contact Cheryl Eberle soon and let her know your menu choices.**

## Scholarship Criteria and Application Form Reviewed/Revised

Fill In as many flowers, veggies, shrubs, or trees for each letter as you can...

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The Scholarship Committee reviewed the current criteria and application form. They came up with some changes to make the form easier to understand, fill out, and send . The criteria and application have been revised and are now seated on the KCGC website. The Scholarship criteria and application form are on one page ... under the title.

# Happy Thanksgiving

It is hard to believe that in just a couple days we will be sitting down to a Thanksgiving meal with family and friends. We all have a lot to be thankful for but forget to say thanks for all the special things that family and friends do for us.

### Thanksgiving Recipe for 'giving thanks' ...

- Do something for someone unsuspecting
- Think Positive vs. Negative (*they both have 8 letters*)
- Be thankful for what you have, not what you don't have.
- Call a friend and thank them for their friendship

*'A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues' — Cicero*



'Sprinkling' a little

Christmas magic

from my garden to yours!

**Merry Christmas!**

## What To Do In Your Garden Now

- Remove old vegetable stalks to prevent insect and disease problems next year.
- Spread manure and incorporate it into the soil to get a jump-start on next year.
- Lightly mulch roses and other tender plants for added winter protection.
- Clean up any debris from any plants that had insect or disease problems. Many pests and diseases will over winter in the debris.
- Avoid pruning evergreens—fall pruning makes them more susceptible to winter damage.
- Fall is a great time to plant. You can plant trees and shrubs until the ground is frozen.
- Once there is a killing frost (24°F and below), you can safely cut back perennials. If not, cut them back in spring.

### Officers:

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**The Perennial Plant Association (PPA)** announced that 'Jeana', a cultivar of garden phlox, has been named its 2024 Plant of the Year.

Lavender-pink flowers bloom from midsummer to early fall and are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies—especially eastern tiger swallowtails—and other pollinators.

**Biggest reward** — Its highly resistant to powdery mildew and it looks great even when not flowering;