

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to winter! The holidays are behind us, the decorations are down, resolutions are being broken and many people are pondering the annual question of “what do I do now with this poinsettia?” My number one resolution was to finally send that wedding gift to my nephew; I checked that off the list! And I solved the poinsettia problem by not buying one this year. I’m on a roll! I’ve also checked two states off of my “to visit” list: Oklahoma and Arkansas...both of which have no clue how to deal with an inch of snow and below zero temperatures, but they do have a lot of charm and can boast gorgeous sunsets over the plains. If you should find yourself in the Tulsa area, I can highly recommend visiting the Woolaroc Museum and Nature Preserve in nearby Bartlesville.

Our tabletop tree sale at Pivotal in December was highly successful. You can reference the December newsletter and the website photo gallery for photos of our creations. We also did well with our See’s Candies online sale. Please consider ordering for Valentine’s Day!

While there is no board meeting or general meeting during January, it doesn’t mean that our members are idle. Behind the scenes, we are very busy working on future activities:

At the Library: Mary Frances, Hope, and I are working with the children’s librarian on researching and creating a Children’s Sensory Garden. We hope to begin the plantings for this in the spring. Let one of us know if you are interested in working on this project.

The Pollinator Pathway: Rick has been very busy researching neighboring towns’ participation, and how we can cooperate with other garden clubs and our own town to promote a pollinator pathway in Bristol. Three major goals are eliminating pesticides, working towards native plantings, and rethinking our lawns. Contact Rick if you’d like to be more involved.

The Daffodil Show! Our garden club and Blithewold are organizing and hosting the American Daffodil Society Horticultural Show, [April 19-21](#). The program will include a horticulture display in the Ed Center, and floral designs will be displayed throughout the mansion. A preview party will be held that [Friday, the 19th, from 5:00-7:30](#); it will begin with a signature cocktail in the Ed Center, and then progress to the mansion for a mini bar and passed hors-d’oeuvres. We have also arranged for performances by students from The Ballet Center, under the direction of

Garance Nienhuis. It should be a lovely evening! There will be reduced price tickets for Bristol Garden Club members.

Details will be coming in the next few months.

And speaking of daffodils...Hope is already very busy working on this year's Daffodil Project logistics. Please let her know if you'd like to help!

Our Website: we are still tweaking the new website, so please keep checking it to see its progress...and feel free to offer suggestions! Remember to search bristolrigc.org to get to our site.

I am sad to report the passings of two of our long time members. Honorary member Alicia Speaker and Treasured member Sybil Simon will be missed, and our club sends its heartfelt sympathies to their families.

Coming up in February, we will meet again at the library on Valentine's Day! Bring your LOVE of gardening as we welcome our speaker, Craig Hotchkiss from the Rhode Island Tree Council. He will be giving an informative presentation on the beautiful native trees of Rhode Island. Additionally, he will give pointers on tree care and RI Champion trees. Jot down your questions and bring them along.

Finally, here's a photo taken just north of Tulsa.....a little serenity on a winter day. I hope to see you all in February! Gail



