

December Newsletter



I'm scrambling to get out a newsletter, while juggling a house renovation, holidays and houseguests. The renovation had a December 21 deadline, and they made it! Furnishings and belongings were all returned to their rightful spaces by that evening, and the first batch of grandchildren arrived the next morning. Phew! And in the meantime, I managed to wrap gifts, bake pound cakes and scones and cookies; but the newsletter was decidedly put on a back burner! I'm going to try and get this out in a very brief lull between now and Christmas morning.

I'm not alone in my harried state. It's been a busy month for all of our garden club members! We began the month by having a tree workshop, creating 18 beautiful tabletop trees which we then very successfully sold the next day at the MHF holiday farmers market. We truly lucked out on the weather and on a last minute vendor cancellation that created a space for our table inside the barn... near the fireplace!

Just a few days later, we had our annual Holiday Potluck Lunch, held once again at Jan's lovely home in Touisset. "The weather outside was frightful..." But the warmth of happy companionship inside was delightful. Maggie led us in a fun holiday trivia game and I think we will have to come up with something similar next year. As usual, there was no shortage of truly delicious food.

Thank you to the members, led by Mary M, who helped with the outdoor greenery decorating at Linden Place. The grounds look fabulous! As usual, the participants had fun getting the job done.

It's not too late to get over to Blithewold and see the magnificent job our members did in Marjorie's room this year! As usual, it is a standout! I've heard many reports of people hearing visitors say that "it's their favorite room".

I have to give a huge shout out to Laurel. She has been working throughout the fall doing an after school program at Colt/Andrews. About 12 children are involved. They have made mini terrariums, they've learned how to separate hostas and how to plant tulip bulbs; they made succulent topped pumpkins, and they learned how to make kokedama! She has already been asked by the kids if she will be doing this in the springtime! Her high point was when one of the girls spied her away from the program and exclaimed, "You're the Garden Lady!" Laurel said

she felt like a rock star. (A Rock Garden Star). Thank you, Laurel, for encouraging future Garden Club Members.

You might have noticed the lack of photos in this newsletter. True confession time: I'm pretty inept with the computer, so after I type up the letters, I ask my very indulgent husband to put it into the correct format to get it out to everyone. The photos are the bane of his existence. So this month his early Christmas gift is "no photos" to deal with (well, except the one at the top and photo credit for that goes to my sister in law). So, please look for wonderful photos of the events mentioned above on our website's photo gallery.

And now I'm going to rejoin my family and enjoy every crazy minute of the rest of the holiday season! Glad tidings to you all and best wishes for the coming year!

Gail