



Takoma Horticultural Club

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December 2012



Before and after the meeting the club offered spring blooming bulbs for sale at reduced prices. Kathy provided information on [how to force bulbs for early bloom](#) as an alternative to planting outside.

Officers

President: *Sherrell Goggin*

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Committee Chairs and Contacts

Membership: *Carole Galati*

Listserv: *Anne Hardman*

Newsletter: *Becky Lavash*

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November Meeting Winter Garden Preparation

THC's own Kathy Jentz gave a presentation on how to prepare your garden for the coming winter. Kathy shared plant care information including what plants to leave and what plants to cut and recycle, mulching processes, and lawn care tips.

Kathy took questions throughout the presentation and generously provided the slides and other information from the presentation on the [THC listserv](#).

Before the meeting began, members in attendance voted for the new THC board members. The new board is shown in the box following this article.

December Event: Group Activity: Make a Centerpiece to Donate

*Wednesday, December 12, 7-9:30 pm
Heffner Park, 31 Oswego Avenue*

Join us in making festive small gifts for the holidays!



December Event *(continued)*

Learn how to make these small fin arrangements for the holidays. Create a few for hospital and assisted-living dwellers, and one or two for yourself and a friend. We will provide the floral foam, directions for making the arrangement, extra greens and ribbons, carnations, floral tape and floral picks, and assistance for your arrangement. After completing your pieces to donate, you can bring extra containers and make an arrangement of your own to take home. We will donate the completed arrangements to a local organization such as a nursing home. Please RSVP to Becky Lavash at becky58a@yahoo.com.

Please bring:

snacks to share
several clean tuna/cat food cans
fresh greens (smallish)
decorative berries
work gloves
cutting tool/pruners
colored foil

Membership and Dues

To stay a member of THC, in good (the best) standing, please make sure your 2013 dues are paid up in January. Our dues cover the calendar year. Check with Carole Galati if you are not sure if you already paid. Our Winter Potluck on January 16th is for members only. This warm, wonderful event is full of great food and an entertaining plant/ re-gifting exchange! Takoma Horticultural Club membership or renewal makes a great Holiday Gift for that special garden friend!

Please welcome new and returning members: Devon Lee Miller, Joletta Humbert, Dan Odess, Mike Kraft and Carol Kincaid.

Save the Date

Sunday, January 20, 2013

Pot Luck and Swap

Members get together every year at Heffner Community Center to enjoy one another's delicious cooking and swap their prolific houseplants or any White Elephants that came their way over the holidays. Always a fun event!