

Takoma Horticultural Club

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January 2017

THC Annual Winter Potluck

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 18
Heffner Park Community Center
42 Oswego Avenue, Takoma Park

Please make plans to join your fellow Takoma Horticultural Club members for our wonderful winter warm-up: the annual Potluck and Indoor Garden Exchange on Wednesday, January 18, 2016 at Heffner Park Community Center. Socializing starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner will begin at 7. Heffner is on Oswego Avenue, off Ritchie (near the Takoma Park leaf mulch pile).

Please bring an appetizer (preferably at 6:30), main dish, side dish, or dessert. As usual, the club will provide beverages. Heffner has a kitchen with a sink, refrigerator, microwave and a cook top but **no oven**.

For our after-dinner entertainment, we'll have the Indoor Garden Exchange. If you don't have an indoor plant you can part with, you can bring garden books, garden magazines, a tool, any garden-related item—or nothing at all is fine, too. Be prepared to give the group a little description of your treasure. If you bring something, you'll go home with something! Remember to protect your plants from the cold while transporting them.

This is a members-only THC event. You may pay your 2017 dues or join the club at the Potluck. Please bring a check for \$12, made out to THC. We will not have cash to make change. You are welcome

to bring a guest. Please RSVP to Taffy Turner so we know how many tables and chairs to set up.

It is always a fun evening and a great opportunity to get to know fellow THC members and meet new friends in a relaxed setting.

Remember! RSVP to Taffy Turner

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Good company, good food, and the Indoor Garden Exchange at a previous Winter Potluck.



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Clockwise from top left: finished arrangements boxed and ready to go; “real simple ingredients” is right; beautiful dried yarrow artfully used; Taffy shows the process; happy creators; a bounty of greens from participants. Photos: Kathy Jentz, Diane Svenonius.

Annual “Make One, Take One” Centerpiece Workshop

On November 30, a dozen or so THC gardeners—bearing loads of greenery, snips and pruners, and bits of decoration—gathered at Heffner Park Recreation Center to make centerpieces for the holidays.

Becky Lavash, organizer of the annual workshop, brought ribbons and ornaments and small cans filled with floral foam to hold the artistic visions that would be realized during the evening. Taffy Turner demonstrated the process, making sure that the bottom layer of vegetation concealed any hint of shiny can, then adding interesting shapes and colors.

As usual, the group quickly got busy poking stems in at just the right angle, hunting through the foliage for the perfect color combination and sharing ideas. An impressive variety of material came from participants’ gardens, including bayberry, various hollies—some covered with red berries, and dried flowers. At the end of the evening, they swept the floors, put back the tables, and left with at least one arrangement to take home. More than 20 were donated to St Ann’s, a local organization committed to lifting vulnerable children, mothers and families out of poverty and homelessness.

Happy “Dues” Year to You!

Our fiscal year begins January 1st, 2017. What do your dues that are due now do?

- They help pay our speakers.
- They help pay for our venues for club meetings.
- They make it possible for us to make donations to Brookside Gardens, the City of Takoma Park, etc.
- They help us pay for refreshments at our Open Gardens.
- They entitle you to participate in Members Only events!

And speaking of Members Only events, please pay your dues now so I can enjoy my dinner at our Annual Winter Potluck on January 18. Collecting dues is fun, but I would much rather eat and socialize!

Dues help keep our club current and vital—along with our wonderful THC Leaders and our most active and loyal members. And if you’ve already paid your dues, consider supporting the Takoma Horticultural Club by becoming more involved. Perhaps consider hosting an Open Garden in May, June or July. Let me know if you are not sure of your membership status or if you have questions about hosting an Open Garden. Thank you!

Mail your \$12 check made out to THC to: Carole Galati, 106 Melbourne Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20901
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