

Takoma Horticultural Club

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December 2017

A Winter Brightener: Paperwhite narcissus and “indoor tulips”

A cheerful crowd gathered at the Heffner Recreation Center on Wednesday night to sharpen their skills at coaxing bulbs into bloom in winter. The activity was led by Barbara Henderson and Kathy Jentz, and the Club supplied various sorts of bulbs and lots of materials. For the paperwhite narcissi and daffs, there were stone and glass pebbles, moss, and transparent containers; for the tulips, soil mix and deeper containers. (A snack table was also well-provisioned.) Barbara discussed forcing paperwhites in a shallow container of pebbles with no drainage hole. They will have been chilled by the supplier and ready to respond to light and watering. Kathy talked about preparing tulips and other not-chilled bulbs.

To “fool them” into thinking that winter has come and gone, they are placed in a cool place for as many as twelve weeks. Kathy pots the bulbs, puts pot and all in a plastic bag, and places it in the chiller bin of the refrigerator for a good long chill.

Barbara (below left) and Kathy talking bulb forcing.



Annual Business Meeting

On November 15, the Club’s annual business meeting was held, just prior to the talk by Nancy Lawson of the American Humane Society, on Humane Gardening. This year’s officers volunteered to serve for another term and were elected unanimously. They are Katherine Lambert, President; Barbara Henderson, Vice President; Taffy Turner, Treasurer; Joan Frye, Secretary; and Carole Galati, Membership Chair. At the same meeting, it was voted unanimously that the Club’s by-laws be modified to eliminate the Lifetime membership option, for those joining in the future. Current Life Members are not affected.

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There’s nothing to lose.
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Takomahort.org for club info and news
It all happens ‘cause of you and your dues!

To keep your membership current, pay now for 2018. Then you can come to our **members-only, wonderful, warm, atmospheric Winter Potluck on January 17** at Heffner Community Center. Check www.takomahort.org for dues paying information. You can also check with me about your membership status.

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