



December 2021

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President's Corner



We have so much going on this holiday season, which feels so much different than last year. How wonderful it feels that we can once again get together with family and friends and celebrate! This past year and a half made me realize, and I hope it did you, too, how much we truly have to be thankful for. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, and very Merry Christmas! And, a happy and healthy New Year!

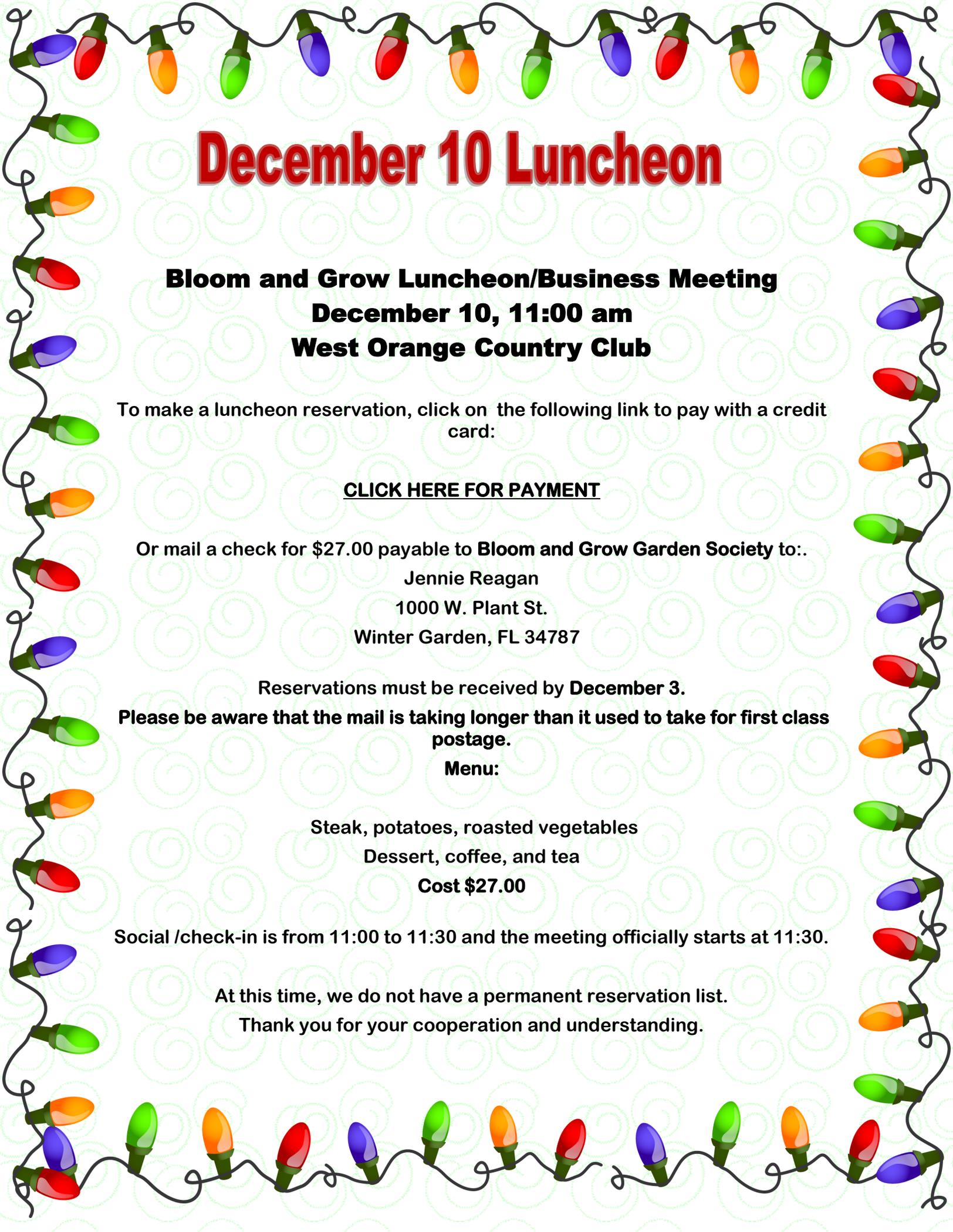
Jeanne



Welcome to our new members who joined us during the last month. We hope to meet you soon!

Rosemary Gates
Krista Gates
Christine Martindale
Pamela Schrimsher





December 10 Luncheon

Bloom and Grow Luncheon/Business Meeting December 10, 11:00 am West Orange Country Club

To make a luncheon reservation, click on the following link to pay with a credit card:

[CLICK HERE FOR PAYMENT](#)

Or mail a check for \$27.00 payable to **Bloom and Grow Garden Society** to:.

Jennie Reagan
1000 W. Plant St.
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Reservations must be received by **December 3.**

Please be aware that the mail is taking longer than it used to take for first class postage.

Menu:

Steak, potatoes, roasted vegetables

Dessert, coffee, and tea

Cost \$27.00

Social /check-in is from 11:00 to 11:30 and the meeting officially starts at 11:30.

At this time, we do not have a permanent reservation list.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



POINSETTIAS & PINTS

Wednesday, December 8



Please place your orders for our florist-quality poinsettias from Knox Nursery. See the flyer on the following page for details.

Crooked Can Brewery is partnering with Bloom & Grow Garden Society with a special beer called *Black Frost*. The beer style selected by the partners of Crooked Can is a classic German black lager featuring silky smooth espresso & chocolate flavor notes. A great beer for the holidays! *Black Frost* will be featured from December 1 until December 31. Bloom & Grow receives a portion of the sales for each glass sold. Last time this was a great fundraiser for us!

Join Bloom & Grow for a Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 5 pm - 7 pm to celebrate at Crooked Can Brewery. Invite your friends to check out *Black Frost*! The fundraiser will raise money for our scholarship program. If you are not a beer drinker, the Plant Street Marketplace has many choices for dinner and wine. Please come and join us!



Make a Christmas centerpiece for your table or for a gift! You will learn and make your own to take home and have fun while you are making it! Light refreshments served.

Thursday, December 16, 6:30 pm
Betty J's Florist, 403 S Dillard St, Winter Garden
\$65 per person includes all flowers and supplies

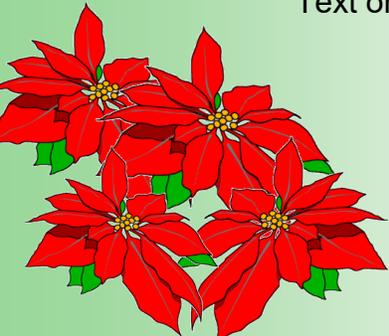
Mail check, payable to "Bloom and Grow Garden Society"
by December 2 to:

Julie Dohse, 631 Oxford Chase Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Text or email questions to Julie at: 847-951-6595 julieadohse@gmail.com

Only 4-5 spaces left!

RSVP as soon as possible to secure your reservation!



Poinsettia Pick Up and Sale

Wednesday, December 8

11:00 am—6:00 pm



Pre-Order your choice of Red or Ice Crystal Poinsettias
6.5" pots with a foil covers
Limited number of large red in 8.5" pots
Perfect for decorating or gift giving!

To Pre-order, email:

springfeverinthegarden@gmail.com

1. Your name
2. phone number
3. number and type of poinsettia that you would like to order

*You will receive an email back with your total amount due for prepayment.

Pick up on Wednesday, December 8
11:00 am—6:00 pm



Red

6.5" pot \$12 + tax (\$12.78)

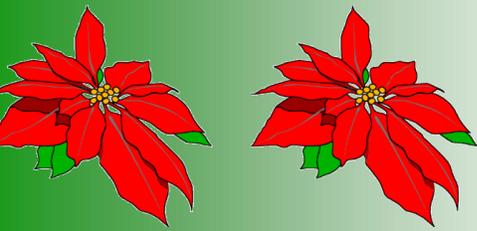
Large 8" pot \$18 + tx (\$19.17)

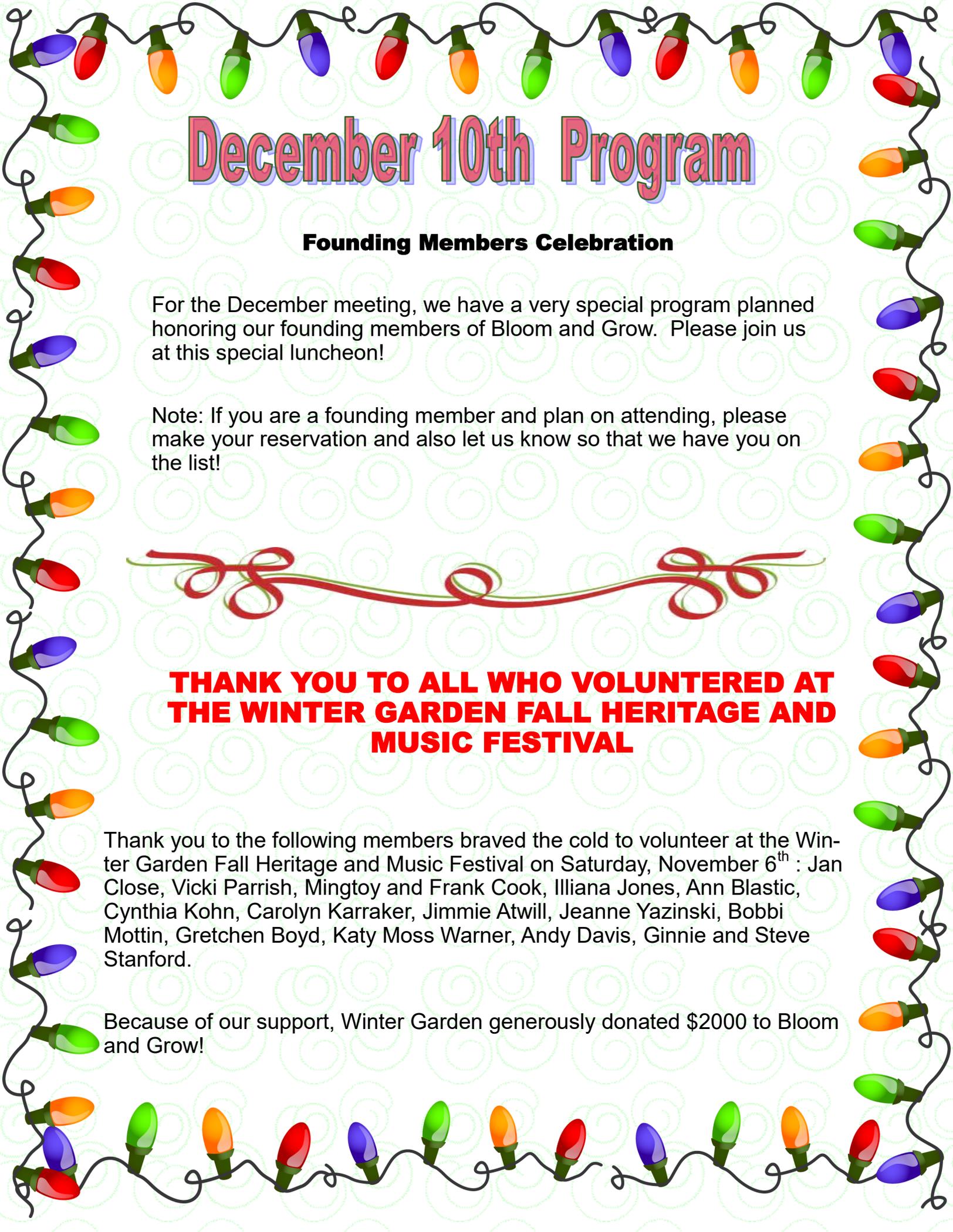


Ice

Crystal

6.5" pot \$14 + tax (\$14.91)





December 10th Program

Founding Members Celebration

For the December meeting, we have a very special program planned honoring our founding members of Bloom and Grow. Please join us at this special luncheon!

Note: If you are a founding member and plan on attending, please make your reservation and also let us know so that we have you on the list!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTERED AT THE WINTER GARDEN FALL HERITAGE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thank you to the following members braved the cold to volunteer at the Winter Garden Fall Heritage and Music Festival on Saturday, November 6th : Jan Close, Vicki Parrish, Mingtoy and Frank Cook, Illiana Jones, Ann Blastic, Cynthia Kohn, Carolyn Karraker, Jimmie Atwill, Jeanne Yazinski, Bobbi Mottin, Gretchen Boyd, Katy Moss Warner, Andy Davis, Ginnie and Steve Stanford.

Because of our support, Winter Garden generously donated \$2000 to Bloom and Grow!

Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to help us decorate the Christmas tree at the Edgewater Hotel and the Train Station.

Thursday, December 2 at 9:30 am

Meet at the Edgewater Hotel lobby.

Please let me know if you can help.

Jeanne Yazinski, 570-840-1995 text or yazinskijm@gmail.com



Wear something festive and help us decorate!



Bloom & Grow Website

Bloomandgrow.club

Member area password:
bandg1997 (no caps, no spaces)

Please send any updates: address, email, phone or other changes to
Julie Teal at jteal003@icloud.com

Or

Jeanne Yazinski at yazinskijm@gmail.com





By Kay
VanderLey



Louise Clayton



This New Jersey girl moved to south Florida in 1991, and to Central Florida twenty-eight years ago to be near her daughter. She was a member of Bloom & Grow in the past and is re-joining to continue her friendship with “all the friendly people.”

Louise is not a gardener, but enjoys plants and flowers through the passion of her 12-year-old granddaughter, who gardens with seeds and cuttings and “replants things.” Louise is an engaged grandmother who wants to share interests with the young ones. Louise’s interests lie along the fields of cooking

and crafts. For fun she enjoys walking in the neighborhood, games, cards, and loves all things Disney. She can enjoy a very special relationship with her family since they live together in their two-generational home.

“Living life to the fullest” has taken Louise on trips abroad too numerous to count. Some of the special places include England, France, Argentina, Hawaii & Alaska, Norway, Ireland and Scotland, but at the top of her picks stands Prague. The beauty and deep history prompted her to say, “It’s like it’s never been touched by history.” Her full life includes meeting and loving each new person she meets, and she tries not to miss any opportunity to do so. We’re glad you’re back, Louise!

Josee Foglia



Josee claims Montreal, Canada as her place of birth, but the U.S. is where she has lived most of her life. Her father’s desire to start a business in Miami brought the family south, and Josee completed her education here. She’s been married 41 years, loves to garden, quilt, and volunteer at the Path of Life.

Her career was spent literally in the sky, as she was a flight attendant for National and PanAm Airlines. She and her husband have much in common as he was an airline pilot. When she retired, the family moved to

Central Florida. Gardening came naturally to Josee since her dad was an avid gardener. What does she grow? Flowers, herbs, roses, hydrangeas, and her favorite is her 9-foot gardenia bush. She also finds time to quilt, crochet and enjoys various needle work projects.

Her days flying were filled with “wacky people” . . . and the things they do! She remembers flights and embarrassing moments when passengers had sex in bathrooms and under blankets. Now, I’ve seen those bathrooms and this astounded me! And, one man handicapped having his arm in a sling asked her to undo his zipper when headed for the facility! She saw first class passengers like David Jantzen, Cindy Lauper and Howard Cosell. What a fun chat we had, and I hope each of you has the opportunity to chat with Josee, too! Glad you’re here, Josee!



By Kay
VanderLey



Annie Green

A second grandbaby boy due in December was what drew Annie and Arnie to central Florida after being life-long New Yorkers. Annie was born in Brooklyn but settled for adult life sixty miles north of the city in the rural area of the beautiful Hudson Valley. There she gardened and enjoyed garden club activities. Her love for all things growing was fostered by her grandmother who planted the 'seed' with the gift of a coleus from the plants in her sunroom. How often have I discovered the love of gardening has been nurtured by Grandma? (It makes me more intentional about getting into the garden with my grandchildren!) A daughter living in Hawaii rounds out Annie's family.

The couple spent their careers in healthcare. Arnie was an administrator in home-care, and Annie was dental hygienist working with children. Annie's gift of giving gave her pleasure when she visited daycare facilities with the "Tooth Fairy Program" targeted to teach dental care through demonstrations.

Now in Florida, their young garden is attracting pollinators bringing pleasure to neighbors in Lakeview Reserve. A visit to the Farmer's Market table with Bloom & Grow members and their butterfly pins was the deciding factor for Annie to join us. So glad you found us, Annie! WELCOME!



Cheryl Race

"Well yes, I am a Florida native; born in Miami, but raised in Missouri, Virginia, Georgia, and attended high school in Colorado. My Father was in the military!" Winter Garden has been her home now for seventeen years. With her BA in English Literature and her Masters in Humanities, Cheryl taught at Boone High School, and, to my surprise at the same time that my youngest child was a student there! Cheryl retired in 2015 engaging in an active life here at the pool, library and loving the theater. A respite at the Path of Life while founding member, Jackie Brown Colberg, was there gave her the desire to join Bloom and Grow. Living near the "Path" was a must when moving to Winter Garden. Cheryl loved the Heritage Tree Walk, loves her neighbors,

and met her husband Ron on the West Orange Bike Trail! She could be a top saleswoman for West Orange County!

On reflection, Cheryl had fun being a stand-up comedian at clubs in Denver and here. Health struggles also mark her memory, as she was diagnosed with Leukemia and not expedited to survive. She calls it an "unusual situation," since her life expectancy was not longer than five years. Although chemotherapy marks her memory, she's a lively, vital survivor today. We rejoice with you, Cheryl! WELCOME!



December December Birthday Wishes Birthday Wishes

Sandra Wilt 4
Nancy Mote 6
Samantha Robinson 8
Jan Penrose 9
Pam Thomas 10
Pat Hughes 12
Lynne Wiley 13
Marina Fulmer Gosselin 15
Marilyn Kelyman 18
Louise Clayton 19
Leigh Ann Dyal 21
Anne Wiedenbeck 21
Julie Dohse 25
Julie Teal 26
Suzanne McClure 27
Helen Gossett 28
Joan Kyle 28
Krista Gates 30



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Kay's Christmas Corner by Kay VanderLey



Christmas! The mystery! The highly anticipated! The memory evoking!

I was still in elementary school for my most remembered Christmas. My family, like most in the years following WWII, was on a VERY strict budget. Our little town in northern Michigan had little to no industry, but my parents had weathered the Great Depression and knew how to use up, and wear out everything!

Nevertheless, we had Christmas! Only one gift was under the tree, but there was anticipation of lots of other wonderful gifts. Like snow, lots of snow! Snow enough for sledding . . . SNOW! And, the manger scene set up on the first floor at school, and the Christmas program . . . Moms came too, with lots of carols sung. And, the Santa's ringing bells on the corners. Yes, the gift of anticipation. Trees and lights and snow, lots of snow!

My older sister had THE sled, small and worn, but functional, and when she pushed off down the hill, I was likely on her back, hanging on for dear life. Usually, I tumbled off half way down, or she declined my plea to accompany her. She had charge of the steering, which didn't always work well. But we had FUN. The old sled wore out at the same time she thought herself too old to sled any more.

My Mom parented us by stressing honor. She "hid" the gifts in the attic, told us they were there and to not go up there . . . we were on our honor. Funny thing, it usually worked out for me.

I was on my honor. Until the year of the big snow . . . I thought about it all the time, lots of opportunities to peek as our bedroom was right beside the attic. There's only so much a little girl can take! I looked. It was beautiful. Red runners, with a rope to pull it back up the hill, and shiny varnished maple wood with the name in red paint. I was amazed . . . at first. But, the thought of Mom knowing I had looked began to work on me. I practiced looking surprised as I didn't want to break my mother's heart. It was the longest wait for Christmas ever with all that worry.

I don't think she ever knew as we never talked about it . . . ever. I had a wonderful time with that sled and frozen fingers and toes. I was on big hills until spring came. But I still remember that I broke my word of honor, even now at 84 years old! I think I'll tell her when we're both comfortable in heaven. Here's Wishing You a Wonderful, mysterious Christmas!



Kay

I just love reading Kay's Corner.
Thank you for sharing your memories with us, Kay!





Bloom and Grow Garden Society
Statement of Activity
As of Oct. 31, 2021

	Oct-21 Actual	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD over/(Under) Annual Budget
Revenue:				
Contributions/Sponsorships	100	1,215		1,215
Fundraising		3,137	4,000	(863)
Grants		-	3,000	(3,000)
Meetings	1,512	3,402		3,402
Membership	105	455	4,200	(3,745)
Program Revenue	460	2,090	2,200	(110)
Monarch Project	2,609	18,206	24,500	(6,294)
Spring Fever	2,119	2,119	84,000	(81,881)
Total Revenue	\$ 6,905	\$ 30,624	\$ 121,900	\$ (91,276)
Expenditures:				
Awards	16,200	16,200	30,000	(13,800)
Sponsorships		-	4,000	(4,000)
Charitable Contributions	2,128	2,128		
Scholarships		16,000	16,000	-
Program Exp.	3,064	8,814	17,770	(8,956)
Monarch Project	9,551	34,584	36,500	(1,916)
Spring Fever		-	37,000	(37,000)
Fundraising		1,013	1,250	(237)
Meeting	1,243	2,623	900	1,723
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Operating Expenditures:	1,481	5,588	8,395	(2,807)
Total Expenditures	\$ 33,667	\$ 86,950	\$ 151,815	(64,865)
Net Revenue:	\$ (26,762)	\$ (56,326)	\$ (29,915)	\$ (26,411)

Cash Balances:

Beginning Balance 5/31/2021

Checking Account
Money Market

75,325
6,076

Total \$ 81,401

Ending Balance 10/31/2021

Checking Account
Money Market

20,346
6,077

Total \$ 26,423



BLOOM AND GROW MONTHLY MINUTES: NOVEMBER 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: JAN PENROSE, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

DEVOTION: NANCY SINES gave an inspirational word for Thanksgiving and the Fall season. She then led us in prayer.

GUESTS: Guest of B&G members were welcomed to our lunch.

NEW MEMBERS: 4 new B&G members were introduced and welcomed to THE BLOOM AND GROW GARDEN SOCIETY.

BIRTHDAYS: November Birthday members were recognized. NORMA RYAN celebrated her 90th birthday, we sang Happy Birthday and presented Norma with beautiful & delicious birthday cake. Birthday

MINUTES: The October Monthly Business Minutes were presented. Sandra W. motioned that we accept the minutes and Katy Moss seconded the motion. B&G members accepted and approved the minutes. Katy Moss se-

TREASURER REPORT: LAURA RADIUS presented a brief synopsis of the Treasurer Report. A full report will be posted in the November Newsletter. Ending Balance as of 10/31/2021: Checking Account \$20,346, Money Market \$6,07

GUEST SPEAKERS: ROCHELLE RUPP introduced our monthly speaker and B&G member, **VICKI BARTHOLOMAE**, co-owner of WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED, located in the Whole Foods shopping center area. Rochelle pointed out that last month we had a program on BEES...this month's program is about BIRDS. B&G now has lots of information on the BIRDS AND BEES. LOL!!! Vicki gave statistics indicating that as of 2019, 3 Billion birds have been lost over the last 50 years. A lot of this is due to the use of harmful pesticides and encouraged us to not use pesticides. We all can help all endangered birds by planting Native plants without the use of pesticides. One plant that is especially helpful is the Shade Grown Coffee Plants which can be purchased locally or online. She also mentioned some apps that can be downloaded to ID birds & their sounds as well as other animals and plants: Merlin Bird ID by CORNELL, Seek by iNaturalists, eBird (this is an important app)

There are several local birding events that are coming up if anyone is interested. Vicki suggested that you GOOGLE: North Shore Birding Tour, Christmas Bird Count at audobon.org/conservation, Great Backyard Bird Count at birdcount.org.

Vicki then opened up the program to questions. To attract birds to your birdbaths it is helpful that the water is moving. There are several battery-powered or solar powered fountains that keep the water moving. She suggested hanging your bird baths where squirrels can't get to and the swinging movement will keep the water moving. Problems with birds (cardinals) flying into the window – you can affix stickers to the window and there is a product available that you can affix to the window. Problems with squirrels eating the bird seed...yes, there is a squirrel proof feeder available. Vicki suggested that you take pictures of your yard and bring them in to the store and they help you not only find the proper feeder but where to put it in your yard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **MONARCH WAYSTATION PARTNER PROGRAM** SANDRA WILT brought us up to date on the various Waystation partner sites. There are several organizations that would like to be a part of this program. Sandra is working with them to get them started but she indicated that she needs more mentors in order to properly make this happen. Please contact her if you are interested in being a mentor and she will be happy to let you know what is involved in this rewarding project. Sandra informed us that West Orange Country Club now has 10 Monarch Waystations up and running.

WINTER GARDEN HERITAGE TREE PROJECT KATY MOSS reported that the two walking tours for the Heritage Tree Project were a big success. There was a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable 9 year old on the tour who really wanted to share his expertise with the rest of the group. Walking maps, etc., can now be downloaded to help with navigating around Winter Garden while enjoying the self-tour. Tucker Tree Prints By Don Reynolds are still available for purchase with proceeds going to our fundraiser. Katy hopes that B&G will continue with supporting the various upcoming events; i.e. Florida Arbor Day, WG Music Festival, 1000 Trees for a 1000 Years, etc.

FIELD TRIP: JULIE DOHSE remind B&G members of the upcoming Holiday Flower Arrangement on December 16th at Betty J's Flower Shop. The cost is \$65 which includes all supplies. The deadline to reserve your spot is November 29th.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: ANN BLASTIC informed us that there would not be a Plant of the Month because we will be having the Poinsettia Sale on December 8th from 10 to 7 at the Crooked Can. Volunteers are needed to help with the Sale. There are 3 shifts: 8:30 to 11, 11 to 3, and 3 to 7. Please contact Ann or Gretchen Boyd if you are able to help out. To preorder & prepay go to the website : springfeverinthegarden@gmail.com. CROOKED CAN BREWERY has created a special limited Poinsettia Beer to kick off the holiday events and a portion of the sales will go to B&G.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bloom and Grow Business Meeting and Luncheon December 10, 2021. Wear your Holiday wardrobe.

SAVE THE DATE: Poinsettia Plant Sale, December 8th. December Luncheon, December 10, Poinsettia Beer @ Crooked Can Month of December, Christmas Holiday Centerpiece @ Betty J's December 16th, 6:30PM, Spring Fever in the Garden, April 2nd & 3rd. 2022

Respectfully submitted, Carole Engle, Recording Secretary

