

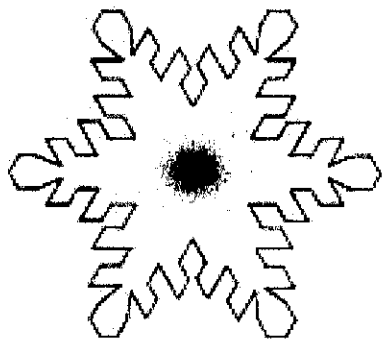
January 2003

January Meeting

The meeting will be held on January 9th at 7:30 pm at the Park Center. Greg Bartosuk will show slides and speak on *Perennials for the Lazy Gardener: Color in the Garden from May through December*. Plan to attend what promises to be a very interesting program.

Holiday Dinner

Twenty-two members of Glenview Gardeners met at The Noodle Restaurant for the annual Christmas Dinner. The food was very good and it was so wonderful to share this holiday meal with friends. Thanks to Jane Prentis for making the arrangements.



NEW CONTEST!!!

We've just been calling these sheets of paper our 'monthly

newsletter'. Shall we have a proper name for our literary effort? Call, mail, email, or just buttonhole me with your cogitations, ruminations, inspirations, and other great musings. Let's see what you can rake up! The winner will be announced in the February 'newsletter'. Here are some of the submitted title suggestions for our newsletter: *The Garden Gate, The Gardener's Cottage, Picket Fences, News From the Potting Shed, A Garden View, The Blue Delphinium, The Diggings, Prunings, Clippings*. Submit your ideas quickly! Time is running out!

Through the Garden Gate

A few years ago Dan & I decided to set up a small tree in the middle of the back yard & decorate it with lights so we can see it from our kitchen bay window. This year we had to replace that little tree. The branches on the old one had rusted out and broke off the 'trunk'. Well, my neighbor has upped the ante in Christmas decorations: he now has two reindeer in his front lawn with heads that move! So now my husband is trying to think of something else to put in the front... I see no good coming from this!

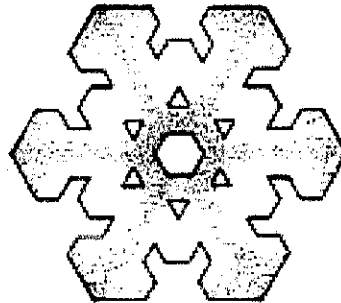
At the Christmas Dinner, I passed around a newspaper

article on the good women in Rylstone, England, a hamlet of 40 houses, who made a 2000 calendar of discreet nude photographs of themselves in various housewifery activities. They sold 100,000 calendars and raised \$750,000! In Vermont, the 2002 Men of Maple Corner calendar, featuring men 60-78, raised \$500,000 passing their modest goal of \$30,000! As Ms. November of the 2003 "Altogether for the Garden" said in Paris, Maine, "You don't send a man to the moon with a rummage sale." This has now gotten out of hand! The 2002 Tamworth, NH women raised \$75,000 and the 2003 sequel, Tamworth Men in Hats is expected to exceed that. Vail, CO firefighters netted \$30,000; the Aiken, SC "Still Magnolias", aged 60-84, posed knitting, playing the piano, and golfing, and raised \$180,000; the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas just printed theirs, and groups all over England are publishing their own calendars! As the Paris, Maine police said, "It looks to me like they're having a good time."

GOOD BOOKS

I just finished reading *The Complete Book of Garden*

Ornaments, Complements, and Accessories. In it were several photographs of statues of St. Fiacre, the patron saint of gardens. Did any of you know that? I guess I just assumed St. Francis was it. The Irish saint beat him to it by a few centuries!



In January remember to:

use a non-salt de-icer on your walks & driveways to protect your grass & plants,

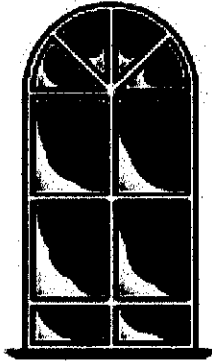
put out seed regularly, and suet too, for our little feathered friends,

if you can, set out bird baths filled with water; they need to drink and bathe in winter; electric heaters are available for bird baths,

put your feet up and start reading through all those garden catalogs that have begun hitting your mailbox,

review what didn't work out in last summer's garden and plan on moving or replacing plants,

use caution when shoveling or blowing snow; we want you back as members in good standing next year.



What's Blooming Table

Plan on bringing your best houseplant to our January meeting. Prizes will be awarded for the entrants. What's the major cause of houseplants dying? Over-watering. Go easy on the water during winter. Also, give each plant a ¼ turn each week so it grows straight. Put them by your south or east windows for best light. I find a weak solution of fertilizer each week is beneficial for those plants that are blooming.

Treasurer's News

Please remember to either send in your dues or give them to Jane at the meeting. We need your support to provide you with outstanding programs through the year.

Speaking of that, Jane has asked that someone else take over the treasurer's job. Please contact me if you are interested. Really, there is not a lot to do in this position but you do need to be able to balance the checkbook and write up a simple report each month.

GARDEN SERVICEPEOPLE

Do you have a favorite arborist? A reasonably-priced lawn service? A budget-minded landscape designer? Care to share the information with your fellow members? Drop me an email with the details for inclusion in next month's newsletter.



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