



Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.

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Mike's Message

"Twenty percent of the members do eighty percent of the work." I've heard this adage periodically since I became President. Well, I'm happy to report that this is not true for the Door County Master Gardeners! I'll get back to this in a bit.

If you were at this year's annual meeting, you would have heard me mention that during the recently ended 'hours' year (approximately mid-September 2014 to mid-September 2015) 111 Door County Master Gardeners reported 8721 volunteer hours. That came to an average of 78.6 hours per member. The number of hours reported ranged from the minimum 24 hours (9 members) to one member who reported 355 hours. Seventy-five percent of our members reported between 24 and 99 hours for the year.

So, let's get back to who is doing 80% of the work. Eighty percent of the total reported hours of 8721 are 6977. If we look at the 20% of members (22 members) who reported the highest number of hours, we find that they reported 4515 hours – about 52% of the total hours. So how many members did it take to reach 6977 hours? The answer is 50% of our members (56). Ideally, it would be great if every member completed the same number of hours so that we could say that every member contributed equally to the success of the organization. Realistically, that's not likely—we all have different obligations and interests. Being able to say that 50% of our members provide the majority of the work, says a lot about how we've been able to maintain our success. On the other hand, these numbers still show that the top 20% are doing over 50% of the work. We must recognize the important role they play in our organization.

So, I have a challenge for our members: Let's see if we can reach 10,000 volunteer hours in the current year. If everyone put in an additional 12 hours over what they did this past year, we would reach this goal.

Now that I've demonstrated my nerdy side – I like to find meaning behind the numbers – I want to close with my thoughts as I complete my first year as President. It's gratifying to see how everyone pitches in, in their own way, whenever help is needed. Although we are a 'gardening organization', we have a diversity of needs that allow those who like to get their hands dirty, as well as those who don't, to find ways to contribute. Thanks to all of you for doing your part.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Mike VanEss

DCMGA Board of Directors and Officers:

President.....Mike VanEss
Vice President.....Chris Gritzmacher
Treasurer.....Wendy Woldt
Secretary.....Holly Green

Board Members: Jim Baxter, Jim Friedrichs, Karen Kidd,
Jim McFarlin, Alan Romsos
State Board Representative.....Vacant
UW-Extension Agent.....Annie Deutsch

MISSION STATEMENT: The Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc., in partnership with UW-Extension, shall strive to make a positive impact on horticulture in our community through education, community outreach, and stewardship of our environment.

Door County Master Gardeners Association Annual Meeting Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club

November 4, 2015



Members present: Nancy Anschutz, Helen Bacon, Jim Baxter, Carol Berglund, Lyle Berndt, Martha and Larry Burris, Chriss Daubner, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Vickie Doust, Jean Ehmke, Jan Gigstead, Kathy Green, Holly Green, Chris Gritzmacher, Donna Hake, Barb and Doug Henderson, Chris Holicek, Deb Javurek, Gary and Michelle Kemp, Karen Kidd, John and Karen Kierstyn, Tom and Lucy Kile, DD Knutson, Linda Lambert. Tom and Jane Luebker, Earlene Lutzke, Larry Maas, Jim McFarlin, Mary Moster, Sandie Ott, Alan and Shirley Romsos, Carl Scholtz, Rod and Marian Schlise, Carrie Sherrill, Lee Somerville, JoAnn Tarczewski, Peggy Turk, Mike VanEss, Kerry and Kathie Vavra, Dale and Jeanne Vogel, Jeanne White, Wendy Woldt, Shirley Ziman, Mike and Linda Zolnosky.

Guests present: 10.

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 by President Mike VanEss.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from last years' annual meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was a comparison/projection of the past three years' budgets. Mike V. concluded that the current budget was well-balanced and that reserve funds are at the correct level. The financial report was approved.

Year in Review/Year Ahead: Mike V. explained long range planning and goals for The Garden Door, including promotion of and consistency in leadership, education goals, and invasive plant issues in The Garden Door. He listed the education programs held at Crossroads. Members took part in a tour of the Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

The Garden Door visitor counter experienced battery problems and data was lost, but the Open House attracted 200+ people and Taste of the Door had 300+ people.

The Youth Program in The Garden Next Door will be reviewed.

Mike recognized members who have assumed leadership roles. Gary Kemp is the new Training Committee Chair and Karen Kidd will oversee the Plant Sale Committee. Linda Zolnosky, Jeanne Vogel and Linda Lambert now chair the Taste of the Garden Door, and Chris Holicek chairs the Education Committee. New chairs are still needed for the Open House, the Youth Program and to serve as the local representative to WIMGA.

Past Chairs were recognized for their service: Barb and Doug Henderson (Taste of the Garden Door), Bill and Sarah Freyman (Education), Chriss Daubner (Plant Sale), and Vicki Dirst and Allen Miller (Open House).

Also recognized was Rod Bohn, long-time member, volunteer, and leader who passed away in September. He contributed much to MG training and promoting of the organization. A gathering was held in his honor at which his large collection of orchids was made available to members.

Future topics and projects include leadership development, encouragement of more members to volunteer, and risk management. DCMGA's internet presence and website must be improved. The Youth program may need revamping, due to maintenance problems in The Garden Next Door. The arborvitae in The Garden Door will be replaced. The training class will now be held at Crossroads. Class size will also be limited.

Board Meeting Minutes (*continued*)

Annie Deutsch, the new UW Extension Ag Agent for Door County, was introduced and said a few words.

Outgoing Board members: Bill Freyman (Education) and Kathie Vavra (Youth Program) were recognized and given gift certificates.

New Board members: Alan Romsos and Karen Kidd, and re-elected Board members Chris Gritzmacher, Mike VanEss, and Jim McFarlin were nominated and confirmed. No nominations from the floor. This slate was elected to two-year terms.

Dinner break from 6:25 p.m. – 7:05 p.m.

Education Hours Recognition:

Education hours are noted in 250 hour (cumulative) increments.

For 250 hours: Jan Ziemann and Sandy Ott.

For 500 hours: Kathy Green and Jim McFarlin.

Volunteer Hours Recognition:

This year DCMGA saw a total of 8,721 volunteer hours total performed, and over 100,000 hours since the organization was established. Cumulative hour totals are noted.

For 150 hours: Mona Barden, Phil Block, Holly Green, Barb Henkelman, Shirley Romsos, Scott Thies, Jeanne Vogel, and Shirley Ziman

For 250 hours: Penny Beerstein, Deb Javurek, and Alan Romsos

For 500 hours: Jim Baxter, Laurie Buske, Tom Luebker, Marlene Poulton

For 750 hours: Lucy Kile

For 1000 hours: Vicki Dirst, Kathy Green, Chris Gritzmacher, Kerry Vavra, Wendy Woldt

For 2500 hours: Kaylynn Litersky, Kathie Vavra.

For 10 years of continuous service: Helen Bacon, Jim Friedrichs, Sarah Freyman, JimMcFarlin

Awards Presentation:

The Awards Committee of Kerry Vavra, Jim McFarlin, and Holly Green determined the following awards: Garden Door - DD Knutson, Alan Romsos, Tim Kazmierczak, Barb and Doug Henderson. For special contributions to the Garden Door, their photos will be displayed on The Garden Door honor wall.

Presented with commemorative plaques:

For Outstanding Service-Jean Ehmke, Vicki Dirst and Allen Miller, Lucy and Tom Kile.

For Service Above and Beyond - Wendy Woldt.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and was followed by a presentation regarding the Little Lake Restoration Project by Roger Anderson, Greg Meissner, and Dr. John Herlache.





A number of members were recognized for outstanding service to the organization.



Door County Master Gardeners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Pres. Mike VanEss.

Board members present: Wendy Woldt, Jim Baxter, Jim McFarlin, Jim Friedrichs, Chris Gritzmacher, Holly Green, Alan Romsos, Karen Kidd.

Other members present: Linda Zolnosky, Carrie Sherrill, Jan Ziemann.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved. (Moved/seconded by Jim F./Jim M.)

Correspondence: Sevastopol School District received over 20 lbs. of fresh tomatoes from TGD as donation.

Treasurer's Report: Final draft of the 2016 budget and the final 2015 Income/Expense reports were reviewed and approved. (Motion made/seconded by Chris G./Holly G.) It was noted that the banquet income included MG dues collected at the banquet. Also suggested was catastrophic insurance for greenhouse plants in the Plant Sale.

New Board Members Welcomed: Alan Romsos and Karen Kidd.

Election of Officers: Mike VanEss, Chris Gritzmacher, Wendy Woldt, and Holly Green were all re-elected to their current officer positions.

Old Business:

Board Size: A motion was made to revert to a nine member board due to the loss of one board position. (Moved/seconded by Jim F./Jim B.)

Goals: Mike V. reviewed the progress of current goals, suggesting the following: The training committee could help with leadership involvement in new classes, a survey of the membership regarding barriers to leadership volunteering is to be taken, timely filing of committee report forms is to be pursued, with an email going out regarding forms. Mike also plans to meet with all committee chairs to make clear their duties and responsibilities.

New Business:

Risk Management: Jim B. reported good progress and presented an initial draft of the risk management plan formulated by his committee. This draft explored many possible scenarios for risk at various events and to MG members in TGD, and ways to protect property and personnel. Jim B. included thoughts on The Taste food preparation at the NWTC kitchen and a possible rider to add to our insurance regarding food prep. There was some debate on the probability of problems occurring. We currently have a general commercial liability policy. The discussion of the draft will continue at the January meeting. Members of the Risk Management Committee include: Lynn Polachek, Linda and Mike Zolnosky, Karen Kidd, Mike VanEss, Michelle Kemp, Doug and Barb Henderson, Jan Ziemann, and Jim Baxter.

LRPG for TGD: The Garden Door Strategic Plan for 2015-2017, with the three main goals of increased participation in maintaining the Garden Door, enhancing the Garden as an educational tool, and elimination of invasive species in the Garden, along with educating the public regarding these species, was reviewed and approved; moved/seconded by Mike V./Jim F.

Appointment of Committee Chair:

JoAnn Tarczewski was appointed the new Open House Chairman.

Moved/seconded by Jim M./Jim F.



Board Meeting Minutes cont.

Rod Bohn Orchid Fund: Discussion of what to do with funds from the sale of Rod's orchids to the NE Wisconsin Orchid Society. Ideas included asking for member donations to bring amount up to a more generous total to donate, possible donation to Feed America in Rod's name, contact Karin Overbeck to make a mosaic bench for the Garden in Rod's honor, use the money for educational/informational equipment, add to the scholarship fund for training costs for new members, or defray costs of sending representative MG to state conference. All DCMGA members will be asked for ideas.

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Seventy-seven people attended, with 9 non-paying guests. The cost had gone up to \$26/person. A possible luncheon vs. dinner would cut costs in future.

Training Committee: The program currently has nine applicants. The course will be moved to new classroom at Crossroads.

Education: Eight or nine programs have been set up starting in January.

The Garden Door: Tim Kazmierczak has officially resigned as Chairman due to family responsibilities. Thank you to Tim for his hard work and dedication to DCMGA as Chairman. A new Chairman is being sought. The arborvitaes will hopefully be removed and replaced this year, and the new raised bed structures and sculpture are being fabricated.

Plant Sale: Karen K. reports that new safety vests for parking personnel are needed, the evergreen and shrub sale items have been ordered, there was a good turnout for the Plant Sale meeting. Karen and Chriss D. are discussing contingency plans in case of disaster in greenhouse. Common names will be listed first on all labels, Latin names second, to facilitate faster organization in greenhouse and at sale. An orientation meeting will be held for all workers at Plant sale.

Youth Garden: Discussed whether the program should be revamped. A new Chairman is needed. Should we form working relationships with other groups – Boys and Girls Club, Senior Center, etc. as an inter-generational educational program?

Open House: New Chairman JoAnn T. appointed.

Taste of the Garden Door: Linda Z. presented an expense report for the 2015 event. Discussion of possible retirement of Pesto Festo event due to food prep concerns.

Newsletter: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Social Committee: Annual Christmas party will be held December 11. Mike V. will email the party poster to all members and Chris G. will do the reservations.

Publicity: No report.

Sunshine: Condolences to family of Rod Bohn.

Merchandise Sales: Chriss D. has nine hypertufas made for Plant Sale, four more books are needed to get discount for the Book Sale order.

State Report: A new representative is needed due to the passing of Rod Bohn. He was a representative – at-large for the state board. This position involves receiving and passing information from the state Master Gardener association (WIMGA) to us.

The Midwest Regional Conference will have Jerry Apps as a speaker, along with Stanley Temple.

A grant was received for the Youth Program from the state.

Announcements: The Christmas party will be December 11, 2015, at Sevastopol Town Hall.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our next business meeting will be held MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at PARS.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Green, Secretary



Garden Door Notes by Vicki Dirst

Garden Door Committee Meeting November 9, 2015

Present: Tim Kazmierczak, Vicki Dirst, Allen Miller, Jo Ann Tarczewski, Jim Friedrichs, Mike Van Ess, Alan Romsos, Chriss Daubner, Jane and Tom Luebker, DD Knutson, Kathy Green, Jim McFarlin, Jim Baxter, Chris Gritzmacher, Holly Green, Wendy Woldt, Doug Henderson, Kathie and Kerry Vavra, Rod and Marian Schlise, Nancy Anschutz

Call to Order: Tim called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Weed and Feed, Fall Cleanup: Doug reported that the Weed and Feeds went very well. For next year he recommends a spring cleanup and monthly Weed and Feeds, but no fall cleanup event. Instead, area supervisors would carry out the work with their selected helpers, or make a request for help via buzz email.

Youth Program and Garden Next Door: As for the youth program, Mike said he is exploring options involving other groups and locations other than the Garden Next Door. We have a \$400 grant for the youth program, but since that is based on what we have done in the past it is unknown whether we can use it for a different program. Kerry indicated that we may have eight unused beds in the Garden Next Door.

Herb Garden: Holly asked if there is to be a medicinal herb garden. If it is to go in the Garden Next Door, she and Deborah Javurek need to plan the location in coordination with Kerry. Kathy G. suggested that a medicinal herb garden could be combined with the existing herb garden that she maintains, since she is getting overwhelmed with the work. Tom offered to help make the herb garden arbor permanent next year if Kathy so wishes. Meanwhile Tom or Tim will store it in the barn over winter.

Copper Sculpture: Rod Schlise gave a presentation on a copper sculpture that he is proposing to build for the area of the new raised beds. He has worked with Barb Henkelmann on the design. It would be 7 ft. tall and would incorporate planters. He is offering copper at scrap price. The anticipated cost for sculpture materials is \$510. People talked about plants to grow on it, watering demands and the likely need to replace the plants on a yearly basis, due to a lack of winter hardiness. Tim will contact Barb Henkelmann regarding our questions and the budget for it, including foundation and plants. Tom said we might be better with a solid sculpture (no planters) so it can last long term. Approval was given for Jim M. to spend an additional \$200 to complete the construction of the new raised beds.

The Garden Door Committee Meeting *(continued)*

Risk Management Study: At the request of the Board, Jim Baxter is compiling members' comments regarding risk management for our operations, including The Garden Door and our major events. People are asked to send him comments regarding potential risks and how to reduce risks. Alan suggested a first aid table at our major events, but others objected to the idea as potentially putting us at increased risk.

Adirondack Chairs: At the September meeting we discussed Adirondack chairs for the garden. No area supervisors have requested a chair.

TGD Budget: As we wished, most of the money approved for the raised bed and southeast arborvitae replacement projects was spent prior to the end of the fiscal year, leaving our new fiscal year budget for TGD in good shape.

Arborvitae Removal: Jim M. asked if we could remove the arborvitaes by the pond this fall, rather than in the spring. The answer was yes. Jim M., Jim F., Tim, Doug and Kerry volunteered. The arborvitaes in the southeast corner of the garden will be done at the same time.

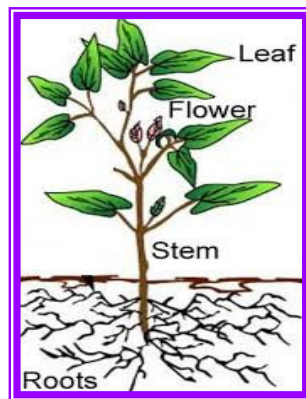
Color Scheme: The group selected red and purple to be the main colors for annuals in the garden next year. White and green are always welcome.

The Garden Door Strategic Plan: Vicki suggested a number of small editorial changes. Chris raised an issue about adding an annual survey at the same time Goal 1 Action Step 3 says "restrain growth of the number of programs/projects." Chris also questioned why we should develop a handout on invasive species since others, such as the DNR, have already done this sort of thing. Vicki and Chris both questioned the meaning of "and other undesirable plants." Chris recommended withdrawing Goal 3 Action Step 3. Vicki moved to approve the plan with minor editorial changes, one substantive change in wording on Goal 2 (labeling plants with Genus and species is required) and deletion of Goal 3 item 3. Doug offered an amendment asking to list Tim and Mike by title rather than by name. Doug also recommended changing "should" to "are encouraged to" under Goal 1 Action Step 2. With all of these changes, Allen seconded the motion. The motion then carried. To thank Rob Burke for his work assisting the Long Range Planning Committee, Tim will give him a gift certificate from the Door County Visitors Center.

Resignation: Tim announced that he will be resigning his chairmanship of The Garden Door in the next couple of months, for family and professional reasons. He is not leaving the station. People are asked to send him an email if they are willing to serve as chair or can suggest someone else. Mike thanked Tim for his service and leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10. The next meeting will be Jan. 11th.





Education Committee News

The Education Committee has confirmed eight opportunities for members to spend an evening with fellow gardeners while enhancing their gardening knowledge. This preliminary list is as follows:

1/12/16	Improving Habitats with Native Plants	Coggin Heeringa
1/19/16	What's New for 2016	Kori Zawojski
2/09/16	Medicinal Plants/Toxic Gardens	Nancy Santoriello
2/16/16	A Closer Look at Soil	Bill Schuster
3/15/16	Floral Arranging	Bette Sternard
3/22/16	Accessible Gardening	Kathy Blankenberg
4/12/16	Garden Rooms and Structures	Tom Luebker
4/19/16	Cottage Gardens	Mark Konlock

All presentations will take place at Crossroads at Big Creek at 7PM. **Please be sure to check the DCMGA website for updates as additional programs will added to the schedule.**

DCMGA COMMITTEES



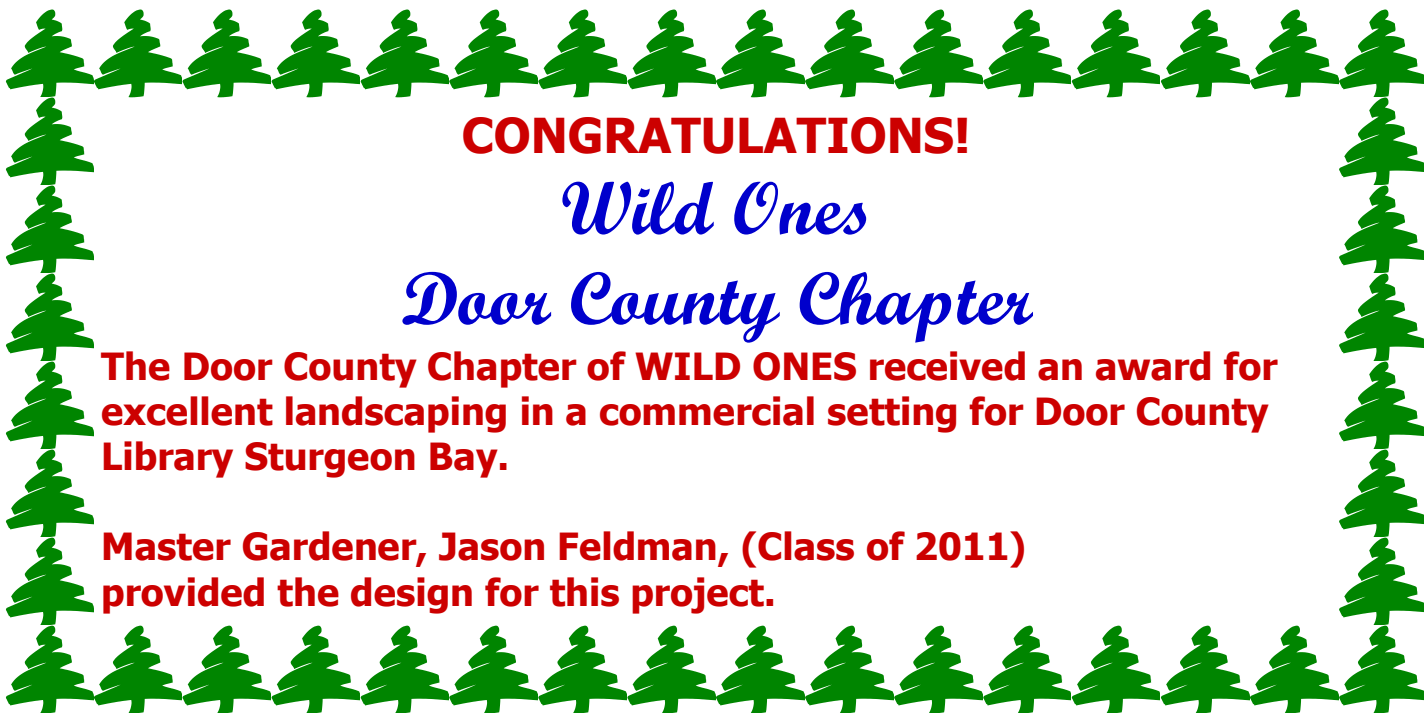
COMMITTEE	Chairman/Coordinator
Awards	Kerry Vavra
Banquet	Christine Gritzmacher
Education	Chris Holicek
Garden Door	Open
Newsletter	Jeanne White
Open House	Jo Ann Tarczewski
Outreach	Lee Summerville
Plant Sale	Karen Kidd
Publicity	Phil Block
Risk Management	Jim Baxter
Social	Coggin Heeringa
Sunshine	Donna Hake
Taste of the Garden Door	Linda Zolnosky
	Jeanne Vogel
	Linda Lambert
Training	Gary Kemp
WIMGA	Open
Youth Program	Open

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Check dcmga.org Website for Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to all DCMG's who participate in events throughout the year, from spring clean up, seed planting, greenhouse work and Plant Sale, the Open House, and Taste of the Garden Door events, all of our educational events to inspire and educate gardeners, and for contributing to our social culture. All MG volunteers help make our organization and community better. Please check the dcmga.org website for information on volunteer opportunities.

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Wild Ones

Door County Chapter

The Door County Chapter of WILD ONES received an award for excellent landscaping in a commercial setting for Door County Library Sturgeon Bay.

Master Gardener, Jason Feldman, (Class of 2011) provided the design for this project.

**Reminder: Please pay your dues asap!!!!
Deadline is December 31st
Send your dues to Wendy Woldt**

COMING EVENTS



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Friday, December 11, 2015
6pm at Sevastapol Town Hall**

Please RSVP to Christine Gritzmacher
cagritzmacher@gmail.com or 743-4827

Main Course provided—please bring a dish to pass

THE POINSETTIA!



The Legend The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico, where legend tells of a girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus birthday and was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became beautiful poinsettias.

The Inspiration Albert Ecke emigrated from Germany to Los Angeles in 1900, opening a dairy and orchard in the Eagle Rock area. He became intrigued by the plant and sold them from street stands. His son, Paul Ecke, developed the grafting technique, but it was the third generation of Eckes, Paul Ecke Jr., who was responsible for advancing the association between the plant and Christmas. Besides changing the market from mature plants shipped by rail to cuttings sent by air, he sent free plants to television stations for them to display on air from Thanksgiving to Christmas. He also appeared on television programs like *The Tonight Show* and Bob Hope's Christmas specials to promote the plants.

The Trick The plant requires a daily period of uninterrupted long, dark nights followed by bright sunny days for around two months in autumn in order to encourage it to develop colored bracts. Any incidental light during these nights (from a nearby television set, from under a door frame, even from passing cars or street lights) hampers bract production. Commercial production of poinsettia has been done by placing them inside a greenhouse and covering the latter completely to imitate the natural biological situation. To produce extra axillary buds that are necessary for plants containing multiple flowers, a Phytoplasma infection—whose symptoms include the proliferation of axillary buds—is used.

The Myth In the United States and perhaps elsewhere, there is a common misconception that the poinsettia is highly toxic. This misconception was spread by a 1919 urban legend of a two-year-old child dying after consuming a poinsettia leaf. While the sap and latex of many plants of the spurge genus are indeed toxic, the poinsettia's toxicity is relatively mild. Its latex can cause an allergic reaction in sensitive individuals. It is also mildly irritating to the skin or stomach.

The Name **The poinsettia derives its common English name from Joel Roberts Poinsett the first United States Minister to Mexico, who introduced the plant into the United States in 1825.**

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DECEMBER 2015

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6	7	8	9	10	11 Annual Christmas Party 6pm Sevastapol Town Hall	12
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Event Locations: PARS=Research Station Classroom, and CRBC=Crossroads at Big Creek

JANUARY 2016

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17	18 Board Meeting 5:30pm PARS	19 What's New for 2016 7pm CRBC	20	21	22	23
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