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Garden Club Meeting

December 17, 2025

CHRISTMAS PARTY



At the Rockfish

*at Coit and Campbell in
Richardson at 6:30pm*

**This is for members
and guests**

**Kevin Burns will
present a new
Holiday program**



President's Message

To all my fellow gardeners.

Happiest of Decembers to you! May you and your gardens have a well deserved rest. Leaving time for family and friends to gather, enjoy and catch up with each other. There is time set aside for celebrating and enjoying food. Making new memories and remembering the old ones.

The end of the year is quickly approaching and then it will be time to plan for next year. What seed to buy and when and how to plant. Reviewing what did and did not work last year. New hope for a wonderful, successful gardening season. Living the dream in your mind helps to visualize the future. But for the time being, enjoy yourself. See family and friends. Open presents. Smile and be thankful for what you have.

HAPPY DECEMBER! Anna

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Nantucket Christmas Cranberry Pie

From the crunch of the sugar crust on the bottom to the juicy cranberries to the flaky cake layer on top; Nantucket Christmas Cranberry Pie is cranberry dessert heaven.

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IN THE KITCHEN

★★★★★
4.79 from 99 votes

Prep Time 10 mins	Cook Time 40 mins	Total Time 50 mins
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Course: Dessert Cuisine: American Servings: 8 servings

Ingredients**Filling Ingredients**

- 2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Topping Ingredients

- ¾ cup butter softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour*

***Gluten-Free Alternative**

- ⅔ cup brown rice flour
- ⅓ cup tapioca starch

**Instructions**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Combine the filling ingredients and stir to combine. Pour into a generously buttered 10" pie plate.
2. Combine the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl and beat until smooth. Add the eggs and almond extract and beat again until fluffy. Add the flour and beat once more.
3. Spread the thick batter over the cranberry mixture in the pan. I used a small cookie scoop to quickly dollop spoonfuls across the top of the pie. It doesn't need to look perfect.
4. Bake for 40-50 minutes, test doneness with a toothpick, just to make sure the topping is cooked through. Serve warm with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Enjoy!

Submitted by Marti Ives



**Which list
are you
on??**



November Speaker was Stan Aten
Stan is a member of the Texas Daffodil Society
and expounded on all things Daffodil



Stan kindly gave away a bag of bulbs.
Mike Rector was the winner.



ADVENT

WORD SEARCH : LOCATE THE VOCABULARY LISTED BELOW
IN THE GRID, SEARCHING IN ALL DIRECTIONS, INCLUDING BACKWARDS.

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Angels
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Emmanuel
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Mystery Search

This month on the *website*, **NOT IN THE GREEN THUMB**, we will have a hidden **Reindeer** for you to find. This is for members only and the first one to find the **Reindeer** and emails us by noon on December 29 at info@thegardenclubofdallas.com will win a prize.



Laurie Pessetto is our November winner. She discovered that the Turkey was on Marti's hat. Congratulations to sharp eyed Laurie.

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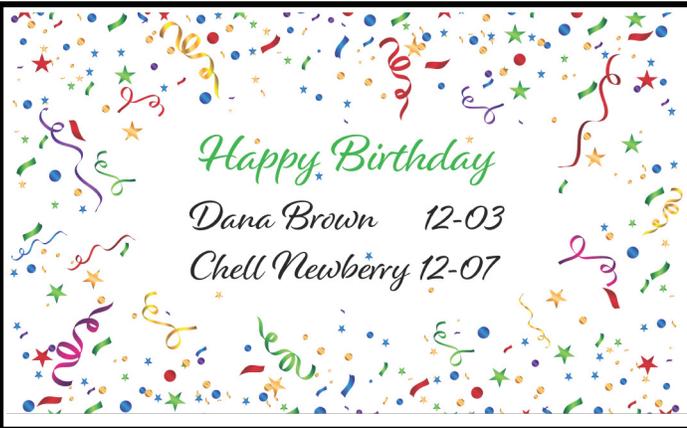
If anyone has a favorite flower, plant, recipe or joke, please send it to info@thegardenclubofdallas.com for inclusion either in the Green Thumb or on the website. Thanks



Board Meeting

NO Board meeting in December.

Enjoy the Holidays



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Anna

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MAGIC BARS

Easy one pan dessert

Enjoy!

Preheat oven to 350, 325 for glass dish

- 1) 1/2 cup (1 stick) Butter
- 2) 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3) 14 ounce) can Sweetened Condensed milk (not evaporated)
- 4) 1/3 cups sweetened flaked coconut
- 5) cup chopped pecans
- 6) cups (12 oz bag) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 7) In 13 x 9 inch baking pan, melt butter in oven.
- 8) Sprinkle crumbs evenly over the melted butter.
- 9) Pour the sweetened condensed milk evenly over the crumbs.
- 10) Top with the coconut, nuts and chocolate chips.
- 11) Press down firmly with a spatula or fork. Do not stir.
- 12) Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Cut into bars.
Store loosely covered at room temperature.



Submitted by Anna Williams



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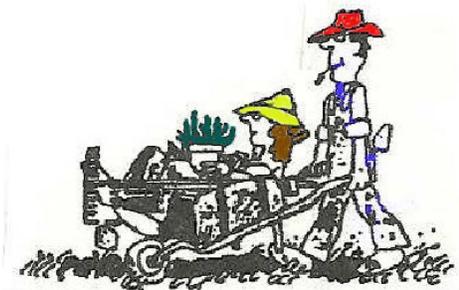
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