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December 2024



**Garden Club
of Dallas**

Christmas Party
Rockfish Restaurant
Corner Campbell & Coit Roads
December 18, 2024
6:30–8:30 pm

Master Gardner and
acclaimed story teller
Kevin Burnes will
Share another Christmas yarn

Include spouse or significant other

RSVP Connie Grossman
(214) 587-5001
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*Restaurant needs head-count
for number of tables and chairs*

Visitors Welcome

CLUB MEETING LOCATION

At the Jewish Community Center, Big D room.
7900 Northaven Road, Dallas – Next to North Haven Gardens. Directions: From southbound U.S.75, Northaven Rd. is second street south of Forest Ln. turn west. From Hillcrest Rd. Northaven is fourth street north of Royal Lane, turn east.

President's Message



I wonder how many of you remember the Paul Crume editorials that appeared for years in the Dallas Morning News. In 1967, Paul wrote a Christmas editorial entitled “Angels Are Among Us.” It was so popular, it was reprinted every year for decades. I often wondered if he didn’t breathe a sigh of relief that the article would appear each year like

clockwork and he did not have to worry about a new one, freeing him to enjoy a little vacation. Well, we just got back from a ten day Florida vacation, and in the spirit of Paul Crume, decided to reprint some December gardening information that that I shared back in 2020 (when we had a lot more leisure time to think about gardening since the world was on shut-down!)

This advice is from a site called “morningchores.com” and it mentions five simple pointers to follow for December gardening in Zone 8:

- *Time to plant - suggestions include onions, spinach, bets, radishes, greens, and chives*
- *Protect your overwinter crops - use a cold frame or mulch as an insulator*
- *Add a splash of color - begin planting pansies, daisies, petunias, and verbena this month to brighten winter days*
- *Cleaning time - finish cleaning up your garden because harmful pests and diseases will find a home in the clutter - they will be dormant over winter and be back with a vengeance next season*
- *Time to plant the big stuff - plant larger items in your yard like a variety of trees, shrubs, and even roses.*

In closing, I would like to thank all of the officers and members who have hosted board meetings in their homes this year. Officers’ hard work and hosts’ hospitality have been very much appreciated. Season’s Greetings to All! And don’t forget to patronize our advertisers!

— Alan

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Member's Birthdays

Chell Newberry
December 7th



Vegetable Garden Planting Dates and Types



— Bob Grossman

January

Red or Purple onion plants

February/March

Collard & Mustard greens; Cilantro,
Parsley; Dill; Kale; Stem Broccoli

March

Tomatoes - San Marzano, Celebrity,
Sweet 100, Roma, Yellow Pear

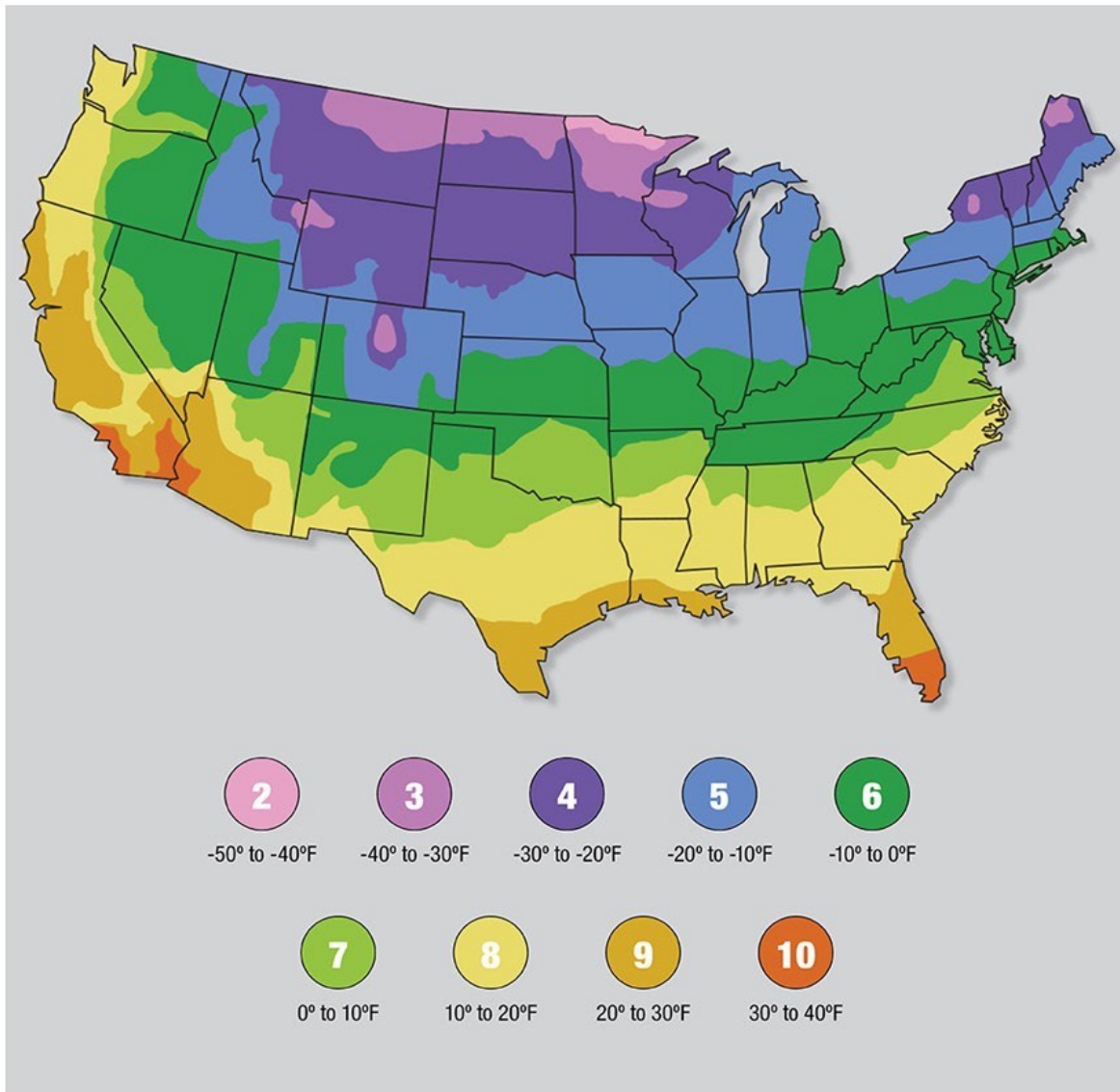
March/April

Peppers - Thai, Bell (all colors), Pequin,
Hungarian Wax, Jalapeno, Banana,
Habanero, Pimento

Warm Weather

Green Beans (blush or blue lake); Basil;
Cucumbers; Squash (yellow or flying
saucer); Eggplant (pin tung long)

USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map



Grow the best [outdoor plants](#) for your garden when you start with your site's hardiness zone. "Right plant, right place" is a fundamental principle of gardening. When you know your area's USDA hardiness zone, you can select the flowers, edibles, shrubs and trees that will not just survive, but thrive in your garden.

The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone map takes average minimum winter temperatures across the country and breaks out zones. There's a total of 13 zones with temperatures ranging from -60 degrees Fahrenheit (Zone 1) to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (Zone 13).

At the top of our Home Depot hardiness zone map, you'll find Zone 2. Traveling south, the numbers increase to Zone 10 in the southernmost points of the United States. Each zone represents a 10 degrees Fahrenheit range. For example, Zone 7 is the pale green belt across the middle of the country. In zone 7, the average lowest temperature in winter is 0 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Club Meetings

6:30 pm

January 15, 2025

Landscape Lighting by Richard Lentz

February 19, 2025

All about Roses by Andy Black

March 19, 2025

**Plumeria Trees for Everyone
by Sylvia Rapple**

Board Meetings

7:00 pm

January 9, 2025

Anna Williams
17602 Squaw Valley
Dallas, TX 75252

February 14, 2025

Marti Ives
6206 Telluride LN
Dallas, TX 75252



**Geraldine Schwed was the Winner
of November's
Northhaven Gardens Gift Card**

Holiday Poinsettia Cocktail

Ingredients

4 ounces brut Champagne, chilled
1 1/2 tablespoons cranberry juice



Directions

Pour champagne into a champagne flute and top with cranberry juice.

– Google

Winter Wonder Word Search

How many of the 16 fun, festive and Disney-themed words can you find?

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 U J O L L Y H O L I D A Y Y E H T E H I L
 F H O O U X D L A C F S Y K E O H I D P E
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Poinsettia History



The poinsettia plant is native to Mexico and Central America. It was Cultivated by the Mayans and Aztecs, who valued its red bracts for dye and sap for medicinal qualities. The plant was introduced to floriculture by Joel R. Poinsett, a U.S. minister to Mexico in the late 1820s. Although is now associated with Christmas, its origins are deeply rooted in indigenous Mexica

— Google

This club welcomes beginner “wannabe” as well as **experienced** gardeners. We all can learn something about gardening at each meeting.

Visitors are welcome. Membership is open to men and women, teenagers and young adults. \$50 annual dues includes *The Green Thumb* and membership in the national organization: Gardeners of

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and Happy New Year

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 in Witness Whereof,
 we have hereunto affixed our signatures and the Seal of the District
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May 8, 1997

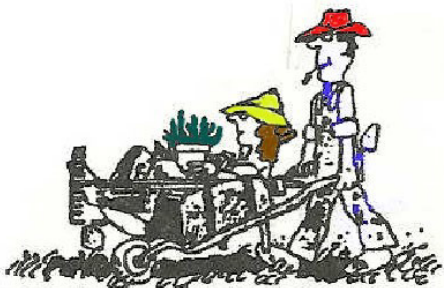
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