



# THE GREEN THUMB

The GARDEN CLUB OF DALLAS



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## Garden Club Meeting

January 21, 2026

### Interesting Landscapes

by the Cactus Queen - Payge Stevens



Our speaker this month is known as the “Cactus Queen”. Payge Stevens, owns and operates a large cactus sales lot in Dallas. Payge is also an accomplished professional photographer. Weddings, portraits, etc are her forte. Through her extensive travels, Payge has acquired a flare for the creative eye. We look forward to hearing about her exotic ideas for us to ponder.



## President’s Message

Happiest of New Beginnings!

Now that the holidays are over, it’s time to rest and regroup. The garden is quiet, well except for the squirrels scampering. In our North Texas region, the fall leaves are still hanging around in all of their glory. It’s amazing to think that all of that color is always there. You can only see it when the trees stop making chlorophyll, partially due to the shorter hours of sun. It makes me wonder of all the potential that is in us and the garden, but sometimes it’s hidden for a while. Gardeners have a inherent faith or hope that the next season is going to be successful. This positive thought process helps many overcome sadness and difficulties. It is what has us planning for the next season, getting our thoughts on something other than ourselves. I am thinking of what to move, and what to plant in my new plant tower. Yes, I got a new toy for the garden. It will be an exciting new adventure in growing food, that I am really looking forward to. But for right now, it’s quiet. And beautiful. I wish you and yours the best year ever for your life and your garden. If you need me, you can find me looking out the window at the garden. Happy New Year!

## Visitors Welcome

### Club meeting Location

**At the Dallas JCC**

**7900 Northaven Road, Dallas**

**Next to North Haven Gardens**

**Meet & Greet @ 6:30pm**

**Program @ 7pm**

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to one another

Ephesians 4:30-5:

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disagree on  
stuff.



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## Christmas Party

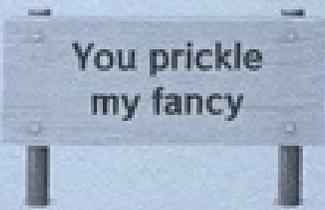


Everybody had fun and good food

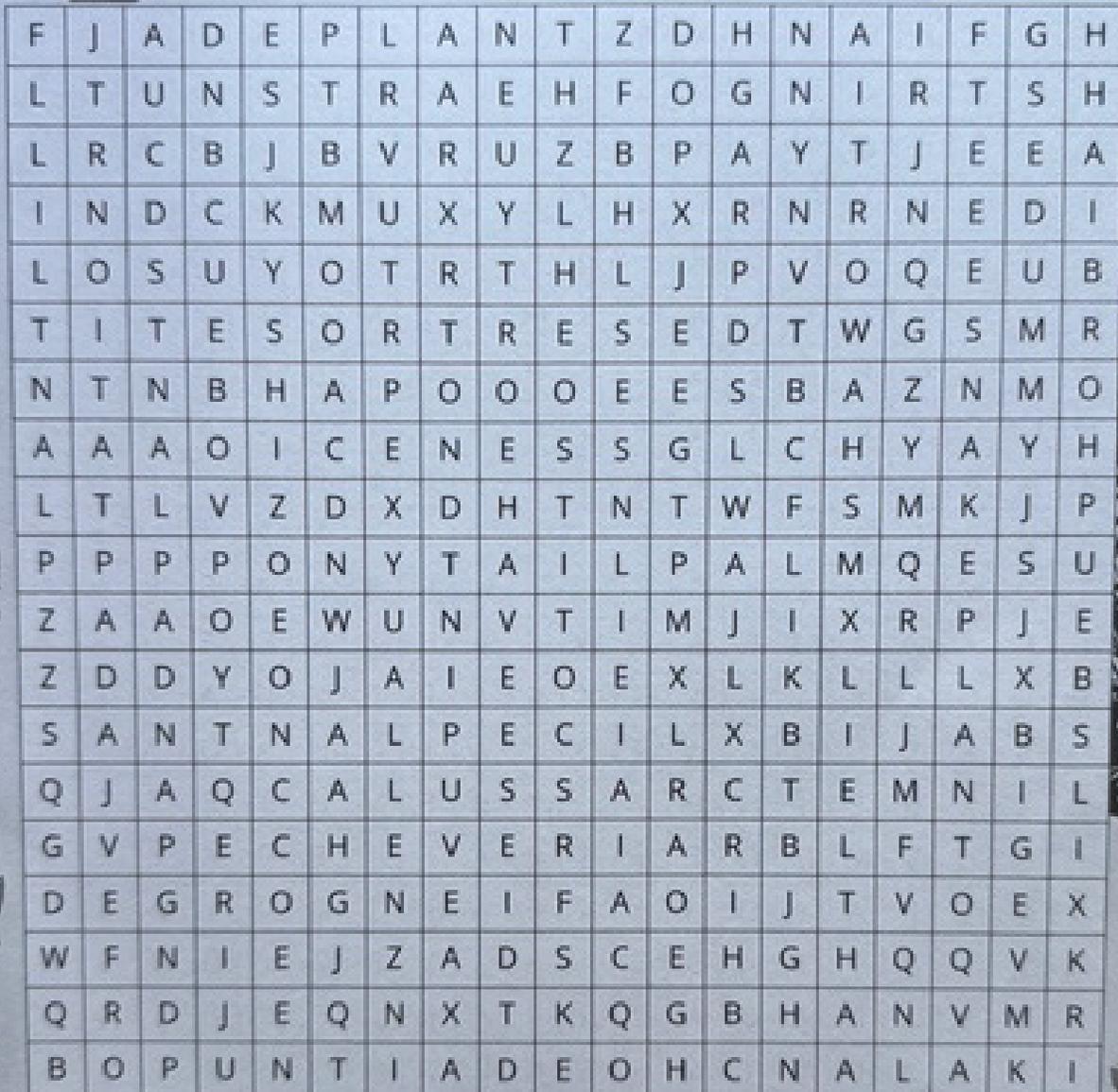




## Puzzle 82: Succulents



You prickle  
my fancy




ADAPTATION  
CRASSULA  
ENGORGED  
HAWORTIA  
KALANCHOE  
OPUNTIA  
SEDUM  
SPLIT ROCK

BEARS PAW  
DESERT ROSE  
EUPHORBIA  
ICE PLANT  
LIVING STONES  
PANDA PLANT  
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## Mystery Search

This month on the *website*, **NOT IN THE GREEN THUMB**, we will have a hidden **Good Luck Cat** for you to find. This is for members only and the first one to find the Good Luck Cat and emails us by Noon on January 29 at [infor@thegardenclubofdallas.com](mailto:infor@thegardenclubofdallas.com), will win a PRIZE.



Laurie Pessetto is our December winner. She discovered that the Reindeer was just under **MAGIC BARS** on the Lettuce Entertain You page. 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](mailto:info@thegardenclubofdallas.com) for inclusion either in the Green Thumb or on the website. Thanks



## Board Meeting

7 pm

January 15, 2026

at Anna Williams home

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## \$50 Door Prize Winners

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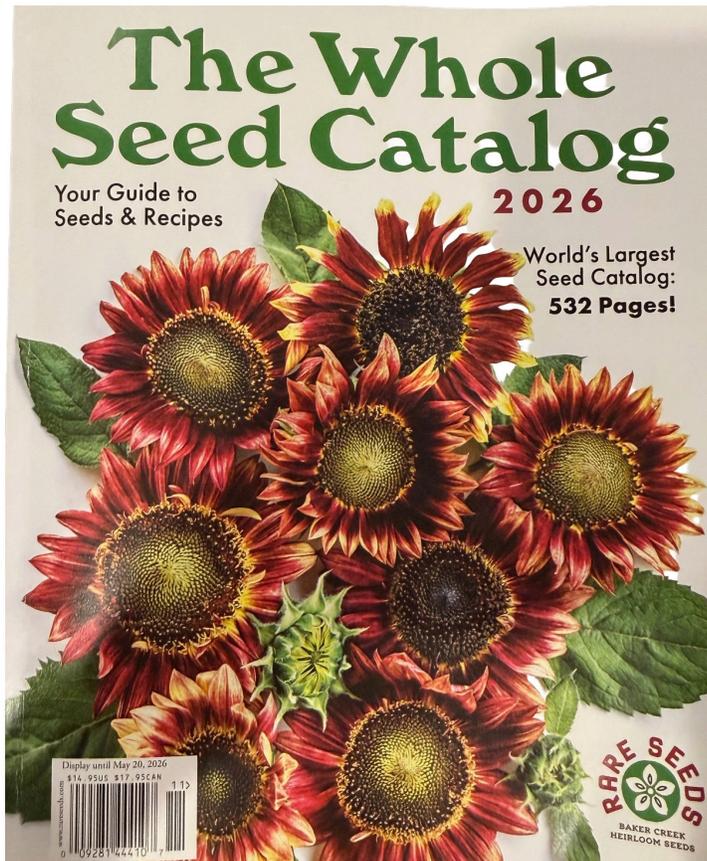
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Winner Dana Brown with her friend Liz deLeon Day



Winner Tatianna Johns



***We should learn not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action***

***~Frank Tibolt***

submitted by Marti Ives

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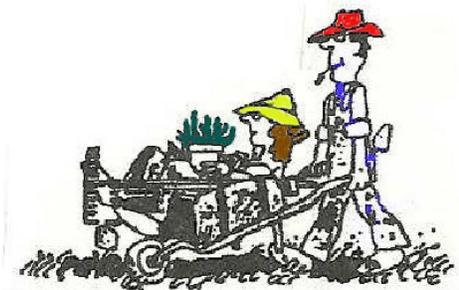
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