



President's Message By Linda Griebel



Yes, it had to get cold, but I don't have to like it! Knowing that the freezing temps were coming, I jumped into harvest and dehydrate mode on basil, pineapple sage, and anything else in the herb family that would just get limp and turn brown. Now they're safely in a dark closet until I need them.

As we're approaching year end, there are not only lots of activities to keep us busy, but also 2016 dues to pay. Another task ~ please work on getting your volunteer time into the system before December 31st. Not only will it count toward the stars award program, but that's the way that Extension knows what we accomplish on their behalf. It also provides them an important funding source which is derived from the number of hours accounted for by all associations. And we really do appreciate your personal contributions of time, energy, and mental flow that keep our proactive group working strong. THANK YOU.

While November had various workdays at Lanark, the Governor's Mansion, and the Learning Gardens, it also saw the completion of training days for the 2015 interns. We anticipate working together closely while all of you interns are gaining hours toward certification next year.

Of course, December will wrap up the master gardener year. Planning for our future public seminar will be on December 10, hosted by Projects Committee. It takes a lot of hands to accomplish a workable format. Be sure to write down ideas, including potential speakers' names and contact information, to bring to that session starting at 9:00. The last 2015 Lunch and Learn will be fun with Phil helping with last minute decorating ideas. Don't forget our Christmas luncheon on the 15th.

This is my last article as President. I want to express much appreciation to all members for their support and hard work during my two year tenure facilitating our excellent organization. It has been fun. Of course, I'm going to continue to be involved and plan to get to socialize with you at meetings as well as other events.

See you in the gardens.

Linda

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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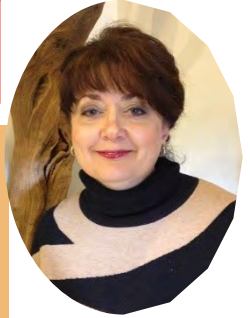
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NOVEMBER MINUTES By Rosemary Mobley, Secretary



The November, 2015, Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association (CAMGA) meeting was held November 17, 2015, at the Elmore County Extension Auditorium, Wetumpka, Alabama. Linda Griebel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed guests and interns attending the meeting. Then, she recognized Lee Borden, who introduced the speaker, Dave Borden, Lee's brother. Dave Borden is Chairman of the Board of Aldridge, Borden, and Company. He manages tracts of longleaf pines and the topic for his presentation was "Longleaf Pines."

The speaker explained that in the past, longleaf pines dominated the Southern landscape. The primeval longleaf pine forest started in southeastern Virginia and ranged southward through nine states into eastern Texas. At one time there were 150,000 square miles of longleaf pine forests. Currently, approximately three percent of that amount remains. Mr. Borden told about reasons for the demise of Southern longleaf pines. Some of these included: 1) Harvest of resin; 2) Turpentine removal operations; 3) Clearance of acreage for crops and railroad expansion; 4) Timber harvesting; 5) Early Federal laws on burning of forests; and 6) Pulp and paper demands. A few Southern longleaf forests were preserved by Northern industrialists who harvested the northern bobwhite quail. This animal became an endangered species as a result of the loss of their habitat in longleaf pine forests.

On a much brighter note, Mr. Borden outlined current efforts to return longleaf pines to Southern forests. A major development was the formation of The Longleaf Alliance (LLA). This organization provides educational outreach and partners with private landowners, universities, conservationists, and other entities to support the longleaf pine ecosystem. Other positive developments include:

- *Renewed interest in planting longleaf pines by private landowners do to timber quality, pine straw profits, and disease resistance;
- * emphasis on restoring habitats of endangered species, such as bobwhite quail, the red headed woodpecker, gopher tortoise, and fox squirrels;
- * recognition by conservationists of benefits from longleaf pine to the entire ecosystem;
- * and knowledge that the longleaf pines have the ability to tie up stored carbon for long periods of time due to older ages (150 years+)

Mr. Borden noted that those interested in growing longleaf pines should refer to www.longleafalliance.org for detailed information. He stated that site preparation is critical to successful growth of new seedlings. Also, the speaker emphasized that young plants require at least 5 years of active maintenance. Additionally, controlled burning, with proper permits, produces quality habitat and desired undergrowth. A question and answer session followed the presentation. Prior to the break, Linda announced that items embroidered with the CAMGA logo were available. Again, she thanked Charlotte Hall for coordinating this service for CAMGA.

After the break, the business meeting convened at 11:20 a.m. The President referenced a thank-you card to CAMGA members from the



current intern class. They were extending appreciation for lunches and all efforts on their behalf.

Next, Lee Borden was recognized to report on programs. He reminded everyone that the last meeting of the year is the annual Christmas luncheon on December 15th at Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church, 3454 Firetower Road, Wetumpka. He thanked Carol Rattan for coordinating the event. The cost for the lunch is \$12.00 per person. Checks should be made out to CAMGA.

Lee stated that a tentative schedule is set for programs for 2016 based on results of the "Programs Topic Questionnaire" that he distributed at the October meeting. He noted that the results are available at the CAMGA.net web site. Next, he drew attention to the new wireless presenter and laser pointer. Lee planned to explore the possibility of displaying videos using the existing PA system. The Board approved an expenditure of \$10.00 for a patch cord for this purpose.

Linda asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October Minutes published in the November Newsletter. There were none and the October Minutes were approved by acclamation.

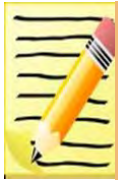
Rhona Watson gave the Treasurer's Report for October, 2015. The balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$12,373.43. There was no income for October, 2015. Expenditures for October included \$64.37 for kitchen door hinges and \$591.33 for repairs to pergolas at entrances to the auditorium. Total October expenditures were \$655.70. This resulted in a balance, as of October 31, 2015, of \$11,717.73. The Treasurer's Report was approved by acclamation. Rhona explained that local dues are \$12.00; state and local dues combined are \$20.00; and the cost for the Christmas luncheon is \$12.00. She requested that those who write checks to note whether or not the amount is for dues only, lunch only, or any combination of dues and lunch. Checks should be made out to CAMGA. Then, Rhona reminded everyone to enter volunteer hours by December 31, 2015, in order to participate in the Reach for the Stars Program.

Linda recognized John Barnes to report for the Projects Committee. John stated that the next meeting of the Projects Committee will be on December 10th. Making plans for a public seminar will be on the agenda at this meeting. He shared that the committee is also working on some hands-on activities for members. On March 11, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., "Building a Bird House" will be led by Johann Beumer and Rod Douglass. "Yard Art using a Bowling Ball" is scheduled in June. Another possible session was "Making a Succulent Wreath". John shared that more ideas are under consideration.

Sandi Adkison reported for the Lunch and Learn (L&L) committee. There were 34 attendees at the November L&L presented by Linda Griebel. The December session is titled "Last Minute Decorating" and will be conducted by Phil East. A printed schedule for 2016 CAMGA L&L will be available soon.

Becky Brown stated that Thursday, November 19th is the last day of class for 2015 interns! Graduation will be Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Becky thanked all of the many volunteers who helped make this class a success. She is already making plans for the 2016 class of interns. The starting date will be September 1, 2016. The 2016 application and cover letter will be available in the Extension Office by December or January.

The President reported that Ann Hill is working on the CAMGA



directory for 2016. Let Ann Hill know of any changes in your personal information. She reminded everyone, but not interns, to pay dues in order to be included in the directory.

Linda recognized Carol Rattan to discuss the Christmas party at Mulder Church. Directions are posted in the December newsletter. CAMGA members will continue the practice of contributing peanut butter and/or money to the Elmore Co Food Pantry. Attendees should bring these items to the party on December 15th. Additionally, Carol shared that it is not too early to think about propagating plants for the annual Plant Sale to be held on the first Saturday in May, 2016. Following this announcement, members told about plants that were popular at this year's sale. These included: fruit trees, hostas, hydrangeas, and honey bee-friendly plants.

Jane Mobley asked members to send pictures and articles to her for the 2015 scrapbook. Linda requested that members send in articles for the newsletter to Mary Long by the November 25th deadline.

Linda asked Mallory Kelley to address the attendees. Mallory recognized all of the interns in attendance. She thanked Bob Brown, Becky Brown, Sandy Rosamond, Terry Chambliss, and all CAMGA members who helped with the intern class. Mallory announced that prospective interns who submit applications, postmarked by the deadline of July 1, 2016, will pay \$125.00 for fees instead of \$150.00. In these cases, CAMGA will subsidize the remaining \$25.00.

Mallory announced that a Pizza and Salad Party for those who volunteered with the Helpline will be held on January 14, 2016 from noon until 1:00 p.m. She will distribute pins for service times at the event.

Next, she thanked CAMGA members, Amanda Borden, Lee Borden, Phil Easter, Linda Griebel, Jane Mobley, Rosemary Mobley, and Rhona Watson, who presented sessions on a variety of topics for a Gardening course at the AUM Center for Lifelong Learning in Montgomery. Mallory also complimented the L&L Committee of Sandi Atkison, Brenda Bernal, Charlotte Hall, Debbie Kelso, and Carla McCune for their hard work this year. She shared that she was compiling L&L data from Autauga, CAMGA, and Montgomery to use in a report for Extension Services. She expected the report to show many positive outcomes. Mallory also emphasized the importance of entering volunteer hours by the December 31st deadline.

Mallory awarded Rod Douglas and Cheri Bedford certificates for 100+ volunteer hours during their internship. She presented an award of Advanced Master Gardener Certification in Butterfly Gardens to Jane Mobley. Congratulations to Jane, Rod and Cheri!

Marjorie Hannah expressed her appreciation to all hospitality volunteers in 2015. She distributed sign-up sheets for volunteers to serve in 2016 with the Hospitality Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Forty-nine participants attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Mobley, Secretary



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS by Judy May



Becky Brown reports that this month, Sandy Rosamond and Terry Chambliss were the 'Lunch Gurus' for the class and made the area run smoothly. Melanie Barry and Joyce Vella graded tests on Nov. 5th, Ricky Hatcher and Joyce Vella graded on Nov. 12th and Andy Wallace and Joyce Vella on Nov. 19th. Bob Brown was the test grade reminder and got the room ready for the class. Sandy Rosemond provided a beautiful centerpiece for the lunch table each week. Becky says thank you to Mallory for great instructors and for keeping it fun.

Sandra Rosamond reports that the people bringing food to the intern class this month were Terry Chambliss, Amanda and Lee Borden, Rhonda Miller, Sharon Potts, Joyce Vella, Becky Brown, Johan Beumer, Catese Chaffee and the board members including Linda Griebel, Barbara Wallace, Jane Mobley, Ann Hill, Gale Wheeler- Leonard, Candy Jones, Rhona Watson, John Barnes, Mary Long, Becky Brown and Rosemary Mobley.

Marie Updike, Jo Weitman and Mary Long worked at the flower show at the Alabama National Fair entering horticulture specimens, placing them on the tables and identifying entries. Mary acted as Judges Chairman; Jo was chairman for entering and placing potted plants. For weeks Marie went to several counties speaking to MG groups and garden clubs about the flower show and encouraging them to enter their flowers in the show. She made many new contacts for MG.

Working in the Learning Gardens this month were John Barnes, Cheri Bedford, Joyce Vella, Amanda Borden, Rod Douglas, Mary McCroan, Rosemary Mobley, Don Hoover and Linda Griebel.

Thirty Four people attended Lunch and Learn on November 10th, 25 of them Master Gardeners. The program was "What Went Wrong" by Linda Griebel. Assisting that day were Sandi Adkison, Charlotte Hall, Carla McCune and Debbie Kelso.

Attending the Projects Committee November 16th were John Barnes, Janet Lewis, Linda Griebel, Cheri Bedford, Rod Douglas, Johan Beumer, Joyce Vella, Lois Pribulick and Jane Mobley.

Lee and Amanda Borden taught a class on Growing Fruit at Home for OLLI at AUM on November 11th.

Phil Easter did the WSFA-TV promo for the November Lunch and Learn with Linda Griebel. He also wrote an article for the December issue of River Region Living Magazine: Beyond Poinsettias....other Blooming Plants for the Holidays. He also did the Lunch and Learn for the Autauga County Master Gardeners on Christmas Decorating and did it again for the Capitol City Master Gardeners at their monthly meeting.

Jane McCarthy says working at the Governor's Mansion this month were Lee Ann Marina, Leslie Bingham, Amanda and Lee Borden, Melanie Barry, Sandy Rosamond and Jane McCarthy. She says two days this month were rained out, but they still got a lot of work done.

Marjorie Hannah reports that the people bringing food to the November CAMGA meeting were Barbara Wallace, Katrina Mitchell, Gale Wheeler- Leonard, Rosemary Mobley and Jane Mobley.

Gale Wheeler- Leonard, Rosemary Mobley and Linda represented CAMGA at the Advisory Council meeting in Clanton on Nov 3.

Maria says Norman Turnipseed and Carla McCune have been doing their usual hard work every Wednesday and she couldn't manage without them! Intern Leslie Bingham has been helping every week as well and has worked hard to help get the beds cleaned and planted. She says she will be doing some Big Project work this winter on Tuesdays and Thursdays if anyone wants to help with that, please call Maria at 657-94414 or email mpw@alabamawildlife.org. Last year the intern group helped cut the azaleas (several hundred of them) down and they have all regrown beautifully. Jobs like that she needs help with! Please consider devoting half a day a week for the winter or come when you can and help get some heavy duty jobs done. Just please call or email and let Maria know you want to work, so she can be ready for you. She thanks all who help keep the Lanark gardens beautiful!

Governor's Mansion Report By Amanda Borden



Volunteers at the Governor's Mansion made lots of progress during the month of November in spite of the rain. The November 2 CAMGA work day was wet, but that made transplanting easier. We removed Rudbeckia from the Guest House bed, planted Ruellia, Sedum, and Rudbeckia onto the Bungalow's wall garden, and moved a few large hydrangeas into the south side of the side lawn. Later in the month we planted 16 French hydrangea cuttings around the side lawn and weeded a number of beds. We finished the month by limbing up magnolia, trimming shrubs, and removing suckers.



In the photo (L-R): Jane McCarthy, Lee Ann Marona, Mirenda Tatum, Lee Borden, Melanie Barry, Leslie Bingham, Amanda Borden





Our November meeting speaker, Dave Borden, spoke on Longleaf Pines.

Longleaf Pines



Mallory Presents 100 hours certificates to Cheri Bedford + Rod Douglas



Jane Mobley receives MG certificate for Advanced Butterfly Gardens

December Plant of the Month - Cashmere Bouquet

By Jane Mobley

One of the plants that Maria discussed at our October meeting that sparked some interest was *Clerodendrum bungei* aka cashmere bouquet, Mexicali rose, rose glory bower, or Mexican hydrangea.



It is in the genus *Clerodendrum* and like others of that genus has magnificent flowers, a distinctive leaf fragrance (or stink in this case), is perennial, is a magnet for butterflies and bees, and is an aggressive grower. (Read that as tends to be invasive.) Because of its great hardiness, this plant is a southern heirloom. It originated in Chi-

na and has been around a long time as a pass along plant. It is doubtful that one would ever locate this beauty in a nursery, and it must be acquired from a friend.

Plants can reach 4-8 feet in height and consist of a single trunk or semi-woody stem growing upright and arrayed in an opposite fashion with large, heavily veined heart shaped leaves of dark green that will really stink if crushed. They also will release that odor if one tries to relocate the plant. Because of the smell and tough stem, deer do not eat them.

Cashmere bouquets are considered deciduous shrubs. They love part sun. I personally have mine in light shade. My strategy has kept them somewhat in check, but I still have a good flower display. Friends who have them in more sun tend to have to fight them from taking over everything. They spread by underground runners that can reach out as far as nine feet before sprouting up. If left unchecked, these plants will form a slowly moving thicket. Propagation is by division although they can be grown from seed. Plants are somewhat drought tolerant.

The quality that makes these plants so desirable to its fans is the flower. Flowers are pink and appear in midsummer to fall. Unlike the leaves, flowers have a sweetly pleasant fragrance. The flower is an inflorescence in the form of a broad and dense 6" deep ball of single five petaled florets. The flowers are extremely attractive to butterflies and bees. If you are a butterfly lover, this is a must have plant for you!



Webinar "Mitigating Pollinator Decline in Landscapes"

Tuesday, December 1 at 11:30 am CST

Register at: <https://umn.webex.com/umn/onstage/g.php?MTID=eef7ff8f7ecab2f195a9a44d07871dbbf>

Ms. Heather Holm. Author and Restoration Specialist, 20 minutes.

How to identify 5 families of native bees in landscapes, provide identification and life history information, nest site descriptions, especially in spring and fall. crops: apples, squash, blue berries, tomatoes

Dr. Karl Foord. Extension Educator Entomology, UMinnesota. 20 minutes.

How to conserve bees in the landscape. Favorite nectar and pollen hosts, what crops that they pollinate, time of activity, any other information on pollination services, and how to properly use insecticides. crops: apples, squash, blue berries, tomatoes

Dr. Dan Cariveau. Assistant Professor in Community Ecology of Bees, UMinnesota, 20 minutes.

In general what do we know about bee communities, how they coexist, are they in decline.

Dr. Vera Krischik, Associate Professor, Extension Specialist Entomology, UMinnesota, Moderator and Dr. Mary Meyer, Professor, Extension Specialist Horticulture, UMinnesota.

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3. AFTER THE WEBINAR PLEASE: Complete the webinar evaluation

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7X2YY5>

Additional Resources:

Heather Holm : [Restoring the Landscape with Native Plants](#)

UM Krischik: [Pollinator Conservation](#)

UM Krischik: [Poster on bee conservation, Save the bees plant flowers and trees](#)

MDA: [Pollinator Best Management Practices](#)

Dr. Cariveau pdf: [Global pollinator declines](#)

Dr. Cariveau pdf: [Plight of the bees](#)

Xerces Society: [Pollinator Conservation](#)



Mallory solicits ideas at Advisory Council meeting.



Webinar "Managing invasive species in landscapes"

Thursday, December 3 at 11:30 am CST

Register at: <https://umn.webex.com/umn/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7f627b175dee5471bfa92d6645a1c0c5>

Dr. Cristelle Guédot, Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist Entomology, UWisconsin, 20 minutes.
How to identify and manage spotted wing *Drosophila* (*Drosophila suzukii*). (Right)



Dr. Paul Botch, Extension Specialist Entomology, Michigan State U, 20 minutes.
How to identify and manage brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*). (Left)



Dr. Jonathan Larson, Extension Specialist Entomology, UNebraska, 20 minutes
How to identify and manage Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*). (Right)



Dr. Angela Orshinsky, Assistant Professor, Extension Specialist Plant Pathology, UMinnesota, 20 minutes.
How to identify and manage downy mildew (*Impatiens walleriana*). (Right)



Dr. Vera Krischik, Associate Professor, Extension Specialist Entomology, UMinnesota, Moderator and Dr. Mary Meyer, Professor, Extension Specialist Horticulture, UMinnesota, 20 minutes

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQR9FNF>

Additional Resources:

Wisconsin Horticulture: [Spotted wing drosophila](#)

Stop BMSB, USDA: [Brown marmorated stink bug](#)

USDA: [Managing the Japanese beetle](#)

American Hort: [Impatiens downy mildew](#)

Programs Update by Lee Borden

On November 17 my brother Dave Borden shared with us about the role longleaf pines have played in southern forests and his experience growing them. It's hard to imagine today, but 500 years ago the longleaf pine savanna was the dominant form of forest over 140,000 square miles stretching from Virginia to East Texas. It's now down to just 4% of the prior level, having succumbed to the voracious appetite of human settlers for resin, turpentine, lumber, and cleared land. Dave described how he and other landowners are now taking the first tentative steps to restore longleaf pine forests.

On December 15, we will celebrate our Christmas party at Mulder Memorial United Methodist Church, 3454 Firetower Road, Wetumpka, AL 36093.

On January 19 we will be back at Extension to focus on the structure of CAMGA and the volunteer opportunities available to interns who need to bank hours of Master Gardener credit for their graduation this summer. Our tentative program schedule and each meeting's evaluation results are online and available for your review at <http://bit.ly/camgaprograms>. Thanks for your enthusiastic responses to the Program Topics Questionnaire in October. The results are posted on at <http://bit.ly/camgaprograms>. Look for the tab at the bottom that says "Topics." I'm proud to report that our programs are tentatively set for 2016 now and that they include four of the five topics that scored highest in the survey.



CAMGA Christmas Party:

If you haven't yet paid for the Christmas party and your 2016 dues, here is all the info you need to know. This will be the last reminder that includes all the details.

The CAMGA Christmas Party is on Tuesday, December 15th from 10 am until noon. If you want to attend but haven't paid, the price is \$12 per person attending because the lunch is catered. We need a check (made out to CAMGA) no later than Dec 10th so we'll know how much food to plan for and how many tables to set up. Mail to Rhona Watson at the address below.

The party will again be at Mulder Memorial United Methodist church which is located at 3454 Firetower Road, Wetumpka, about 9 miles away from the Extension Office. Just follow Hwy 14 East out of Wetumpka, turn right onto Firetower Road (also County Road 59), and the large white church is on the top of a hill on the right. You'll want to park in the first parking lot, nearest the Sunshine Playground side of the church. You are getting close when you see the water tower. Speed limit on Firetower is 45 mph and it is patrolled frequently, so please be safe. We will again be collecting peanut butter and donations for the Wetumpka Food Pantry at the party.

2016 Dues:

While you are writing your \$12 check (\$24 if you are bringing a friend or spouse) to attend the party, then you might want to add another \$20 (local & state) or \$12 (local only) for your 2016 dues.

Current CAMGA interns do not need to pay dues for 2016. Please make the check out to "CAMGA" and mail it to our treasurer at the address below. Please indicate on the check what you are paying for (i.e. number for membership, state and local dues, and number of people attending the Xmas party).

Mail check to:

Rhona Watson
1160 Emerald Mt. Pkwy.
Wetumpka AL 36093

Volunteer Hours for 2015:

Don't forget to input your 2015 volunteer hours to the Service Reporting web site by Dec. 31st to be counted under the Reach for the Stars program. If you do not use the web site, just email Anida your 2015 volunteer hour totals and she will input them for you. Here is what she needs: your name, total number volunteer hours for 2015, total number CEU hours for 2015.



RJ Arceneaux leads garlic demonstration.

Learning garden volunteers at work.



Before Frost



After Frost

Cold temps effect plants.

Lunch and Learn By Charlotte Hall



Well, spring is over and summer is over, too – even if the weather does not always show it – and gardeners finally take time to look back over the year and wonder what went wrong with a lot of those plants they thought would do so well. Linda Griebel, president of CAMGA, made a very interesting presentation on just that – What Went Wrong?

In summary, Linda discussed the top 10 “ING” reasons that gardeners do not achieve the expected results in their gardens. They are as follows, in descending order, timing, feeding, mulching, researching, lighting, invading hoards, irrigating, pruning, I.P.M.ing, soiling, and chewing.

Briefly for each of the above ING problems, here are some of the solutions:

TIMING – Plan. Time gardening projects to appropriate seasons. Keep a journal. Have a monthly checklist. Garden all year round and

know the weather.

FEEDING - Use compost frequently. Read all fertilizers to ensure its use is appropriate to particular plants. Don't use too much as fertilizer can burn your plants and do more harm than good if used inappropriately.

MULCHING – Mulch, mulch, mulch...

RESEARCHING – Research before you buy! Know the characteristics of all your landscape plants.

LIGHTING- Spend time outside to determine where the sunlight is at varying times of the day. 6 hours of sunlight in our area is considered “full sun.”

INVADING HOARDS - If you are going to have to “control” it all the time, do you really want to add that invasive plant to your yard

IRRIGATING – Water Wisely - Consider xeriscaping.

PRUNING – Learn how, what and when to prune. Then apply correct techniques for the health of the plant. Remember – Plants don't “have” to be pruned, unless needed. You can prevent and prohibit diseases with air circulation.

I.P.M.ING – Don't kill all bugs – be tolerant. Pollinators are necessary to prevent deformed fruit, to enhance blooms and create future generations. Create habitats for wildlife and enjoy the show. Learn facets of integrated pest management (ipm). Use insecticides, herbicides and other chemicals wisely, if at all.

SOILING – Love your “dirt.” Do a soil test. Improve any soil by adding compost.

Chewing – Don't bite off more than you can chew. At the very least, plantaholics have a lot of fun. How much can you actually handle? Do you have time left to enjoy the fruits of your labors?

So there you have it – the top ten reasons our plants may not have performed as well as we expected. Recognize any of those top ten that you encountered?

Since the month of December starts on a Tuesday, you can join us early in the month on the second Tuesday, December 8th and still see some last minute decorating ideas from our own very talented Phil Easter. He will be presenting his “Last Minute Decorating” program with unique and creative ideas for all. Come join us. Remember that drinks are provided to accompany your own lunches. It is going to be a fun Lunch and Learn. See you on the 8th!

See pictures next page

Linda Griebel instructs Lunch and Learn for November.



Merry Christmas

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NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS PARTY
MULDER
METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 A.M.

SEE PAGE 12 FOR DETAILS

The reason for the season. . . .

