

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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“GROW A GARDEN FOR YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT”

A belated happy New Year to all of you. While we endure an inordinately harsh winter, there is hope for the future of our planet, country, and neighborhoods that grows within our families, friendships, and gardens. That sounds rather flowery, but is heartfelt.

My husband and I are so appreciative of all the concern and support given to us by club members. Just knowing that you are behind us has given us strength. Thank you. Visiting nurses have been a godsend that have made it possible for Al to be home since December 24th. We have a long way to go but there is hope!

Thanks to Betti Pool and Nan Reid, we had a lovely Holiday Luncheon with beautiful table decorations and good food. We were delighted to have District I Director Virginia Froehlich as our guest, and glad she could come. Because of your donations and hard work, the Silent Auction was fun and profitable for the club. Since it was the only Christmas shopping outside of hospital gift shops that I accomplished, I thought it was great. Still, feedback on how you really feel about the auction, positive or negative, is welcome.

Joan Hinkle and her eight-committee members made 22 very special arrangements at the Holiday Arrangement Workshop. They thoroughly enjoyed the shared creativity and companionship. The people at the Woodhaven Retirement Community were delighted with these decorations that brightened all their lives. For those of you who have never participated in this event, it's an especially rewarding and pleasant way to spend a few hours. Think about joining the group next December.

Unless you have seeds to start indoors, or winter-blooming houseplants, this January is simply to be endured, but February brings our first meeting of 2009. We'll be so glad to see each other and anxious to have English Gardens' Fran Kendell as our speaker. Her step-by-step demonstration of cut-flower design basics should be an inspiration for us to give spring an early start at home. Marge Allen, Kay Blakeney, and Mary Mathis are the Hostess Committee for February.

Virginia Froehlich has informed us that the Spring District I Meeting, April 28th, is to be hosted by the Livonia Garden Club. If you have never gone to a District meeting, this is an excellent opportunity since it will be close. Details are yet to come, but there are always interesting speakers, a good luncheon, and the MGC (Michigan Garden Clubs) Marketplace-a place to shop.

Please forgive the lateness of this newsletter; I'm just not functioning up to par. There will be an 11 a.m. Board meeting before the regular meeting, which is at noon on Monday, February 2nd. See you all on Groundhog's Day.

Chris

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February 2, 2009 Program
Arranging Fresh Cut Flowers – English Gardens Staff

Hostess Committee
Chair: Marge Allen, Kay Blakeney and Mary Mathis

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March 2, 2009 Program
What's New for 2009 – George Papadelis, owner of Tally's Greenhouse

Hostess Committee
Chair: Rita Roberts – Jan Dolan and Betty Ritchie

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22587 Gill Road
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Monday, February 2, 2009
11:00 am – Board Meeting
12:00 General Meeting
Visitors Center, Heritage Park

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